

NOW PREPARED TO WORK OUT SUPPLY SYSTEM

Complete and Independent Motor Truck Line For Supplying Pershing's Forces... Made Possible.

MORE AEROPLANES TO BE PROVIDED ALSO

Official Messages Do Not Indicate That Pershing's Men Are Making Use of the Mexican Lines.

Washington, March 29.—The outcome of the state department's efforts to get from General Carranza permission for the immediate use of Mexican railways for the transportation of supplies to the American expeditionary forces in Mexico was awaited with keen interest today.

Secretary Baker was expected to act immediately and the machines, probably eight in number, will be shipped in a few days.

Reports that American soldiers were injured in a train wreck south of the border have been transmitted to the state department, but there has been nothing official to confirm them.

VIRGINIA REPUBLICANS IN CONVENTION TODAY

Largest Gathering of Party in Virginia For Years—Important Program.

Roanoke, Va., March 29.—With 1,500 delegates from all parts of Virginia in attendance, the state republican convention met here today.

STREET CAR SERVICE IN TOLEDO IS HALTED

Garmen Quit Work When Ordered to Stop Wearing Union Badges.

Toledo, O., March 29.—No street cars ran here today and no relief is promised for the immediate future.

FRESH GERMAN DRIVE STOPPED

Another determined attempt by the Germans to break through the French lines northwest of Verdun has resulted in failure, and with heavy losses to the Germans.

After days of intense artillery preparation for another effort to lesson the six miles intervening between them and the Paris-Verdun railway and the nine miles still between them and Verdun, the Germans launched a great infantry attack on the Harcourt-Bethincourt sector.

There is still an intermittent bombardment northeast of Verdun, and in the Woivre region the French have been shelling German positions.

On the British front in the St. Eloi sector, the Germans opened a heavy artillery fire on the British forces holding the ground gained by them Monday.

In the Postavy region of the Russian front, Berlin reports that the onslaughts of the Russians against the German lines have been withstood and that the attacking forces have suffered heavy casualties.

Heavy Italian bombardment of Austrian positions on the Dobrodo heights and along the Isonzo continued. A German air squadron has dropped bombs on the harbor works at Saloniki and the entire allied encampment north of Saloniki.

Entente Conference Action.

Paris, March 29.—The conference of the entente allies which ended yesterday adopted the following resolutions just prior to adjournment.

The representatives of the allied governments, in conference at Paris March 27 and 28, 1916, affirm the complete community of views and solidarity of the allies.

With a view to strengthen, coordinate and unify the diplomatic action to be expressed to prevent the re-entraining of the enemy, the conference has decided to establish at Paris a permanent committee, in which all the allies will be represented.

SECRETARY LANSING INQUIRES THROUGH AMBASSADOR GERARD WHETHER SUBMARINE SUNK SUSSEX.

Washington, March 29.—The United States has inquired of Germany through Ambassador Gerard whether any of the German submarines torpedoed the British steamer Sussex.

NOT IN NATURE OF PROTEST OR DEMAND

Two American Citizens Make Affidavit That Manchester Engineer Was Torpedoed Without Warning.

Washington, March 29.—Two American citizens who were on board the Manchester Engineer have made affidavits before the American consul that the steamer was torpedoed without notice, according to a Central News dispatch from Queenstown.

The administration had not decided what action will be taken if Germany denies that any of its submarines was concerned in either case.

High officials of the administration differ regarding the course the United States should pursue, should Germany deny responsibility for the attacks and the American government find convincing evidence that they were the work of German submarines.

Colonel E. M. House, the president's closest adviser, arrived in Washington late yesterday and immediately went to the white house, where he conferred with the president.

STILL DESTROYED IN MADISON CO.

Outfit Seized in Spring Creek Section—Charley Rogers Arrested in Haywood.

Madison county, once noted as a good place in which to operate blockade distilleries, still furnishes the revenue officers occasionally an opportunity for a raid.

URGES IMPROVEMENT OF NORFOLK'S NAVY YARD

Washington, March 29.—Secretary Daniels has written to Chairman Fugate of the house naval committee strongly urging that the current naval bill make provision for equipping the Norfolk navy yard for the building of battleships.

J. P. CALDWELL'S PORTRAIT HUNG

Beautiful Oil Painting of Distinguished Editor and Statesman Placed in the Hall of History.

