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DEAD MAN'S HILL CORPSE COVERED IS RIGHTLY NAMED

Slaughter On Its Northern Slopes has not been Equal- ed During War

EACH SIDE DISPUTES ALL STORIES OF GAINS

Germans Hurlled Series of Night Attacks Against Fort De Vaux

By Charles P. Stewart.
(United Press Staff Correspondent.)
London, Mar. 17.—Dead Man's hill has earned its sinister name. After three days fighting thousands of German and French corpses strewn its slopes today. The slaughter on its northern ridge, where the Silesians gained a foothold, has been unequalled since the battling around Douaumont and Vaux.

Dead Man's hill forms the bulwark of the French lines west of the Meuse. Official communiques are contradictory regarding the situation around the eminence. The British are accepting the French claim that soldiers of the republic recaptured the hill. Had they not done so, the evacuation of Bethincourt would have been inevitable, declare English experts.

Berlin did not claim Bethincourt was captured, and the German statement was rather vague in describing French attempts to reconquer Dead Man's hill. Artillery firing there continued until the night. The Silesians have not given up their effort to take it. Unless they drive all French from the hill they cannot hope to approach the northwestern Verdun forts.

Germans Lose Heavily.

Paris, Mar. 17.—Transferring their activities to the east bank of the Meuse Germans during the night hurled a series of attacks against Fort De Vaux and the village of Vaux, it was officially announced today. Two assaults on the town and two on the fortress were shattered by French fire. Failing at those points, the Germans, under cover of darkness, tried to debouch from the smoldering road southeast of Vaux village. A torrent of French shells swept away each German rank as it appeared, until the effort was abandoned.

The Germans suffered heavily in all five attacks, the communiques said. In the region of Bethincourt and the Cummeux woods, the bombardment slackened. There was no new attempt against Dead Man's hill during the night.

"In the Woerze region cannonading occurred last night," said the announcement. "West of Pont-a-Mousson the French attacked a German trench in Mortmare wood, capturing a number of soldiers. Elsewhere the night was calm."

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London, Mar. 17.—Hit by a withering fire west of the Meuse, the Germans resumed their drive against the northeastern Verdun forts with smashing attacks on the village of Vaux and Fort De Vaux, Paris reported today.

Proceeding their attacks the Germans unleashed a terrific artillery fire upon the French trenches. Then regiments of Brandenburgers, who won so much glory in the fighting at Douaumont, emerged from Ravines in which they had been concealed east of Vaux and

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ABE MARTIN



Ambrose Spry, orator, author, philosopher, an 'o' late years a well-known cigar butt collector, was taken to the poor farm today. What's become of the ole time frigidly acquaintance that used to 'ask, 'Travelin' or goin' some place'?

SLAUGHTER LAWYERS TRY TO PROVE ALIBI

Woman Swears She Was In Slaughter's Home Until Mid- night—Girl Not There

Oroville, Cal., March 17.—What the defense regarded as highly important testimony was given today by Mrs. Ivey Camper in the trial of Rev. Madison Gostrude Lamson, charged with attacking Gertrude Lamson, aged 15.

Mrs. Camper declared she was in the slaughter home until after midnight on November 13, the date of one of the alleged offenses. She said the girl was not seen. Furthermore, Mrs. Camper asserted, Gertrude was not in the spare room in the morning.

The girl had previously testified that she was attacked while in the spare room that night.

The session of court today was marked by wrangling among lawyers. Judge Gregory dismissed the jury while he admonished them to be less quarrelsome.

An attempt to show that Mrs. Camper was biased in favor of Slaughter on account of being an intimate friend of his family was made by the prosecution.

Rev. E. M. Smith, Methodist minister of Chico, was present to give Slaughter his moral support. Out of court Smith declared he believed the newspapers were trying to "railroad" Slaughter to the penitentiary.

William King and George Murphy, sons of wealthy cattlemen, and admitted admirers of two of Slaughter's daughters, swore that they were at the slaughter home on the evening of November 13 during the period in which Gertrude asserted an offense was committed. They declared she did not call at the house while they were there, and furthermore testified that they left their hats and coats in the spare room where the attack was alleged to have been made. When they went to get their things they found them undisturbed.

