

NO DEFINITE WORD FROM GEN. PERSHING

COMMANDER STILL SILENTLY PURSUES VILLA.

CARRANZA'S ARMY CONCENTRATES

Report Comes From the American Consulate at Chihuahua That Carranza Troops are Concentrating Near That City.—Move Not Understood by the American Officers at General Funston's Headquarters, But It is the Assumption That It is Part of the Plan of Carranza to Co-Operate With the American Soldiers.

(By The Associated Press.)
San Antonio, April 7.—Carranza troops are reported today by the American consul to be concentrating near Chihuahua. The reason for such concentration was unexplained, but the officers at General Funston's headquarters, assume that it was part of the de facto government's plan of co-operation in the pursuit of Villa, who according to the majority of reports, Villa is traveling south of Chihuahua.

The exact position of the American forces is still not known at headquarters here. A report from General Pershing had reached Columbus, but its garbled condition made it necessary to repeat it. General Funston and his staff awaited it with some concern and definite information from the field has been lacking since the early part of the week.

Colonel Brown's brief report, forwarded from the American consulate at Chihuahua, has served to strengthen the assumption of those at headquarters that the American advance forces already had reached Satevo.

Colonel Brown reported from a point some 50 miles from Satevo April 4th.

19 Killed.

Washington, April 7.—Another engagement between Carranza troops and Villa bandits April 4 at Cieneguilla. Ten of the bandits were killed. This information was received at the War Department today.

ADVANCE GUARD NOW OPERATING NEAR SATEVO

Region is Reported Filled With Bandits, Whom Villa is Trying to Unite.

(By The Associated Press.)
El Paso, Texas, April 7.—Advance guard of the American expedition, hunt for Villa, were operating today near Satevo and Parral, where Villa is reported to be heading. It is invested with numerous bands of Villa bandits.

American refugees say that if Villa should proceed in uniting these bands he would have a force of at least one thousand men and could give advanced American troops hard battle before reinforcements arrived.

Official information from the front showed that American cavalry had penetrated south of San Antonio, Chihuahua, was still moving southward, hard on the trail of the bandit.

One can use Colerite, the Equid magician. Found in all colors at the Sappental Drug Store. See new ad. today.

A QUILTING PARTY.

To Be Given by the D. A. R. Here Next Week.

The Cabarrus Black Boys' Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution will give, on Thursday and Friday afternoons, April 13th and 14th, at 4 p. m., at the home of Mrs. R. K. Black, a quilting party, not in the accepted sense, but a delightful evening's entertainment awaits the visitor who may learn how grandmother's quilting parties were conducted with results shown to visitors. Sample head bags and various antiques have been graciously loaned for the exhibit, which promises to be of more than ordinary interest. An entertainment of this kind for D. A. R. meetings was held with marked success in Baltimore. Tea and sandwiches will be served. The placing of a fountain in the court house yard in May will encourage all readers of this paper to desire to add their 25 cents toward the erection of so worthy a testimony to the Cabarrus Black Boys, in whose name the Chapter exists, and this monument will record their loyalty in the Union.

U. S. TROOPS WILL NOT BE WITHDRAWN

Lansing Denies Report of Americans Leaving Mexico With Villa Uncaptured.

Washington, April 7.—Categorical denial by Secretary Lansing late today was the official answer to persistent reports that the American troops might be withdrawn from Mexico shortly regardless of developments in the hunt for Villa. Both Mr. Lansing and Secretary Baker of the War Department indicated that there was no present intention of changing the original orders given General Funston.

News from the border that a trainload of supplies, shipped by private firms, had left Juarez today for Casas Grandes, and Pearson, where they will be available to General Pershing caused satisfaction here.

PARTY LAST EVENING.

Miss Anna Branson Gives Party For Misses Starr and Robbins.

Last evening Miss Anna Branson delightfully entertained a number of friends at her home on North Union street in honor of Miss Marie Starr, of Philadelphia, who is the guest of Mrs. J. P. Cannon, and Miss Mattie Gibson Robbins, of Salisbury, who is the guest of Miss Ellen Gibson.

