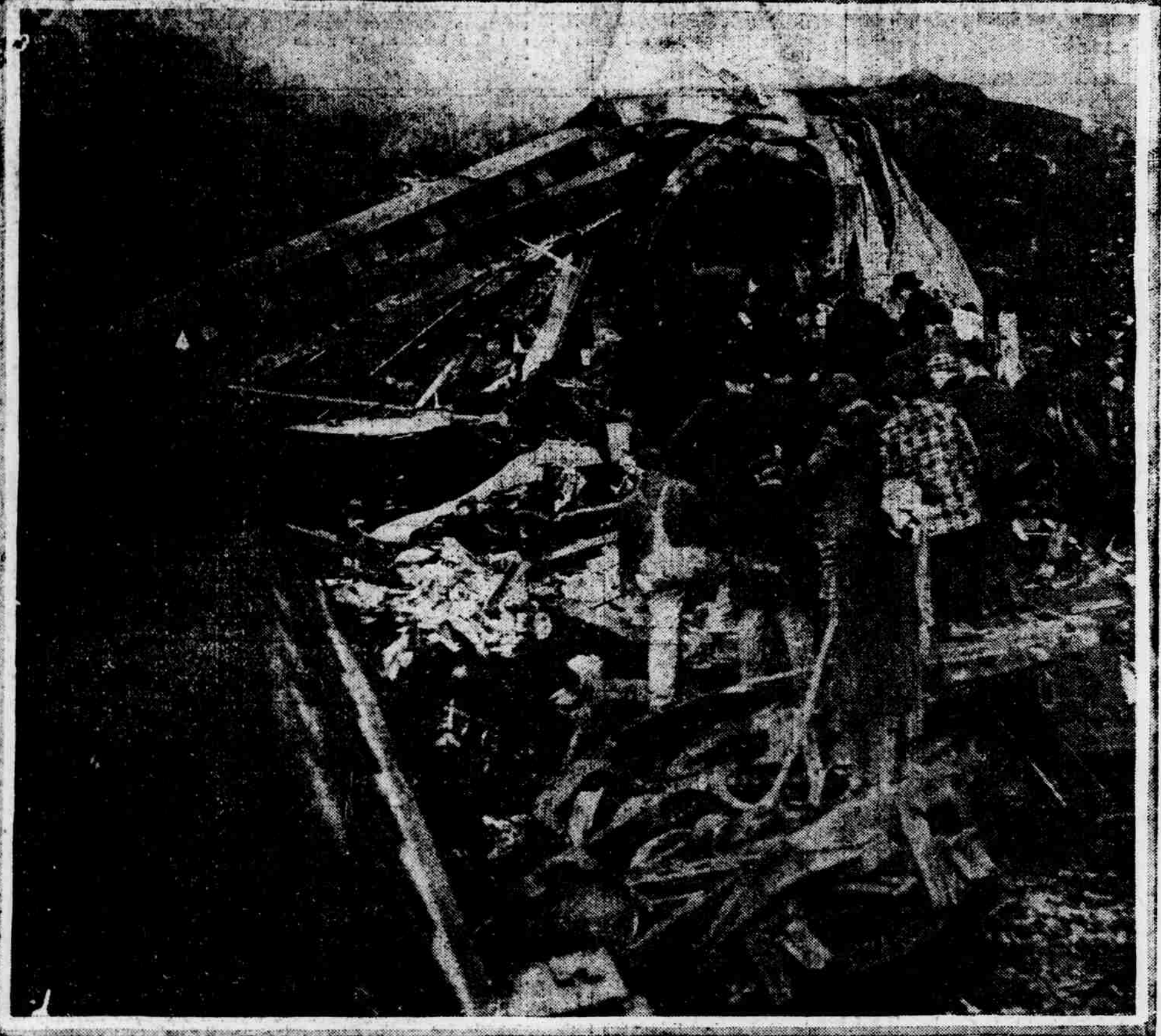
