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PERSHING-CARRANZA REPORTS DIFFER

American Commander Says it Was Carranza Soldiers That Attacked the Americans.

FINDING OF VILLA BODY IS NOT CONFIRMED

Remains Were to Have Reached Chihuahua on a Special Train But Have Not Arrived.

(By Associated Press.)

Washington, April 17.—As the hours pass without confirmation of the story of the finding of the body of Francisco Villa Washington grows more doubtful.

Villa's body was to have reached Chihuahua City last night by special train but American Consul Fletcher has not forwarded to rumors as to Villa's death, which must be circulated there.

State and War Department officials refuse to comment today on General Pershing's report of the Parral fight, which is much different from the version transmitted General Carranza to support his suggestion that the American troops be withdrawn.

The American report shows that Carranza troops not only joined in the attack upon the little detachment of Americans but followed them several miles as they withdrew in order to avoid a clash.

The majority of Mexicans killed are reported by General Pershing to have been Carranza soldiers, one of whom was an officer.

It was indicated at the State Department that further details would be sought from the American officers before a reply would be sent to General Carranza.

Secretary Lansing plans originally to deal with the Parral incident as a separate question, not to be included in the reply to the note of Carranza suggesting the withdrawal of the American expedition.

Villa's Body Has Not Arrived.

El Paso, April 17.—A dispatch received by General Gavira, commander of the Juarez garrison, from Cusihiatic, at 10:30 this morning stated that the body of Francisco Villa had not arrived there at that hour.

Villa's Whereabouts.

Washington, April 17.—Secretary of War Baker today received a dispatch from Naco saying that Villa was last seen heading in the direction of the place where reports yesterday said he was buried. The dispatches are taken by War Department officials to mean that the report of Villa's death might be true. The dispatch was immediately sent to President Wilson.

Villa Has Been Taken.

Washington, April 16.—American troops will be withdrawn from Mexico immediately if Francisco Villa is dead. Administration officials made this unqualified statement tonight, commenting on reports from Mexican sources that the bandit's body had been discovered and was being taken to Chihuahua City by special train.

Villa Reported to Be Killed.

Mexico City, April 15.—Villa's dead body has been dug up out of a two weeks' old grave by Carlos Carranza, nephew of General Carranza and is being brought by him and an escort of soldiers to the city of Chihuahua. This information was contained in a telegram received by the war department late today.

El Paso, Texas, April 16.—Francisco Villa is dead and his body, disinterred some days after his burial, is in possession of the Carranza troops, according to a series of telegraphic messages received in Juarez today by the Mexican officials.

For more than a week reports that Villa had died from wounds have been current here and in Juarez. Today's accounts were the most circumstantial and apparently reliable yet received. They were accepted with reserve by American officials including General Bell but Mexican officials pressed confidence in their reliability. The messages, in the order in which they were received were as follows:

The dispatcher of the Mexican Northwestern railroad at Juarez reported to General Gavira, Carranza commander at Juarez, that he had heard a conversation on the telegraph wire to the effect that Villa's body was in the hands of the Carranza troops.

General Gavira notified Consul Andres Garcia here, who rushed mess-

Why the President Fails to Answer You



IRA SMITH.

Ira Smith's job is to see that the about five of the back is sent unopened to Mr. Wilson. The rest have failed to pass Mr. Smith, who is a handwriting expert and can tell a very busy man. Every day many hundreds of letters addressed to the chief executive—usually they are marked "private" or "confidential"—reach the White House. As a rule

DR. LYERLY WILL RUN FOR LEGISLATURE

Report Says the Well Known Teacher, Editor and Preacher Will be a Candidate on Republican Ticket for the House.

Rev. Dr. J. L. M. Lyerly, well known pastor, editor and Rowan citizen, is likely to be a candidate for the legislature on the Republican ticket.

The Post is not authorized to say positively that he will be in politics, but one very close to the gentleman and high up in county politics declares that Dr. Lyerly will be a candidate for the general assembly.

Dr. Lyerly is well known in the county and in nearby counties. He has been engaged in educational work in Rowan for some years and was the candidate for the office of superintendent of public instruction on the State Republican ticket some years ago.

He was editor of the Albemarle Chronicle and followed it to Concord a few years later. He has been prominent in local church and educational circles for many years.

BAD FIRE IN AUGUSTA, GA.

Augusta, Ga., April 17.—Fire which last night broke out in the Harrison building on Broad street and at one time threatened to spread to other structures was extinguished early this morning after damage estimated at \$75,000 had been done to the building and property of its tenants.

The Harrison building is directly across Broad street from the principal buildings which were destroyed in the big fire of March 22.

The Madera and Cusihiatic operators to the telegraph operators at Madera and Cusihiatic asking for confirmation.