Miss Branson's guests, in addition to the honorees, were: Miss Ellen Gibson, Mr. and Mrs. Charles E. Lambeth, of Charlotte, and Messrs. Odum Alexander, of Charlotte, R. P. Gibson, E. C. Barnhardt, Jr., W. G. Broadfoot and J. M. Oglesby.

Ratio of Mexican Currency, 20 to 1 Now.

Washington, April 6.—The Mexican Embassy here announced tonight that for the first time in many weeks the exchange ratio on its paper money was less than 20 to 1. Last month the ratio was about 40 to 1. It was planned organization of a monetary commission with complete authority to regulate Government currency.

New shoes by almost every express at Irey's. Style and comfort combined. See new ad. in today's paper.

INTEREST SHIFTS TO EASTERN WAR FRONT

WHERE IT IS SAID GERMANS PLAN AN OFFENSIVE.

STRUGGLE FOR VERDUN CONTINUES

Following Up Sharply Their Capture of the Village of Harcourt in the Avocourt-Bethincourt Salient Northwest of Verdun the Germans Have Shifted Their Line of Attack Slightly to the East.—East of the Meuse the French Are Continuing Their Nibbling Tactics.—Grand Duke Nicholas Still Pushes Back the Ottoman Troops.

(By The Associated Press.)
Following up sharply their capture of the village of Harcourt in the Avocourt-Bethincourt salient, northwest of Verdun, the Germans have shifted the line of attack slightly to the east, driving between the line between Bethincourt-Cathcourt, and penetrating a first line trench there. The locality is in the vicinity of Dead Man's Hill, where the Germans and French have been battling for weeks for control of dominating positions. Paris declares the Germans were driven out by counter attacks of captured positions and that they now occupy only advance sections along the front of 300 yards.

East of the Meuse the French are continuing their nibbling tactics and report progress in German communications trenches, southwest of Douaumont.

An interesting situation is developing on the eastern front where the Germans give signs of initiating an offensive. Troop movements on the Dvina front are prevented by the thawing of the marshes. South of Drinak the Teuton artillery has opened a violent fire in the vicinity of vidy and in the Narocz Lake region.

In the Caucasus campaign the Russians are making continued progress along the upper Tehoruk in Turkish Armenia, driving the Turks westward after dislodging them from fortified positions. The Ottoman troops are offering stiffer resistance along the Black Sea coast, attempting attacks on the Russian position, but failing to achieve results, according to Petrograd.

SENTENCES CHANGED.

Prisoners Said That Jail Conditions in Greensboro Were Intolerable.

(By The Associated Press.)
Washington, April 7.—President Wilson today commuted to four months, respectively, sentences imposed in December last on Charlie and Ernest Vancannon, at Greensboro, N. C., for operating an illicit still.

The prisoners were originally served two sentences, four and six months in jail at Greensboro. After they had spent three days in jail they requested the court to sentence them one year each so that they might serve their time in Atlanta prison, stating that the Greensboro jail was intolerable. The court granted the request.

EARL DUKE DEAD.

Brown Mill Youth Succumbs to Accidental Rifle Discharge.

Earl Duke, the 11-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. James B. Duke, of the Brown Mill, who was shot and fatally wounded Wednesday afternoon, while playing with a rifle at the home of a neighbor, died yesterday afternoon about 4:30 o'clock at the Concord Hospital.

The funeral was held this afternoon at Rocky Ridge.

VILLA NEAR SATEVO ON APRIL FOURTH

According to News Received by General Bell, From Carranza Officers.

(By The Associated Press.)
San Antonio, April 7.—Francisco Villa was at Cieneguillas, ten miles south of Satevo, on April 4, according to General Gutierrez, commanding the Carranza troops in Chihuahua. General Bell received this information from Chihuahua and transmitted to General Funston today.

American cavalry are pushing forward along the trail to and beyond Satevo.

There will be a big picnic at Lowder's Ferry on the Yadkin River Easter Monday, the 24th.

