

TURKISH ATTEMPT TO RECAPTURE ERZERUM COLLAPSES

Russians Win Success a Short Distance From Trebizond

VILLA IS DEAD BELIEF GROWS ALONG BORDER

U.S. Expedition to Be Withdrawn at Once If News Proves True.

BODY WAS EXHUMED

Carranza Forces Said to Be in Possession of Bandit's Remains.

WASHINGTON, April 16.—American troops will be withdrawn from Mexico immediately if Francisco Villa is dead. Administration officials made this unqualified statement tonight, commenting on reports from Mexican sources that the bandit's body had been discovered and was being taken from Cusi to Chihuahua city by special train.

Neither the state nor the war department had any confirmation on the subject from American sources. Reports reaching El Paso and other border points were forwarded for information, but neither American consuls nor military authorities in Mexico were heard from.

Officials would not discuss what proof they would deem necessary to establish the fact that the body mentioned in these reports is that of Villa. It is certain, however, that every effort will be made to obtain so complete an identification as to make sure beyond reasonable doubt that the man who waged war with a few hundred bandits against the United States, and the de facto government of Mexico simultaneously has paid the penalty. Consul Letcher at Chihuahua should be able to make the identification.

Reports Are Circumstantial.

EL PASO, Texas, April 16.—Francisco Villa is dead, and his body, disinterred some days after his burial, is in possession of the Carranza troops, according to a series of telegraphic messages received in Juarez today by the Mexican officials.

For more than a week reports that Villa had died from wounds have been current both here and in Juarez. Today's accounts were the most circumstantial and apparently reliable yet received. They were accepted with reserve by American officials, including Gen. George Bell, but the Mexican officials expressed confidence in their reliability.

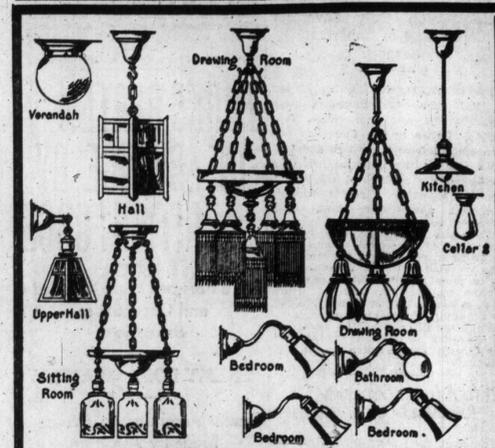
It is known that Villa has been suffering from a virulent form of blood poisoning. He was treated for this disease while the Mexican physicians in El Paso, who state that the condition of the bandit was such that even a minor wound would be fatal in ten days, unless treated promptly with the best medical skill and care.

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MORE THAN MILLION ARMENIANS MURDERED

One Hundred Thousand Catholics, Including Four Bishops, Among Victims.

AMSTERDAM, April 16.—Telegraphing from Cologne, the correspondent of The Tild says: "Catholic ecclesiastical authorities in Germany have received from an authoritative source in the Catholic mission trustworthy information that more than 1,000,000 Armenians have been murdered by Turks thru starvation or ill-treatment. About 100,000 Catholics were among them, including four bishops."

The message concludes: "Popular feeling among the Armenians was roused against the Turks by the British."

AUSTRALIANS DEFEAT TURK FORCE IN EGYPT

Sharp Brush Report Near Jifjaffa During Reconnaissance.

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OTTAWA, April 16.—W. M. Germain, M.P. for Welland, has issued a writ against the City of Ottawa for \$10,000 damages. The writ was issued on Saturday and the claim is for injuries he received from a fall on February last on Bessner street. He had his arm broken and is claiming damages for the suffering, loss of time and medical expenses, making a total of \$10,000. The writ claims that the sidewalk was in a very bad condition, due to the negligence of the city.

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FOE TO ATTACK VERDUN AGAIN

KNIVERS PETAIN

Glorious Day for French Arms, Says Order Praising Troops.

KAISER CHEERS MEN

Present War Must End There, He Tells Division He Reviewed.

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VISIT TO ADRIANOPLE

Railway Station Attacked—Three Hundred Mile Journey Safely Made.

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Success Won Over Germans South of Garbounovka in Dvinsk Region.

CZERNOWITZ AIR RAIDED

Treacherous Austrians, Pretending Surrender, Attacked Czar's Troops With Knives.

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PT. ARTHUR NAVIGATION OPENS.

PORT ARTHUR, April 16.—The steamer British, from the British first boat to enter Port Arthur this season, having arrived at 5 o'clock this evening. The ship was able to enter the harbor thru the broken ice, unassisted by the icebreakers.

WAR SUMMARY

THE DAY'S EVENTS REVIEWED

(Continued from Page 1).

do it by replacing their units on the Russian front with the units which were so badly depleted at Verdun.

