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## GERMANS TRYING FLANK MOVEMENT MAKE SMALL GAINS

### After Fierce Bombardment Terrific Charge Was Made, But Was Checked

## FRENCH WERE SPRAYED WITH FLAMING LIQUIDS

### Storm of Shells Defeated Tenth Attempts to Debouch from Forest

London, Mar. 21.—Hurling a flanking force from the west, the Germans are trying to force abandonment of French positions northwest of Verdun, Paris dispatches declared today. The German offensive west of Malancourt followed the failure of frontal attacks west of the Meuse.

On the narrow sector 10 miles north-west of Verdun the German crown prince is applying his familiar "nut cracker" tactics. His thrust near Malancourt was accomplished by an advance from Rogneville. Evidently the plan is to drive French troops from the villages of Camerac and Chantaincourt behind Dead Man's hill, and force a retirement from the northwestern elbow for forts.

The attempt was partly successful around Malancourt, according to the Paris admission. Germans gained ground under cover of a terrific bombardment. As they charged, the French were sprayed with flaming liquids. An attempt to break the "nut cracker's" eastern paw failed.

Attacks are weaker. Paris, Mar. 21.—German attacks have gained more ground on the west bank of the Meuse, it was officially admitted today. Assaults were renewed during the night along the Abancourt-Malancourt line. Germans occupied a southwestern part of the Malancourt road.

German attacks were noticeable for their loss of power, the war office said. Before an infantryman showed his helmet the French trenches were hit by a swirl of artillery fire. Then liquid fire was strewn upon the foremost French defenders. Behind this curtain of flame came the grey legions.

The onslaught first ruck carried French soldiers from the southeastern part of the woods 10 miles northwest of Verdun, but the famous "seventy-fives" sent a storm of shells crashing among the trees and defeated all German attempts to debouch from the forest.

Elsewhere on the Verdun front both sides were inactive.

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## BANDIT LEADER IS STIRRING UP PEONS

### Has Emissaries In Northern Mexico Urging Resistance to Americans

## GENERAL FUNSTON SAYS VILLA TRAPPED ON MAP

### Mexican General Not So Hopeful But Says It May Take Six Months

Douglas, Ariz., Mar. 21.—Francisco Villa is battling the de facto government of Mexico and the United States with propaganda.

Half a dozen Villistas have been executed by firing squads since the Columbus affair. According to statements made by arrested Villistas, already much propaganda matter has permeated the districts where Villa and Zapata are popular.

Miguel Vicente, a colonel in the Villa army, was arrested near El Paso by United States authorities while spreading Villa literature.

Army officials here speaking unofficially expressed the belief that Villa will hide out until the sentiments of the peons has been sufficiently aroused to cause a general uprising against both Carranza and the invading Americans.

Others declared that the fugitive has retreated with his band of Followers into the wild mountain passes of the Sierra Madre, where he will make a stand against the Americans, hoping to gain the sympathy of the peons in that way.

Carranza intelligence agents have uncovered quantities of Villa literature. It was reported that a secret Villa organization similar to the Klu Klux Klan in the south following the Civil war, has been formed.

## Some Opposition Made To Navy Yard On Sound

Washington, Mar. 20.—Senator Miles Polk today is completing before the house naval committee his appeal in favor of a senate appropriation of \$2,065,000 for the Puget Sound navy yard. Representative Butler interposed the remark that he "couldn't understand why Secretary Daniels approves the expenditure when Admiral Benson, the secretary's right hand man, opposes it."

A spirit of opposition to the Puget Sound project developed in the committee. Representative Humphrey favored it, exhibiting telegrams from public officials in the state of Washington asking for immediate action.

There was a sharp debate when Representative Britten charged that Chairman Padgett, at Secretary Daniels' dictation, refused to call Admiral Fiske to testify, supposedly because he had criticized the small navy policy.

FARMER BURNED TO DEATH. Chehalis, Wash., Mar. 21.—L. Metcalf, a farmer, was burned to death in a fire which destroyed the Randle hotel at Randle, early today. The origin of the fire is unknown. The building and contents were a total loss. Other guests escaped without injury.

