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SUSSEX MATTER IS IN ABEYANCE 'TILL REPORT RECEIVED

Ambassador Gerard at Berlin is expected to make his report today.

BOAT, ENGLISHMAN, ATTEMPTED ESCAPE

Sussex Case May Prove Perplexing Problem, According to Belief Expressed in Washington; Englishman to Be Eliminated in Notes Regarding the Sussex.

(By Associated Press) Washington, March 29.—The British horse ship Englishman, was first shelled and then torpedoed by a German submarine, according to an affidavit made to representatives of the State Department at Liverpool by three American survivors. On receipt of this information today, officials said it seemed clear that the Englishman had tried to escape.

The German government has been asked whether their submarines were concerned in the damaging of the British steamer Sussex, while that ship was carrying 35 American passengers. While it is indicated that the case of the Englishman will not lead to difficulty between United States and Germany, if it is proved she was attempting to escape. Overnight dispatches to the State Department from Dover seem, officials said, to bear out allegations that the Sussex was torpedoed.

The State Department expects to receive from Ambassador Gerard at Berlin, sometime today or tonight, the results of his inquiry of the German foreign office into the circumstances surrounding the damaging of the Sussex and the sinking of the Englishman. Upon the information gathered probably will depend the next step to be taken by the United States.

VA. REPUBLICANS GO WITHOUT ANY INSTRUCTIONS

(By Associated Press.) Roanoke, Va., March 29.—When the Virginia Republicans met here today to select delegates at large and alternates to the Ohio convention, the organization appeared to be in complete control and there was every indication that the delegation would be instructed.

The progressive element claimed that the was a strong Hughes-Roosevelt among the 1,600 delegates but admitted that the organization could muster sufficient strength to vote down any instructed delegation to the national gathering.

Kansas "Dress Up" Week. Topeka, Kans., March 29.—Kansas has had many innovations, and its people are always ready for the big new idea. The very latest is the decree that this week is to be "Dress Up" week throughout the State, during which time whiskers are to be trimmed of their winter's growth, bright spring neckties are to dash forth and brand new suits of cloth, with razor-edge trousers, are to replace the vintage of 1915.

STOCK MARKET

New York, March 29.—Coppers, motors and some of the war issues were the features of today's early trading with gains ranging from fractions to a point. Initial dealings in Connecticut, Chattanooga, Reading, and Erie comprised individual lots of 1,000 to 1,500 shares, the rails showing slight recessions. Federal Smelting preferred rose 1 point and Mercantile Marine preferred dropped further heaviness. United States Steel was unchanged at the outset, but subsequently made slight headway, while Crucible steel forfeited all of its rise. Specialties, with few exceptions, made further improvements later.

COTTON MARKET

New York, March 29.—Cotton futures opened steady. May, 11.97; July, 12.97; October, 12.15; December, 12.29; January, 12.33. Cotton opened steady at unchanged prices to a decline of 4 points today, and sold about 3 to 4 points net lower during the early trading, with May selling at 11.13, July to 12.15. Offerings were not heavy and the market

FRENCH TAKE THE AGGRESSIVE ABOUT VERDUN IS REPORT

Take the Aggressive After Germans Are Unable to Make an Advance.

FRENCH FIGHTING AT NIGHT IN AVCOURT

Desperate Fighting Has Recently Taken Place on the Austro-Italian Front and Success for Italians Is Reported; Battle Lasted 40 Hours; Ended Sunday.

(By Associated Press) The French at Verdun took the aggressive last night opening a heavy attack on the German lines in the Avcourt works northwest of the fortress from which the Crown Princes' troops had made vain attempts to advance during the afternoon. The attack drove the Germans from a part of their positions in the woods, Paris reports today, the French carrying a portion of the works the Germans had constructed. The Germans counter-attacked, but were driven back with heavy losses, Paris declares.

The Germans have made another notable gain in their drive against Verdun, according to Berlin, storming French positions north of Malancourt to the depth of several lines along a front of more than a mile. Malancourt is about ten and one-half miles northwest of Verdun and some two and one-half miles southeast of the southern tip of the Avancourt wood into which the Germans pushed in their recent great drive west of the Meuse. The French lines here formed a great salient exposed to attack from either flank and French failure of the position had not been considered secure by many military observers. Apparently the German attack was on the western side of the salient where Paris last night, reported a heavy attack by the Germans, declaring it had been repulsed. Today Paris statements assert that the Germans made no fresh assault on the Malancourt, claiming that the French forces had won a success against the Germans in the Avancourt wood in the northeastern side of which they occupied to a depth of three-fourths, besides capturing a strongly fortified redoubt.