PRESENTATION MADE BY RUFUS R. CLARK

Address of Presentation Dealt With Larger Life of Mr. Caldwell—Emancipator of the Press.

Special to The Times. Raleigh, March 29.—The beautiful oil painting of Joseph Pearson Caldwell, editor, statesman and distinguished citizen of the republic, went upon the walls of the hall of history yesterday afternoon and holds high place in the state's valhalla.

The ceremony of presentation and acceptance came just a short while after the city had done reverence to Tom Pence, whose burial day was his birthday.

As art the picture must rank high. It was painted by McKendree R. Long, friend of Mr. Caldwell. It is faithful to the beautiful eye, the features of a perfect manly beauty, and to the little details of a disarranged hair which every man remembers who ever entered his office.

Mr. Clark spoke of the early life of Mr. Caldwell in Statesville, his school training which was largely in the home, his first office, Miss Janie Caldwell, re-enforced by a printer's job in the Fredell Express, a weekly paper of Statesville.

WAS MAYOR OF STATESVILLE

While a portion of a term by election of the aldermen, and later by a vote of the people. He was also made director of the state hospital at Morganton, a position held by him until his death.

During his 29 years of active party service as editor of the most powerful party paper he had opportunity to enter politics seriously but declined to allow his friends to enter him for any elective office.

He held no other political offices during his life.

30 KILLED IN TRIPLE WRECK

WILL DEMAND HIGHER WAGES

Railroad Brotherhoods Tomorrow Will Present to Roads Proposal for New Basis of Computing Pay.

Washington, March 29.—Committees representing the engineers, firemen, conductors and trainmen's brotherhoods are expected to present demands for increased wages to the railroads throughout the United States on Thursday.

The demands apply to all men on the roads, in the freight yards and hostler service. The pay of the passenger employes already is based on a day of less than eight hours.

TO ATTEND MUSIC BOARD MEETING

Director Cunningham Appointed Member of Committee—Meeting at Greensboro.

Willis J. Cunningham, director of music in the Asheville public schools, leaves tomorrow morning for Greensboro to attend the first meeting of the Music board of the National Music Festival of America.

SHOP MEETINGS FOR THIS WEEK

Shop meetings conducted under the auspices of the Young Men's Christian association began Monday at noon with an address by Rev. George Angel to the men at the Carolina Machinery company.

LECTURE TONIGHT ON BAPTIST BELIEFS

At the mid-week prayer and praise service tonight, the pastor of the First Baptist church, Rev. Dr. Waller, will continue the outline studies on "Baptist Beliefs."

TWO ARE FINED FOR ASSAULTS

Ged Taylor, who was found guilty of an assault with a deadly weapon upon Bert Hood and fined \$25 and the costs was the heaviest sufferer in the police court this morning.

Great Loss of Life Results From Collision of Three Fast N. Y. Central Passenger Trains.

MORE THAN 40 PEOPLE ARE REPORTED INJURED

Two Sections of Pittsburgh-Buffalo Limited and Twentieth Century Limited Collide in Fog.

Cleveland, O., March 29.—Thirty people were killed and more than 40 were injured early today when three fast passenger trains of the New York Central railway crashed together at Amhurst, 37 miles west of here.

The two sections of No. 84 crashed together in a rear-end collision, first and piled wreckage on the westbound track into which the Twentieth Century Limited plunged a few moments later.

All those killed were in the day coaches of the two sections of No. 84. The first section of No. 84 had stopped for water at Amhurst. A heavy fog prevented the engineer of the second section from seeing the block signal and the flagman sent back.

Some of the Twentieth Century Limited passengers were badly hurt. Two of the coaches of this train were overturned. Some of the victims were decapitated. Arms, legs and parts of the dead bodies were scattered throughout the wreck.

ASKS CITY FOR \$300 AS DAMAGES

The electric sign ordinance amendment, limiting the projection of signs from five and a half to three feet over the sidewalks, was called for its first reading yesterday afternoon before the city commissioners.

REAL ESTATE MEN ADOPT "TRADEMARK"

New Orleans, March 29.—The ninth annual convention of the National Association of Real Estate Exchanges formally opened here yesterday with about 700 delegates in attendance.