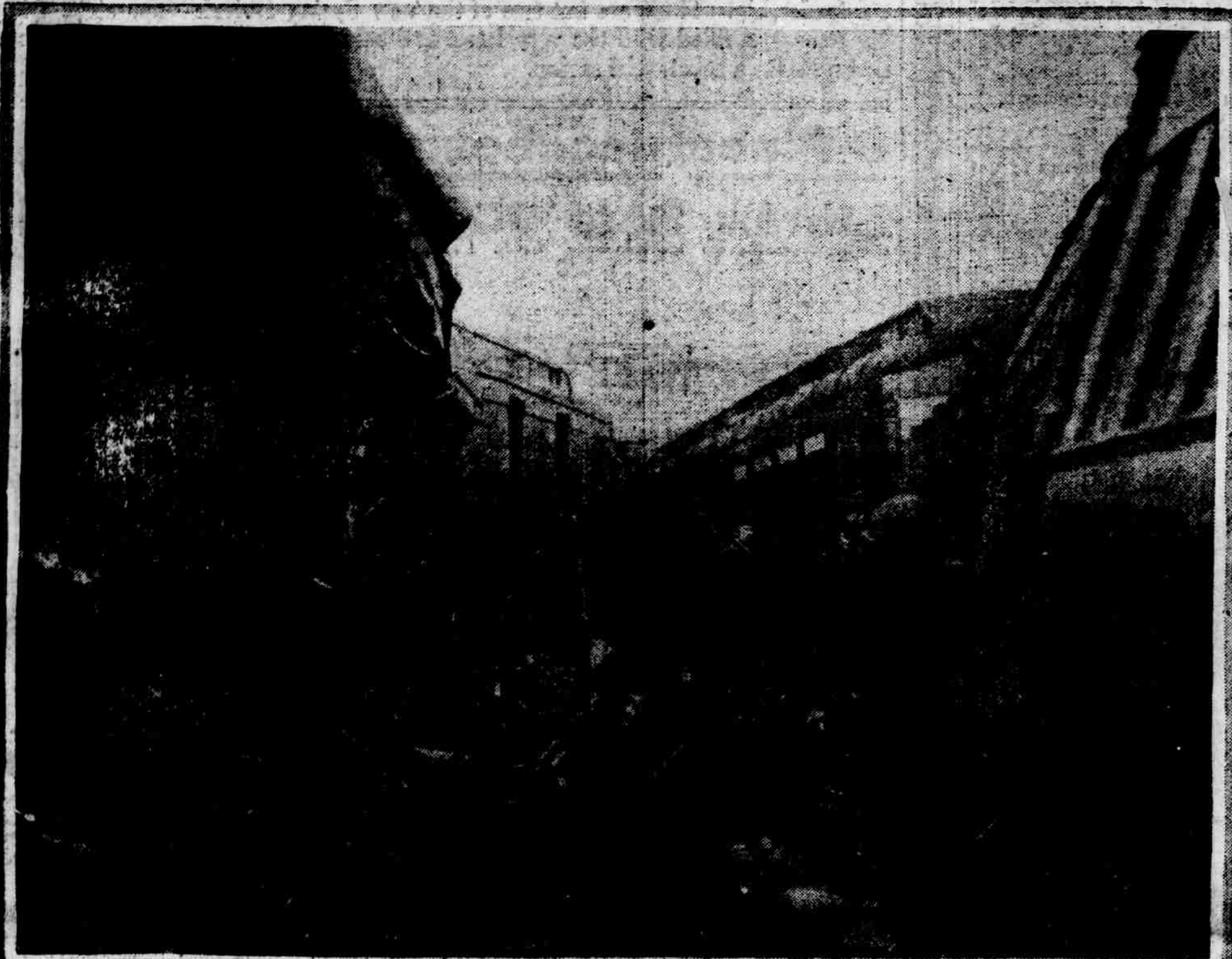


