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STRIKING GIANT BLOWS TO LOOSEN TEUTON GRIP

Not a Moment's Let Up to Terrific Offensive Launched by Russia to Break Germans Ring of Steel—Fierce Attack Along 250 Mile Front—Flanking Movement Against Jablonitz Pass Is Most Serious Menace to German Positions in Rumania

London, Dec. 2.—Russia is striking with a giant's force the blows which it is hoped will smash the Teutonic ring of steel gripping Rumania. Dispatches today indicated no let up in the terrific offensive launched by the czar's legions in Dobrudja and southwest Bukowina. The flanking movement directed at the Jablonitz Pass is the most serious menace to German positions in Rumania. Apparently Russia has poured a mass of men into the effort to aid Rumania. It is conceded that the Teutons must meet this menace of the flanking movement in Bukowina with a large number of defenders. This Russian offensive covers a distance of more than 250 miles. Surrender of the Austro-German forces at Kirlibaba would not be surprising, in view of the Russian claims of domination of this important strategic position and railroad center through control of the heights about it.

Great Battle Develops

Berlin, via Sayville wireless, Dec. 2.—Fighting between Teutonic and Russian and Rumanian forces in the Carpathians and on the Transylvanian frontier is still in progress with the enemy suffering heavy losses, the war office announced today. On Field Marshal Von Mackensen's front a big battle has developed. The first Rumanian army, which offered an engagement southeast of Ploesti has been broken through and defeated, the statement declared. The official statement declared the number of Rumanian prisoners taken since December 1, so far as possible to estimate now, was 51 officers, 6,115 of all other ranks and the booty 49 cannon; 100 filled ammunition carts, besides many hundred other military vehicles. "Russian and Rumanian attacks in the forest of the Carpathians and along the Transylvanian frontier mountains continue," the report continued. "Yesterday's attacks were especially directed against our positions on Babaludova, Guarcuanda and east of Doravatra and Tretosu and also in the Otyne valley. The attacks were without success. The enemy suffered heavy losses. Capture 1,000 Prisoners. "The German troops at one place in their advance in the forest of the Carpathians made more than a thousand prisoners. "Engagements around Halachy have developed into a large battle. The army wing which left the mountains south-east of Campulung gained ground by fighting in the forest and mountains on both sides of the Dambovitza sector. "On the Arguel, southeast of Pitesti, the first Rumanian army which offered engagement, has been broken through and defeated, after a tenacious struggle by the German-Austro-Hungarian troops. "The Bavarian reserve infantry regiment No. 18, already often distinguished, pushed ahead until it reached the division staff headquarters of the enemy, where it took from captured officers of the general staff, orders proving that in the positions through

which we had broken the first Rumanian army had been instructed to fight to the last man. "The army commander, apparently conscious of the small normal value of his troops, added to the exalted Latin quotation that he expected them to 'withstand and fight until death against the cruel barbarians' the menace of death immediately to be executed against the cowards in his army. "Further south the Arguel has been reached after hard fighting. "Rumanians Stand Firm. Petrograd, Dec. 2.—Rumanian forces are successfully withstanding the Teutonic pressure toward Bucharest. Today's official statement asserted that all enemy attacks had been repelled in the southern fighting below the Rumanian capital and that the enemy had been driven from the villages of Komana and Gostinari which they had captured yesterday. In Dobrudja in the region of Kolakiol the statement declares the enemy had been compelled to retire southward from several heights. "Fierce Attack Continues. Amsterdam, Dec. 2.—Undiminished violence in the Russian offensive in the Carpathians was reported in dispatches (Continued on page six.)

