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## **GERMANS CARRY** ABLAIN WOOD IN VERDUN BATTLE

German Headquarters Announce Success, but Admit French Gain Foothold at Vaux Fort.

QUIET ABOUT THE MEUSE

French Report Says Violent Bombardment on Both Banks of the Meuse Only Incident.

NO MORE INFANTRY FIGHTING

BULLETIN.

BERLIN, March 10 .- Capture of the Ablain Wood was announced today by German army headquarters. It was stated that the French had regained a foothold in the fort of

PARIS, March 10 .- (Via London.) - There was no change in the situation before Verdun, either east or west of the Meuse, according to a semi-official announcement made here this afternoon.

The announcement adds that the violent bombardment continues on both banks of the Meuse, but that there has been no infantry attack by the Germans,

The text of the announcement given out by the French war office this afternoon

'In the Argonne district our artillery has bombarded certain convoys of the enemy moving along the road from Montfaucon to Avococourt.

There has been no change in the situation west or east of the river Meuse. The night passed without the enemy making any infantry attack against our posiitons. The bombardment, however, has continued, both sides taking part along front. It has been violent on the left and right banks of the Meuse river and intermittent in the Woevre district. "In Almace our batteries have demol ished the German trenches at Hill No. 425, which is east of Thann.

"The night passed quietly on the remainder of the front.

"During the day of March 8 French airmen delivered a number of attacks, most of them over the lines of the enemy. During one of these engagements at Erlennes fifteen German airmen were seen to be descending vertically in the

been received that two German aviators, was made, but if one does come, it was one in a Fokker machine, have been overcome in the Champagne district and three others vanquished in the region of Verdun. The machines of these five aviators came to the ground within the German

#### Carranza Consul at Columbus, N. M., Reported Missing

WASHINGTON, March 10.-Dispatches to the Mexican embassy said that the Carranza consul at Columbus was among the missing and expressed the fear he had been killed. Eliseo Arredondo, General Carranza's ambassador said he had municated with his government after is talk yesterday with Secretary Lansing, but had received no reply.

State department dispatches from Chi huahua say General Gutierrez the Carranza commander there has given orders for the capture of the bandits who raided Columbus.

has recognized the Carranza government public has not been advised of it. and that the minister Michael Lie, returning to his post in Mexico City.

#### SECURITIES ON WAY TO UNITED STATES SEIZED

BERLIN, March 10 .- (By Wireless to Sayville.)-Among the items given out today by the Overseas News agency was the following:

"The Dutch newspaper Handelshlad reports that securities are missing from the Dutch mall which was seized and later released by the British authorities. The newspaper says the British officials believed that the securities came from Germany and were being sent to the United States by way of Holland."

#### The Weather



Comparative Local Record. lighest yesterday Lowest yesterday Mean temperature Precipitation Temperature and precipitation departures from the normal:

Reports from Stations at 7 P. M.

Station and State of Weather. Temp. High-Rain-7 p. m. est. fall. .... 50 54 oc of Weather. 7p. m. est. fall. Cheyenne, clear 50 54 90 Davenpert, clear 32 36 60 Denver, clear 35 66 90 Jes Molnes, clear 35 56 90 90 North Platte. 44 20 90 90 Maha, clear 31 32 90 Mapid City, cloudy 40 50 18 Mapid City, cloudy 40 50 90 90 Sheridan, clear 54 90 90 Sheridan, clear 54 90 90 Sheridan, clear 54 90 90 Sioux City, clear 54 90 90 Sioux City, clear 54 90 90 Tindicates trace of precipitation.

L. A. WELSH, Local Forecaster.

GENERALS IN CHARGE OF AMERI-CAN EXPEDITION INTO MEXICO.



GENERAL FREDERICK FUNSTON.



#### Carranza Orders Five Thousand Men To Move Upon Villa

WASHINGTON, March 10.-Late today an expression of regret from General forced to flee. Later ten of them were Carranza for the Columbus massacre was received by the State department. No offer of co-operation with American direction of their own lines.

