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IMPORTANT NEWS THE WORLD OVER

Happenings of This and Other Nations For Seven Days Are Given.

THE NEWS OF THE SOUTH

What is Taking Place in the Southland Will Be Found in Brief Paragraphs.

Mexican News

What are regarded as evidences of activity of powerful influences to force intervention in Mexico through the spreading of alarmist reports were discussed at a cabinet meeting in Washington, and resulted in the preparation of a formal statement on the subject by Secretary Lansing.

European War

With 386 passengers, probably some of them Americans, and a crew of about fifty on board, the cross-channel steamer Sussex, plying between Folkestone, England, and Dieppe, France, met with a mishap in the English channel off Dieppe. Unofficial reports say that the vessel was torpedoed. At last reports rescue boats were standing by.

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Domestic

Col. Theodore Roosevelt and wife returned to New York from the West Indies. The colonel is silent on the Mexican situation and politics, but says he has found a new bird, which, he says, the natives call "guacharo."

U. S. CAVALRY IN PURSUIT

Thirty blocks of Augusta, Ga., two miles long and four blocks deep, were destroyed by fire. Five hundred homes were destroyed, and three thousand people are thrown on the streets, which are paroled by the National Guard. The property loss is estimated at eight and a half million dollars.

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The Austrians have abandoned Cernowitz, capital of Bukovina. The Russian war office announces the capture of Ispahan, in Persia, after an engagement.

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VILLA ESCAPES MEXICAN TROOPS

BANDIT LEADER HAD NO TROUBLE IN LICKING CARRANZA'S TROOPS.

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Americans are Handicapped—250 Miles From Base and Hunt in Mountains is Difficult. San Antonio, Texas.—Francisco Villa has escaped from the Mexican troops that had checked him near Nampulpa and three columns of American cavalry are pursuing him.

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IMPATIENT WITH CARRANZA.

Delay in Granting Use of Railroads is Not Pleasing. San Antonio, Tex.—Carranza's delay in permitting the movement into Mexico over the Mexican Northwestern Railway of supplies for the American troops has created impatience at army headquarters that was hardly disguised.

Another Grand-Daughter For Wilson.

Philadelphia.—A daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. Francis Bowes Sayre here. She is the second grand-daughter of President Wilson and will be named Eleanor Axson Sayre, for Mrs. Sayre's mother. Mother and child were reported to be doing well.

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Tells of Navy's Needs.

Washington.—Rear Admiral Bradley A. Fiske declared before the house naval committee that regardless of how many ships were built, it would be impossible to carry out the general board's plan for making the American navy equal to any afloat by 1925, because it would take ten years longer to develop and train the personnel necessary to man the navy in first rank.

HAY ARMY BILL PASSED BY HOUSE

ONLY TWO MEMBERS VOTED AGAINST NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS MEASURE.

PEACE STRENGTH OF 140,000

Britten of Illinois Opposed Bill Because he Favored Greater Increase; London Favored No Increase. Washington.—The Hay army increase bill providing for a regular army peace strength of 140,000 fighting men instead of the present 100,000 passed the house by a vote of 402 to 2. It goes to the senate for immediate consideration virtually as drafted by the house committee.

HEAVY FIGHTING IN EAST.

Masses of Russians Are Pressing Germans From Riga District. London.—Except on the front near Gomcorout and the Bethune-LaBasse road, where the British gained some advantages in fights against the Germans, no infantry engagements have taken place along the line in France and Belgium. Heavy fighting, however, continues between the Germans and Russians on the Eastern front from the region of Riga southward.

3,000 Homeless in Augusta.

Augusta, Ga.—With six business blocks leveled by fire and more than 600 houses destroyed, Augusta was feeding and housing its 3,000 homeless, without aid from the outside world. Estimates of the fire loss remained at \$5,000,000 tonight, but citizens who discussed the disaster expressed the view that the loss of 130 business houses was not felt more than was the destruction of many historical buildings.

Perplexed by Border Dispatches.

Washington.—Officials were perplexed by dispatches from the border saying General Bell had notified General Funston that the report of Herrera's revolt was confirmed. When the war department closed for the night at 11 o'clock Secretary Baker stated that General Funston had not advised the department of General Bell's report and that all information reaching him indicated that Herrera was loyal to Carranza. Major General Scott, chief of staff, declared emphatically he did not believe the report.