There has been desperate fighting on the Austro-Italian front. Rome reports the Italian victors in a 40-hour battle Sunday night after a furious bombardment of entrenchments northwest of Gorizia advanced and although the Italian flanks held the center, it was pushed back 400 yards. The Italians counter-attacked the next evening, after the artillery had prepared the way during the day and by repeated charges, retook the lost position and took 300 prisoners, according to a Rome dispatch.

DRIVER OF AUTO IN NO SENSE TO BLAME

In deference to those who might have inferred from the article in yesterday's Telegram that the automobile driven by Mr. Willie Oakley ran down Mr. Nick Dynamite, we beg leave to explain further details of the accident of Monday evening at the corner of Church and Hammond streets.

CHARLOTTE GETS BIG AUTO TIRE MFG. PLANT

(By Associated Press) Charlotte, March 29.—The Evening News today carries an announcement that an auto-tire manufacturing plant capitalized at \$500,000 or more, to be the largest in the South, will be established in Charlotte by C. D. Codrington, of this city, and men of national note in the automobile tire and manufacturing world. Details of the plan have not been announced, although details of the organization and perfection of plans to locate in Charlotte have been completed.

TWENTY KILLED IN RAID ON SALONIKI

(By Associated Press) Paris, March 29.—Twenty persons were killed, thirty or forty were injured and two German aeroplanes were destroyed in an air raid over Saloniki yesterday.

THIRTY DEAD IN CRASH OF THREE PASSENGER TRAINS N. Y. CENTRAL

T. R. FOUND A NEW BIRD IN TRINIDAD



Col. Roosevelt announced that while on his vacation he found a new bird which somewhat resembles an owl.—News Item.

FOG PREVENTS SIGHT SIGNALS

WITH 30 DEAD AND 50 INJURED IN CRASH AT AMHERST, OHIO, 37 MILES TO WEST OF CLEVELAND EARLY THIS MORNING

REAR COACH PASSENGERS ARE TRAPPED

Twentieth Century Limited Passenger Train Is Among the Three That Are in Great Crash, But This Train Suffered Less Than Did Other Two; Rescuers Made Up of Villagers and Farmers Who Hastened to the Horrible Wreck.

Cleveland, Ohio, March 29.—Thirty persons were killed and more than 40 injured early today when three fast passenger trains on the New York Central lines went together near Amherst, 37 miles west of Cleveland.

Dense fog obscured the signals and the first section of an eastbound limited and a second section of that train crashed into it. A moment later the fast Twentieth Century Limited, westbound, on another track, crashed into the wreckage.

Daylight had not appeared when the trains were piled up together. Farmers and villagers rushed to the aid of the stricken passengers. The work of rescuing those pinned under the wreckage was hampered by the darkness. Ambulances, automobiles and all kind of vehicles were rushed from nearby towns and other points to the scene of the wreck. The little morgue at Amherst soon was filled with bodies, while most of the injured were conveyed to Shaker.

The Twentieth Century Limited proceeded on its way to Chicago. Some of the passengers on this train were injured.

Twenty-five persons are believed to have been killed and some 50 injured in a triple wreck of the three fast New York Central passenger trains at Amherst, Ohio, early today. The trains colliding were the Twentieth Century Limited, westbound, and two sections of train No. 96, Chicago to Buffalo, flyer, eastbound.

Twenty-one bodies had been removed from the wreck at 10 o'clock, according to long-distance messages. Only four of the dead have been identified. Many of the bodies were mangled beyond recognition.

The two sections of No. 96 crashed together in rear-end collisions first and piled wreckage upon the westbound track into which the Twentieth Century Limited plunged a moment later. All the killed were in the rear coaches of the two sections of train No. 96.

The first section of No. 96 stopped for water at Amherst. A heavy fog prevented the engineer of the second section of No. 96 from seeing the block signal and a flagman was sent back. The Twentieth Century Limited was traveling slowly because of the heavy fog or the death toll would have been much heavier.

