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## SEA RAIDERS HAVE AN ENGAGEMENT IN THE NORTH SEA

Armed English and German Merchantmen in Deadly Combat at Sea.

## BOTH VESSELS ARE SENT TO BOTTOM

German Raider the Grief Was Sunk by Gunfire of British, While the Alcantara Is Sent Down by Torpedo; British Losses Were Five Officers and 59 Men.

(By Associated Press.) London, March 25.—A German raider has been sunk in the North sea. Five German officers and 115 men, out of a total of 300 were captured. The British lost 74 men. The British armed merchantman Alcantara, which sunk the German raider, the Grief, was herself sunk.

The engagement occurred in the North sea on February 29. The Grief was sunk by gunfire and the Alcantara by a torpedo. The British losses were made up of five officers and 59 men. The Alcantara was a large liner belonging to the Royal Mail Steamship Company of Belfast. She had been in the service of the British government for some time. Her gross tonnage was 15,000. She was 570 feet long and built in Glasgow in 1913.

**English Transport Sunk.**  
Washington, March 25.—Consular reports to the State Department today say the Dominion Line steamer, Englishman, has been sunk near the British Isles and that four Americans were missing. The English ship was a horse transport.

## 13,000 TO WITNESS BIG BOUT TONIGHT

(By Associated Press.) New York, March 25.—Thousands of spectators will crowd Madison Square Garden tonight to see Frank Moran of Pittsburgh, try to wrest the world's heavyweight championship from Jess Willard, of Kansas, although the bout is not announced as for the title and no decision by the referee is possible under the boxing laws. Moran might win the championship either by a knockout, a foul by Willard or Willard's failure to go to the full length of the bout.

Moran today appeared as confident as ever that he will be able to land the blow that will give him the title by a knockout. He predicted that he "would get over the finishing punch in the seventh or eighth round."

Willard is equally certain of clinching his grip on the championship. He declared that if Moran fights the aggressive battle which the Pittsburgh men is said to have planned, the champion would end the bout with a knockout. To matter what Moran's tactics Willard expressed confidence of victory.

## PRESIDENT CONSULTS PHILADELPHIA OCULIST

Philadelphia, March 25.—President Wilson came to Philadelphia yesterday to consult his oculist. His eyes have been troubling him slightly recently.

The President was accompanied by Mrs. Wilson. A fair sized crowd recognized him at the Broad street station and applauded as he stepped into his automobile with Mrs. Wilson.

The President visited his sister, Mrs. Howe while here.

## COTTON MARKET

New York, March 25.—The cotton market opened steady at a decline of 2 to 4 points in response to easier Liverpool cables and prices steadied or slightly advanced after the call with active positions selling up to practically last night's closing figures. The close was steady. May, 10.94; July, 12.01; October, 12.12; December, 12.27; January, 12.33.

## STOCK MARKET

New York, March 25.—Fractional changes with a preponderance of gains attended today's early dealings. Trading was light, offerings being mostly in small lots, the only exceptions being Reading and Kennecott Copper, which changed hands in amounts ranging from 1,000 to 2,500 shares. Advances included Baldwin Locomotive, American Zinc, American Lined common and preferred, Pittsburgh Coal preferred and Mexican Petroleum. General Motors recovered some of its recent losses, rising 28 to 480. Crucible Steel, Studebaker and Southern Pacific were slightly lower. Anglo-French bonds were strong and active.

## SUSSEX SINKING MAY CAUSE MORE NOTES BE SENT

British Steamer Was Sent to Bottom With Heavy Loss of Life.

## AMERICANS MAY HAVE BEEN LOST

Statement From Paris Indicates That Boat Had 386 Passengers Aboard, Many of Whom Have Been Taken Ashore; American Residents of Paris Rescued.

(By Associated Press.) PARIS, March 25.—Report of the sinking of the Sussex was obtained here today, the statement saying she was torpedoed.

