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## Verdun Fight Reported Lessening in Intensity Washington Orders Villa's Immediate Capture Ontario Buys the Trent Valley Power Plants

### AMERICAN TROOPS ORDERED TO CROSS THE BORDER AFTER VILLA

Major General Funston Receives Instructions From President Wilson to Head an Armed Force Into Mexico, and He is Expected to be Successful in His Venture.

By Special Wire to the Courier. Washington, March 11.—Major-General Frederick Funston, in command of the American troops along the border, has orders from President Wilson to-day to send an armed force into Mexico to take Francisco Villa and his outlaws dead or alive, and the Washington Government expects him to execute them. Actual details of carrying out the President's instructions are to be left to General Funston, who was expected to have American troops moving into Mexico before nightfall.

General instructions were sent to Funston last night after a long conference between officers of the general staff at the war department, when plans for troops movements across the border were formulated. The memorandum on the subject was later submitted to President Wilson by Secretary Baker. The strictest secrecy was being observed by the war department regarding the army's plans for the capture of the bandits. This is in accordance with the urgent request of General Funston, the object being to prevent Villa from learning of the movements of the expedition.

A PUNITIVE MEASURE ONLY. Administration officials made it plain that the expedition was purely a punitive measure for the purpose of punishing the bandits and not for the purpose of conquering the territory. The state department has informed General Carranza of the action of the Washington government, and expressed the hope that he would not object. Eleio Aranda, Carranza's ambassador here, has indicated that his chief would not oppose the movement.

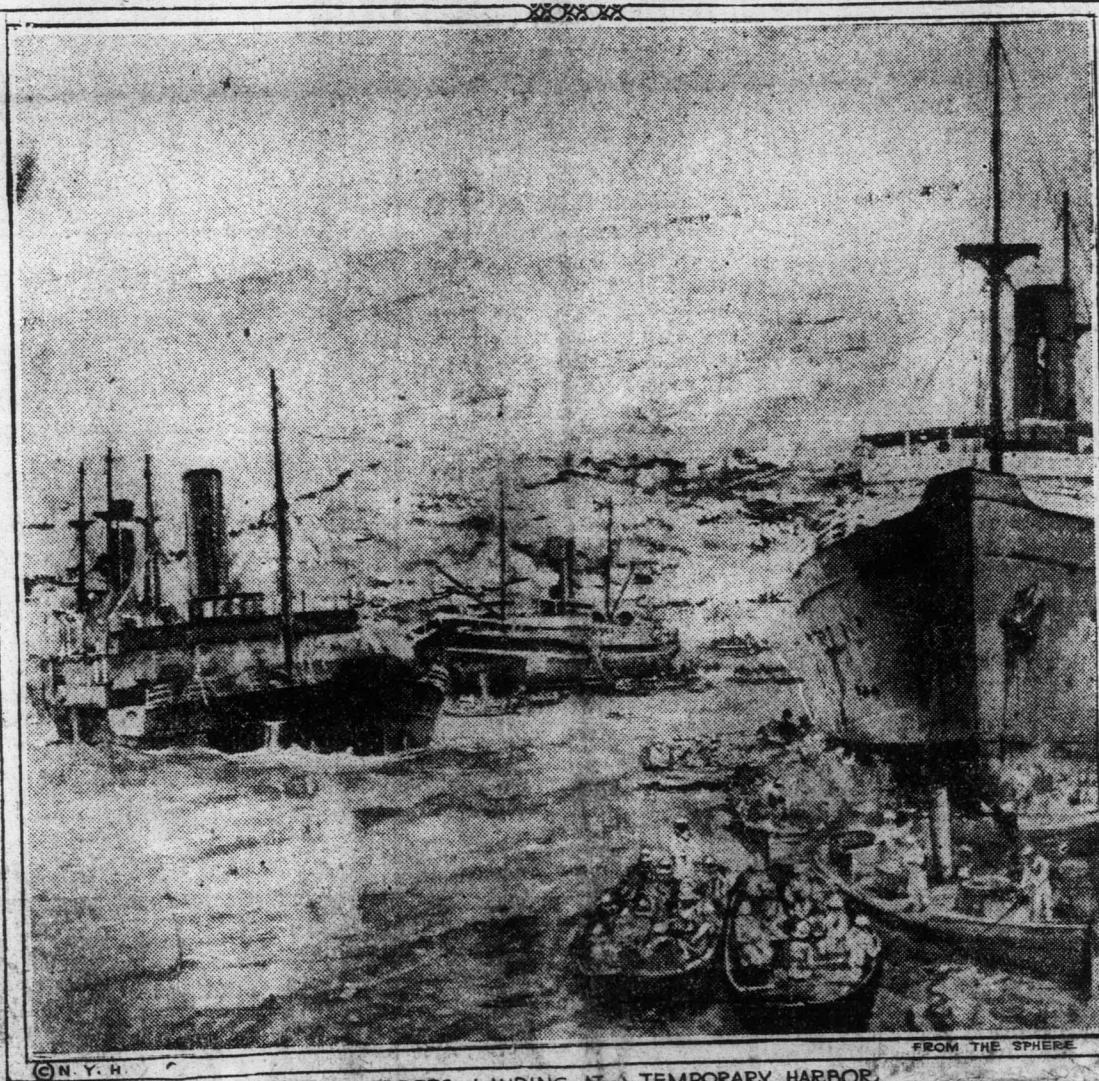
MEMBERS OF CONGRESS, without regard to party, approve the step, the only difference of opinion being on the part of certain Republicans who favor even more extensive operations than those planned by the administration. On both sides of the capitol, the disposition apparently is to allow the president to handle the situation for the present.