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## PERSHING CLOSE ON VILLA'S HEELS IS OFFICIAL IDEA

### General Has Abandoned Wireless and Is In Hot Pursuit of Bandit

## CLAIM VILLA WHIPPED

### El Paso, Texas, Mar. 21.—General J. J. Pershing wireless today that Carranzistas yesterday severely defeated the Villistas in a pitched battle. Villa retreated into the Santa Clara mountains.

General Gutierrez, Carranza commander at Chihuahua, confirmed the report but said nothing of fighting having occurred.

San Antonio, Texas, Mar. 21.—General John J. Pershing is so close to Francisco Villa that he has discarded his wireless and dispensed with reports to army headquarters here, in the belief of officers today. Absolutely no word of the man hunters was received. The pursuit is believed to be hot through the mountains south of El Valle. Fifty four additional motor trucks are en route to Columbus, attended by factory experts who will operate them in the field. It is expected that they will relieve the transportation troubles between Columbus and the field forces.

Think Villa Hard Pressed. San Antonio, Tex., Mar. 21.—"On the map it looks as if Francisco Villa might be in hot water," said Major General Fred Funston today. "The next few hours may tell the story. We must not forget he still has free movement in a big lot of country, where he knows every trail and cowpath."

Wireless messages received at headquarters here after Villa's first brush with the constitutionalists indicated that he and his men were near Las Cruces, while American cavalry closed in on them by following for Lake Babine, Carmen and El Valle.

If it is true that Villa is moving westward, he will be in a hot spot. (Continued on Page Six.)

## RUSSIAN VICTORIES IN EAST IMPORTANT

### General Kurapatkin Forces Von Hindenburg to Retreat to Save Army

By Charles P. Stewart. (United Press staff correspondent.) London, Mar. 21.—Russian victories at both ends of the 800 mile eastern battle line today overshadowed new German gains at Verdun.

General Kurapatkin, of Japanese war fame, forced Field Marshal Von Hindenburg to withdraw his troops from the salient south of Narva. Berlin admitted this was necessary to avoid having the German troops annihilated by a circle of fire.

Berlin announced Slav attacks had been repulsed south of Riga, west of Jafacstadt and northwest of Postway. The Russians suffered heavy losses.

At Uscieczko Russian artillery forced the Austrians to abandon the bridgehead, which had been held for six months against strong attacks, according to the official Vienna announcement.

Petrograd's statement said that Tserner reported Russian troops last Sunday marched into Ispahan which they had been menacing for some time.

The earlier Austrian official statement admitted the important Russian victory in southeastern Galicia, 38 miles north of Czernowitz.

This makes the Austrian position on the north bank of the Dniester precarious and is believed to forecast the beginning of a new Russian campaign against Bukowina. It is considered certain the new Russian offensive will compel a withdrawal of Germans from the western front, and possibly terminate the Verdun smash.

## AUSTRIANS ABANDON STRONG POSITION

### Russian Artillery Demolishes Forts Held by Austrians for Six Months

Berlin, Mar. 21.—Uscieczko bridgehead and trenches northwest of it have been evacuated by the Austrians, the Vienna war office officially admitted today. The positions were defended for six months against heavy Russian attacks.

Russian artillery reduced to ruins the bridgehead defenses and adjoining positions. The bridgehead is on the south bank of the Dniester, 38 miles northwest of Czernowitz.

"Russian fire blasted a breach 300 yards wide," said the Vienna account. "At 5 p. m. Colonel Planch decided to evacuate. First he destroyed the trench. Small detachments with wounded gained the south bank of the Dniester in boats, but soon the enemy's concentrated fire made the crossing impossible. Austrian sappers and iragoons fought on the north bank through Uscieczko which the Russians occupied in strong forces. These joined Austrian troops established on the heights north of Zaleszycki since Monday."

Russians at Trebizond. Rome, Mar. 21.—Russian warships have arrived off Trebizond and are besieging it, advisers received here today asserted. The city was said to be defended by a large force of Turks.

Ispahan is Taken. Petrograd, Mar. 21.—Russian troops marched into Ispahan Sunday, according to advices from Teheran received today.

## MARKET MORE ACTIVE BUT PRICES ARE FLUCTUATING

New York, Mar. 21.—The New York Evening Sun's financial review today said:

With the resumption of business, yesterday's peace discussions occasioned. Under active short covering and aggressive bid buying, prices rallied sharply at the outset. War stocks and industrials reflected the greatest gains.