The number of injured removed grew to 25 before noon. Some were reported dying in the hospitals at Elara. Rescue parties worked frantically to recover the dead and injured.

Most of the dead were said to be foreigners traveling in the rear coaches of the first section of the Chicago-to-Buffalo flyer.

Some passengers on board the Twentieth Century Limited were badly hurt. Two coaches were overturned.

Some of the victims were decapitated. Arms, legs and portions of human bodies were scattered throughout the wreckage. Rescuers put the number of dead at between 25 and 30.

LIEUT. BYRD TO TAKE AVIATION TRAINING

Fayetteville, March 29.—That the capture of Francisco Villa and his band would be easy if the United States had 100 well trained and well equipped aviators is the belief of the Aero Club of America, stated in a telegram to Lieutenant Daniel B. Byrd, second officer of Company F, second infantry, N. S. N. G., who has been assigned to the Curtis aviation training station at Newport News as the representative of the North Carolina National Guard. The work of training of militia officers as aviators is being promoted by the Aero Club.

Lieutenant Byrd left here last night at 10:28 for Newport News, where he will take the training course at the Atlantic coast aeronautical station of the Curtis Aviation school. The Curtis school has offered this training course to one of the National guard of each State in the Union. Lieutenant Byrd has been given the assignment for this State by Adjutant General Laurence W. Young. There were 25 applicants for the appointment. Lieutenant Byrd is very enthusiastic over aeronautics as a branch of military operations and his fellow officers here feel that the assignment was a good one.

TRIANGLE PICTURES TO MAKE PATRON A BOOSTER

Manager John L. Arrington, of the Grand and Almo theatres, in speaking of general conditions this morning, said the successful picture show is conducted entirely along the lines of making of every patron a booster; in other words, selling them pictures every day of a nature to please and cause them to want to come again.

In pursuance of this idea, Manager Arrington has recently closed a contract with the Triangle Photoplay Company, whereby he will offer to local picture-goers on every Monday and Thursday one of the Triangle programs. The Triangle Company is one of the largest and stands for the very highest quality of photoplays made. The same originates from the fact that three of the greatest producers of pictures in the world—Mack Sennet, Thomas H. Ince and D. W. Griffith—direct the pictures, which are offered under the banner of Triangle. The last-named of these directors is well known here for his great powers as director of the silent drama, because his picture, "The Birth of a Nation," has just recently finished an engagement in this city.

A unique feature of the Triangle program is that a five or six-part drama and a two-reel comedy are always shown together, making a fully rounded-out show.

This change of program at the Grand will offer each week, two Triangle days, two Paramount days and a Fox day, with the usual Saturday offering of a serial picture and other reels.

These three brands of pictures are considered by everyone to be the peers of the picture world and therefore Manager Arrington has just right to feel proud in securing them for Rocky Mount and to believe that in so doing he has laid out a most excellent campaign to make every patron a booster.

Get Dyme From Germany. Charlotte, March 29.—A shipment of cotton mill-dye representing \$20,000 was received yesterday by a local concern here. This shipment was located by Shanghai, China, from Germany. The supply house here made the announcement that they had come in possession of a source whereby they will be able to meet the demands of Southern mill men.

ANNUAL DEBATE OF HIGH SCHOOL ON FRIDAY NIGHT

There is considerable interest in school circles in the annual debate which is to be held on Friday night of this week when representatives of the Rocky Mount and Tarboro high schools will clash for honors in the State High School Debaters' union. The subject which is to be debated will be: Resolved, That the United States should adopt a policy of greatly enlarging the navy. In the debate which is to be held in this city at the Masonic opera, starting at 8 o'clock, the affirmative side of this question will be taken care of by Messrs. Mack Gorham and Tom Burgess, while Miss Annie Fountain and Mr. Rupert Phillips, of Tarboro will take negative side. The public is invited to attend this debate.

At the same hour in Tarboro, Messrs. William Andrews and Paxton Cherry of the Tarboro high school will carry the affirmative side, with Messrs. Max Novey and Arthur Daughtridge, defending the negative.