The Madera and Cusihiatic operators answered confirming the report and stating the body was being taken to Chihuahua.

The telegraph operator at San Antonio, 50 miles west of Chihuahua, telegraphed Consul Garcia that Villa's body was in possession of Col. Carlos Carranza, nephew of General Carranza, who was taking it in a special train to Chihuahua.

In reply to these messages, telegrams were sent to the Carranza generals in the field and to officials in Mexico City, Chihuahua, and other points asking confirmation but no answers have yet been received. Apart from the telegrams sent here there are some known facts which have been pointed out by Mexican officials as lending strong support to the truth of the report that the bandit chief's career has been closed by death.

SOME LIVE STATE NEWS OF THE DAY

A Few Items of General Interest Just as Taken From the Wires—Robbers at Raleigh, New Candidate for Attorney General is Announced, Walsler Withdraws.

(By Associated Press.)

Greensboro, April 17.—Wash Carswell a negro committed suicide at his home at Guilford college early today. The man was sitting in his bed when he killed himself with a revolver.

Robbers at Raleigh

Raleigh, April 17.—Robbers blew open the safe in the office of the Texas Oil Company between midnight and morning and obtained approximately \$400. The police are working on the case but have not hit on any sort of a clue.

A New Candidate.

Winston-Salem, April 17.—It was authoritatively announced here today that J. J. Parker, of Union county, will be a candidate for the office of Attorney general on the Republican ticket. General Zeb Vance Walsler, of Lexington, who was named for this position by a caucus of the Republicans, will withdraw, it is said.

FOREST FIRES CONTINUE.

Sections of Eastern Carolina Still Suffer From Flames—Local Showers Help Fire Fighters.

(By Associated Press.)

Kinston, N. C., April 17.—Reports received here early today indicate that forest fires in Eastern counties of the State still prevail in several districts. Property, warned by reports of damage Friday night and Saturday, protected their belongings by counter firing, however, and with the exception of the destruction of a few unimportant structures in Carteret county early Sunday late damage has been confined to, standing timber. Local showers were reported in several districts last night and served to help check the flames.

SANFORD MAN ELECTROCUTED.

Employe of Carolina Power and Light Company Meets Instant Death When 2,300 Volts Pass Thru His Body.

(By Associated Press.)

Sanford, N. C., April 17.—N. R. Sandy, an employe of the Carolina Power and Light Company, was electrocuted here this morning when he accidentally received 2,300 volts of electricity. He came to Sanford six months ago for Durham. He was a native of Raleigh, and is survived by a wife.

"How can a fellow get in the swim?" asked the social climber. "Oh, there are divers ways," replied the society reporter.

ALL EMPLOYES MAY RECOVER DAMAGES

Federal Safety Appliance Acts So Construed by the Supreme Court of the U. S.

DECISION ANNOUNCED IN TEXAS AND PACIFIC CASE

No Matter Whether Injured Person is Engaged in Intra-State or Inter-State.

(By Associated Press.)

Washington, April 17.—The United States Supreme Court today so construed the various Federal safety appliance acts so that all employes—no matter whether engaged at the time in intra-State or inter-State—may recover damages for injuries occurring through failure of inter-State railroad to comply with the State appliance laws.

This is regarded as a precedent-making decision, giving safety appliance laws a scope far greater than that of the Federal employes liability law. The first employes liability law was even annulled years ago because it applied to employes engaged in intra-State companies as well as inter-State companies.

The decision was announced in the suit of a brakeman on the Texas and Pacific railroad injured by a defective ladder on a car marked "bad order," and left standing in the Marshall (Texas) yards for repairs. It was necessary for the brakeman to take the car over the main line to the shops for repairs.

Justice Pitney, speaking for the entire court, held that Congress has taken to itself exclusive jurisdiction over safety appliances for inter-State railroads and the State did not have authority to make laws regulating them for the benefit of State employes.

The court held that all that was necessary was that the railroad be engaged in inter-State commerce for the Federal law to apply to all acts regulating safety.

The judgment of the Texas court in favor of the brakeman for \$15,000 was affirmed.

NOTE READY TO GO.

Washington, April 17.—It was announced at the White House today that the President has practically completed the forthcoming note to Germany and it will in all likelihood be sent forward either this evening or tomorrow.

Press Issue to a Decision.

Washington, April 17.—President Wilson, it was said, has been steadily engaged on the note to Germany for two days. The document, officials said, will press the submarine issue to a decision. The communication, now almost completed, was characterized today as being very firm in tone. Officials believe that only the prompt acquiescence by Germany in the position taken by the United States can prevent a break of diplomatic relations.

Unofficial dispatches from Berlin indicate that the German government is ready to meet the United States more than half way and were read with interest by officials, but it was said they would not change the program decided on at Friday's cabinet meeting.

