

# Villa Stands Off U. S. Troops in Mexico

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### GERMANS REPORT CAPTURE OF VAUX FROM THE FRENCH

Village and Armored Fort, North-east of Verdun, Said by Berlin to Have Been Taken by Imperial Army.

### ASSAULT IS MADE IN NIGHT

French Story Says Few Teutons Who Penetrated Village Were Driven Away

### FIERCE BAYONET FIGHTING

BERLIN, March 9.—(Via London.)—The village and armored fort of Vaux, northeast of Verdun, has been captured by the Germans, the war office announced today.

The announcement says that in addition to the village and fort of Vaux, numerous adjoining fortified positions were captured. The assault was made in the night by Posen reserve regiments.

### French Report Contradictory.

PARIS, March 9.—The Germans have been repulsed between Douaumont and the village of Vaux after several heavy attacks, accompanied by intense artillery fire and violent infantry assaults, according to the French official statement, which says the attackers were completely defeated after having penetrated the village of Vaux.

The French official statement issued today says:

"In the Argonne our artillery has continued its bombardment of the enemy's routes of communication, notably in the eastern Argonne and in the region of Mont Faucon and Nantillois.

"West of the Meuse the enemy attempted several counter attacks during the night to regain trenches lost yesterday. Two abortive attacks were preceded by an intense artillery preparation directed against Bethincourt. The attacks were stopped by our batteries, which prevented the enemy from debouching from the Gorbeux wood. The renewed efforts of the enemy have not been able to dislodge us from the large stretch of territory which we have reconquered and consolidated.

"East of the Meuse the struggle is being carried on with great bitterness since yesterday. At the end of the evening our forces, during the night, between Douaumont and the village of Vaux, the Germans directed several powerful attacks. In spite of the intensity of the artillery fire and the violence of the infantry assaults, the enemy was unable to make any impression on our line and has been completely repulsed. Some detachments of German infantry which had penetrated the village of Vaux were driven out immediately at the point of the bayonet by a counter attack.

"In the woods there has been an intermittent bombardment on both sides without any infantry action. In Lorraine a surprise attack west of the Le Pretre forest resulted in the capture by us of twenty prisoners."

### Paper Makers Ask Women to Save Rags

WASHINGTON, March 9.—An appeal made to women in 1881 by paper manufacturers to save their rags, is recalled today by the Department of Commerce in a circular urging the country to hoard both paper and rags to avert a threatened shortage of paper making materials.

It is declared the need is as urgent now as then. A great part of the paper thrown away every day should be used over again, the circular declares.

The paper saving crusade was suggested by paper manufacturers themselves.

### Citizens' Caucus at Louisville.

LOUISVILLE, Neb., March 9.—(Special.)—The citizens' party held a caucus last night in the city hall and nominated the following men for councilmen: V. F. Diers, E. H. Worthman and R. C. Vant. The drags will hold their caucus Friday night.

### The Weather

Forecast till 7 p. m. Friday:  
For Omaha, Council Bluffs and Vicinity—Partly cloudy; cold.

Temperatures at Omaha Yesterday.	
Hours.	Deg.
5 a. m.	33
6 a. m.	32
7 a. m.	31
8 a. m.	30
9 a. m.	29
10 a. m.	28
11 a. m.	27
12 m.	26
1 p. m.	25
2 p. m.	24
3 p. m.	23
4 p. m.	22
5 p. m.	21
6 p. m.	20
7 p. m.	19

Comparison of Local Record.

Month	1916	1915	1914	1913
Highest yesterday	33	31	27	33
Lowest yesterday	20	21	28	33
Mean temperature	28	28	28	33
Precipitation	.00	.00	.00	.00

Temperature and precipitation departures from the normal:

Normal temperature	Departure
Normal temperature	32
Excess for the day	15
Total deficiency since March 1	8
Normal precipitation	34
Deficiency for the day	34
Total rainfall since March 1	.08
Deficiency since March 1	.22
Excess for cor. period, 1915	.27
Deficiency for cor. period, 1914	.22

### SOUP AT UNION LEAGUE BANQUET TASTED BY CHEF

CHICAGO, March 9.—Soups served by the Union League club of Chicago were tasted by one of the chefs before being placed on the table, according to A. W. Harris, head of Northwestern university and a former president of the organization. The arrangement was made, he said, because of the recent poisoning of the soup at a dinner tendered Archbishop Mastrein at the University Club.

### American Army Machine Guns Won't Work and Villa Men Escaped

EL PASO, Tex., March 9.—Failure of the machine guns at the crucial time, when most needed at the beginning of the fight between the Villa bandits and the Thirteenth cavalry at Columbus, early this morning, is the cause attributed for the escape of the bandits.

Private Johnson brought five wounded soldiers and one officer to El Paso this afternoon.

The attack began near the edge of Columbus. There were no guns or weapons of any kind in the hospital. Johnson said he killed one Villa bandit with an ax, which he threw as the fleeing Mexican passed the hospital shouting "Viva Villa."