BOMB THROWN INTO REPUBLICAN CAMP

Raleigh, March 29.—The State Board of Elections, in preparing for North Carolina's first State-wide legalized primary for all parties, today threw a bomb into the camp of the Republican organization by ruling that all parties must vote for President in the primaries of June 3, delegates to the national conventions of the parties to be bound by the primary votes instead of by any fact that may control the district and the State conventions in naming the delegates to the convention.

This means that the sensational fight which has been on for several weeks in the county, district and the State conventions over party control between former Senator Marion Butler and National Committeeman E. C. Duncan, in which Butler has won at all vital turns may amount to naught, and still leave gaps down for National Committeeman Duncan to manipulate the party State-wide primary voting and force the delegation to Chicago to support his preference for Presidential candidate.

The Democratic primary balloting for President will, of course, be all one way, that being President Wilson.

AMERICAN CAVALRY PRESSING CLOSE ON VILLA

(By Associated Press.) El Paso, March 29.—Somewhere amid the mountains Francisco Villa is fleeing southward today hard on his trail. United States cavalrymen are straining every nerve to overtake him before he can reach the wastes almost unknown to any but Mexicans and Indians it which Villa began his bandit career years ago.

Mexico official dispatches from General Pershing's advanced base did not give the position of the American troops. Commanders of the Carranza troops now in the Chihuahua region, apparently have lost trace of Villa and his men for no report has been received by Mexican officials here concerning the bandit's whereabouts. Carranza officials in Juarez express the belief that Villa will try to establish a main base somewhere after he has thrown the American cavalry off his trail and will attempt to recruit his army to a large number. Army officers here do not believe Villa will ever make a stand against the American cavalry, but will continue his efforts at hiding or escape through the south.

LIEUTENANT DIES IN BASE HOSPITAL

(By Associated Press.) El Paso, March 29.—Joseph W. Allison, second lieutenant of the Thirtieth Cavalry, who was brought back to the base hospital at El Paso from Casas Grandes, while suffering with a cold, which developed into pneumonia, died today.

MRS. SUSAN SMITH DIES LAST NIGHT

Mrs. Susan Smith, aged 71 years, died last night at the home of her son, Mr. W. B. Smith, on Cedar street, following a lengthy illness. The deceased was known and held in high esteem by a circle of friends who will learn of her demise with regret.

The funeral will be held this afternoon at 4 o'clock from the home by Rev. Noble, the pastor of the Baptist church at North Rocky Mount, after which the remains will be interred in the cemetery.

MINISTERS OPPOSE SUNDAY FUNERALS

Baltimore, Md., March 29.—The Ministerial Union yesterday bitterly opposed the holding of funerals on Sunday. The undertakers and the lawyers came in for censure in the matter. Rev. Dr. F. T. Little, of Abingdon, Methodist Protestant church, said that the cemetery are to blame for Sunday funerals. Both the undertakers and the lawyers have tried to do away with Sunday funerals but the cemetery have refused to do so.

"Therefore," Dr. Little said, "the undertakers have been holding funerals on Sunday because they know that if they don't they will. The lawyers, too, have tried to hire their carriages on Sunday because they know that if they don't they will. It is the same with the undertakers. A minister knows that if another minister will refuse to take his place."

DARKTOWN STIRRED BY THREATENING FATAL TRAGEDY

It was a great time in downtown last night. Contrary to the usages, instead of the woman in the case, it was all an account of a man. The one man, whose ebony hue, dark, sparkling eyes, peppy teeth and sporty ways had won the hearts of Minnie Mitchell, a belle of society rights; and likewise had won the affections of Ludie Finch, an even while aspirant for first place in studium in colored society circles.

There was staged a fight to the limit not with pistols, daggers or knives, but with the most dreaded weapons known to the sons of Ham—a razor—two. The stage was set, the prize had determined—a shudder, "Oh, horror" and the blue-coats intervened.

The women were so mad this evening for the questioning of the man and for the attention of the man who, after hearing of the near-ment of the life-life tragedy, of that Minnie Mitchell should be a better liberty, what to the clerk of the court had paid one bill, the desecration of the body, while Ludie Finch was charged with amount for her freedom, but she was given a thirty-day suspended sentence in Nash jail if she dared so ruthlessly disregard that creation of society known as the law.

W. G. Morris was the other defendant whose check did not get the O. K. at the bank, and the holder complained to the police. He was required to pay a fine of \$5 and costs in the case.