If the evidence contained in all accounts which filter thru from Germany can be relied on, Prussia badly needs a victory to restore her prestige in the southern states of the empire. Her leadership has been roughly condemned in the diet of Saxony, and Bavaria is also chafing at her hegemony. The great general staff has sacrificed non-Prussians and spared Prussians as much as possible in the war. The south, moreover, did not war in the beginning. It was the North German who wanted it, and, in this case, as Prof. Morgan, who has made an exhaustive investigation into the atrocities of the German soldiery, says, it is possible to indict a whole people. The enormous increase of juvenile crime of the past ten years, as seen from a study of the German statistical records, would be such as to make one expect such conduct as was actually the case from the German army in Belgium and northern France. The Saxon, on the contrary, has been a generous foe and a gentlemanly fighter, and if it were possible, the allies, it is said, would welcome the making of a separate peace with Saxony.

Trebizond comes closer as a prospective Russian seaport, as a result of a Russian success 17 miles east of it, when the Turks were routed from a powerfully organized position on the left bank of the Kara Dere River after a desperate fight. The Turks are being energetically pursued. Trebizond was the point which Xenophon and the 10,000 Greeks made for over 2,000 years ago, and the conditions of the country have a little changed since that retreat from Mesopotamia, although all traces of the tribes and people encountered by those Greeks have vanished in the dim and silent centuries which have since intervened.

The Turkish plan, which broke down after a six days' battle west of Erzerum, was more ambitious than the brief official Russian communications would indicate, being no less than the piercing of the Russian centre, the forcing of the Russian right wing, which was operating along the coast, to retreat, and the recapture of Erzerum. As soon as the Russian resistance aimed the Turkish centre, which failed after many heroic counter-attacks to stop the progress of the Russians across the Pontic range, the other wings of the grand duke's army have resumed their advance on the Bagdad railway, in the east, and on Trebizond and Erzinian, in the west and south. The fresh Turkish troops were thrown against the Russians at the most difficult stage of their march while they were crossing a mountain range 10,000 to 12,000 feet above the sea. It looks now as if the Russians would have plain sailing after this for a considerable time.

In the course of their operations, the Italians have compelled the Austrians to evacuate their position at Monte Carbonile, in the Sugana Valley, which they are keeping under a curtain of fire, and they captured new advance positions by the aid of their infantry and tanks of Sels and Montafone, in the Carso zone, taking 20 prisoners, ammunition, guns and caissons.

Roumania has apparently made a pact with the central powers whereby she is to ship some of her wheat to them. The reaching of this unexpected standing is not so surprising after all. The Kaiser told her what would happen to her in the way of frightfulness, so eagerly drunk in by the hungry German, and Belgium's fate was held up as a horrible example to her. The Roumans have now got on the move and are getting in shape for the making of a further advance in Bukowina. It may be necessary for them to fight a political battle before they are fully prepared, in order to impress Bucharest.

Constantinople and Adrianople were treated to air raids by the British admiralty, three machines visiting the Turkish capital Friday night and dropping bombs on the Zaitunlik powder factory and aeroplane hangars, while the other machine visited Adrianople and dropped bombs on the railway station. All the machines returned from their flight of 300 miles. Allied naval activity along the coast of Turkey-in-Asia may prelude the landing of another expeditionary force acting from Saloniki as a base.

TURK MOVE TO STOP RUSSIANS WHOLLY FAILS

Czar's Victory in Six Days' Battle Prevents Retaking of Erzerum.

FOUGHT STUBBORNLY

After Foe's Debacle, Muscovites Resume Advance Into Interior.

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Flight Commander J. R. W. Smyth-Pigott, who led the Constantinople raiders, already has received the D. S. O. for an exploit last September, when he attacked the railway bridge of the Orient Railway at Kuleli-Bergas in Bulgaria.

This is the second time that the Zaitunlik powder mills have been attacked, they having been bombed by a submarine, which visited Constantinople.

PRESENTATION TO WORLD MAN.

The members of the stereotyping department of the World on Saturday presented Sergt. V. Evans of the 160th, with a wrist watch as a mark of their appreciation of one of their fellow-workers who has enlisted to "do his bit."

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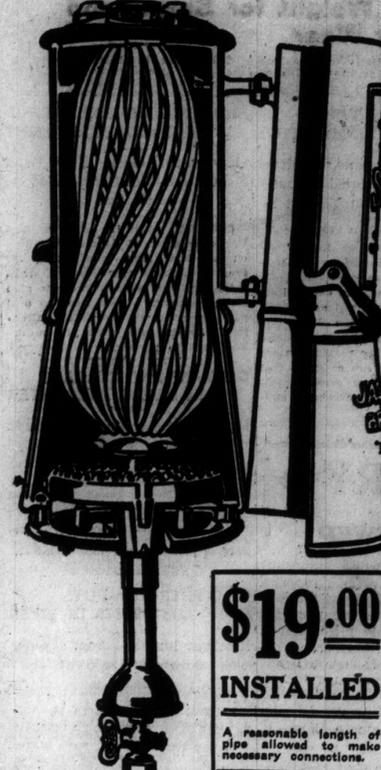
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