FUNSTON ASKS FOR MORE TROOPS

WANTS "ADEQUATE FORCE" TO PROTECT HIS LINE OF COMMUNICATIONS.

PERSHING WANTS MORE MEN

Field Operations So Large Present Force is Insufficient.—Villa Troops Are Scattered. San Antonio, Tex.—General Funston asked the war department for more troops to be sent into Mexico in pursuit of Francisco Villa. The request was made at the suggestion of General Pershing, commander of the expedition, who urged that another regiment be sent to him. In his message to the war department General Funston asked for what he termed an "adequate force."

TILLMAN BILL PASSES.

Provides For Government Armor-Plate Factory.—Cost \$11,000,000. Washington.—The Tillman bill to provide for the erection or purchase by the government of an armor-plate factory at a cost of not to exceed \$11,000,000 was passed by the senate by a vote of 58 to 23.

Two Lieutenants Lost.

Columbus, N. M.—Two lieutenants of the First Aero Squadron are lost somewhere in the desert foothills of the Sierra Madre with but three days' rations and two small canteens of water between them and starvation. It was officially made known at military headquarters here.

Kills Himself and Four Children.

Greensboro, N. C.—D. G. Patterson, a prominently connected man of this city, murdered his four children in their beds and committed suicide. He used the full round of a five-shot revolver in killing the children and reloaded the weapon to end his own life. The tragedy occurred shortly before daylight. The dead are the father, Louise, aged 16; Gordon, aged 11; Frances, aged 9; Cowles, aged 7. Patterson had evidently found Louise and Cowles asleep together and they died without being awakened.

CONTRACT LET FOR BIG AUDITORIUM

\$245,000 STRUCTURE AT BLACK MOUNTAIN TO BE COMPLETED AUGUST 10.

HICKORY FIRM IS BUILDER

National Festival Chorus Directors Act.—Will Bring Thousands to North Carolina. Black Mountain.—The contract for the erection of the great festival chorus auditorium at Black Mountain was awarded to Elliott Brothers, of the Elliott Building company, Hickory, for \$245,000.

Weekly Editors Organize.

Asheville.—Meeting at the Langran hotel here, the weekly newspaper men of western North Carolina adopted a constitution and by-laws, elected officers and, otherwise perfected a permanent organization. The new organization will be known as the Western North Carolina Press association. Noah M. Hollowell, editor of the Sylvan Valley News, of Brevard, was elected president of the organization; Broadus H. DePriest, of the Aurora Highlander, was named first vice-president; R. L. Sandigee, of Bryson City Times, second vice-president; Ora L. Jones, Sylvan Valley News, secretary; W. F. Little, Tryon News-Bee, treasurer. J. D. Boone, Carolina Mountaineer, Waynesville; Gordon F. Garlington, French Broad Hustler, Hendersonville; R. D. Marsh, Rutherfordton Sun, were named as the executive committee, Dan Tompkins, of the Jackson County Journal, at Sylva, was elected historian, and Hecare Sentelle, of the Canton Observer, was named orator. Jesse Daniel Boone, of the Carolina Mountaineer, will be the association poet.

Decide on Highway Route.

Greensboro.—At a called meeting commissioners of Guilford county decided in favor of the old route by way of Jamestown for the concrete-asphalt highway between this city and High Point. They also endorsed resolutions ordering the building of a concrete-asphalt road between the Masonic Home and Edwards Cross Roads, a distance of about one and a half miles, with the help of \$6,000 subscribed by citizens. An underpass will be built at Central Fair Grounds under the Southern Railway.

Booming Fruit Growing.

Kinston.—Fruit-growing is being boomed as never before in Lenoir county, according to an agricultural expert. For the first time, many sprayers will be used this year. Numbers are being purchased by orchard owners. There is "most assuredly money in apples and peaches here," declares the expert. "One woman in the vicinity of Fields made \$500 from less than 100 apple trees last year and a lot of planters reported profits. Spraying is the big thing in this section—getting rid of the blights."