

VILLA, RUNNING AWAY, MAKES MEXICANS JOIN HIM OR BE SHOT; A TRAIL OF DEATH BEHIND HIM; STORIES OF SNIPING TODAY

Bandit Chief Believed to Have Gotten Safely Away From Pershing and Carranzistas—New Mexico, Texas and Arizona Citizens Demand Reinforcement of Forces On the Line—Fear Attacks From Mexicans On the Other Side—Wilson Disturbed by False Reports Concerning Conditions—Executive Says Only the Official Reports Should Be Accepted—President Preparing Statement On Situation, Stated—Funston May Ask War Department for More Soldiers

Columbus, N. M., March 27.—Many drivers of incoming wagon trains today reported encountering Mexican snipers along the Casas Grandes-Columbus road. No Americans were hit.

Washington Doesn't Believe Stories.

Washington, March 27.—War Department officials today discounted sniping stories from the border, saying that no word of casualties had been received since the troops crossed.

Change of Ships at Tampico.

Washington, March 27.—The gunboat Marietta has been ordered to Tampico, relieving the battleship Kentucky, lying off the harbor.

Villa Threatens Peons; Trail of Death.

(By E. T. CONKLE, United Press Staff Correspondent) El Paso, March 27.—Leaving a trail of dead and wounded, Villa is fleeing southward from Namiquipa, toward the Sierra Tarahumare mountains, according to army advices. He is forcing upon peons the choice of being shot or joining him.

(By E. T. CONKLE, United Press Staff Correspondent)

El Paso, March 25.—Villa is believed to have escaped. Funston may have to ask for more troops. Demands are pouring in from border towns in Texas, New Mexico and Arizona for protection.

Denial Disaffection Carranza Troops.

Mexico City, March 25.—Reports that Carranzistas are deserting the first chief's army were denied in a telegram from the provisional capital, Queretaro, today. Carranza is sending reinforcements to Chihuahua.

President Worried by False Reports.

(By ROBERT J. BENDER, United Press Staff Correspondent) Washington, March 25.—The President is embarrassed at what he today termed outrageously exaggerated reports of conditions in Mexico, alleged to have been issued by interventionists. He is expected to make a statement through Lansing, appealing to the people to credit only official reports. The Government is investigating propaganda issuing alarming reports.

WILLARD GOT NEARLY FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS FOR TRIMMING CHALLENGER MORAN; KANSAN WITH BROKEN HAND WAS EASILY THE BEST MAN

New York, March 27.—Fight experts whose predictions were disproved by the result of Saturday night's Willard-Moran bout in Madison Square garden were Dal Hawkins, Tom Sharkey, Sam Harris, Billy Rocap and Billy Gibson. They had picked Moran to win. Congratulating themselves today upon their judgment are Jim Corbett, Strangler Lewis, Joe Choynski, James J. Jeffries, Robert Fitzsimmons and Geo. Considine, who expected Willard to retain the championship won from the negro Johnson at Havana last year. The fight went the scheduled ten rounds without a K-O. Willard broke his right hand in the third, but the big champ. had all the best of the scrap in seven rounds. The third was given to Frank Moran, and the

eighth and ninth were regarded as drawn, but there was little of credit for the Pittsburgh man in the decision in his favor after the third phase. Moran took a lot of punishment. Several times he appeared to be all in. He bled profusely from the face and one eye was in severe condition for a part of the match. But he was game. Willard lacked aggressiveness and remained cool at all times, using his left effectively in the close rounds as well as his injured right throughout. Jess weighed in at a few ounces less than 260 pounds; Moran weighed 201 1-2. Willard's reach is 83 1-2 inches, Moran's 78. Gate receipts were \$151,254. Thirteen thousand persons saw the fight. Willard received 47,500, Moran \$23,750.

KAISER HAD TRIED TO PRY ITALY OUT OF WAR

German Propaganda Skillfully Managed and Verdun Offensive Means Employed—Failure at the French Stronghold Knocked Teuton Plans In Head—Desperate Attempt Disclosed Today (By the United Press) Paris, Mar. 27.—Germany has been trying to detach Italy from the Allied ranks, it was learned today when the super-war council of the Allies convened. Berlin had planned to effect the coup through shrewd propaganda and a Verdun victory. Failure at Verdun doomed the Teuton plan.

PRESIDENT EXPECTED VETO BURNETT BILL

House By Big Majority Today Voted to Retain Clause Requiring All Immigrants to Be Able to Read and Write Language of Own Country—Vote of Representative, 225 to 82 (By the United Press) Washington, March 27.—By a vote of 225 to 82, the House today retained in the Burnett immigration bill the clause requiring all immigrants to be able to read and write their own language. The President is expected to veto the bill.

TOM PENCE DIED IN WASHINGTON TODAY AFTER LONG ILLNESS

Complications Caused Demise of Sec'y National Democratic Committee WAS NORTH CAROLINIAN Brilliant Newspaperman—Was Friend to Thousands—Bright's Disease, Pneumonia and Heart Trouble Combination Fatal to Him

Washington, Mar. 27.—Thomas J. Pence, Secretary of the National Democratic Executive Committee, died at his home here this morning, after a long illness due to complications. There is no attempt by the Democrats here to conceal their sorrow. Close friends of the brilliant young North Carolina newspaperman thronged his quarters. Many of them gave signs of actual grief. Pence was popular with thousands of persons here. Since coming to the Capital Tom Pence had lived in unpretentious quarters, in keeping with his modest, unassuming nature. His fine character earned him a great coterie of admirers and he was a good mixer in spite of his innate reticence. The President and scores of Senators and Representatives had taken personal interest in his illness. Bright's disease, bronchial pneumonia and heart disease combined caused his demise. No hope had been entertained for him for weeks, and last night physicians told his intimates that the end was near. Pence was regarded as almost indispensable to his party. Merit rather than powerful friends secured him his high position, and he made good from the beginning. The funeral plans have not been announced. It is expected that the body will be carried to North Carolina for burial.

