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BALKANS NOW ATTRACT RENEWED ATTENTION IN WAR

The Central Powers Show Increasing Activity North of Saloniki.

SKIRMISHES APPEAR A GENERAL ATTACK

The General Belief in Athens, However, Is That No Serious Attempt Is to Be Made to Take Saloniki by Force of Arms, Though Firing Is Heavy.

(By Associated Press.)
Continuation of a violent bombardment east of the Meuse, north of Verdun, indicates the probability that new attacks there by the Germans may be expected.

The Balkan theatre of war is attracting renewed attention by reason of the increasing activity north of Saloniki, where the skirmishing between the two main allies and entente forces is now greatly taking the form of a general attack against the Franco-British lines. It is not believed in Athens, however, that a serious attempt at the capture of Saloniki is intended.

Berlin declares that Saturday's British air raid on a German aviation base on the north Frisian coast was a complete failure. The British have admitted the loss of three seaplanes and a torpedo boat destroyer, the latter through a collision in a naval encounter so the report declares.

ARTILLERY JOINS IN CHASE FOR VILLA

(By Associated Press.)
St. Paso, March 27.—Flying columns of American cavalry today are seeking to entrap Francisco Villa and his band by sealing up all the trails and passes in the mountainous district south of El Valle.

With the outlets barred squadrons of cavalry and detachments of infantry operating from the base near Casas Grandes, will comb the country to drive the bandits in the open.

Villa and his men are moving rapidly along the foothills of Sierra Tarabumbar, hotly pursued by three columns of American cavalry. This information confirms reports brought here by American travelers from the Casas Grandes district Saturday that Villa had escaped from the Carranza troops.

ELEVEN LIVES ARE LOST ON MINNEAPOLIS

(By Associated Press.)
London, March 27.—It is announced that eleven persons were killed when the British steamship Minneapolis, formerly in the New York-London service, was sunk last week in the Mediterranean.

GERMAN TORPEDO DESTROYER LOST

(By Associated Press.)
London, March 27.—A German torpedo boat is missing since the sea fighting which followed the British air raid on Saturday morning on German aviation sheds in northern Schleswig-Holstein, according to an official statement received here by wireless. The statement is as follows: "The English naval attack on the north Frisian coast failed completely. Two armed fishing steamers on outpost service fell victims to English vessels. Our naval aeroplanes attacked the German naval fighting forces and succeeded in scoring a number of hits and in seriously damaging a torpedo boat destroyer. Of the naval fighting force which we sent immediately only a few torpedo boats came in touch with the retreating enemy during the night of March 25-26. One of these torpedo boats has not yet returned."

Two German armed trawlers were sunk and the German admiralty reports that one German torpedo boat is missing. The sinking of several additional vessels, presumably by submarines is reported.

In Paris today there was begun a war conference of the allies, considered the most important since the outbreak of hostilities.

THE RAILROADS HAVE THE BEST TOURIST SEASON

Three Occasions This Year Take Travel to South, Instead of Two.

A. C. L. DELAYS TAKING OFF TRAINS

The Lateness of the Lenten Season This Year Causes Surprisingly Large Number of Northern Tourists to Journey to Palm Beach For Recreation.

(By Associated Press.)
It is generally agreed by those who are in position to observe that the winter tourist business of the Atlantic Coast Line is going to be larger this year than ever before, and it is said that the same is the case with the other systems which bid for this business. The first significant fact that points to this large increase is the announcement of last week that the tourist trains would be kept in operation eight days longer than ever before and that instead of being taken off on April 2, as heretofore, the last train for the South will be operated April 11. Even at this it is generally thought that it will be necessary to operate several sections of the two additional through trains, operated all the year, which help out with the tourist travel, so great are the number of tourists who tarry just now in the South.

