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VILLA UNWOUNDED IS LEADING PURSUERS BY 60 MILES SAYS REPORT

Has Not Taken Part in Any Fighting With Any American or Carranza Troops.

THE STORY WAS CONCOCTED

Bandit Now at Satevo, According to Information From Source Usually Found Reliable.

U. S. Officers Now Have Fair Knowledge of Situation.

El Paso, Texas, April 3.—Francisco Villa, unwounded and accompanied by only eight men, was at Satevo, 50 miles south of Chihuahua City, two days ago, according to information today from Mexican sources usually reliable.

If this information is correct, it bears out previous reports that the bandit chief is headed towards Parral, and is leading his American pursuers by at least 60 miles.

The nearest to Satevo American troops are known to have reached San Antonio, 60 miles northwest.

The route said to have been taken by Villa, one with which he is thoroughly familiar, is known among the peons as "Pancho's road."

From Guerrero it leads into a broad valley which runs east to San Andres, Villa's old headquarters, thence south to Santa Isabel, the scene of Villa's massacre of 18 American mining men, and thence southeast through Satevo to Parral.

The man who brought the story of Villa's arrival at Satevo here gave a circumstantial account of the maneuvers and plan of campaign.

His credibility is vouched for by reputable American business men here, who have employed him for several years.

Villa Never Engaged. "Villa," he said, never taken part in any fighting with either American or Carranza troops.

He left the main body of his troops in the Guerrero district with orders to oppose as far as they could the American advance.

At the same time the peons were instructed to give information freely to American officers, always providing the information was false.

VILLA EVIDENTLY GONE FROM REGION

Conviction is He Has Escaped from Territory in Which the U. S. Troops Are Operating.

DIFFICULTY WITH GUIDES

Intelligence Officers of Pershing's Force Contending With Misinformation Liberally Supplied on Villa Trail—Search Continues.

San Antonio, Texas, April 3.—The fear expressed yesterday at army headquarters that Francisco Villa had escaped from the region in which General Pershing's cavalry columns are operating became a conviction tonight.

General Pershing's report, received afternoon, contained news that at least a part of the dispersed Villa force that was driven from Guerrero March 23 was moving northwest of the place, but no mention of Villa's whereabouts was made.

The report was dated yesterday. Six columns of cavalry were yet riding the hills and plains in that section, while scouts were endeavoring to pick up the trail of the scattered bands as well as that of their fugitives.

One of Villa's men estimated at 100, commanded by Colonel Beltran, was located near Basoiva, about 25 miles northwest of Guerrero, and information indicated the remainder of the force of five hundred were still in that region.

No reference was made in the report of an encounter mentioned in press dispatches.

Information from various sources, confirmed by General Pershing, indicated that the intelligence officers of the punitive force were contending with difficulties created by the misinformation liberally supplied in districts through which Villa or his followers had passed.

General Pershing also reported he had difficulty in securing reliable guides.

CARRANZA TROOPS ARE CO-OPERATING

Rumor That Col. Cano and His Command Had Deserted to Villa Disposed of Finally.

REPORT FROM PERSHING

Says Cano's Troops Engaged Against Villa in Fight on March 28—No Disquieting Information Reaches Washington.

Washington, April 3.—Evidence of co-operation by Carranza troops with American forces hunting Villa, apparently disposing finally of rumors that Colonel Cano and his command had deserted to Villa, came to the War Department late today from General Pershing.

He reported an engagement on March 23, presumably near Guerrero, between Cano's troops and one of the bands into which Colonel Dodd scattered the main Villa force.

As this clash in which Manuel Boco, leader of the outlaws, is said to have been killed, occurred the same day that Colonel Dodd struck the Villa army, officials were convinced the Carranza columns were actively co-operating with the Americans.

"This seems to dispose finally of the rumors of disloyalty on the part of Colonel Cano," Secretary Baker said in a formal statement.

Previous reports had caused officials to doubt Cano's loyalty and General Pershing's dispatch was received with great satisfaction.

The fact that three days elapsed after the receipt of the report of Colonel Dodd's engagement before news of the Cano fight renewed hopes that important subsequent events have not yet been reported to headquarters.

That some supplies and forage for the cavalry even if of poor quality, were being obtained "off the country" by General Pershing's forces was another encouraging feature of the latest report.

The general said corn of inferior quality was plentiful and that beef cattle in sufficient quantity had been secured.

GERMANS SHELLING THE BOURRUS WOOD NEARER FORTRESS

Have Straightened Their Line Northwest of Verdun, Occupying French Positions.

EVACUATED IN DARKNESS

Artillery Duels Between Russians and Germans Continue on the Eastern Front.

Having straightened their line by occupying all French positions north of Forges Brook between Haucourt and Bethincourt, northwest of Verdun, the Germans no longer engaged in shelling the region of the Bourrus wood, five miles northwest of the fortress.

Along the remainder of the French front, artillery bombardments have predominated, although there have been several combats near Verdun, in which the Germans lost four aeroplanes, and aerial raids by the French on various German cantonnements in Belgium.