Steps to prevent discussion of the subject in Congress, and to forestall any action which might interfere with the president's plans were to be taken at a meeting to-day of the Senate foreign affairs committee. The meeting was called by Senator Stone late yesterday after the president had outlined his position to him.

ON A WEEK-END CRUISE. The naval yacht, Mayflower, on a week-end cruise down the Potomac in close touch with wireless with the White House and the war department for any developments in the Mexican situation. Unless some unusual development occurs, the president will not return until Monday.

Princeton University Faculty has denied that students are taking up military drill.

### HOW SUNKEN SHIPS FORM HARBORS FOR ALLIES



BRITISH TROOPS LANDING AT A TEMPORARY HARBOR. ONE OF THE MOST INTERESTING FEATURES CONNECTED WITH THE LANDING OF TROOPS AND STORES IN THE AEGEAN SEA IS THE CONSTRUCTION OF TEMPORARY HARBORS. BREAKWATERS ARE FORMED BY SINKING OLD MERCHANT STEAMERS IN A CURVING ROW, STEM TO STERN. THESE VESSELS WITHSTAND MUCH BUFFETING FOR MANY MONTHS. THE FOREMOST SUNKEN SHIP IS SEEN ON THE LEFT.

### IS GERMANY BEHIND VILLA? HE IS CONVINCED THAT IT IS

One of His Followers When Captured Wore a Well Made Grey Military Uniform—Meant to Wipe Out the Town of Columbus Says Mrs. Wright, Woman Captive.

Columbus, N.M., March 11.—Seventeen wounded Villa soldiers captured by Col. Stocum's troopers of the thirteenth United States cavalry in Thursday's battle here, will be charged with murder for the killing of seven American soldiers slain in the fight, according to an announcement to-day by E. B. Stone, special agent of the department of justice. The prisoners include a boy 12 years old and two officers.

Stone said he would confer to-day with United States district attorney Burkhart of New Mexico and that the charges probably would name Francisco Villa, the bandit chief, who led the raid on Columbus.

Stone added it was probable that similar charges of murder would be filed against the prisoners in the state courts of New Mexico in connection with the killing of nine civilians by the bandit raiders.

Pablo Sanchez, arrested while signaling Mexicans across the border yesterday, and held as a spy, will be charged with aiding an enemy while on the soil of the United States.

Sanchez, claimed to be a rancher, but when he was searched a pair of field glasses were found under his blue jumper. The removal of his overalls revealed a well made grey military uniform.

MRS. WRIGHT'S STORY. EL PASO, Texas, March 11.—Mrs. Maude Hawke Wright, the American woman who rode nine days with the Villa troop, preceding the raid on Columbus, N.H., is here to-day awaiting the arrival of her baby, which was taken from her and given to a Mexican family at their home near Pearson, Mexico. The baby is safe and she expects it to be brought to her today or to-morrow. Her husband was killed by the bandits.

"Villa only talked to me twice," Mrs. Wright said. "I avoided talking with him because he would have thought I admired him and would have forced me to accompany him. He told his officers how he would wipe out the town of Columbus, and then when the United States tried to invade the Mexican territory, Germany and Japan would step in to interfere. Villa believed this firmly."

"I have overheard him make such remarks from time to time. Whether some agents of these two countries are making him believe this, or whether it is an idea which came to him, I do not know, but he is convinced he will be assisted in the fight he has started."

### VERDUN BATTLE DWINDLING IN INTENSITY

Portuguese Government Resigns in Order to Make Way for National Defence Administration.

Paris, March 11.—The battle of Verdun is fast dwindling in intensity. The Germans have in no way impaired the main defenses of the fortress, notwithstanding the violence of their onslaughts. Whether they will make another big effort after a lull, or whether the battle will end as did the other great offensives on the western front by return to normal conditions of trench warfare, cannot be discerned at present, but French military opinion is inclined to believe the latter will be the case.