When a local official was asked to explain this increase in travel, he gave the oft-quoted reason that conditions abroad stop any tourist travel and that Americans are forced to tour in this country, if at all; however, he explained that a closer study of the situation clearly satisfied one that there was another reason and the lateness of Easter this year has had a very important effect on the travel which, for several weeks, has been almost as heavy for the South as it is for the North. The official explained that there are two notable periods in every season when the rich and wealthy from the North start South, and that this year there were three such reasons. The first of these are during the early fall almost with the first fall of snow in the North and the first severe weather, and then the man that is going to spend the winter in Florida usually starts South. Then, just after the Christmas holidays, and festivities of that date, the tourist in great numbers, rush to get aboard the Florida-bound trains. The difference this year that is furnished in the lateness of Easter which comes on April 23, or three weeks later than last year, has been noticeable since Ash Wednesday and Lent began, with a closing down of the festive season in the North for an observance and the general tendency to abolish the social during that season, the rich tourists have set out for the South in numbers that taxed the trains and caused the operation of special sections, and they are on their way to sunny Palm Beach, where the Lenten season is forgotten and the social life is continued at its height.

COL. LAMB CANDIDATE FOR TRIAL JUSTICE

(By Associated Press.)
Elizabeth City, March 27.—Colonel E. B. Lamb today announced his candidacy for trial justice of the county. It has been rumored for several weeks that he would be a candidate, but no formal announcement was made until today, when Colonel Lamb authorized publication in local papers.

Colonel Lamb's friends claim that he is not only eminently qualified for the position, but after a life time interest in the affairs of the Democratic party, this is the first time he has ever become a candidate for public office.

COTTON MARKET

(By Associated Press.)
New York, March 27.—Cotton futures opened steady; May, 11.90; July, 12.05; October, 12.12; December, 12.25; January, 12.35.

The Liverpool market did not fully meet Saturday's advance, but after opening 2 points lower to 1 point higher, prices worked about 2 to 6 points above Saturday night's closing figures. July contracts sold up to 12.07 and October 12.15 during the early trading.

STOCK MARKET

(By Associated Press.)
New York, March 27.—Developments over the week-end, especially the sinking of the ussux, involving probably further loss of American lives, accounted in a measure for the heavy tone of today's early trading. Declines of 2 to 3 points were registered by Mercantile Marine, leading motors, Crucible Steel, the petroleum and some other shares of less prominence. Rails receded fractionally with pressure against the Harbors, Northern Pacific, Chesapeake & Ohio and Western Maryland. Dealings were light and orderly and most transactions were in small lots.

A HASTY CALL TO PARTIES FOR SENATE CAUCUS

Republicans Meet For the Mexican Matter, and Democrats Gather.

CAUCUS FEATURES FIRST WORK SENATE

The Democrats Declare They Are to Consider Free Sugar, But Say Mexican Matter May Crop Out; Renew Consideration of the Mexican Affair.

(By Associated Press.)
Washington, March 27.—When Republican Senators assembled today to renew consideration of the Mexican situation with a view to agreeing upon a Mexican policy with relation to orders protecting the boundary, the Senate Democrats were hastily summoned in caucus by Majority Leader Kearn. The Senate Democrats insisted that their caucus be called to consider the repeal of the free sugar clause of the tariff. Secretary of the leaders, however, predicted that the Mexican issue would crop out.

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GERMANY READY TO MAKE COMPLETE AMENDS

(By Associated Press.)
Washington, March 27.—American officials view the submarine situation as taking on aspects of much gravity. The possibility of breaking off diplomatic relations with Germany is again being discussed as one of the eventualities which is expected to follow if it is shown that the steamers Sussex and Englishman were victims of submarine attacks. Officials say they are examining all the facts at hand with open minds but can come to no conclusion until they have all the information but there is an undercurrent over the possibility of the renewal of German-United States boats and in violation of the assurances given to the United States.

American consular officers and the embassies in France and England are being urged to gather evidence of a definite and legal short and when this is at hand, President Wilson and Secretary Lansing will determine what the next step will be, it was stated authoritatively.