# Germans Capture Malancourt

## Seeking Dead in Wreck of N. Y. Central Flyers

First photographs of remarkable wreck near Cleveland, O. The upper photograph shows triangle section of the wreck; the lower picture shows how one of the Chicago-New York speeders is wrapped around a section of one of her sister trains. Throngs began arriving at the scene long before daylight and physicians, ambulances and nurses were at the wreck as fast as they could be rushed there. The cries of the injured could be heard afar and spurred the rescuers on in their efforts to save all the lives they could.



## RUMELY SHOP SOLD TO CLUB LEADERS; FACTORY TO COME

Thirty days' option at a purchase price of \$400,000 was secured today by J. H. Mills, chairman of the special factory committee of the Commercial club, for all the real estate of the M. Rumely company located in Richmond. Definite agreement was entered into this morning after a conference with Finley Mount, president of the company, and M. R. D. Owing, vice president.

As a result of the purchase of the buildings and grounds, the commercial club has also entered into an agreement with the United States Refrigerator company, of Peru, Ind., which intends to move its factory to this city. The company intends to begin operations, starting with two hundred men, within the next ninety days. The company expects to have an output at the start of \$150,000.

The Commercial club, which holds the option on the property through the committee, composed of J. H. Mills, chairman, Ira Wood and Lewis Hiff, expects to sell the buildings to other factories. Several local companies have already negotiated for the buildings and the committee believes that by fall, all of the buildings will be occupied by factories.

The deals consummated today close negotiations that have been pending for more than a year. The M. Rumely company, last year, held out for \$350,000 as the price for the local property. The local committee had been in almost constant session for the past three or four weeks in an effort to reach an agreement with the company. Finley Mount informed local men that the property would not be sold separately and for this reason a proposition was submitted on the entire property.

The United Refrigerator com-

pany is one of the largest and most prosperous factories in Peru. The officials believed that the shipping facilities and labor conditions here were more advantageous and for that reason closed the deal for the local factory buildings. The company will occupy all the buildings north of F street and west of the railroad switch.

The Commercial club will probably hold the tractor building, in which the automobile show was held, for civic purposes. Because of its adaptability for horse and live stock sales and automobile shows, the committee will recom-

mend that it be retained for these purposes.

The United Refrigerator company, according to the officials who have been in conference with J. H. Mills, expects to increase its output as soon as they get established here. They intend to start with 200 men, employ 350 within a year and 500 within two years.

A deal has practically been closed with a local company for the triangular building west of the F. & N. lawnmower company. The name of the company, however, has not been announced by the committee.

## VILLA CAN'T TRICK HIM BOASTS HARRY HICKMAN ON RETURN FROM EUROPE

Harry Hickman, aged 19, just returned from seven months service in the trenches with the English army in France, came to Richmond today from his home in Cambridge City and made application for enlistment in the United States army. He will be accepted, Sergeant Bond stated, provided his discharge papers from the English army are found to be satisfactory and he passes the medical examination.

"They tell me the United States is going to fight these here Japs, and I want to be in my own army to help right 'em. I also want to try my hand on this here Villa. He can't show me no tricks," the youngster informed Sergeant Bond.

The boy is the son of William Hickman of Cambridge City. He ran away from home last July, worked his way to England on a cattle boat and on the day he arrived in Liverpool enlisted in the Nineteenth Welsh infantry. He served a month in a training camp and seven months in the trenches. He was twice wounded slightly.

"The Germans have got every one of their enemies licked except the English and they gotta go some to beat the English," Hickman said. "The English and Germans are both getting mighty tired of the war and if the soldiers of both armies had their way they would quit fighting right away."

## VILLA'S HEAD PROMISED BY GEN. HERRERA

EL PASO, March 31.—The Carranza general, Luis Herrera, with 12,000 cavalry, is today on his way from Chihuahua to Guerrero, where Villa is reported to have massacred 172 men of the garrison yesterday. General Herrera will attempt to make Villa accept battle. This information was announced officially today by Consul Garcia of this city. The consul said he expected to hear of a big battle at almost any hour. Just before he left Chihuahua General Herrera dispatched this message to Consul Garcia: "I will bring back Villa's head, and I will present it to you as a token of my friendship and loyalty."

BELIEVES 350 KILLED. WASHINGTON, March 31.—Unofficial advices received here by government officials today indicated that 250 or 400 soldiers may have been slain by the Villa raid at Guerrero, unless a large part of the garrison joined the Villa forces. The garrison numbered about 400 men.

Villa appeared there with a much larger force than he formerly had, the advices state, indicating to government officials here that he has been receiving active support from the civilian population, who has joined his force in large numbers.