No offer of co-operation with American troops for hunting down the Villa bandits said that it hardly could be refused.

The Mexican embassy got a telegram from General Carranza late today saying that 5,000 troops from various garrisons to the south had been ordered to move upon the Villa bands. No mention was made of the proposal of the United States to send forces.

mbassador here, received the news of he president's decision with the statement that he could make no comment and would at once notify General Carranza. Yesterday he declared it was his and Cumpas Ariz. own opinion that such action would not

e resented. State department officials said that no decision had been reached as to what the attitude of the United States would be if General Carranza objected to the for El Paso, there to co-operate with the presence of American soldiers in Mexico. They declared that question would be

met when it came up.
MEXICO CITY, March 16.—General Carranza does not care to make a statement in regard to the situation regulting from the raid on Columbus, N. M. A rigid censorship has been imposed Newspapers Dispatches from Christiana say Norway are printing nothing of the raid and the

## Three Thousand British Civilians

LONDON, March 10 .- The number of on-combatants killed by Great Britain's enemies since the beginning of the war aggregates 3,153, Premier Asquith writes in reply to a request for information by Major Hunter. Forty-nine men, thirtynine women and thirty-nine children were killed in coast bombardments. One hundred and twenty-seven men, ninety-two women and Tifty-seven children were Rilled, in air raids. Approximately 2,750 non-combatants lost their lives on board British merchant and fishing vessels be-(ween August 4, 1914, and March 8, 1916, but the detailed figures are not available.

### Capture of Fort Vaux is Flatly Denied by French

PARIS, March 10 .- An official note has been issued categorically denying the statement made in the German official communication of March 9 that "the village and armored fort of Vaux were captured in a glorious night attack \* \* by Posen reserve regiments \* \* \* under the leadership of \* \* \* General von Guretsky Cornitz." This assertion, the note says, is in every way false.

The note denies other statements contained in recent German official com-

#### Russians Landing Near Trebizond

WASHINGTON, March 16 .- Russian troops have landed on the Black Ses coast of Asiatic Turkey and the occupation of Trebizond is imminent, according to a dispatch received to day from the American embassy at Constantinopic The State department also was advicethat the American consul at Trebizon had taken over the archives of the Ger man consulate, the German consul hav-

## PERSHING WILL LEAD EXPEDITION AGAINST VILLISTA OUTLAWS

Unofficial Information soil gh
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TO CROSS AT THREE PLACES American Soldiers Will Enter Mexico at El Paso, Columbus

and Douglas.

MAY HAVE TO INVADE SONORA

SAN ANTONIO, Tex., March 10 .nofficial information from high officers at ort Sam Houston tonight said that General John J. Pershing. commanding Fort Bliss, will be in command of the punitive expedition into Mexico.

Major General Frederick Funston said that as plans being worked on by himself and his staff were not completed, he would not announce the scope of the plan of the army movements.

Unofficially, however, it was said that the expedition against Villa would be on a considerably larger scale than at first thought. Entrance to Mexico, according to this report, will be through three places.

Will Entrain at El Paso. A regiment of infantry, a regiment of cavalry and probably a regiment of field artillery will, it was stated, entrain at El Paso for Casas Grandes, over the Mexican Northwestern railroad. Casas Grandes was raided by Villa two weeks ago, and is the place from which he marched on Columbus. From Casas Grandes the American forces, assisted probably by Mexican troops sent out from Juarez and Chihuahua, will make their way south and westward to cut off Villa if he attempts to retreat to his fastness in the San Andrea country, sixty miles west of Chihuahua iCty. At the same time a regiment of cavalry and one of light atilriery will penetrate Chihuahua southward from Columbus, entering Mexico two miles north of Palomas. These will pick up the trail of Villa and his men

and continue the pursuit.
Will Leave Enstward. From Douglas, it was stated, also unofficially, that at least a regiment and probably two regiments of cavalry will leave eastward to head off Villa if he decides to come into Sonora. At the same time a battallion of infantry will be sent to the end of the Nacozari railroad line, sixty miles south of Douglas, to prevent were received. Villa reaching and attacking that place and the El Tigre mine, twenty miles dis-

Grave fears were expressed that the inrevolution against the American forces ican troopers. In that case the strategic points of entry would be Naco, Douglas, Nogales

Aero Squadron to Go. Unofficially it was stated that probably the entire first aero squad, United States army, stationed here, would be dispatched in one or two days, perhaps tomorrow,

other troops

Hachita, N. M., 100 miles east.