Germany to Give Reparation

(By Associated Press.)
Berlin, March 27.—It was stated authoritatively here today that if it was shown that a submarine had sunk the Sussex, Germany would disavow the act, offer reparation, punish the submarine commander and satisfy the United States that the act was in violation of instructions.

ADEQUATE FORCE GUARDS BORDER

(By Associated Press.)
Washington, March 27.—Administration assurances that a sufficient military force now is protecting American interests on the border, influence the Republican Senate conference, called to consider the border situation today to take no action. The conference instructed Senator Gallinger, the chairman, to issue a statement setting forth its views.

LADIES AUXILIARY HAS BEGUN CAMPAIGN FOR Y. M. C. A.

(By Associated Press.)
Elizabeth City, March 27.—A campaign has been started among the ladies of the Ladies' Auxiliary of the Young Men's Christian association, to increase the membership of the auxiliary.

The campaign opened yesterday with two teams known as the "Reds," in which Mrs. A. B. Houtz is captain, and the "Blues," with Mrs. C. E. Pugh as captain. The race is becoming exciting, and up to this writing the "Blues" are ahead by a close margin.

At the meeting of the auxiliary yesterday afternoon the following officers were elected: President, Mrs. U. J. Morgan; first vice-president, Mrs. C. E. Pugh; third vice-president, Mrs. A. B. Houtz; treasurer, Mrs. Charles Reid; secretary, Mrs. J. C. Modlin; reporter, Mrs. Wesley Foreman.

The ladies have pledged themselves to furnish the building throughout, and judging from the interest that is being taken and the friendly rivalry between the two teams, their purpose will be carried out with ease.

NO AMERICANS LOST LIVES WHEN THE SUSSEX SANK

REAL WAR NEWS

EXTRA U.S. TROOPS NEAR BATTLE-- BIG WAR MAY RESULT-- SERIOUS SITUATION-- DANGER-- CRISIS-- GASOLINE CLIMBING TO 40¢ A GAL. MAY GO HIGHER--

STANLEY

DETAILS SHOW ALL AMERICANS WERE SAVED

Every One on the Passenger List Has Been Accounted For.

STATEMENT MADE IS BY EMBASSY

There is a Probability, However, That There May Have Been Americans Whose Names Did Not Show on Roster, Is Statement of Embassy.

(By Associated Press.)
Paris, March 27.—Detailed information gathered by the American embassy here indicates that no Americans lost their lives on the Sussex. All the Americans whose names were on the passenger list have been accounted for, the embassy states. It is possible, however, that there may have been among the passengers, some Americans whose names were not inscribed.

DEMOCRACY OF CUMBERLAND INDORSES HON. N. A. SINCLAIR

(By Associated Press.)
Fayetteville, March 27.—The Cumberland county Democratic Executive committee strongly indorses N. A. Sinclair for attorney-general and urges him to become a candidate for the nomination. Formal action to this effect was taken when the committee met here Saturday afternoon. The resolution of indorsement was offered by Col. George McNeill, which is taken here as an unmistakable indication that Mr. Sinclair has the united backing of the Cumberland county Democracy. The resolution was adopted unanimously.

THOMAS PENCE DIES TODAY

Former Raleigh Newspaper Man Succumbs to Pneumonia.

PROMINENT DEMOCRAT

The Officer of the Democratic National Committee Was One of the Original Wilson Men.

(By Associated Press.)
TOM PENCE DEAD

(By Associated Press.)
Washington, March 27.—Thomas J. Pence, secretary of the Democratic National committee, died at his home here early today. He was formerly Washington correspondent of the Raleigh News and Observer.

POLICE HERE JOIN SEARCHERS

Governor Craig Asks Local Police to Be on Lookout For Glass Boy.

START INVESTIGATION

Boy Thought to Have Been With Gypsy Band That Last Week Left Halifax County For Virginia; Boy Believed Kidnaped.