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An attack by the Germans against the bridgehead at Iskul was repulsed by the Russians. The usual bombardments are in progress on the Austro-Italian line.

Constantinople reports that the Turks, strongly reinforced, have checked the Russian offensive in the Caucasus region and that the Ottoman forces have made advances in the Tchouk Valley.

Petrograd, however, asserts the Russians seized heavily fortified Turkish positions at an altitude of 10,000 feet on the slopes of Tchouk, and farther south captured a Turkish position and dispersed Turkish cavalry detachments.

In Arabia, according to Constantinople, the British near Sheikh Osman were driven from fortified positions with heavy casualties and forced to retreat.

The sinking by a Turkish submarine in the Black sea on March 30 of a 12,000 ton Russian transport with troops aboard and of two other vessels on March 31 is reported by the Turkish navy.

The Russian hospital ship Portugal was torpedoed and sunk in the Black sea.

A British official statement says that in the German air raid over Scotland Sunday night ten persons were killed and eleven injured.

Berlin asserts Edinburgh and Leth and points on the Firth of Forth and Tyne were visited by Zeppelins, and (Continued on Page Two)

SPY HAD SINGER'S HUSBAND HELD FOR PLOT.



VON PAPEN WAS BACKER OF SCHEMES OF VON DER GOLTZ

Indicated by Photographic Copies of Letters Said to Have Been Written by Him.

COURT HOUSE USED BY MOB AS GALLOW

NEGRO TAKEN FROM OKLAHOMA COURT ROOM AT HEARING AND HANGED TO BALCONY OF BUILDING BY MOB

Idabel, Okla., April 3.—After listening to evidence at the preliminary hearing here today of Oscar Martin, a negro charged with having attacked a thirteen-year-old girl, a mob of several hundred men overpowered court attaches and hanged the negro from a second story balcony of the court house.

At a pre-arranged signal the mob sprang up from among the spectators at the conclusion of the evidence. While court officers were held prisoners the negro was dragged to the balcony from which he was thrown after one end of a rope had been placed around his neck and the other made secure to a post.

The mob dispersed within a few minutes and no further disorder is anticipated.

CIRCUMSTANTIAL EVIDENCE INDICATES SUBMARINE WORK

In Destruction of Sussex and Other Vessels—Change of Policy.

Washington, April 3.—Accumulation by the State Department of circumstantial evidence indicating the Sussex and other unarmed merchant ships have been attacked by German submarines probably will make necessary a change in the administration's plan dealing with the broad questions of submarine warfare and arming of merchant ships for defensive purposes.

This became known tonight after the State Department announced receipt of a dispatch which quoted one of the survivors of the Manchester Engineer disaster as saying that he had seen the periscope of a submarine.

Other dispatches during the day brought information that a number of affidavits from Sussex survivors were being forwarded by Ambassador Sharp at Paris and that Ambassador Gerard at Berlin was promised an early reply to inquiries regarding the Sussex, the Englishman and other ships within a few days.

THE DAY IN CONGRESS

SENATE Met at noon. Resumed debate on the Army bill. Judiciary committee postponed until Tuesday consideration of Brandeis nomination. Recessed at 5:20 to noon Tuesday. HOUSE Met at noon. Miscellaneous bills requiring unanimous consent were considered. Secretary Daniels again discussed National defense before Naval committee. Brigadier General Crozier, chief of ordnance, testified before the Military committee. Representatives Borland, Missouri, and Doolittle, Kansas, urged investigation of packing houses before Judiciary committee. Arraigned at 5:15 P. M. to 11 A. M. Tuesday.

DANIELS APPEALS IN BEHALF OF THE 5-YEAR PROGRAMME

Says Present Congress Cannot be Asked to Make Up for Deficiencies of 20 Years Past.

HE ANSWERS HIS CRITICS

Determined Effort to be Made for Six Capital Ships, Two Dreadnaughts, Four Cruisers.

Washington, April 3.—The House Naval committee brought to an end today prolonged hearings on the 1917 naval appropriation bill.

Secretary Daniels closed a three-day statement before the committee with a final appeal in support of the administration's five-year building programme. A subcommittee immediately will begin framing the bill.

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2,000 WOMEN AND CHILDREN IN FOOD RIOTS IN TORREON

Laredo, Texas, April 3.—Serious food riots, in which at least 7,000 women and children participated, occurred in Torreon March 28, according to passengers arriving here today.

UNDERWOOD CHALLENGES DU PONT

To Appear and Deny Charges That His Company is Opposing Government.

STORM OFF COAST OF N. CAROLINA LAST NIGHT

Washington, April 3.—The Southern storm was off the North Carolina coast tonight, according to the Weather Bureau.

LATEST ZEPPELIN RAID SUCCESSFUL IS CLAIM

Large Explosions, Fires, Demolitions Caused, Says Berlin.

OFFICIAL GERMAN ACCOUNT OF AIR RAID OVER ENGLAND SUNDAY NIGHT SAID ATTACK LASTED HOUR AND A HALF.

Berlin, April 3. (By Wireless to Sayville).—The official German account of Saturday night's Zeppelin raid over England follows:

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Reports Received From All But Five Members of Sub-Committee.

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