He is a wise man who can gather dollars from another's lessons.

A BIG CROP WILL BE PLANTED, IT APPEARS

Reports From Various Southern Centers Indicate an Increase.

Helena, Ark.—The weather throughout this section continues open—farmers are making the most of it. There will, no doubt, be some increase of acreage, just how much it is hard to estimate just now.

Memphis, Tenn.—The season in this section is progressing in a normal way. With new crops selling well above 12 cents in New York, which means 12 cents at depots in this section, there is every inducement to plant a large acreage. We heard of \$45.00 per ton being offered for seed for next fall delivery. If this will not encourage a large increase in acreage, we do not know what would.

New Orleans, La.—The Texas rains of last week were not sufficient, and not general enough to give the proper relief, but the rains there, reported again at the end of this week, promise to be more general and somewhat heavier. Traders just now are watching weather conditions in Texas and in the southwest more than any other portion of the best.

New Orleans, La.—At last the prolonged drought in the southwest has been effectively broken by general heavy rains over Texas and Oklahoma. It was still raining at several points in Texas today, and the indications are for general rains in the central and eastern portions of the cotton region over Sunday. As the general, heavy rains in the southwest did not materialize until April 1, it is likely that the average precipitation in Texas for the month of March, as was the case in February, will be one of the lightest in several years. Therefore, the rains were late in making their appearance and were very badly needed. As a result planting for the new crop is backward in the southwest, especially in south Texas, indicating a late delivery of new crop cotton this year from the early producing sections.

Raleigh, N. C.—It is too soon to decide what the average in Wake (this) county will be, but there will be a slight increase.

Farmers will use about 80 per cent. of last year's fertilizers. Thus far farmers have been waiting hoping to get lower prices and better quality. They are now buying freely, and are using generally acids phosphate and cotton seed meal, half and half.

SENATE RETAINS THE VOLUNTEER PROVISION

By a Vote of 36 to 34.—Senator Lee's Amendment to Bill.

Washington, April 6.—The senate retained the volunteer army provision in the army bill late today by a vote of 36 to 34, rejecting Senator Lee's amendment to strike the section from the bill. The vote ended a four-day debate on the section.

Advocate of the nation guard as the first line of defense behind the regular army supported the amendment vigorously, and the struggle was one of the hardest fought in the senate this session of Congress. It began after the defeat of the military committee last week, when a proposal to create a national guard section of the army general staff, was written into the bill.

THE WHEAT MARKET.

Big Shortage Report Caused Price of Wheat to Be Higher Today.

(By The Associated Press.)
Chicago, April 7.—Higher prices on wheat and a rush of buying resulted from the government report confirming predictions of a big shortage in the 1916 domestic crop. Opening prices which showed 3-8 to 7-8 to 1 cent advances with May at 118 3-8 to 1-2 and July at 117 1-8 to 1-2 were followed by substantial further gains that were interrupted by a number of transient breaks.

D. A. R. CHAPTER TO AID RELIEF FUND

WILL OBSERVE BIRTHDAY OF BELGIUM'S KING.

BELGIAN FLAGS ARE READY FOR SALE

Cablegram Received From Queen Elisabeth Thanking the Daughters of the American Revolution for Manifesting Charity Through the Distribution of Millions of Belgian Flags in Return for an Offering for the Destitute in Belgium.—Mrs. Story, President - General, Also Sends a Telegram to the Local Chapter.

April 8th will be flag day for the Belgian Relief Fund as conducted by the Daughters of the American Revolution. Although there will be no stated observance of the day by the local chapter flags will be sold and the members will otherwise do what they can to aid the Belgian Fund and assist in the relief of that war-stricken country.

The follow cablegram has been received by the Daughters of the American Revolution.

"To the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution, Mrs. William Cumming Story, President-General, New York.

"I am delighted with your idea of commemorating April 8th throughout the United States. Nothing could touch me more than to see the King's, my husband's, birthday celebrated by a manifestation of charity through the distribution of ten million Belgian flags in return for an offering for the destitute in Belgium. I express my grateful appreciation to the Daughters of the American Revolution for this attention, which shows once more the generous and delicate feelings of American women.