London, March 25.—According to official information from the admiralty this morning, between 90 and 100 passengers of the Sussex have been landed at Dover and about 250 passengers and crew have been landed in France. Edward Huxley, president of the United States Rubber Export Company, and Francis E. Drake, European manager of the company, are among the Americans rescued from the Sussex. They report that there was a heavy loss of life, including, probably, several Americans.

Miss Baldwin, a daughter of a prominent American resident of Paris, was injured. Miss Baldwin's father and mother also were on the vessel. All have been taken to Boulogne, in addition to other injured. Miss Baldwin's leg was broken.

Last night's dispatches said there were 386 passengers on the Sussex and a crew of about 50, indicating that 75 or more persons on the Sussex have not been accounted for.

**Over Seventy-five are Lost**  
London, March 25.—Information obtained from passengers on the channel steamer Sussex, damaged by an explosion yesterday while on the way from Folkestone to Dieppe, indicates there may have been a considerable loss of life. One American is missing and is supposed to have been lost. Another was injured seriously. Several Americans were rescued.

Opinions of passengers of the Sussex are divided as to whether the vessel was a victim of a mine or a torpedo. The explosion was terrific, it occurred just ahead of the captain's bridge and tore the front part of the steamer to pieces, killing or injuring a number of persons. Many were wounded by flying splinters.

The admiralty states that 250 survivors landed in France and between 90 and 100 at Dover, as there were 386 passengers and 50 in the crew there are still fifty missing.

**First Details of Sinking**  
London, March 25.—The difficulties imposed by war conditions on communication with English and cross channel ports have made it impossible to obtain accurate information regarding the explosion on the Sussex and the names and nationalities of the passengers. There were 270 women and children.

The Sussex carried twelve lifeboats and several rafts. The boats returned to the Sussex before dark. Rockets were fired and about midnight a trawler came to the rescue. It took as many as it could carry to Boulogne. A British destroyer came up and took on the other passengers taking them to Dover. Five bodies were left aboard the Sussex.

## VICE-PRESIDENT MARSHALL MAY COME TO GREENSBORO

Washington, March 25.—Vice-President Thomas E. Marshall may speak in Greensboro at the Normal college commencement May 26. Mr. Marshall promised Senator Overman, Representative Stedman and Professor W. C. Jackson the latter of Greensboro, today that he would exert every effort to make the trip to the Gate City and speak to Greensboro's most beautiful young women.

The invitation was extended by the three North Carolinians early yesterday morning. Mr. Marshall said he would be delighted to go and only urgent official duties in Washington could prevent him from accepting the invitation.

## VILLA PURSUERS PHOTOGRAPHED FAR BELOW MEXICAN BOUNDARY



Photographs showing Villa's pursuers far below the Mexican boundary.

## GOV. CRAIG JOINS IN SEARCH FOR CHILD BUT ENTHUSIASTIC

(By Associated Press.) Raleigh, March 25.—Governor Craig stated he has information leading to a conclusion that James Glass, who disappeared a year ago while the family were visiting near Greedy, Pa., is being held by a band of Gypsies near Goldsboro. The Governor said that in view of recent reports that the lad with a band of Gypsies had been seen at numerous points in the eastern part of the State and that he was going to prove or disprove the reports immediately.

## NO OPPOSITION TO BEASLEY AT MONROE

Monroe, March 25.—In an attempt to find out who would be a candidate for Congress from Union county to succeed Representative Page, The Observer correspondent secured an interview here yesterday with all of the men mentioned as probable candidates.

John C. Sikorski stated that he had not even dreamed of running, but that he would support any Union county man nominated.

Frank Arnold stated he was in no sense a candidate, and asked that his name be withdrawn from further publication in connection with the Congressional race. He also stated that he would support any of the other Union county men named for the office.

R. B. Redwine also requested that his name be withdrawn, concluding by stating that he favored the candidacy of R. F. Beasley.