(By Associated Press.)
Governor Craig, has asked Rocky Mount officers to be on the outlook for Jimmie Glass, the Charlie Ross, of the movies, who was stolen from his parents while they were on a visit to relatives in Pennsylvania the past summer. The Governor declares a belief that the boy is with a band of Gypsies in this section of the State and so has asked the officers to be on the lookout. At once Chief of Police Hodge, put men to work on the case and it is now learned that on Tuesday, March 21, there was a Gypsy camp seen near Fellers in Halifax county, and according to a statement of a deputy sheriff of Halifax there was a white youth, probably about three years old seen with them. According to the sheriff's statement the band moved on out of this State into Virginia.

There is an interesting statement from the Halifax sheriff regarding this band which appears to be under suspicion and that is that the leader carrying with him a letter from the Secretary of State clearly setting out that as a phrenologist, not a teller of fortunes, they have a right under the law to make a charge for their services and purported learning in examining the head and not the hand.

—Miss Ethel Godbold, of Mullins, S. C., is on an extended visit to relatives here, Mrs. E. H. Jones and Mr. R. H. Ricks.

—Miss Edna Smith, of Raleigh, who has been visiting her sister, Mrs. J. K. Burn, for several months, returned to her home yesterday.

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NEGROES HELD FOR GRAVE CRIME

Four Men and One Woman Rushed to Tarboro For Safety.

TRY TO KILL WHITES

There is a Great Arousal of Feeling in Washington County and Sheriff Brings Prisoners to Edgecombe For Safe Keeping.

Four negro men and one negro woman have been hustled to Edgecombe county jail at Tarboro from Plymouth, Washington county where their alleged connection with a murderous night assault on Mr. George H. Bowen, his daughter, Miss Claudie Bowen, has so increased the community that serious threats of lynching have been heard. The crime for which the negroes are held, was one of the most revolting in many years, and, according to the report, they went to the home of Mr. Bowen who is a man of advanced years being 78, and gaining entrance under the cover of darkness, they set about to brutally murder the old man and his daughter. A son of the injured man was first to reach the scene coming from his home some distance away. On entering the house he could find neither of the occupants of the home, but later going to his sister's room, he found her lying on the floor, blood besmeared and head almost beyond recognition. It seems that she was trying to get through the window to escape or call for help, but as she did so someone from the outside struck her on the head with a club, the blow knocked her back into the room, splattering blood even to the top of the window. She declares that the negro brute then set upon her with a pair of fire tongs beating her unmercifully, shattering one of the bones in her foot and breaking her leg. In fact the blows were so severely administered that the tongs were broken.

A search found the missing father in a closet, his condition pitiable, his arm being broken and face smeared with blood coming from gashes caused by blows in the face.

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HOUR'S SESSION OF CITY COURT

There was an hour's session of city court this morning, which was presided over by Vice-Recorder Lancaster, and at which the solicitor prosecuted the docket.

Fannie Battle and Millie Griffin, two colored women, were charged with disorderly conduct and the facts were established and each defendant was required to pay \$5 for her misdoing.

G. R. Garrett violated the traffic ordinance and was fined the conventional \$1, while Albert Gordon, a youth, was charged with driving an automobile without lights and he was required to pay a fine of \$2.

Will Battle, colored, was charged with having sold Preston Evans a pint of whisky, but the facts were not established to the satisfaction of the court, and the defendant was released.

PRESS CLAIM OF FAVORITE SON

Recorder Fountain Is Speaking Today at Gates County Court.

City Recorder R. T. Fountain has today gone to Gates county, where he at the noon hour today addressed the public meetings of Gates county people who are in attendance at the first Monday of the semi-annual court of the county. It is understood that there will be several thousand citizens in attendance at the opening of the court today and at this meeting the local recorder will address them on the claims of Lieutenant Governor E. L. Duggan for the nomination as Governor at the hands of the Democrats in the primary this summer.

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