#### Villa Asked Zapata to Join in Invasion

COLUMBUS, N. M., March 10 .- An in vitation to General Emiliano Zapata to Killed to Date march north and Join in an attack of the United States was sent by Francisco Villa in January, according to a copy of a letter found among Villa's captured papers. The letter was dated San Gero-'I shall not expend another shell or pother siexicans," Villa wrote in the

nimo, Chihoahua. January 6, 1916. etter, "but will prepare and organize to attack the Americans on their own soil and let them know that Mexico is a land of the free and the tomb of thornless rowns and traitors."

Villa proposed that the joint movemen with Zapata against the United States should occur six months from January 6. Zapata so far as known made no move o accept and this may have been re sponsible for Villa's decision to march

on Columbus alone, Villa in the letter attributed his defeat at Agua Prieta last November to the action of the United States government in permitting Carranza military authorities o send over American territory reinforceients for the Mexican town opposite Douglas, Ariz, and declared that act an vasion of the sovereignty of Mexico. and an insult to the people.

"At that time," Villa told Zapata, "I restrained, but with the greatest diffiulty, the impulse of my troops to at ack the city of Douglas."

Carranza, he also stated in the letter, had sold Mexico to the United States, agreeing to lease Magdalena bay for inety-nine years and giving over con troi of the Mexican National railroad.

#### HOGS PASS TEN-DOLLAR MARK AT CHICAGO YARDS

CHICAGO, March 10 .- Owing to scarcity up 25 cents to \$19.66 a hundred pounds. cived here today.

CALIFORNIA GIRLS DO BAREFOOT DANCE IN SNOW IN CENTRAL PARK-Six graceful little dancers from Los Angeles astonished New Yorkers on last Wednesday by doing a classic dance, garbed in classic costume, in the snow in Central Park. The photograph indicates they enjoyed it.



# WATCH FOR RETURN FUNSTON ASKS FOR TROOPS ANXIOUS

Detachment that Followed Villa Into Mexico Thursday is Doing Patrol Duty.

#### HUNDRED MEXICANS KILLED

COLUMBUS, N. M., March 10 .mediately upon reecipt of this reance of Mexicans near Victoria also

Soldiers and citizens divided attention

Hundred Mexicans Killed. Major Frank Tompkins, who yesterday afterward, returned to Columbus with troopers that followed Villa into Mexico, stimated the Mexican dead in the battle with Villa's rear guard at fully 100. Several wounded Mexicans who had lain

out all night were found in the brush and taken to the army hospital. Lack of field telegraph and telephone equipment, it was learned, was responsi-A battalien of the Twentieth infantry bie for the delay in the arrival at Columhas been moved to Victoria, Tex., from El bus of two troops of cavalry from the station at the Gibson ranch. Word of the A battalion of the Eleventh infantry Columbus fighting was not received there has been moved from Douglas, Ariz., to until 8 o'clock. Although Major Lindsley Hachita, N. M., 100 miles east. started immediately, it was almost two hours later before he reached Columbus with his two troops.

Hachita Reported Quiet. Et Paso and Southwestern train No. 8, eastward bound, with most of the passengers and crew heavily armed, reached (Continued on Page Two, Column Two.)

#### Missouri is Again Rising at Yankton

YANKTON, S. D., March 10 - (Special Telegram.)-The Misscuri river is again on flood stage and is slowly rising after a seven-inch drop. Hundreds of homes are now deserted, for most part with ousehold goods still in them. All missing people are accounted for and safe. Rescue work was continued all day Thursday and the situation is well in hand if no further rise comes. No train service to the east, is likely for a week.