The President and his cabinet have agreed on the steps to be taken and the President is now finishing the phraseology of the communication. He intends to include in the indictment of Germany's submarine campaign attacks on neutral vessels not carrying Americans. That will be done on the ground of humanity and for the reason that many of these neutral vessels are going to and from the United States.

MAY NOT BE NICHOLSON.

(By Associated Press.)

Washington, April 17.—After a conference today with Secretary of War Baker Senator Kern said the prospect of the appointment of Meredith Nicholson, the Indiana author, as assistant Secretary of War, was very doubtful. Secretary Baker had not reached a final decision but if the appointment goes to Indiana Senator Kern said Mr. Nicholson would receive it.

BOMBARDMENT IN AVOUCOURT

Rome Reports Heavy Fighting on the Austro-Italian Front With Italian Success.

THE FRENCH INFANTRY IS HELD IN CHECK

Riotous Demonstrations Occur in Athens at Meeting of Venizelos Adherents.

(By Associated Press.)

After temporarily assuming the aggressive in the Verdun battle, launching attacks in the Douaumont-Vaux region, with which it is declared they gained some ground, the French yesterday and last night held their infantry in check. Neither was there any move by German infantry according to the Paris bulletin.

Apparently a new movement of some importance is being prepared west of the Meuse.

Heavy bombardment of French positions in the Avoncourt region and along the line some distance north-east including Dead Man's Hill sector, has been mentioned in several official statements by the French war office, and similar artillery activity is again recorded today.

Although Rome has reported heavy fighting on the Austro-Italian front with successes for the Italians the headquarters statement from Vienna mentions only small engagements and records no changes in territory.

Riotous demonstrations occurred in Athens when an attempt was made to break up a meeting of adherents of former premier Venizelos, supporter of the entente cause. One report says several shots were fired and that a number of the former premier's followers were arrested.

Crown Prince Had Narrow Escape.

Geneva, Switzerland, April 17.—Paris reports reaching here state that the Crown Prince had another escape from death or injury recently in the Verdun fighting.

PRECINCT MEETINGS HELD.

Delegates Chosen to the County Democratic Convention Here Next Saturday.

The precinct meetings were held throughout the county last Saturday to name delegates to the county Democratic convention in Salisbury next Saturday. These meetings included those held in Salisbury, Spencer, East Spencer. A complete list of those chosen had not been turned in to Chairman Woodson at noon today. It is hoped to have them, at least those from Salisbury, Spencer and East Spencer, by tomorrow in order that they may be published.

President Wilson Approves Sentence.

(By Associated Press.)

Washington, April 17.—President Wilson today approved the recommendation of the Secretary of War imposing a sentence of reprimand upon Lieutenant-Colonel Goodier of the aviation service, who was recently tried by court martial in connection with charges over conduct at the Sandiego station.

A fellow may be scattered-brained and still not distribute his thoughts liberally.

INSPECTING THE ROADS.

The Post published some weeks ago the itinerary of the inspection trip, over the Central Highway and post road, starting at Morehead City and ending at Winston-Salem, after crossing the mountains to Asheville.

This itinerary is made under the direction of the state highway commission and is accompanied by a United States engineer. This city will be the point for tomorrow afternoon and at 4 o'clock tomorrow afternoon there will be a meeting held in the Community auditorium to which the public is invited and especially are all good road boosters expected.

The party making this tour will spend tomorrow night in Salisbury and should be given a cordially welcome and a large audience at the community building in the afternoon—tomorrow, Tuesday at 4 o'clock.

ONE AMERICAN WAS HURT IN ATTACK.

Washington, April 17.—One of two Americans aboard the Russian bark Imperator, from Gulf Port, Miss., to Marseilles, France, was wounded, when the vessel was fired on by an Austrian submarine in the Mediterranean, according to official advices received from the State Department today.

The State Department's information came from the Consul at Barcelona, Spain. He said the ship was fired on April 11th without warning. The wounded American is in a hospital at Barcelona.

TWO SHIPS SUNK.

London, April 17.—The sinking of a neutral ship and a British steamer was today reported by Lloyds. The Norwegian ship Glendown was sunk by gun fire. The lost British steamer was the Harrovia which was unarmed.

LUTHERANS CALL CHINA GROVE PASTOR

Rev. W. H. Riser Wanted as Pastor of First Church in Gate City to Succeed the Late Rev. J. E. Shenk.

The official body of the First Lutheran church of Greensboro has extended a call to Rev. W. H. Riser, pastor of the China Grove Lutheran church to succeed the late Rev. J. E. Shenk, who died several months ago. The call was extended at the unanimous request of the entire congregation. It is not known whether the call will be accepted or not.

Mr. Riser is a native of South Carolina. He was educated in Newberry college, in South Carolina, before he took the course in the theological seminary at Columbia, S. C.