WRIGHT BABY SAVED

San Francisco, Mar. 17.—Mexican Consul Devira received a message from General Alvaro Obregon today declaring Carranza troops had captured the Villistas who kidnaped Mrs. Hawk Wright. Her child, which was taken from her by the outlaws, was found unharmed among the Villistas and will be returned to Mrs. Wright. She escaped from the bandits while they were attacking Columbus.

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FAIRGROUND ROAD WILL BE IMPROVED

More Than 50 Per Cent of Property Owners Sign the Petitions

After half a century of agitation and watchful and patient waiting, the improvement of the fair grounds road is practically assured. This was decided at the meeting held last evening when the property owners along the road and city officials met to discuss the matter.

As fully 80 per cent of the property owners were present and others favorable to the improvement had so expressed themselves, the petition already signed includes enough names to make the improvement a sure thing, and unless something unforeseen happens, work will begin as soon as legal publication is made. Besides the fair grounds road, the Portland road, from the grounds to the city limits north, about 1,000 feet will also be paved before the next state fair.

As the matter now stands, the owners of property on the fairgrounds road feel they can stand a price of 90 cents a square yard, or about \$1,300 cents a lineal foot. The city offers to do the grading and excavating and the state has also promised material aid. After the amount of help from the state is determined, additional donation will be required from the citizens of the city.

The next step is to advertise the petition for the improvement. After this is done, it is up to the city council and the civic department of the commercial club to make arrangements for additional funds. No assessment will have to be paid this year, and the amount assessed against property may be paid in 10 per cent yearly installments.

About 50 property owners were present at the meeting. Mayor Harley O. White and the street committee, W. H. Cook and J. A. Mills, spoke briefly in favor of the improvement. With the exception of one man who was against improvements of any kind, the property owners of the fair grounds road were in favor of doing the work this spring, provided they were assured the cost to them would not exceed 60 cents a square yard. With this assurance, everything at last looks like something will be doing.

M. L. Jones Reappointed to State Fair Board

Governor Withycombe today announced the re-appointment of M. L. Jones, of Brooks, as a member of the board of state fair directors, for a four year period ending March 14, 1920.

Mr. Jones was first appointed to the board in April, 1915, and after the resignation of President Booth was elected president of the board and is now serving in that capacity.

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This Was Held at Douglas Until What Carranza Would Do Was Known

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This Governor Has Sense

Escondido, Lower Cal., Mar. 17.—It is dangerous to even "talk politics" in this city, the capital of Lower California, today. Anti-American demonstrations will not be tolerated, Governor Esteban Centu has decreed, and he has issued orders to his soldiers to arrest any Mexicans who so much as discuss the United States-Mexican situation in public. The situation is quiet here and no trouble is anticipated.

Will Be Long Chase.

San Antonio, Texas, Mar. 17.—Just before starting for Washington this afternoon Roberto Pesquiera, confidential agent of Venustiano Carranza, predicted a long hunt for Francisco Villa and his men.

"It took 11 years to eliminate Jess James and his band," said Pesquiera. "Villa is in a country vastly better adapted to hiding than the territory roamed by James. Villa is suffering from the worst swelled head in history, because the American newspapers have lauded him."

COST OF THE WAR

Paris, Mar. 17.—War credits for the second quarter were voted today by the chamber of deputies. Minister of Finance Ribot estimated that France was spending \$18,000,000 a day, and had been doing so since April 1, last. Great Britain is now spending \$30,000,000 a day. Next month it is estimated the British will be spending \$25,000,000 a day.

FOURTH GERMAN W-L LOAN

Berlin, Mar. 17.—Introducing a new war budget in the Reichstag today, Dr. Hoffmeyer of the German treasury declared enemy agents were spreading rumors to hinder subscriptions to the Kaiser's fourth war loan.

"The campaign of defamation has extended into Germany," he charged. "Let me remind you of the great battling now at Verdun. The troops have a right to expect we will prove worthy of them, and that every one at home will contribute to the victory."