On the west bank of the Meuse, the Germans facing an effective curtain of fire from the French have made no further attempts on Bethincourt. They contented themselves with winning back, at heavy cost, portions of Corbeaux wood, which were wrested from them on the preceding day. The determined nature of the attack there indicates the Germans evidently intend, if possible, to drive through Cumieres wood to the village of Dead Man and Goose hills. This they nearly succeeded in doing on Wednesday. Once solidly established there, they would be able to attack Goose Hill from two sides, as Hill No. 263 to the east of Goose Hill is already in their possession. If Bethincourt were carried in the meantime, they would be able to repeat this attack against Dead Man Hill.

Fighting to the east of the Meuse is hardly as active as that to the west of the river. The ranks of the Germans were depleted by heavy losses in the attacks between Douaumont village and Haumont, and on the village of Vaux, which were cut short by French fire before being developed.

Lisbon, Portugal, via Paris, March 11.—The Portuguese cabinet has resigned to give place to a national defence government, which is now being formed.

In parliament yesterday, Dr. Augusto Soares, foreign minister of the retiring cabinet, read the notes exchanged between Germany and Portugal and also a note from Great Britain requesting the Portuguese government in view of the alliance between these nations, to seize German ships in Portuguese ports, Transatlantic prevails throughout the country. A. Baker, Canadian Engineers; Lieut. E. Peplar, 3rd F.C. Canadian Engineers, and Private P. A. Lambert, 2nd Battalion.

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Secretary Daniels has issued a denial of the story that the battleship Tennessee carries a full stock of intoxicants.

### Cabinet Crisis in Italy? Hun Sea-planes Active

Berlin Claims Damage Done by Air Raids to Russian Boats in the Black Sea; Also Bombed British Ships at Samos.

By Special Wire to the Courier. London, March 11.—A Milan despatch to The Daily Mail says that a cabinet crisis is believed to be imminent in Italy, owing to the insistence of the advocates of a coalition government on representation in the cabinet. Leonida Bissolati, leader of the Reformed Socialists, is the nominee of this group for the Premiership. It is believed that a place will be offered to him in the present cabinet.

IN THE BLACK SEA. A Central News despatch from Amsterdam says that on Thursday morning German seaplanes dropped bombs on a Russian squadron of one battleship and five destroyers, and on several Russian merchant ships in the Black Sea near Kali Anka Cape on the coast of Bulgaria, about 25 miles northeast of Varna. It was observed that some of the destroyers were hit. Despite heavy shelling from the Russian warships, the communication adds, the seaplanes returned safely.

NEVER HIT ONE. Athens, March 10, via London, March 11.—On Wednesday German aeroplanes coming from the coast of Asia Minor, flew over the Island of Samos, which lies 42 miles to the southwest of Smyrna, and threw bombs at British ships in a harbor there, without hitting any of them. The aeroplanes returned to Asia Minor.

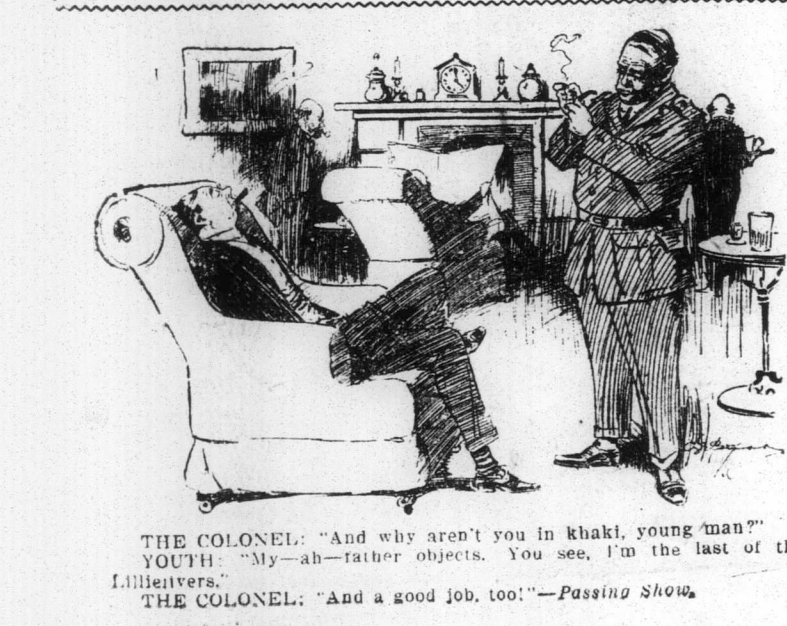
### 215TH BATTALION CASES UP AT ASSIZE COURT

Junior Major and Quartermaster Are Announced. Both Spoken Of as First-class Men in Every Way. Two Non-Jury and One Jury Case Carded Up to Date.