## MUNCIE AROUSED DRIES IN FEAR OF ATTACKS

MUNCIE, Ind., March 31.—Muncie today resembled an armed camp. One hundred deputy sheriffs and both the night and day police forces are patrolling business houses to prevent assault upon "dry" workers circulating remonstrances against the return of saloons to the city. This action was taken at the suggestion of Governor Ralston, after Frank Whitney, a prominent "dry" was murderously assaulted last night as he was leaving the police station and the home of Wilbur Ryman, a "dry" attorney, had been dynamited Tuesday night. Minor assaults were also committed. The "wet" organization is co-operating in an effort to suppress lawlessness. Muncie recently voted for the return of saloons by a narrow margin of 79.

WOULDN'T BUY SHOES. BLOOMINGTON, Ind., March 31.—Anna Bela, who is suing Albert Bela, for divorce, says her husband wouldn't buy her shoes and stockings.

## WILSON WAITS FOR GERARD'S COMMUNICATION

WASHINGTON, March 31.—President Wilson and his cabinet again today discussed the submarine question at length. In the absence of an official report from Ambassador Gerard, no decisive action was agreed on. It is understood that word has reached Washington that Germany has furnished certain information to the ambassador dealing with the report that her submarines again "have been running amuck" against merchant vessels both armed and unarmed. This information now on the way by cable, is understood to defend the sinking of certain of the vessels attacked as having been warranted by their refusal to stop on signal.

## BRIDGE PLANS MADE

Plans and specifications for the Dalton and Ellebarger bridge have been completed by County Surveyor Peacock and the county commissioners will let the contract for both bridges on April 22.

The Dalton bridge, which is over Nettle Creek, will be built of iron so that it can be easily removed from the foundation when it is necessary to dredge the creek. The Ellebarger bridge, which is located five miles northwest of Cambridge City, will be a concrete structure.

## NIGHT ATTACK FORCES FRENCH OUT OF TOWN; 560,000 MEN IN DRIVE

PARIS, March 31.—In a night attack the Germans captured Malancourt, the French war office announced today. The assault was delivered upon three sides of the village. The French retired but still hold a position on the outskirts of Malancourt proper, which is now a mass of ruins.

Malancourt is about six and one-half miles northwest of Verdun on the west side of the Meuse. It is about a mile and one-half west of Bethincourt.

The Malancourt-Bethincourt line represented the apex of a salient which the French maintained in the German front, despite the violent attack of the crown prince west of the Meuse.

The infantry assault on Malancourt was preceded by a violent bombardment. Beginning yesterday, the German artillery increased its cannonade. As the troops advanced the rain of the German cannon was lengthened and they opened up a curtain of fire behind the front ranks. The Germans lost heavily, and the French, rather than incur needless sacrifices, voluntarily evacuated the village.

It is now definitely known that the Kaiser is employing at least twenty-eight divisions (560,000) on the Verdun front.

Thirty thousand Teutons took part in the night assaults against Avocourt block house, rolling forward in wave and wave in the ghastly glare of the star bombs which the Germans hurled against the sky by the thousands.

## VILLA LEADS ATTACK RESULTING IN DEATHS OF 172 CARRANZISTAS

SAN ANTONIO, March 31.—A "flying squadron" of Colonel Dodd's cavalry has gotten to the south of the Francisco Villa's harried force and is pressing the bandit leader and his men northward to the other American columns. This was the better expressed at Fort Sam Houston today following the receipt of information that Villa had been located in the district sixty miles east of Chihuahua.

General Funston was more hopeful than at any previous time that Villa had actually been trapped and that [Continued on Page Twelve]

### Weather Forecast

United States Report—Local rains this afternoon or tonight. Saturday partly cloudy.

	Temperature
Noon	63
Yesterday	61
Minimum	30

For Richmond—Partly cloudy to night and Saturday with conditions favorable to storms.

General Conditions—Low barometric pressure over the Northwest is causing cloudy and unsettled weather over the Mississippi valley with rain over the Southwest and snow in the far north.

### JAP SHIP AGROUND

HONG KONG, March 31.—The Japanese steam ship Chiyu, carrying 299 passengers and a crew of 230 ran ashore today in a fog off the Lema Islands. "S. O. S." calls sent out by the wireless operator summoned a dozen tug boats and a British destroyer to the ship's assistance.

### LOW NECKS BARRED

INDIANAPOLIS, March 31.—Evening dresses are barred; sleeves must reach the elbows; no dresses may have low necks, and the dancers must keep eighteen inches apart at the Shortridge high school junior ball tonight.