### Garrison Will Help **During Emergency**

WASHINGTON, March 10 .- Former Secetary Garrison came to Washington to

## OF VILLA BANDITS IMMEDIATE ACTION

General in Command at Border Urges No Time Be Lost in Moving Against Bandits.

#### WANTS THINGS KEPT SECRET

WASHINGTON, March 10 .- In a Army border patrols and armed civ- report late this afternoon General Ilians early today maintained a close | Funston told the War department he ican bandits along the border. A had 3,000 troops with him, that Carreport that armed Mexicans had ap- ranza troops in his vicinity had fled peared opposite Gibson's ranch, fif- and that he advised against "fritterteen miles west, was being investi- ing away the time of the army guardgated by military authorities. Im- ing small towns," while Villa might have an opportunity to escape. He port a considerable body of armed advised that the plans of the army civilians left here in automobiles, for Villa's capture be surrounded Unconfirmed reports of the appear- with secrecy for the sake of their success.

Mountain Batteries Available. Approximately 12,000 troops, with to the vigil along the international bound- forty-eight mountain batteries and ary with the work of clearing yesterday's field guns, are on the border bevasion of not only a part of Chihushus, battlefield of Mexican dead. Early today tween Douglas, Ariz., and El Paso, but th whole of Sonora, would become approximately seventy-five Mexican dead Tex. A little more than one-third ried a black and white flag to notify the necessary, since thousands Villa's sympathigers are known to be still in that state
ostensibly under the banner of Carranza
These are thought likely to break out in

These are thought likely to break out in cavalry and a battalion of mountain artillery with twelve mountain guns, especially designed for the character of fighting which the punitive ex pedition will wage, could be assembled within twenty-four hours.

Search May Be Difficult. The Thirteenth, Seventh, Eighth and Tenth cavalry are scattered along the border between Douglas and El Paso. The Eleventh, Eighteenth and Twentysecond infantry, the Sixth field artillery and a battalion of the Fourth mountain artillery are at Douglas. At El Paso, about sixty miles from Columbus, are four regiments of infantry, the Sixth, Seventh, Sixteenth and Twentieth. The Twelfth infantry is at Nogales between

Columbus and Douglas. The administration realizes that the search for Villa may be long and difficuit. Major General Funston, however, who probably will direct the expedition. if he does not actually lead it, established himself as a successful catcher of outlaws in the Philippines when he took

Aguinaldo single-handed There is little expectation that Villa and his bandits will fight in the open. Guerilla warfare is almost certain to result, but the American soldiers will have or ders to follow Villa no matter where he

goes. The text of the dispatch from General Funston follows:

"It is the opinion of Colonels Dodd and ocum, in which I concur, that unless Villa is reientlessly pursued and his forces scattered he will continue raids. As troops of the Mexican government are accomplishing nothing and as he can consequently make his preparations and concentrations without being disturbed, he can strike at any point on the border, we being unable to obtain advance information as to his whereabouts.

Time is Valuable. "If we fritter away the whole com day and called at the War department guarding towns, ranches and railroads it for conference with his successor, Sec- will accomplish nothing, if he can find retary Baker. Mr. Garrison offered his safe refuge across the line after every services to the administration in the raid. Although probably not more than emergency and is expected to remain to a thousand took part in the Columbus assist Mr. Baker for the present, at least. (Continued on Page Two, Column Three,

### Villa Began Planning Raid Into United States in October

ember 22 and is 55 cents over the price by the United States of the Carranza de in Mexico." f a week ago. Only 18,000 hogs were re- facto government and began with the institution of Villa's campaign in Sonora. The comparative exhaustion of the hog which ended disastrously at Agua Prieta upply is explained by the unprecedented on November 20. Among the papers found emand for pork, induced largely by the was what purported to be an agreement remendous call from warring European nations.

Since January 1 more than 590,000 hogs precise and other Americans, configuration of three Americans held as prisoners and other Americans, confiscate their property and operate their mines and farms.

between villa and Mexican residents of money to export duties on copper ores from Cananea, but a notation showed that the money really was paid for the lives of three Americans held as prisoners and who at the time, were reported to have been marketed in mines and farms.