GOVERNOR GETS ROW STARTED OVER FLAX IS TOLD SOME THINGS

Thirty-five tons of flax alleged by Governor Withycombe to be lying out in the fields and rotting as the result of the carelessness of Robert Crawford, state flax superintendent, caused the governor to call a meeting of the board of control this morning to interrogate Superintendent Crawford concerning the condition and disposal of the flax. Governor Withycombe and Treasurer Kay were present. Secretary of State Oblett left this morning at 10 o'clock to be one of the Overland Motor company's guests on the trip east and accordingly was not present. Governor Withycombe plunged into the subject of the condition of the flax and declared he was amazed and surprised, on making a visit to the fields where the flax is in process of retting, to find the flax in the condition it is. He said he examined the bundles and found them absolutely rotten, opened them to the center which was mouldy. He declared there was no reasonable excuse for having the flax in that condition. He charged Crawford with inexcusable carelessness. Last year the governor said there was not a single bundle rotted. "Not Governor's Choice. It will be remembered last year the flax crop was nearly lost and that in order to save it the board of control secured Robert Crawford to harvest it. Later, Crawford was put in charge of the flax industry by the board of control over Governor Withycombe's vote. Governor Withycombe went on to say that Crawford had fallen down miserably in providing work for the men in the fields and declared that only about 10 tons were in the barn. The result he said, was that there was nothing for the men to do. In view of these facts he stated he did not believe it worth while for the state to employ a man at \$200 a month. He wanted to know of Crawford why the flax was on the ground

ARMISTICE FAILS BATTLE RENEWED SOUTH OF ATHENS

London, Dec. 2.—Romors that David Lloyd-George was packing up his belongings in his office as minister of war were printed in the London Evening News today in support of the report that he was preparing to leave that post. A number of London newspapers today declared the coalition cabinet faced a crisis likely to result in its dissolution. The present large cabinet was held by a number of newspapers reported to have been in the expeditionary conduct of war. There has been considerable popular dissatisfaction against Premier Asquith expressed in editorials recently.

THREATENS TO KILL PRESIDENT WILSON

Attacks Man He Mistook for President But Is Overpowered

Philadelphia, Dec. 2.—Crazed by drink, a man flashing a large carving knife with which he said he would kill President Wilson as he passed through here this afternoon, attacked a pedestrian in Reading terminal, sent hundreds of travelers fleeing to safety and engaged three policemen before he was overpowered and arrested. He gave his name as Jonathan Kraus, no home, when finally overpowered. The man appeared before the president's train arrived here at 1:30 o'clock, but made a mistake in stations. Matted hair flowed over his shoulder and he continually muttered to himself. Suddenly he drew the knife, leaped upon a man leaving the station and shouted: "You're the president! I shall kill you!" Dropping baggage and hat the stranger went down the steps three at a time his assailant close behind. Women and children rushed in all directions, screaming for help. Three policemen leaped upon the man, but he fought for ten minutes before handcuffs could be adjusted. "I prayed on the steps of this city hall," he said, "before I started out on my mission—to kill Wilson." Physicians will examine him. "I'll get him yet," shouted Kraus, as he was led to a cell, "and J. P. Morgan, Rockefeller and all of those fellows. They're keeping the cost of living high and the war going!"

WELSH MINERS GET RAISE

London, Dec. 2.—The government today granted demands of South Wales miners for a 15 per cent increase in wages. The decision followed announcement of "nationalization" of the mines and operation by a government commission.

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Artillery Attack by British and French Naval Forces Begins

TWO SHELLS FROM SHIPS DROP IN CENTER OF CITY

Many Clashes Occur Between Royalists and Venizelos Faction

London, Dec. 2.—That the armistice reported to have been arranged in Athens in settlement of the Greek ally controversy has failed was reported in a dispatch today by the London Evening Star dated Athens, Friday, 7:45 p. m. The dispatch declared the battle on the hills south of Athens had been renewed with an artillery attack by Franco-British naval forces. The same correspondent was authority for the statement that ships in the Zapparon fleet had fired towards the hills and that two shells had fallen near the center of the city. It is feared, the Star dispatch declares, that 35 French mines have been taken prisoners by the Greek forces. "Weakened at First. London, Dec. 2.—Armistice has been effected between allied troops and the Greek resisters at Athens. A Reuters dispatch from the Greek capital today asserted that King Constantine had agreed to delivery of six mountain batteries to the allies. In return, it was said Admiral Fournet agreed to withdraw allied troops from the city, pending reference of the agreement to the allied government. London regarded this dispatch as indicating a clearing up in the admiralty tense situation brought about by the initial refusal of the Greek government to acquiesce in Du Fournet's demand for disarmament of Greece. This refusal was marked with sanguinary clashes between allied troops and Greek resisters, according to dispatches dated Friday and received here today. There were encounters at three points in the outskirts of the city. A veritable panic seized the residents of the Greek capital—the streets were deserted of civilians, the shops all closed and all traffic suspended. "Was Some Rioting. Not only were there open outbreaks of fighting in the outskirts of the city between resisters and allied troops—mostly French sailors—but dispatches said there had been lively street fusillades exchanged between members of the royalist and Venizelos factions—the clashes in some instances occurring in the heart of the city. The armistice which has apparently terminated this critical situation in the city was reached at Admiral Fournet's suggestion, according to information from Greek sources at Athens. A Central News dispatch declared that the encounters in the city had been "terminated" and negotiations were proceeding.