Ex-Solicitor A. M. Stack decided that "he could not even consider making the race owing to his legal duties" and that he favored the candidacy of someone other than a member of the legal fraternity, as he thought that body was already adequately represented in Washington.

R. F. Beasley stated that he appreciated the withdrawal of the other mentioned candidates in his favor, but at this time would not be able to make a definite decision. He promised to make a final decision in the matter Thursday morning.

## Offer by Aero Club

New York, March 25.—The Aero club of America today offered President Wilson the offer for army use in Mexico of two high-powered aeroplanes, excellent in every way the present service equipment.

The club gave as its reason the lack of proper types by Congress to provide suitable army flyers. The club also offered to place trained aviators at the service of the government.

## Crews Refuse to Sail

The Hague, March 25.—At a meeting in Amsterdam, held under the auspices of the Sailors' union, the crews of half a dozen outgoing steamships voted to sail today resolved by an overwhelming majority not to join their ships until more definite arrangements for the safety of the vessels. This decision affected also the Holland American Line, whose ship Nieuwe Amsterdam is scheduled to sail tonight.

A dispatch from Rotterdam, under Wednesday's date, said that officials of the Holland American line had informed the Associated Press representative in that city that the line's ships would continue to sail as scheduled unless prevented from doing so by the refusal of the crews to muster.

## HE SEES MILLIONS IN WAR WITH MEXICO

(By Associated Press.) El Paso, Tex., March 25.—El Paso, war capital of the United States, is frankly for war—the more war the better El Paso will like it.

Mexico in American hands is El Paso's dream. Its hotel lobbies are lined with millionaires who have made their stake in northern Mexico, who dream of the day Uncle Sam will throw his protection over the rich mining and cattle region of the south and allow them to pile up their millions without fear of revolution.

They are frankly adventurers. Some have discarded the high boots for the patent leather pumps; the horse for the motor. Others, new products, have still the look of the pioneer. For all, Mexico in American hands spells millions.

"Hell, ain't we Americans? Ain't we entitled to the same protection as New York? We made our money just as honestly as Wall Street did and a sight more so," said one miner who sits on the board of Wall Street.

A notch down are the merchants, the hotel keepers, business men, to whom uninterrupted traffic spells good living. They fatten as the men higher up prosper. Their works have the same interest. Then, too, they believe open war would mean the end of menace which has lasted since the Alamo.

El Paso, with her 75,000 people, is 60 per cent Mexican. Across the border are 15,000 more Mexicans at Juarez, with only the shallow Rio Grande, which General Funston could wade. The Carranza soldiers sit at the other end of the international bridge taking toll. But beyond the appeal of gold, lead and cattle, is another reason. The border has suffered, American mines and the cattle ranches have been stolen and plundered; American women have been ravished and their babies are being slain.

## MEMBERSHIP WANTS BIG CELEBRATION AND PARADE THAT WILL BRING THOUSANDS TO THIS CITY, AND THUS ADVERTISE OUR TOWN.

Upwards of a score of local citizens directors and members of the Chamber of Commerce attended last night's meeting, smoker and general round table discussion held in the Municipal building last night. Chairman M. V. Barnhill, of the directors committee, acted as master of ceremonies and there were several matters taken up for discussion, points made of things that would work for a further benefit of the city and section and the meeting was enjoyed by those attending.

Mr. J. W. Hines urged attention to a better acquaintance of Rocky Mount with her country friends and urged that we do something that would cause the farthest in Nash or Edgecombe to refer to Rocky Mount when he declared that he was "coming to town."