SANTA ROSA, Cal., March 10.—Luther Burbank, the well known horticulturist, was reported today to be recovering from Cananea, but a notation showed that the money really was paid for the lives of three Americans held as prisoners and who at the time, were reported to have been market for execution.

Cal., March 10.—Luther Burbank, the well known horticulturist, was reported today to be recovering from Cananea, but a notation showed that the money really was paid for the lives of three Americans held as prisoners and who at the time, were reported to day to be recovering from an illness which had caused his friends grave anxiety. He contracted a severe and who at the time, were reported to day to be recovering from the money really was paid for the lives of three Americans held as prisoners and who at the time, were reported to day to be recovering from the money really was paid for the lives of three Americans held as prisoners and who at the time, were reported to day to be recovering from the money really was paid for the lives of the well known horticulturist. remendous call from warring European between villa and Mexican residents of money to export duties on copper ores

COLUMBUS, N. M., March 10.-Papers, The citizens, according to the alleged ound on the battlefield opposite here agreement, promised to take up arms vesterday revealed that Francisco Villa with Villa to gain this end. Villa was decided last October to wage warfare to furnish the Mexicans of the district of supplies the hog market today jumped against Americans. This step, accord- with live stock, to be delivered by April, ing to Villa's personal documents, was 1916, "after he had overcome Carranga This is \$5.55 above the low point of De- taken immediately following recognition and established himself as supreme chief

Another of the papers acknowledged recelpt of \$25,000 in gold from the Consoildated Cananea Copper company at Naco, Sonora, shortly after Villa's retreat from Agua Pricts. The receipt credited the

Indications that Carranza Forces Have Made Preparations to Stop Retreat of Bandits.

#### FORCES POSTED NEAR BORDER

watch for the reappearance of Mex- had accurate information that Villa | diate pursuit of Villa by American upon General Carranza and the troops when the contents of Villa's Mexican people. correspondence became known.

Carranga authorities, according to officials from Juarez, would not ob- declaration that it is entirely to aid ject to the entry of American troops the Carranza Government and within Mexico to attack Villa.

ceived here stating that Carransa himself, was given out at the White cavalry had left Guzman to take the House: bandit chief 'n the rear with the expectation that American troops, whom they supposed to have already crossed the border, would attack

him. The Carranga troops, it was stated, car

#### Private Taylor Dies of Wounds Received at Columbus Battle

EL PASO, March 10 .- Private Jesse F. Taylor of Troop F, Thirteenth cavalry, fied at the post hospital at Fort Bliss today as the result of an abdominal wound received in the fight with the

Villistas at Columbus. CHICAGO, March 10,-Isadore Barmazal onight received a telegram from Lieuenant Lucas, saying that Corporal Michsel armazal of Machine Gun Troop A of the First cavairy, wounded yesterday in the raid on Columbus, N. ..., died to-

Isadore said today, the body of his brother would be brough here for burial. Michael, he said, enlisted four years ago next fall and was assigned at once to the cavalry. Last fall he returned ere to spend the Jewish holidays with his family, members of which sought to dissuade him from enlistment. He liked army life, Isadore said, and would not heed the family entreaties.

#### NORFOLK VOTES \$50,000 PAVING BONDS FOR YEAR

NORPOLK, Neb., March 10 .- (Special Telegram.)-By a vote of 660 to 176, Norfolk today voted \$50,000 bonds for paving strect intersections. This means about six miles of paving in Norfolk this sum-

Webster City Bowlers Lead, WEBSTER CITY, Ia., March 10 .- (Speial Telegram.)-At the second day of the Elks' bowling tournament here today the Iowa Eiks' Bowling association was formed, with N. M. O'Connor of this city as president. In singles, doubles and five men events today Webster City bowlers were leading. It was voted to hold the 1917 meeting in Dubuque,

Department Orders. WASHINGTON, March 10.—(Specia Telegram.)—Pension granted% Nancy M Hale. Omaha, \$12. Hale, Omaha, \$12.
Rural carriers appointed loway,
Meservey, Charles B. Hetta; Ruffalo Center, Benjamin F. Forbes; Cincinnati, Clarence W. Rice: Webster City route 4, Orville, Berryhill. South Dakota, Irene, Edmund Clemtren.
Nebraska postoffices discontinued: Rita
Park, Cherry county; mail to Erik;
Tuckerville, Custer county; mail to
Coonto.