The following items are taken from the Hamilton Spectator—"Judge Snider has received word that his son, Headley Snider, has been appointed junior major to Lieut-Col. Harry Cocksbutt, officer commanding the 215th Brantford Battalion. Major Snider has been to the front with the Canadian Mounted Rifles, but was recalled, as it was thought that his experience on the firing line might prove very beneficial in the work of organizing this unit."

"The other appointment announced is that of Quartermaster-Sergeant R. J. Ferguson, who has held that office in the depot battalion since its inception, and who will be the quartermaster of the 215th Brantford Battalion. He will receive the rank of Honorary Captain in Lieut-Col. H. Cocksbutt's unit. Capt. Ferguson united with the 13th Royal Regiment in 1891, signing up as a bugler, and will complete his 25th year with that regiment next month. He is taking out his commission through the local unit. He has already received his long service medal. Capt Ferguson is a past-president of the sergeants' mess of the 13th Royal Regiment, and is now holding the position as secretary. He has been connected with the regimental stores department for twelve years. Since his appointment to the depot battalion it is estimated by the chief recruiting officer, that he has outfitted about 4,000 men. His appointment to a rank after such long service is very popular."

### COURIER'S DAILY CARTOON



Spring Models. Exhibition of Spring models, in Ready to Wear and Millinery next Wednesday and Thursday. Admission by card, which may be secured on request. E. B. Crompton & Co., Limited.

The Princeton class of 1916 has agreed to take out \$60,000 life insurance in favor of the university.

Foreign corporations are not prohibited from holding stock in New Jersey companies under President Wilson's corporation legislation of 1913, according to a decision handed down by the Court of Appeals.

### A MASCOT

Lt.-Col. Cutcliffe and the officers of the 125th Battalion C. E. F., wish to heartily thank Warden Harris for his presentation to the battalion of a mascot pony. He is about 35 inches high, and rejoices in the name of "Brant." He has been formally enrolled and is a credit to all ranks. He is to be accorded with a khaki rug and with bridle and everything else to match. Yesterday he took dinner with Pioneer Sergeant Bennett in his dining room and behaved like a little gentleman. Now, then, who is going to help with his outfitting?

### ENEMY MAKES SOME PROGRESS

PARIS, March 11, 2.30 p.m.—There is still violent fighting for the possession of the fort at Vaux, according to announcement of the French war office this afternoon. The Germans have made progress along the slopes leading to this position, but they have not yet reached the barbed wire entanglements in front of the fort.

The Germans hold some houses in the eastern part of the village of Vaux, while the French are still in possession of the western part of the town.

### Provincial Prohibition.

Winnipeg, March 11.—Manitoba votes Monday on provincial prohibition and the week-end is being devoted by the temperance forces to a series of meetings in the city and throughout the province.

### FRENCH HONORS FOR CANADIAN SOLDIERS

Legion of Honor and Other Decorations Awarded Officers and Men.

Ottawa, March 11.—A communique from the Canadian General Representative in France, received by the Militia Department last night says: "The President of the French Republic has conferred decorations as shown below to the following officers, non-commissioned officers and men of the Canadian Corps:

La Legion d'Honneur Croix d'Officier—Lieut.-Col. Charles H. Mitchell (Toronto), Headquarters Canadian Corps; Lieut.-Col. F. O. Loomis (Montreal), 13th Battalion; Lieut.-Col. G. S. Tuxford (Moose Jaw, Sask.) 9th Battalion.

La Legion d'Honneur Croix de Chevalier—Major F. A. Creighton (Winnipeg), 1st Battalion; Major Hercule Barre (Montreal), 14th Battalion; Lieut. H. Quintal (Montreal), 14th Battalion; the late Captain G. T. Richardson (Kingston, Ont., killed in action), 2nd Battalion, and Captain G. A. Cline, 2nd Divisional Signal Company (Appleby P.O., Ontario).

Medaille Militaire—Sergt. J. A. Barnhill, 12th Battery; Signal Sergt. H. K. Clifton (Toronto), 3rd Battalion; Sergt. J. A. Scroggie, 16th Battalion; Corp. B. C. Hall, 1st F. C. Canadian Engineers; Lance-Corporal E. A. Barrett, 4th Battalion; Lance-Corporal M. T. Greer, 19th Alberta Dragoons; Lance-Corporal J. A. Houston, 24th Battalion; Sapper J. T. Duffy, 3rd F. C. Canadian Engineers, and Private P. A. Lambert, 2nd Battalion.

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