There was a discussion of various methods of bringing this about and it was finally agreed that a recommendation should be made to the board of directors urging the observation of a fitting celebration on the Fourth of July. It was agreed that a big parade with floats from, if possible, every school in the two counties, should be arranged and that a prize of sufficient importance to insure competition should be placed. The boys band for the day and a big basket picnic for the meal with a speaker of prominence for the afternoon and this to be followed by a ball game if possible. This was the tentative state and it was the unanimous vote of the members present that this should be recommended to the directors of the Chamber to put into execution. The motion provided expressions of approval from Messrs. Hines, Hall, Winslow, Schultz, Snipes, Harne and others.

## ONE CASE HEARD IN THE CITY COURT TODAY

Well does come near putting over a perfect day yesterday and but one of their number slipped and fell and thus broke away from the beaten path. Recorder Fountain presided at the hearing and the docket was prosecuted by the Solicitor.

The one unfortunate was J. T. Morgan, who answered the charge of being drunk and disorderly, said he was guilty and sorry for it and the court adjudged that the collection of \$5 from him would be sufficient.

## Death of Mr. S. Moore.

Mr. Moore died Thursday night at 11:35 o'clock at the home of Mr. Knights, on South Washington street. Mr. Moore leaves three brothers and two sisters. The funeral was held at 1:30 o'clock today from the home of Mr. Knights, by Rev. L. Spenser, the body being carried in the country for burial.

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## MILD WEATHER FOR THE ENSUING WEEK

(By Associated Press.) Washington, March 25.—The weather bureau's weekly forecast today says: "Comparatively mild weather will prevail during the coming week in the Mississippi valley and in the districts east thereof, although there will be a reaction Sunday and Monday from the abnormally high temperatures that now prevail in the great central valley and the Gulf States. This change to cooler weather will be of short duration, however. A disturbance over the Mississippi valley will advance northeast and be attendant by general rains Sunday over much of the country east of the Mississippi with thunder storms in the southeastern States and shores in the Atlantic States Monday. Another storm will advance from the Pacific Monday or Tuesday past eastward into the middle plains States and to the upper Mississippi valley and to the eastern States about Thursday."

## Tampered With Mail Box

Wilson, March 25.—Mr. Mack Parish, of near Rocky Mount, had a preliminary hearing here Thursday on the charge of tampering with a mail box on Rocky Mount rural route, No. 6. On April 2, 1915, it is said, he intercepted a letter addressed to Mrs. Anne Deane and posted in a mail box, property of Mrs. Amanda Gay. The defendant was required to give a \$200 bond for his appearance here April 4 at the Federal court before Judge H. G. Connor.

## CORONER'S JURY HOLDS CHIEF OF WILSON'S POLICE

Officer Kills Phil Worth, a Negro, Who Broke Away After His Arrest.

## JURY URGES THAT HE BE KEPT IN LOCK-UP

While Being Taken to City Lock-Up, Negro Hit the Officer in Face and Broke Into Run; Chief Fired at His Prisoner, Who Was Instantly Killed.

(By Associated Press.) Wilson, March 25.—After over an hour spent in consideration the coroners jury, this morning held Chief of Police Wiggs for further investigation in the matter of shooting to death a negro, Phil Worth. The shooting late Friday afternoon was witnessed by three reputable white citizens one of whom had been deputized by the officer to assist in taking the negro to jail. After much threatening the negro finally jerked away from Chief Wiggs, struck the officer in the face, which staggered him and stepping back made a movement to draw a weapon. Then Chief Wiggs drew his gun and fired. Two pocket knives were the only weapons found on the dead man. In giving their verdict the coroners jury recommended that the chief be kept in office.

## ELLIOTT HUNT.

At 3 o'clock this afternoon at the residence of Mrs. S. D. Fuller, 417 Sunset avenue, Miss Bertha Hunt, of this city, became the bride of Mr. Hunter Elliott, of Richmond, Va.

The bride is a beautiful brunette and one of the most popular and attractive girls of our younger set.

Mr. Elliott is a traveling salesman for H. C. Kilmann & Co., is well known to the trade of this city.