The minister was ordained in 1898 and he took up his first work for the church in the mountains of West Virginia. He preached for two years in the valley of Virginia and he followed the late Mr. Shenk in a pastorate in Norfolk. There he preached for 10 years. He has been in China Grove for nearly five years. He was highly recommended to the Greensboro church by the mission board and the expression was made yesterday by members of the First church that he would accept the call and in a short while to begin his ministry.

EASTER IS RIGHT HERE

The Business Men Who Have Seasonable Goods are Making the Last Call This Week for Shopping for Easter Wants—Read Today's Advertisements.

Only a few more days until Easter, one this week to shop for the all interesting season, only the few remaining days of this week to get yourself and your household in readiness.

The business men of the city are calling for the Easter shoppers to take advantage of these few days. It has been put off until now, the buying of some much needed article, but the time for buying is here now, the policy of waiting will not go much longer.

There are a number of new and interesting advertisements in the Evening Post today, every one of which is worth reading, and each of which will prove helpful to the shoppers of this Easter week. Some of the advertisements we wish to point you to are:

- T. M. Kesler. V. Wallace & Sons. Oestreicher's. Empire Drug Store. The Colonial Theatre. J. Feldman & Sons. The Iris Theatre. The Main Theatre. Arey Hardware Co. W. A. Brown.

ARRESTED ON CHARGE OF THEFT.

Chief Miller received a message yesterday to arrest a white man by name of E. E. Tenant who had stolen a bicycle, a pistol and other articles at New London and was headed toward Spencer. The wheel was recovered and a New London officer came up this morning for Tenant and took him there for trial.

TO HANDLE THE SOUTH'S CROP QUICK

Inter-State Commerce Commission Issued a Memorandum to Roads Handling Fruit.

MUST HANDLE THE CARS AND PROMPTLY RETURN

A Shortage of Cars is Threatened and the Commission Urges Their Return to Roads.

Washington, April 17.—The South's early fruit and vegetable crops are so threatened by a shortage of refrigerator cars that the Inter-State Commerce Commission has issued a memorandum calling attention to the railways responsible to the importance of having sufficient refrigerator cars to supply the demand for the movement of the crop.

"The importance of having refrigerator cars for the movement of these crops is obvious," the memorandum reads, "and there would seem to be no reason for diverting the cars intended for this purpose. The commission therefore urges all roads to make immediate arrangement for the return to the owning lines all cars in their possession."

The memorandum states that one road which is being called upon to handle a larger volume of shipments of fruit and vegetables reports that it finds upon investigation that practically all its refrigerator cars are now on other lines.

CHARGED WITH HIGHWAY ROBBERY.

Frank Howell, a White Man, Taken in Charge on Request of Concord Officers—Pistol Found on His Person.

Early Sunday morning Chief of Police Miller received a message to be on the lookout for a white man named Frank Harwood and had a description of him, he being wanted in Concord on a highway robbery charge. It was not many minutes until the chief located the man on East Council street and when arrested a pistol was found on his person. He was tried in the county court this morning and plead guilty to carrying concealed weapons but denied any knowledge of the highway robbery for which he is charged. Judge Carlton fined him \$50 and costs in the pistol case and on failure to pay this he will serve 90 days on the gang. Judge Carlton is set hard against the carrying of pistols and it is \$50 or three months in his court for conviction in such cases.

Howell will be held for the Concord authorities as soon as he pays up here or serves his time.

WORK OF COUNTY COURT.

A Number of Defendants Appear Before Judge Carlton and Pay Fines and Get Time.

Cases disposed of in the county court this morning were as follows: Paul Barber, colored, for carrying a razor got three months on the roads. For engaging in an affray with Tom Walker judgment was suspended as to Barber. Walker was fined \$10 and costs.

Jim Disner, a one-legged white man, for being drunk, was given 30 days, sentence to begin this afternoon at 6 o'clock. Jim immediately left town. He would be a burden on the county as he is one-legged and has a crippled hand and this was why he was given opportunity to get away. He hailed from Virginia.

Frank Howell, carrying a pistol was fined \$50 and costs or 90 days. Same Hopp, a Granite Quarry negro, for being drunk in that town, was let off on payment of costs.

Robert Cole, a strange young negro for stealing a quart of grape juice from a Southern freight car, was given six months on the gang.

Will Kelley, colored, was indicted on four charges, drunk and disorderly, carrying concealed weapons, disturbing religious worship, and indecent exposure. On the drunk and disorderly and indecent exposure charges judgment was suspended; for disturbing religious worship he gets six months on the gang and for carrying concealed weapons he serves an additional ninety days.

"None y is a joke," exclaimed the rich man, contentiously. "Well, it isn't every fellow who can get away with it," replied the inquisitorious one.