

Cloudy in west and rain in east portion Thursday; Friday fair.

WILL NOT DESTROY PRUSSIANISM AS A BASIS FOR PEACE

Chancellor Hollweg Says the German Sword is the Only Answer to Such Suggestion.

INFANTRY ACTIVITIES CALM French Retake Some Ground—Germans Take the Offensive on Russian Eastern Line.

The German imperial chancellor, Dr. von Bethmann-Hollweg, in outlining Germany's attitude before the Reichstag, declared that any suggestions of peace on the basis of destruction of the Prussian military power would make possible only one answer—the German sword.

He characterized as the silliest of all the imputations against Germany the report that at the war's end Germany would take measures against the American continent and attempt to conquer Canada.

For the moment infantry of both sides is quiet everywhere along the western front in France. On the sectors around Verdun the only activity has been intermittent bombardment in the region of Douaumont and Vaux.

On the Russian eastern line the Germans have taken the offensive and are heavily attacking with infantry and machine guns.

The British in Mesopotamia have captured an important Turkish position at Umm El Henna, on the Tigris river, 20 miles below Kut El Amara.

Spain has sent a note to Germany protesting against the torpedoing of the Sussex in which several Spaniards lost their lives.

A British patrol boat has picked up off the Orkney islands, Scotland, the Brazilian steamer Santa Gertrudes bound from Para, Brazil, for New York, with a cargo of rubber.

The suspension order, he added, was not a consequence of present political agreement but was decided upon on account of certain information which reached the government and which the government does not judge opportune to make public.

SEEKS NO PROSPECT FOR THE GERMAN TO CAPTURE VERDUN Paris, April 5.—Verdun will never be taken. That is the sincere and positive opinion of General Cadorna, said a member of the Italian generalissimo's suite to the Udine correspondent of the Petit Hour.

THINK VOLUNTEER PROVISION SAVED

Advocates in the Senate Believe it Will Remain in Army Bill by Narrow Margin.

VOTE IS AGAIN POSTPONED

Several Senators in Course of Debate Denounce Activities of Certain National Guardsmen Against the Measure.

Washington, April 5.—Advocates of the Federal volunteer provision of the Senate army bill believed the section had been saved by a narrow margin when the Senate recessed tonight without having reached a vote on the Lee amendment to strike it out.

Debate on the volunteer provision lasted all day, champions of the National Guard supporting the amendment occupying most of the time. In the closing hour, however, Senator Chamberlain vigorously defended the provision as vital to any military plan and denounced attempts of National Guard organizations to interfere with legislation.

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NEW TRIAL FOR MELVIN HORNE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

Judge Erred in Expressing His Opinion of Dr. Stovall.

Supreme Court Finds No Error in Judgment in Case of Witte vs. A. C. L. Railroad—Reversal in Johnson Disbarment Case.

(Special Star Telegram.) Raleigh, N. C., April 5.—In allowing a new trial in State vs. Melvin Horne, under sentence of death in New Hampshire county for the murder of D. L. T. Capps, the Supreme Court lays down the rule that a trial judge has the power to call to the witness stand expert witnesses who have not been summoned by either prosecution or defense.

The court holds that while the trial judge had the right to call in Dr. Stovall, as expert witness offered by neither side, he had no right to throw into the jury box his own good opinion of the witness.

Another important case is that of State vs. Johnson vs. James H. Johnson, from Cumberland. In this the court holds that there was error in the Superior court judge should have passed on whether or not conviction of the crime of selling liquors was sufficient to warrant disbarment of Johnson as a lawyer. The trial judge had entered a non-suit.

CHILD LABOR BILL READY FOR SENATE

Interstate Commerce Committee Votes, 6 to 5, to Report the Measure Favorably.

ARE SEVERAL AMENDMENTS

One Change Seeks to Make Attack on Constitutionality of Measure Less Probable—Some Other Modifications.

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The bill will be reported to the Senate by Senator Robinson, of Arkansas. In analyzing the changes made in the House bill by the Senate committee today, Senator Robinson said:

Section 2 of the House bill which seeks to establish a rule of evidence is eliminated by the Senate committee. In order to obviate the difficulty of proving that forbidden child labor entered into the production of the particular commodity sought to be shipped, section 2 of the House bill provides that proof of employment within 100 miles of the mine, quarry or manufacturing establishment shall be prima facie evidence that such product has been produced by such child labor.

HOLLAND IS AIMING AT ALL THE BELLIGERENTS

Army Mobilized and Actual Maneuvers Held Along Coast.

Virtually Every Private Motor Car in the Country Seized—Is Irritated at Action of Both England and Germany.

(Special Star Telegram.) London, April 4 (delayed).—Holland bared its teeth to the belligerents on both sides so unexpectedly that the Dutch public was as much astonished as the remainder of the world, said a prominent neutral just returned from Amsterdam, to the Associated Press today.

The returned neutral was convinced in a demonstration was aimed against Germany as much as England. He said irritation in Holland against all belligerents had become so pronounced that there was a sullen feeling of hostility toward both Germany and Great Britain which was becoming general.

On account of the British blockade Holland is experiencing shortage of food, to such an extent that the merchant commission for relief of Belgium has been asked to loan some of its food supply to certain districts. The Dutch government has determined that food shall be transported to Holland in vessels commandeered by it without reference to any limitation fixed by agreement with the Netherlands Overseas Trust.

ASSERTS VILLA IS WOUNDED AND HIS CAPTURE IMMINENT

The Story is Again Related by General Gavira, the Carranza Commander at Juarez.

MAKES PUBLIC A TELEGRAM

Confirms Reports to American Headquarters That Bandit is Headed for Satevo.

El Paso, Texas, April 5.—The story that Francisco Villa is wounded and that his capture is imminent was asserted again tonight by General Gavira, Carranza commander at Juarez. General Gavira made public a telegram he said he received from General Bertani, at Madera, stating specifically that the bandit had been shot and was in hiding somewhere between Bachineva and Satevo.

The message is confirmatory of American headquarters reports that Villa was heading toward Satevo. While the story that he is wounded is still accepted here with considerable reserve, it is pointed out that if Villa was in full possession of health and traveling at his usual speed of 40 or more miles a day he should have reached and passed Satevo by this time, a fact which could hardly escape being reported.

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REV. CALVIN B. WALLER, D. D., OF ASHEVILLE.



Will be the speaker at the dedication tonight of the Tabernacle, in which the Chapman-Alexander meetings are to begin next Sunday. Dr. Waller is pastor of the First Baptist church of the Mountain Metropolis, Governor Locke Craig's home church.

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A man was informing him over the telephone of the mob's approach when leaders appeared from the county jail of quiet men lined the streets near the jail and filled the courthouse square.

Regardless man not more than 25 years of age was spoken of. Allen parleyed for time. A man with a watch announced that he had half a minute left. The youthful leader told him to deliver up the keys or take the consequences. Allen's wife and startled children were at windows of their quarters. Two men seized the jailer, took his keys and were directed by him to an old death cell of the county jail.

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