Oconto.

The First National bank of Whiting, In., has made application for a charter, with a capital of \$5,000.

Application has ben received at the Treasury department to convert the First National bank of Basin, Wyo., capital \$5,000, into the Pioneer Trust and Savines bank of Basin.

"Buy-a-Yard-of-Cloth" Days.

NEW YORK, March 10.—"Buy a yard of cloth" days have been designated by more than fifty governors and mayors throughout the country in the last week to aid state committees of the commission for relief in Belgium in their efforts to obtain clothing for the destitute in Belgium and northern Prance, it was announced here tonight. Luther Burbank Better.

## AMERICAN ARMY **CROSSES MEXICO BOUNDARY TODAY**

United States Government Orders Funston to Move Troops Across Line and Get Villa Alive or Dead.

SOLDIERS MOVE BEFORE NIGHT

Size of Expedition and Length it Will Go Depends on Necessities of Case.

CARRANZA TO SEND 5,000 MEN

BISBEE, Ariz., March 10 .- An American rancher was killed by a band of 200 Mexican bandits who crossed the border near Osborne Junction, Ariz., tonight.

WASHINGTON, March 10 .- American troops were ordered across the Mexican border today by President Wilson to take Francisco Villa and his bandits, dead or alive.

Under the direction, if not actually the leadership of Major General Funston, who ended the Philippine insurrection by taking Agninadlo single-handed, American columns are expected to be moving into Mexico before tomorrow night. They go to meet about 3,000 guerrila TO BEGIN PURSUIT go to meet about 3,000 guerrila troops in a mountainous region, from which Carranza troops have fled. No less than 5,000 men, probably more. will comprise the American expedition. Whether this long-deferred armed action, which begins purely as a punitive emasure to clear northern Mexico of menacing bandit bands Collumbus, N. M., March 10 .- over which Genearl Carranza has no Civil and military authorities along control, shall grow into a general the border here today gave unani- armed intervention or occupation in mous expression in favor of imme- Mexico depends in a large measure

Wilson's Statement. It begins with President Wilson's out thought of aggression. This state-In fact messages have been re- ment, prepared by th epresident,

> An adequate force will be sent at once in pursuit of Villa. with the single object of capturing him and putting a stop

to his forays. This can be done, and will be done, in entirely friendly and aid of the constituted author ities in Mexico, and with scrupulous respect for the sovereignty

of that republic. President Wilson's decision to depart from the policy of watchful waiting, hastened by the Columbus massacre yesterday, was announced today after it had been unanimously approved by the cabinet and administration leaders in congress.

Position Explained. The president's position was explained fully to the latter, who agreed that he hould not be embarrassed at this time

by discussions of a minority might arouse trouble in Mexico. After a brief cabinet meeting, at which the president was described as being determined to eliminate Villa as he was to climinate Huerts, Secretary Baker hurried to the War department and as his first act in office sent orders to the border troops. Soon afterward the army general staff asembled and conferred over the plans, long drawn and perfected since the Mexican situation loomed up as a disturber to the peace of the United

States. General Funston telegraphed urging utmost secrecy of the army plans. The border is honeycombed with Mexican spies, and it was agreed that the expidition will be pushed to success by keeping Villa and his men ignorant of its movements. It is possible that no corespondents will be permitted to accompany the columns. At any rate a strict censorship will be imposed.

Garrison Offers Services. Former Secretary Garrison, familiar with the army's Mexican plans by his association with the crisis two years ago, came to Washington and offered his serves to ald his successor. They were at once accepted, and Mr. Garrison went into conference with Secretary Baker at the War department.

General Carranza, in a telegram to the Continued on Page Two, Column One.)

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