"To all who will wear the Belgian flag on April eighth and ninth I send, in the name of the Belgian mothers, my heartfelt thanks.

(Signed) "ELIZABETH."

Also this telegram from Mrs. Story, president-general:

"Mrs. Sam J. Erwin, Concord, N. C.: Let us justify Queen Elizabeth's message. We must not fail Belgium now; only foreign country where our flag is revered. Think of their need. Giving day's labor is so little. Your help vital for success."

THE STOCK MARKET.

Minor Changes Were Registered by Leading Stocks Today.

(By The Associated Press.)
New York, April 7.—Minor changes, mostly upward, were registered by leading stocks at today's opening on a limited volume of trading, although United States Steel, Erie, Anaconda, United States Smelter and Marine were offered in thousand share lots. United States Smelting soon made a new high record ranging one and one-fourth to 73 1-2 but Industrial Alcohol, one of yesterday's foremost features yielded a point. Crucible Steel, American Locomotive and Studebaker receded a fraction of a point. Recession was more general on secondary offerings.

COUNTY COMMENCEMENT.

Rowan County Commencement is Being Held Today.

(Special to The Tribune.)
Salisbury, N. C., April 7.—Rowan county commencement was held here today. The big feature was the parade this morning, more than 4,000 children being in line. The principal address was made this afternoon by Dr. Archibald Henderson, of the University of North Carolina.

Picture Rehearsal.

A great artistic treat will be given the public when "Pictures From the Orient," under the able direction of Mr. James Wrenn, of Salisbury, is presented. This production, noted as it is, for richness of coloring, beauty of stage setting, magnificent costumes and fancy steps will be given by local talent at an early date for the benefit of the Young People's Society of Central Methodist Church, Concord.

The people who take part in "Belghazza's Feast," the pages and the soldiers, will practice at Mrs. J. E. Smoot's tonight at eight o'clock.

Snow at Hickory.

(Special to The Tribune.)
Hickory, N. C., April 7.—Snow fell here this afternoon about 1 o'clock.

BIG, UNMANNED AIR CRAFT FLIES AWAY

PENINSULA AND ORIENTAL LINER SIMLA SUNK

She Was Large 5,800 Ton Vessel in the Government Service.

(By The Associated Press.)

London, April 7.—Newspaper dispatches carry reports of the sinking of the Peninsula and Oriental line steamer Simla, a 5,800 ton vessel, in the Mediterranean. She is supposed to be in the government service and a report of her loss is connected with that from Athens that a large transport of the Entente Allies off the Greek coast.

The Spanish Ambassador at Berlin has been instructed by the cabinet to ask from German an explanation of the sinking of the Spanish steamer Vigor and a definition of the German submarine policy with regard to rights of neutrals.

NEW YORK COTTON.

Market Opened Steady at Decline of Two to Four Points.

(By The Associated Press.)

New York, April 7.—The cotton market opened steady at a decline of two to four points today and prices sold off another two or three points right after the call with May declining to 11.98, July to 12.03 and October to 12.21. Offerings were not heavy, however, and prices steadied at the decline.

Cotton futures opened steady: May 11.90; July 12.06; October 12.23 December 12.40; January 12.43.

WINTER WHEAT CROP UNDER LAST YEAR'S.

495,000,000 Bushels, As Compared With 655,000,000 Bushels Last Year.

(By The Associated Press.)

Washington, April 7.—A total production of 495,000,000 bushels of winter wheat was forecasted today by the department of agriculture, basing its estimate on the condition of the crop April 8 and the assumption of average acreage and average influences on the crop to harvest. That compares with 655,000,000 bushels, the estimated production in 1915.

SEIZE 10 GALLONS.

Hickory Policemen Take Over South Mountain Corn.

(Special to The Tribune.)