Same Old Story of Jealousy and Death

San Francisco, Dec. 2.—In an insane frenzy because his wife had refused to return to him, Solomon R. Jones, a West Indian, early today broke into her bedroom and killed her, leaped from the third story window of her home and then shot himself through the head. He died on the way to the hospital. Mrs. Charles Copeland, a roomer in the same house, witnessed the shooting and in a panic of fear leaped from her own window to the ground, sustaining painful injuries.

HOLDING HIS OWN

Tarrytown, N. Y., Dec. 2.—John D. Archbold, Standard Oil president, still is holding his own, it was declared at his home today. His physicians said there has been no change in his condition since yesterday.

EMBARGO ON SHIPPING OF ARMS IS IN ISSUE

Carranza Says United States to Blame for Reverses at Chihuahua

Washington, Dec. 2.—The American embargo on shipment of arms across the border promised today to become a live issue between this government and Mexico. Carranza's advisors here secretly are displeased at the United States regulations which, they claim, in practice (though not theory) prevent Carranzistas and Villistas from getting shipments. The Mexicans say frankly a lack of ammunition was solely responsible for the reverses at Chihuahua City. On the other hand, American officials hint that the Carranzistas have sufficient ammunition, but that the Villistas have wrested it from them. As the embargo now stands, this government can make exceptions for passage of shipments. In practice, however, this is rarely done, for fear such shipments may fall into bandit hands and prove a boomerang. It was learned today that Ambassador Arredondo has called the situation to the attention of Secretary of State Lansing. The administration, however, gave no evidence of planning any alteration of its rules, though if it could be assured that the munitions would be used in the Villa campaign it probably would permit freer shipments. The Chihuahua City situation still perplexed authorities, especially as their information to date consisted solely of "reports" and "rumors." Persons in closest touch with conditions, however, made no secret of their anxiety for "possibilities" in northern Mexico.

GARRANZA'S CONTROL OF NORTHERN MEXICO GONE

If Villa Would Try to Hold Chihuahua He Might Be Taken But He Will Not Do So—With Abundant Supplies Will Take to Mountains and Be Permanent Danger—Refugees Say All Americans Escaped Before Villa's Attack Begun