He said that the German public debt has doubled this year, but that in spite of it Germany was financially better off than the allies.

SEATTLE SOCIETY IS AFRAID OF PUBLICITY

Sheriff Threatens to Turn Names and Pictures Over to Newspapers

Seattle, Wash., Mar. 17.—Sheriff Hodge announced tonight that he would wait until night for word from Los Angeles that Deputy M. E. Halley had left there with Mrs. Isabel Clayburg, alleged Seattle "badger" queen. If no word comes, he says he will open up on the wealthy alleged victim in Seattle, who were reported to be backing her fight against extradition, and "give them all the publicity they want—and then some."

"They are hampering the ends of justice," Hodge declared. "They must be dealt with summarily."

Mrs. Clayburg was refused a writ of habeas corpus in the superior court at Los Angeles Thursday and given 24 hours in which to prepare for a trip to Seattle for trial on a charge of conspiracy to blackmail a wealthy mining promoter and clubman, and other persons here.

Defense Attorney Earl Rogers gave notice of an appeal to the circuit court, which action would delay the case here for several weeks.

"One of victims has gone from here to Los Angeles and is financing this legal fight," said Hodge.

"I announce right now that if this man don't let the law take its course I will turn over every bit of evidence I have, including the names of every victim of the gang photographed during the two years of their operations, together with the pictures, to the newspapers."

"At the same time, using photographs as evidence, I can charge a number of our best citizens, so-called, with crimes, the minimum penalty for which is two years in the penitentiary."

While Mrs. Clayburg's fate is still uncertain, Miss Lillian Peterson and Miss Dottie Coats, the other alleged "badger girls" brought here for trial, from San Francisco, are languishing in the county jail.

Market Rather Dull

Prices Are Unchanged

New York, March 17.—The New York Sun's financial review today said:

There was a marked contraction in the volume of business compared to the sessions immediately preceding. Prices were irregular, and confined within a narrow range. Professionals described the market as awaiting definite news of Mexican developments and the Verdun fighting, but an explanation comparing better with recent Wall Street performances was that relative dullness and hesitation were the natural result of recent heavy realizing sales. With the short interest reduced and little public buying, the general list nevertheless acted well.

The market opened uncertainly, resulting in a sharp break in Crucible Steel upon failure of its directors to act toward liquidation of the dividends accumulated by preferred stock, which now amount to 25 per cent. Steel was active and higher upon the wonderful showing in its annual report. Mercantile preferred, Baldwin Locomotive and American Beet Sugar were strong features.

Name of Bartholomew Caused His Arrest

Upon information that George Bartholomew, the man wanted for the murder of John Lind in Portland, would arrive in Salem yesterday afternoon, the police arrested Claire Bartholomew of Fossil, but later released him. The Salem police were informed that Bartholomew would leave Coburg yesterday for this city and that he was the man wanted and as a result he was arrested as he stepped from the train. He was immediately taken to the rooming house where Lind and Bartholomew stopped in Salem before the murder where it was found out that Claire Bartholomew was not the man who was with Lind in Salem.

Claire Bartholomew had been in Coburg to visit relatives and told Chief Welsh that he was held in Portland last week to be examined but was later released.

MEXICAN PEONS MAY CAUSE BREAK IS ONLY DANGER

Ignorant of Expedition's Nature May See In It a Gringo Invasion

MORMON SCOUTS GIVING VALUABLE AID TO ARMY

100 Carranza Troops With Pershing's Army Aiding As Guides

San Antonio, Texas, Mar. 17.—As yet unopposed to an enemy's fire, the United States troops hunting Francisco Villa pushed further into Chihuahua desert today, it was indicated by official announcements here.

Major General Frederick Junston issued a bulletin stating that no casualties had been suffered by the Americans, and that so far the scouts had failed to locate any Villistas.

One hundred Carranza scouts and an army aeroplane are being used in the effort to find Villa, it was stated.