American Zinc, Crucible Steel, Baldwin Locomotive, Industrial Alcohol and Mexican Petroleum opened 1 1/2 to 3 1/2 points higher. Their recovery did not appear to be a reflection of the public state of mind. Dealings were professional and afterward some issues declined.

Though leading rails hardened in sympathy with the general upward turn, recoveries were limited, and the inactivity of the group accentuated. Prices, while irregular, held some recoveries in the early afternoon.

## SAYS SENATOR IS INTERESTED

Washington, Mar. 21.—Amid sensational scenes Senator Reed charged today that Senator Oliver, one of the opponents of the Tillman armor plate bill, owned 1,000 shares of Steel Corporation, the United States Steel Corporation is alleged head of the armor plate monopoly.

## MOTHER ADMITS GIRL WENT TO MINISTER FOR CERTAIN INSTRUCTION

Oroville, Cal., March 21.—Fred Lamson, father of Gertrude Lamson, aged 15 years, testified against his daughter today in Rev. Madison Slaughter's trial on a charge of attacking her.

He corroborated the evidence of his wife, who declared Gertrude slept at home on the nights of November 13 and 14 when she alleged the pastor attacked her at his own house. The father declared he saw her in bed on both evenings.

## Jap Laborers Refused Admission to Mexico

San Francisco, Mar. 21.—Passengers on the steamer George W. Elder which arrived here today from Mexico declare the Mexican government has taken definite action against Japanese immigration to Lower California.

Forty-eight Japanese laborers were refused admittance to Lower California at Ensenada recently by Governor Cantu when the Elder took them from Salina Cruz. No reason was given.

Under contract to land the Japanese the Elder's officers and others interested in the contract appealed to Japanese and American consuls for relief but despite all pressure Cantu was obdurate and the Japanese were returned to Salina Cruz.

Students of Mexican affairs point to the incident as supporting rumors of Japanese colonization activities in Lower California.

## VENERABLE PIONEER DEAD

Marshfield, Ore., Mar. 21.—Mrs. Ethel M. Lookhart, aged 91, the first woman to come to Coos county, died here this morning. She was born at Ulysses, N. Y., January 13, 1825. After driving an ox team across the plains with her sick husband, she taught the first school established at Coos Bay in 1854. Mrs. E. Pollexfen, of San Francisco, is one of her three surviving children.

## SUPREME COURT SAYS CONTRACT IS AGAINST LAW

### Justice Bean Rules That Project Was to Exploit Private Enterprise

## ROSEBURG RAILROAD BOND ISSUE VOIDED

### An Attempt To Use Municipal Funds In Violation of Organic Law

The supreme court decided today that the city of Roseburg was attempting to use the credit of the city to exploit a speculation scheme in the building of a railroad to timber lands on the Umpqua river and reversed the opinions and rulings of Judge G. E. Shipworth in the Douglas county court. This suit was brought by John Hunter and other tax payers to cancel two contracts entered into July 15, 1913 between the city of Roseburg and the Roseburg & Eastern Railroad company and Kendall Lumber company, a corporation and to enjoin the issuance of \$300,000 in bonds.

The voters of the city of Roseburg passed a charter amendment to authorize the city to issue \$300,000 in bonds to build a railroad to the Umpqua timber land and to erect a sawmill. Then the charter amendment was attacked in the courts by the taxpayers in the present suit.

Justice Bean, in his opinion, holds that the Kendall Brothers induced the city to enter into the contract to build the road for the sole purpose of opening up a large body of timber that it was simply a scheme to aid a corporation for the interests of the corporation and that the contract was such that it would work against the interests of the city in the long run.

"Viewed from any standpoint indicated by the contract it is a plain violation of our organic law. The funds of the municipality are for public purposes. It follows that the decree of the lower court must be reversed and one entered declaring the contracts mentioned void, enjoining the enforcement thereof and inhibiting the issuance of the \$300,000 in bonds," said Justice Bean in closing his opinion.

The rulings of Judge Webster Holmes of the Polk county circuit court, were affirmed in an opinion written by Justice Burnett in the case of J. L. Hanna against the Alluvial Farm company.