By Webb Miller, (United Press Staff Correspondent.) El Paso, Texas, Dec. 2.—That the situation of the Carranza government in northern Mexico is "desperate" following the capture of Chihuahua City by Villa, was the admission made today by General Gonzales, commander of the government forces at Juarez. "If Villa attempts to hold the northern capital," Gonzales said, "we will be able to converge from three sides with heavy forces and annihilate the bandit army. But indications are that Villa is making ready to move again. We have his channel of escape toward the south closed with our troops at Horcasitas." With disorganized forces scattered over the state of Chihuahua, Mexican government military leaders today are awaiting Villa's next move. Refugees arriving at the border said that the bandit forces were preparing to evacuate Chihuahua City two days ago. Two trains were made up at the Mexican Northwestern railway station in the capital and quantities of loot and supplies for the bandit army were being loaded. Several pieces of artillery were taken from Santa Rosa hill and loaded upon flat cars. Trevino is Lost. At the Mexican consulate here it was declared the movements of the remnants of General Trevino's command after the flight from Chihuahua City were not known. Communication has been established for only a part of the distance to Chihuahua City. Early today United States department agents here said the situation in regard to the safety of the six Americans known to have been in Chihuahua City at the time of the attack was ominous. Several openly expressed fear that they were slaughtered. Lack of news of their fate for an entire week since the evacuation of the city by Carranzistas is looked upon as portentous. The government agents question every refugee and officers of the Mexican government forces arriving at the border for news of the Americans and other foreigners, but up to this time the only news was that a group of Americans, including George Brittingham, was seen standing beside the railroad tracks begging for admission to refugee trains. The only hope remaining is that the men may have fled to the hills or with Trevino, to the southeast. Villa Will Move West. Military officials here point out that Villa will probably move westward along the line of the Mexican Northwestern railway after evacuation of Chihuahua City in order to reorganize his forces and prepare for another swoop. All military authorities agree it would be almost impossible for the bandit forces to hold the city against a determined assault unless they were well supplied with artillery and ammunition. Search for Villa sympathizers among the Juarez garrison was begun today when it was discovered that all guns brought north were disabled en route, the breech blocks had been removed. Americans wandering too near the troop trains in the railway yards were ordered to leave the city. Fears of an immediate bandit attack were lessened by reports of preparations for evacuation of Chihuahua City by the bandit army. Revolutions Everywhere. With the fall of Chihuahua City, a simultaneous campaign against the Carranza government has been started in all parts of Mexico by revolutionary leaders, according to advices here. Concerted movements in several northern and central states of Mexico took place at the time of Villa's assault upon the northern capital. Information of the state of affairs existing throughout Mexico reached United States officials here today. During the last week four cities in southern Mexico fell before the revolutionists. The city of Orizaba, in the state of Vera Cruz, reports said, was taken by adherents of Felix Diaz on Saturday, while the capital of the state of Puebla is now under siege by Felixistas. In the federal district near Mexico City followers of Zapata have taken Cuernavaca and the Zapatistas are now operating in that district. In the state of Oaxaca combined forces of revolutionists are in possession of the capital, according to word reaching the border. The western end of the Tehuantepec railway is in possession of Robles and Diaz followers and the capture of Salina Cruz was reported, but never confirmed. Say Americans «Left. Washington, Dec. 2.—All Americans had left Chihuahua City before the Villista-Carranzista fighting began there, state department representatives on the border were told by all refugees with whom they talked, the department announced today. The refugees told state department (Continued on page five.)

WONDERFUL CAREER OF OUTLAW VILLA READS LIKE FICTION

Here is a story of Villa written last spring at the time he was supposed to be down and out. He is rapidly adding more, and interesting chapters to his life story and none can foresee what the end will be. "Peon farmer boy—hoarder of unknown wealth; outlawed bandit—soldier hero; devoted husband—barbarous bigamist; just, free-handed leader—cruel and vain—vindictive dictator; cool and bloodthirsty murderer; shrewd statesman—ignorant malefactor. Such a man is Francisco Villa, 'The Tiger,' as seen by his friends and by his enemies. "Rivalling Robin Hood in the varied career of his life, but lacking the polish of the famed Old English figure Francisco Villa was character about whom there has been more written, perhaps, than about any other Mexican of his generation; a man whose name will go down in history as that of one of the most picturesque and widely known, little known, men of intrigue-ridden Mexico. Villa's personal history and life have been as much a mooted question as has been the right and wrong of his cause. His birth is shrouded in doubt—place, time, ancestry. "Mexico's 'man of blood' has been claimed as brother of a negro, as a 'squaw man,' as a half-breed of Mexican-Negro blood, as a half-breed of Mexican-Indian blood, and as a full-fledged Mexican of pure Spanish extraction. The Reverend Alfred Young, a Negro minister of Baltimore, claimed youth was his brother. His hair was short and 'kinky' like that of the African; his cheek bones high and prominent like those of the Indian; his complexion that of the Mexican; his temperament that of the Castilian. Perhaps the most direct line upon Villa's birth comes from the Mexican state of Durango, south of Chihuahua. It was in these mountain foothills that



GENERAL VILLA
Francisco Villa was born in 1876, the son of a peon farmer, according to best reports. While he was a child his parents moved to the state of Chihuahua, the scene of the greatest activities of Villa's life—a state that trembled with fear at his name, yet those people benefited by his generosity. His Sister Kidnaped. "While Villa was in his early teens his parents died and left in his charge an older sister, a beautiful, dark-eyed senorita whom Villa loved. "This very devotion to his sister led (Continued on page five.)

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THE WEATHER

GET READY FOR WINTER BOYS
Oregon: Tonight and Sunday rain; strong southerly winds; interior fresh; fresh southerly gale along coast.



I don't know who th' farmers mostly voted for, but I do know that th' authorities at Washington have done about ever'thing fer th' farmer but shuck his corn. A woman may ferget, but she never lets you ferget that she's ferget.