Army headquarters were still apprehensive with regard to the attitude of Mexican peons who, ignorant of the expedition's real nature, may see in it a "gringo" invasion of Mexico and fight accordingly.

"I note certain dispatches state no Carranzistas are co-operating with General Pershing's army," said General Junston today.

"On the contrary, about 100 are with him. They are not part of General Bertaui's forces, but were connected with a subordinate body which met Pershing at Las Palomas after his men had crossed the border. Bertaui was not there then, and did not personally meet the American scouts."

Mormon scouts whom Pershing is also using doubt that a contact with Villistas is likely before another day has elapsed. Indications are that Villistas are hidden around Galeana. The expedition will not arrive in that district until Sunday.

The report that Colonel Herbert J. Slocum had offered \$50,000 for Villa's head was not confirmed, and was regarded as erroneous. Slocum, it was stated, had no authority to make such an offer.

Increasing excitement among Mexicans at Harlingen, Texas, was noted. Colonel Bullard, who is there with the Twenty Sixth infantry, does not regard the situation alarming.

Colonel Sage at Nogales reported he had been informed Mexicans were quiet at Hermosillo and Guaymas.

Aeroplane Is Scouting.

San Antonio, Texas, Mar. 17.—General John J. Pershing's columns marching through Mexico have not yet come in touch with the Villistas, and no casualties have been suffered, it was officially announced today.

Sweeping in a gigantic circle miles in extent, an army aeroplane is flying ahead of the advancing column, seeking indications of the Villistas or of Villa himself.

Major General Funston confirmed the report that Brigadier General Pershing was using the First aero squadron and about 100 Carranza scouts in his hunt for the bandit chief.

WILSON HAS SHAMROCK

Washington, Mar. 17.—President Wilson appeared at his office today wearing a bright green necktie and a suit with a greenish tint. In his lapel was a real Irish shamrock, sent to him by John Redmond, the Irish parliamentary leader.

MEXICAN ROW FORCES CONGRESS TO ACT ON PREPAREDNESS BILL

By Bond P. Geddes.
(United Press Staff Correspondent.)
Washington, Mar. 17.—While Brigadier General John J. Pershing's double headed American expedition was slowly crossing Chihuahua desert to close with Francisco Villa and his bandits, congress and President Wilson united to reorganize the United States army.

President Wilson signed the joint resolution of house and senate, bringing the regular army up to its full strength. It provides for an immediate increase in the number of Uncle Sam's fighting men.

Army preparedness bills are ready for consideration by both the upper and lower house. A cabinet meeting is scheduled to consider whether additional border forces should be mustered and whether congress should be asked for immediate emergency appropriations to pay for the present expedition and provide for the 200,000 army recruits authorized to the joint resolution.

OFFICERS DECLARE TORPEDO SUNK SHIP

Germany Disputes This, But If It Proves True Will Disavow the Act

Amsterdam, Mar. 17.—Affidavits by the first and fourth officers of the Dutch liner Tubantia, sunk by an explosion in the North sea, declared that the vessel was torpedoed, according to the admiralty's official announcement telegraphed here today.

Officers said they clearly saw the torpedo. A major of the survivors asserted the liner was torpedoed, but none saw any trace of a submarine. Papers favoring the allies asserted positively that the Tubantia was torpedoed. German sympathizers were equally positive that she struck a mine.

Think Fifteen Perished.
London, Mar. 17.—Fifteen are feared to have perished in the sinking of the Dutch liner Tubantia, the Evening Standard declared today. A lifeboat containing that number is missing, and it is thought the craft may have been swamped.

Will Make Compensation.
Berlin, Mar. 17.—If it is clearly shown that the Dutch liner Tubantia was torpedoed, Germany will promptly disavow the act and fully compensate those who suffered by it, sentiment here today indicated.

Dutch dispatches, however, practically agreed that the steamer sank after hitting a floating mine in the North sea. Admiralty officials refused to comment on the probability of German submarines cruising near where the Tubantia went down.

BILL FOR INCREASING ARMY IS TAKEN UP

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Washington, March 17.—Congress, dropping all other considerations, today began actual work on army reorganization. Senator Chamberlain reported his army increase bill from committee, and announced he was ready to call it up for consideration Monday.