Hickory, April 7.—Ten gallons of liquor were seized last night by Hickory policemen from Monroe Lutz. The seizure made about midnight and the police are of the opinion that Lutz had come from the South Mountain section just before the seizure was made. He will be given a hearing this afternoon.

Harding Elected Temporary Chairman of Convention.

(By The Associated Press.)

Chicago, April 7.—Senator Harding of Ohio was elected temporary chairman of the Republican National Convention by the unanimous vote of the sub committee of arrangement of the Republican committee today. George L. Hart, of Roanoke, Va., was named as official reporter.

Preparations are being made to pursue the air craft with aeroplanes as soon as the weather permits.

Rain fell here practically all night and the dirigible was chilled and heavy when it broke away, rising to only about 1,000 feet at first. The weather soon cleared, however, and as the sun warmed the balloon it rose rapidly and was still rising when last seen.

"Watchful Waiting."

Mobile, April 7.—A sharp lookout is being maintained for the navy dirigible which escaped from the Pensacola naval aviation station this morning. Men with powerful glasses have been stationed on the top of the highest skyscrapers in the city and are constantly sweeping the horizon in the hope of seeing the dirigible.

If it should turn over some of the valves might be opened, causing the craft to descend. Should the balloon remain upright in its flight officers said it might float for hundreds of miles.

To Watch for Balloon.

Raleigh, April 7.—The section director of the weather bureau here has received instructions from Washington to be on the lookout for the observation balloon which broke away from the naval aero station at Pensacola.

It is high time for congressmen with hypnosis to regress those bridges or burn the bridges behind them.

Colonel Roosevelt leads the American way today.

BROKE FROM ITS MOORING EARLY THIS MORNING

HIGH IN AIR; HEADED WESTWARD

The Big Naval Dirigible Recently Brought to the Government Naval Station Early Today Broke From Its Moorings, and Filled With Gas—Ascended High Into the Air—Only Hopes of Overtaking It is With Aeroplanes, But Officers Also Fear That It Has Put to Sea.—Sharp Lookout at Mobile and Other Points.

(By The Associated Press.)

Pensacola, Fla., April 7.—The immense new observation balloon recently received at the naval aviation station here broke from its moorings early today and driven by a brisk southwest wind gradually ascended and when lost to view was floating northeast toward southeast Alabama, or southwest Georgia.

No one was aboard the balloon when it escaped and officials at the naval station have sent messages to various points in the direction taken by it.

The balloon was 81 feet long and could carry four persons. It was fully inflated with 25,000 cubic feet of gas when it broke from the rope. The big bag was painted yellow. The stabilizer was not attached to the balloon and officers at the aviation station believe that if it would turn over some of the valves might be opened.

Sales 1,000 Feet High.

Pensacola, Fla., April 7.—The new naval dirigible airship recently brought to the government aviation station here for experimental use in connection with aerial and water maneuvers of the navy, broke from its moorings during a high wind early today and rising rapidly soon was lost to view. Telephone notices were sent to Mobile and other parts warning to look out for the big craft, which when last seen was moving west. No one was aboard the dirigible when it broke away and as it was fully inflated officers at the naval station said there was nothing to prevent it remaining aloft many hours.

The dirigible which is 80 feet long contains about 25,000 cubic feet of gas when inflated and capable of sustaining considerable weight. The fact that no one was aboard and that the dirigible is without an automatic deflating valve makes it certain that unless overtaken by aeroplanes the air craft probably will fly hundreds of miles.

The wind was blowing briskly southeast when the dirigible escaped and as the big air craft rose rapidly upward, it was swept quickly away and naval officers fear the balloon may be carried out to sea.

The dirigible is said to be worth between \$50,000 and \$60,000 and is practically new. It was received here only a few days ago. How it happened to break away has not been determined.

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The Raven

AT THE

Marsh - Today

This great picture comes to us well recommended and it is endorsed by the press all over the country as being one of the greatest pictures ever produced, by the great novelist, Edgar Allan Poe. At a considerable cost we have secured this picture, and we urge everybody in Concord who can see this picture.

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