The happy young couple were married with the ring ceremony, Rev. R. C. Craven of the First Methodist church officiating. They left on train No. 50 for a short Northern trip, after which they will be at home in Richmond, Va.

## Pay for Handling Mail in '60-61.

Washington March 25.—Senator Robinson, of Arizona, yesterday introduced a bill appropriating \$225,000 to be used in paying the amounts due mail contractors in the Southern States for the handling of mail during the period of 1860 and 1861. There are a number of these claims in North Carolina and members of Congress have introduced individual bills for the relief of many who have mail claims against the government.

## NO DESIRE TO STOP MUNITION TRAFFIC

(By Associated Press.) Washington March 25.—General Carranza's Ambassador protested to Secretary Lansing today that ammunition consigned to General Carranza to be shipped from New York yesterday was held up by the customs authorities. Secretary Lansing told the Ambassador there was no intention to hold up ammunition for General Carranza and that the delay was caused by a preliminary examination to assure the government that it would not reach his enemies. It will be allowed to go forward.

## MR. G. A. GRIFFIN DIES SUDDENLY

Regarding the sudden illness and death of Mr. George A. Griffin, of Nashville, the following account taken from the issue of the Nashville Graphic, will be read with interest by many friends in this city, by whom the deceased was well known and held in the highest esteem.

"Just as the Graphic goes to press, the town became deeply distressed on account of the sudden illness and death of Mr. Griffin, son of the late Samuel H. Griffin. Mr. Griffin came into town this afternoon seemingly in perfect health, except a slight pain in his head. About 5:30 o'clock he walked into the Nashville Drug Co., and applied to Dr. Carlisle for something to relieve the pain. While talking with Dr. Carlisle, he suddenly became speechless and in a few moments expired unconsciously. Drs. Battle and Winstead and Basswell were quickly summoned and did all in their power to keep the spark of life which flickered from entirely going out. The stricken man was removed to Hotel Bartholomew, and members of his family summoned. There is little hope of his recovery.

"His brothers are Messrs. Samuel H. Griffin, John H. A. S., Charlie Griffin, and Mrs. Walter Evans, and Mrs. Walter Coggin. He has a wife and five children.

"Latest condition of Mr. Griffin grew more alarming each moment. At 10:30 tonight, he breathed his last. The remains will be buried in the Griffin home town where he was born. He made this (Friday) afternoon, 5:30 o'clock."

## VILLA REPORTED FLEEING TO WEST OF SAN MIEGUEL

No Mention Is Made of Any Battle Between Forces Across the Border.

## REPORT OF FLEEING IS NOT OFFICIAL ONE

Report Comes From El Paso That Francisco Villa Has Eluded Ring Which American and Carranza Troops Had Drawn About Bandit, Though Not Confirmed.

(By Associated Press.) El Paso, Texas, March 25.—Francisco Villa was reported early today to be fleeing west of the San Miguel country, having successfully eluded the encircling ring that was being drawn around him by American and Carranza troops.

News of the outlaw's retreat westward was brought here from El Valle, but could not be confirmed at Fort Bliss or in Mexican official circles.

Several thousand American soldiers are searching the country south of Casas Grandes and in every direction to locate Villa, but have not come in contact with him. Wire communication out of El Paso into Mexico is still interrupted and it is believed that bands of Villa men are responsible for the wire cutting.

Dispatches received at Mexico City and Douglas, Ariz., apparently confirm reports to El Paso from the field that the troops of the Carranza government had come in contact with Villa in the Santa Clara canyon. General Pershing has made no mention of this battle and army officers here incline to the belief that it was probably not more than an outpost engagement.

## VERDUN IN FLAMES, IS GERMAN REPORT

(By Associated Press.) Berlin, March 25.—(By London)—Verdun is in flames, according to today's official statement by German army headquarters.

Paris, March 25.—The French official statement says that last night was quiet in the Verdun region, both east and west of the Meuse. Artillery duels were in progress in the Woerth region.

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