Chairman Hay of the house military committee opened with a speech bearing on the proposition of making the regular army 140,000 strong.

"On a question of this character," he declared, "all Americans should stand together."

Tremendous applause greeted this. Hay called the bill a "reasonable measure" and said:

"It will meet opposition from those who are opposed to any defensive legislation, and from those who think it does not go far enough. We have a volunteer system in this country, and must deal with conditions as they are, not as elsewhere, in countries where there is compulsory military service. An army of 200,000 men would mean compulsory service. I don't think the country would accept such a proposition."

Great applause at this point demonstrated that there was a strong anti-conscription sentiment. Continuing, Hay said:

"An army of 250,000 men would cost the nation \$750,000,000 annually. I don't believe congress is ready to saddle such an expense as that on this country in times of peace."

Representative advocated an army of at least 300,000 men.

Congress Drops Everything to Perfect Plans for Larger Army

After arrangements had been made for a train to go in after the Mexicans, while another train was scheduled to start northward carrying part of the Americans to safety, both plans were upset by Mexicans cutting the railway and burning a bridge 30 miles north of Casas Grandes.

The Mexicans were greatly relieved by reports that Villa and his men had passed to the southward of them, and were in flight toward the hill country.

Armies on the Move.

El Paso, Texas, Mar. 17.—Swallowed up in the hills and deserts of northern Chihuahua, two American expeditions are seeking Francisco Villa today, while their movements are screened behind an almost impenetrable censorship.

Driving along the eastern slope of the Sierras, Colonel Dood's column is expected to reach the American colony at Buhlan today. Finding all Mexicans there safe he will continue his forced march toward Casas Grandes in an attempt to cut off Villa's retreat into Sonora.

The little American army which started from Columbus is marching more slowly south of Palomas. It may possibly be joined today by aviators from Columbus. Practice fights were indulged in yesterday by the military aviators, preparatory to soaring southward and acting as scouts for the Americans.

For the present at least the bomb dropping ability of these aeroplane pilots will not be tested, owing to the fact that there are a large number of Carranza troops in the Casas Grandes country also trailing Villa, and it would be hard for the birdmen to tell friend from foe while flying high.

Reports from Presidio, Texas, told of renewed bandit raids by Villa sympathizers on American soil. It was declared thousands of Mexicans in the great stretch south of Presidio were ready to join Villa.

Carranza Soldiers Desert.
Desertions of Carranza soldiers throughout Chihuahua were reported, although no specific Carranza opposition to the American operations has yet been confirmed. The rumored revolt in Ojinaga in which the commander was said to have been assassinated was officially denied.

Sinners, presumably Villa sympathizers, fired on a Texas and Pacific train near Alfalfa, but none of the bullets took effect. There was no confirmation.

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SAY THOUSANDS WAITING TO JOIN VILLA'S BANDITS

Civil Authorities Doubt Carranza's Good Faith In Aid- ing Americans

FEAR GENERAL UPRISING BEFORE VILLA IS CAUGHT

That Americans Were Not Al- lowed to Use Juarez Rail- road Is Suspicious

El Paso, Texas, Mar. 17.—If Carranzistas do not win the race to see whether Mexicans or Americans shall capture Francisco Villa, the United States forces must follow him to his favorite haunts in mountainous western Chihuahua.

This was made evident today by reports from the advancing "front."

While Brigadier General John J. Pershing's troops were laboring through the dust and heat of Chihuahua desert, Villa and his followers were said to have arrived in the forbidding mountains of San Buena Ventura district.

Familiar as Villa is with the wild Sierra Madre west of central Chihuahua, having ranged the country as an outlaw since his youth, observers forecast a long guerilla campaign, with bloody night raids by the bandits upon American camps.

News of the unopposed progress of two American columns toward Villa's retreat was sent to San Antonio by the government's wire, but El Paso's official reports were restricted to stories of unofficial attempts to get 400 American Mormon settler refugees out of Mexico.

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