Johnson said that the body of Pablo Lopez, who directed the massacre of the eighteen Americans at Santa Ysabel, two months ago, was identified. He exhibited what he said were Lopez's legions.

Private James Venner, Troop K, who was shot through the chest, says he killed four Mexicans and was raising his rifle to fire at another when a bullet laid him low. He says many of the guns used by the Villistas were .22 caliber rifles, and others were of ancient model. The Villa men, he said, were without machine guns.

### MUST BE PREPARED, SAYS GOV. CARLSON

Governor of Colorado. Before Noon Day Club, Urges More Physical Training for Boys.

### MUST MAINTAIN STANDARD TO LAY WASTE ALL OF U. S.

"Destiny's proclamation is ringing in the ears and beating upon the conscience of every patriotic American—and are we ready?" Interrogated Governor George A. Carlson of Colorado in an address last evening at the annual banquet of the Noonday club, held in the Commercial club rooms. He was the principal speaker of the evening.

The chief executive of Colorado declared that we must not allow a century and a quarter of unparalleled good fortune to so fill us with complacency and self-satisfaction as to blind our eyes to menacing foreign foes and internal dangers.

He asked if, in the light of history, the American people are willing to scan the horizon for impending peril with truthful eyes. "Are we willing," he questioned, "to make an inventory of our internal assets to find out just where we stand, and then are we wise enough and honest enough with ourselves to pay the price we must pay to maintain ourselves in history as an independent republic?"

### Strong Men Needed.

"If our country should call for us tomorrow it might be necessary to march forty miles a day over the roughest country, to sleep on a frozen ground, to dig ditches and dig without rest, save we the physical basis to do it? We must so train that if our country calls, we men of today can deliver in brass as well as in brain. When men lose pride in vital, vigorous manhood, they always turn their energies into the trough of dissipation. I believe in the development of the physical in our boys and men."

### Must Be Ready to Be Free.

"Mothers and fathers in their love pray that their boys may be kept from the fury of wild storms, that he may escape the pangs of hunger and the horrors of war. But he who rules that boy after he has put the parents into (Continued on Page Four, Column Five.)

### French Now Sure Lines About City of Verdun Will Hold

PARIS, March 9.—The official statement published last night has done much to relieve the tension which had been caused in the public mind by the expectation of great onslaught on the main French defenses on the west bank of the Meuse. Press and public are now more than ever convinced that the Germans will not be able to take Verdun.

Artillerymen on both sides are living up to reputation already established for the battle of Verdun as the greatest artillery duel of the war. Many sectors of the French front on Sunday and Monday last received an average of 100-500 shells in twelve hours. Whole woods were reduced to kindling material. The river at Verdun disappeared altogether, having been dammed in half a dozen places, and thirty feet of the crest of Hill No. 213, near Forges, was blown away.

### New Leads Watson More Than Eight Thousand Votes

INDIA, APOLIS, Ind., March 9.—With 2,794 out of 3,175 precincts of the state in and with Harry S. New leading by 5,202 votes, James E. Watson today admitted that he had been defeated on the first choice votes in Tuesday's primary for the republican nomination for United States senator.

### Trainmen Vote for Parley with Roads

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### FIFTEEN HUNDRED MEXICANS RAID AN AMERICAN TOWN

### BANDITS KILL 16 AMERICANS AND RE-CROSS BORDER

Villa Personally Leads Band of 1,500 Men in American Territory and Attacks Columbus, N. M.

### BATTLES WITH THE SOLDIERS Fires Many Buildings Before Forced to Flee Before United States Cavalry.

### MANY OF THE OUTLAWS SLAIN

COLUMBUS, N. M., March 9.—Personal papers of Francisco Villa were contained in a portmanteau found by a United States trooper just west of the American camp.

COLUMBUS, N. M., March 9.—Francisco Villa, outlawed Mexican bandit, raided United States territory today. With 1,500 men he attacked Columbus, killed at least sixteen Americans and fired many buildings before he was driven back across the international border.

At least 250 troopers of the Thirteenth United States cavalry followed the Villa band into Mexico. Reports to Colonel H. J. Slocum late today stated that Villa had made a stand five miles south of the border, where spirited fighting ensued. In this engagement an unnamed private was killed and Captain Adjutant George Williams was wounded.

### Holding Ground.

The small detachment of troopers, under Majors Tompkins and Lindsay, fighting dismounted, made a determined stand against the renewed Villa attack and at last reports were holding their ground.

The raid to American territory proved costly to the bandit chieftain. The bodies of eighteen Mexican bandits, including Pablo Lopez, second in command, had been gathered and burned before noon and troopers reported an undetermined number of dead still lying in the brush.

Led to the attack under the slogan, "Death to the Americans," Villa's followers fought with desperation. Just before dawn they crept along ditches skirting the United States cavalry camp and rushed the sleeping town, firing heavily. The first volley brought American troopers into almost instant action. While a portion of the raiders engaged the cavalrymen, others detailed by the bandit chieftain began applying the torch and shooting American civilians who ventured from the buildings.