MILLIONAIRE ON TRIAL ON WHITE SLAVE CHARGE

(By the United Press) Chicago, March 27.—After many delays and postponements, William Rufus Edwards, millionaire St. Paul lumberman, went to trial here today, charged with having violated the Mann act. Ada M. Cox, a stenographer who once sued Edwards for breach of promise, is the principal witness against him. Edwards had secured several continuances from the Federal court; one because of his wife's approaching motherhood, next because of his baby's illness, and finally, early this month, because he himself was suffering from nervous prostration. Edwards' counsel planned to attack Miss Cox's character, it was said, and has arranged for transportation for 25 witnesses from many places to Chicago.

PRESIDENT HAS A NEW LITTLE GRANDDAUGHTER

Philadelphia, March 26.—A daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. Francis Bowes Sayre here today. She is the second granddaughter of President Wilson and will be named Eleanor Axson Sayre, for Mrs. Sayre's mother. Mother and child were reported tonight to be doing well.

RELEASE AMMUNITION FOR THE CARRANZISTAS

(By the United Press) Washington, March 25.—Mexican Ambassador Arredondo has arranged with Secretary Lansing for the release of a cargo of ammunition from New York to Vera Cruz.

JARGENSEN HAD NO CHANCE AGAINST HIM.

(By the Eastern Press) Washington, N. C., March 25.—Getting two straight falls, Joe Willis of this place defeated Sam Jargensen, the Chicago wrestler, in 55 minutes at the old armory. Willis was much the lighter, but the quicker man.

GERMANS BENT UPON MAKING OF VERDUN 2ND RHEIMS, SAYS

United Press Correspondent Declares French City Is Invulnerable

USE INCENDIARY BOMBS

Teutons Evidently Trying to Wreck Town, But Unable to Secure Any Military Advantage—Russians Driven to Attack

By WILLIAM PHILIP SIMMS, (United Press Staff Correspondent) Headquarters of the Verdun French Army, March 27.—Thrice baffled at Verdun, the Germans now are seemingly bent on destruction of the city. Daily they hurl about 350 incendiary shells into the business and residential sections. From a military standpoint Verdun is unscratched. Otherwise the city appears doomed to become another Ypres, or Rheims or Arras. During the bombardment I entered the underground city. It was built many months ago, in preparation for what is now occurring. The French expect further heavy attacks, but say they are foredoomed to failure. Verdun seems impregnable. Certainly it cannot be taken without an enormous loss. Verdun Bombardment Continues. Paris, March 27.—The Germans today continued to bombard the Verdun sector. There were no new infantry actions, the war office reported. Russians Lose Heavily. By CARL W. ACKERMAN, (United Press Staff Correspondent) Berlin, March 27.—The First Siberian army corps, of 40,000 men, has been practically exterminated in fruitless attacks against Von Hindenburg's front, dispatches today said. The Russians were driven to the attacks by their own artillery, said the advices. Russian Attacks Repulsed. Berlin, March 27.—The repulse of further heavy Russian attacks with enormous Slav losses is reported by the war office.

FRENCH TROOPSHIP IS REPORTED SUNK; LOSS OF LIFE GREAT, SAID

(By the United Press) Berlin, March 27.—A French transport from Salonika has been mined and sunk with great loss of life, according to Athens dispatches. Only 73 persons were saved.

EXPLOSION AT DU PONT PLANT; ONE MAN DEAD

Hopewell, Va., Mar. 24.—One person was killed and five others seriously injured when a quantity of gun cotton carelessly left in a pipe exploded when the pipe was placed in a forge in the repair shop of the DuPont Powder Company's plant here today.

NATIONAL FLOWER SHOW OPENS AT PHILADELPHIA

Philadelphia, Pa., March 25.—The Fourth National Flower Show opened here today. When the doors of Convention Hall swung wide, the public gazed upon one of the rarest collections of flowers ever assembled.

WILSON POLICE CHIEF SHOOTS, KILLS BLACK

Wilson, Mar. 24.—This afternoon between 6 and 7 o'clock near Maplewood Cemetery, Police Chief John A. Wiggs shot to death Phillip Worth, colored. Rumors are circulating as to the cause. Some claim that the negro resisted the chief and struck him in the face; others state to the contrary. There were three eye-witnesses.

GERMANS DON'T RENEW ATTACKS IN THE WEST

(By the United Press) London, March 25.—The Germans have failed to renew the infantry attacks northwest of Verdun, say Paris dispatches.

EXPLAINS WHY MEN ARE GROWING BALD.

Thousands of men are growing bald every day and don't know the reason why. Many of them never expect to save even what hair is left. This is indeed a pity, says a specialist because baldness usually comes from carelessness and anyone who gives the scalp a little attention should always have an abundance of good healthy hair. Dust and dirt help to cause baldness by clogging the pores in the scalp and giving the dandruff germs fertile ground for breeding. The treatment is very simple: Shampoo at least once in ten days and destroy the dandruff germs by applying frequently Parisian Sage, a delightfully efficient preparation that J. E. Hood & Co. are now recommending as the surest treatment to stop falling hair, to remove dandruff and to refresh and invigorate the hair roots. The cost of a generous bottle of Parisian Sage is very little and druggists everywhere have been authorized to offer it with guarantee of perfect satisfaction or money returned. adv.

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