This is an action brought by Hanna on a promissory note for \$1,545 against the Alluvial Farm company. The trial resulted in the jury bringing in a verdict and a judgment in favor of the plaintiff according to the prayer of his complaint and fixing his attorneys fees at \$250 and the defendant appealed. Carson & Brown represented Hanna the respondent, and C. A. Sheppard appeared for the appellant.

The other opinions handed down by the supreme court this morning follow: Will E. Purdy, plaintiff and appellant vs. Estate of H. D. Winters and others, an action for damages, appealed.

## Plot Alleged Made To Vindicate Dalton

### Dalton However Denies All Knowledge of It and Wants Investigation

San Francisco, Mar. 21.—Henry P. Dalton, former assessor of Alameda county, today flatly denied any knowledge of an alleged plot to vindicate him by secreting on the person of Samuel P. Eastman, manager of the Spring Valley Water company, fabricated proofs of his innocence.

Dalton was sent to San Quentin penitentiary on a charge of extorting a bribe of \$5,000 from Eastman to lower valuations on Spring Valley property in Alameda county. District Attorney W. H. L. Hynes, of Alameda county, declared he has affidavits that George Allan Robinson and Ada Fletcher conspired to place in Eastman's pocket, where it could be easily found, a forged promissory note for \$5,000, signed by Dalton.

The latter has always contended that the \$5,000 he was coerced of taking from Eastman was a loan, for which he had already handed Eastman a note.

Dalton said today he never met the Fletcher woman, who is in jail in New York on a forgery charge. He said he had known Robinson in San Quentin, but denied he had made any such proposition as Robinson in his affidavit alleged Dalton suggested.

Dalton said he helped get Robinson out of prison and got him work. Later, he said Robinson broke parole and disappeared.

## VILLA TRAPPED BETWEEN ARMIES BUT MAY ESCAPE

### Reported Engaged In Running Fight With General Cano's Forces

## ALL COMMUNICATION WITH FRONT IS CUT OFF

### Absence of News Leads Army Men to Think Bandit Has Escaped Trap

By E. T. Conkle. (United Press Staff Correspondent.) El Paso, Texas, Mar. 21.—Colonel Dodd's swiftly moving cavalry is reported today on a forced march toward Namiquipa to reinforce General Cano's Carranzistas who are engaged in a fierce running fight with Francisco Villa and his followers.

Encircled by Carranzistas and Americans, Villa is apparently desperately trying to reach Santa Clara canyon in the Guerrero mountains, 70 miles east of Namiquipa. Absence of any news from the battlefield since Juarez late yesterday received first word that Villa was at bay led to fears that he might have cut through the flying ring and reached a position of temporary safety.

In order to trap Villa if he escaped the central American column, General Pershing sent squadrons of cavalry toward Babrocas and Carmen on either side of Namiquipa. One of them should be within striking distance of Villa today or tomorrow.

Several aeroplanes accompanying the expedition spent the night near Ascension, within a few hours flight of Namiquipa, possibly to assist the reinforcements in locating Villa.

No Details of Fight. General Gavira said today he had no further details of the battle. He urgently requested information and momentarily expects replies to his message. Gavira pointed to the battle as a concrete denial of reports that Carranza was disposed to let Villa get away, in order to give him an equal chance with the Americans.

Gavira intimated that the American expedition had established its base of operations near Casas Grandes. Reports that the garrison there was going to Juarez was unconfirmed. Even if large bodies of Carranzistas placed themselves between the American expedition and the border, it was pointed out that thousands of soldiers at Fort Bliss and Columbus were ample protection against the implied threat. There is no sign of friction between de facto government troops and Americans.

It was reported that in return for President Wilson's aid at the battle of Agua Prieta, Carranza would permit the United States to use Mexican railroads for military purposes. There was no confirmation of this from Queretaro, the temporary capital.

## SENTENCES COMMUTED

Raleigh, N. C., Mar. 21.—Death sentences recently imposed on Mrs. Ida Ball Warren and S. P. Christy were commuted to life imprisonment by the governor today.

## THE WEATHER

Oregon: Tonight and Wednesday, rain west, unsettled, and probably rain east portion, and southerly winds reaching pale force near the coast.

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