### Target for Snipers.

Lights in homes and public buildings immediately became targets for snipers posted at Villa's direction. Other bandits, the Mexican raiders were commanded by Villa personally.

General Pershing's report follows: "Slocum reports by telephone and asks me report that Villa himself led the charge through camp with a force estimated at from 500 to 1,000 men. Eleven Mexicans were killed in camp any twenty-three altogether so far."

"Four enlisted men killed and officer and seven men were wounded. Prisoners state Villa very bitter, vowing death to all Americans. Villa retreating into hills southeast."

### Must Only Go Two Miles.

Slocum sent five troops in pursuit with orders not to go more than two miles beyond the border. Slocum thinks he has enough to handle situation and recommends that cavalry be sent if any numbers of troops are to go after Villa.

"Several of the attacking party were killed and several wounded by the American forces. The attacking party burned the depot and principal buildings at Columbus."

"The department is in receipt of a mail dispatch dated February 21 from Fronteras, in the state of Sonora, stating that the governor of the state of Tabasco, by a decree dated February 8, officially changed the name of the capital of that state from San Juan Bautista to Villahermosa."

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### VILLA, THE MEXICAN BANDIT, whose men have now made a raid across the border and engaged in a deadly skirmish with United States soldiers.



GENERAL VILLA. © NUTRIL-FILM CORP.

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### Fall Wants Army of Half Million Men Sent Into Mexico

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 9.—The Mexican question broke out in congress late today. Senator Fall of New Mexico announced that he had prepared a resolution to authorize recruiting an army of 500,000 to intervene in Mexico and aid the existing authorities in stamping out brigandage, while in the house Representative Mondell, republican of Wyoming, started debate with a speech attacking the administration's Mexican policy.

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CHICAGO, March 9.—It was officially announced here tonight that the vote of 80,000 engineers, firemen and trainmen of American railroads overwhelmingly favored authorizing union heads to enter into negotiations with the railroads for an eight-hour day.

### CARRANZA ASKED TO LET AMERICAN SOLDIERS ENTER

Pershing Formally Asks Mexican Chief to Permit U. S. Troops Cross Line in Chase of Outlaws.

### MUST HUG THE BORDER NOW

Cavalrymen Ordered Not to Go More Than Two Miles South of Boundary.

### JUST FOR THIS OCCASION

WASHINGTON, March 9.—Formal request for permission to send American troops across the border to hunt down Villa and his bandits, who raided Columbus, N. M., early today, has been made by General Carranza by Brigadier General Pershing at El Paso, through Andres Garcia, Carranza's consul there.

While reply from Carranza is awaited, five troops of the Thirteenth cavalry are across the border under orders from their commander, Colonel Slocum, not to go more than two miles into the interior.

### Sends Notification.

Late today the United States sent a formal notification of the Columbus massacre to General Carranza through American Consul Stillman.

The text of the message to Stillman was not made public. It was said to set forth the facts as they now are understood here and to direct the attention of general Carranza to the seriousness of the situation. Eliseo Arrandona, the Mexican ambassador, designate, called at the State department during the afternoon.

### Just for This Time.

Secretary Lansing said that if permission were asked it would be for this occasion only, and that the troops would be withdrawn when they had accomplished their purpose.

Senator Fall of New Mexico received today a telegram from El Paso which said that Colonel Slocum, commander of the Thirteenth cavalry, had followed the bandits into Mexico and had wired that "he was going to stay with the pursuit until he captured the whole bunch."

The Mexican commander at Juarez, the Fall telegram said, had endorsed the action of American troops in crossing the international line. The bandits, according to the message, were under Villa's personal command when they raided Columbus.

### Forces Repulsed.

State department dispatches received from Columbus, N. M., and El Paso, Tex., were summarized in the following official statement:

"Columbus was attacked this morning at 4:30 o'clock. Citizens murdered. The attacking force was repulsed at about 6 o'clock. The town was partly burned. The attacking party retreated to the west. It is not possible to state definitely how many were killed. The employees of customs service and their families are reported safe."

"It is stated that the attacking force numbered between 500 and 600 and that General Villa was probably in command. Three American soldiers were killed and some were wounded. There were four civilians killed and four wounded. Several of the attacking party were killed. A later report from General Funston this afternoon placed the trooper dead reported to him at three; wounded at ten. A battalion of infantry has been ordered from Douglas to Rachtia to release the cavalry for patrol. He made no mention of troops crossing the border."

### Tug Cut in Two by a Steamship

NEWPORT NEWS, Va., March 9.—The Old Dominion line passenger steamer Madison, New York to Norfolk, and the tug Daniel F. Willard, collied in Hampton Roads at 10:30 a. m. today. The tug was cut in two and sank immediately. There was no loss of life.

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