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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 South
and Will Be Found in
Brief Paragraphs.

Mexican News

Thirty of Villa's soldiers killed, four American troopers wounded, none seriously and more than four hundred and fifty of the fugitive band dispersed after a running fight that extended over ten miles, is the summary of the first engagement between forces of the American punitive expedition and Francisco Villa.

Col. George O. Dodd surprised 500 of Villa's men at Guerrero March 29, and with a smaller force began the attack that ended five hours later, when the Villa force had been chased into the hills northeast of Guerrero and broke into small bands. Gen. Alvaro Hernandez was among the Villa followers killed.

It is reported that Villa is badly wounded, not from a gunshot, but he probably fell off his horse. He was carried away from the battle in a carriage, and made his escape. The scene of Colonel Dodd's victory is a broad valley lying at the head of the Santa Maria river. On the west side the barren foothills of the continental divide and to the east is the trail, made famous by Villa, which leads through the Laguna de Castilla district to Santa Isabel.

From details which have been made public Colonel Dodd's men made their way unnoted through the deep gulches, which split the foothills in all directions, and were almost in the camp of the bandits before the alarm was sounded. The extraordinary hold Villa has on his men was shown by the fact that their first thought was to save him regardless of their own fate.

Diplomatic and domestic aspects of the Mexican problem overshadowed its military side, at Washington, official reports from General Funston disclosing no change in the situation on the border.

Congress rushed through an emergency appropriation of \$8,611,502 to pay for the pursuit of the bandits and the state department prepared to press General Carranza for permission to use Mexican railways to solve the troop supply problem.

Dispatches to the war department recite that the American people seem to thoroughly understand the object of the American expedition.

Motor truck trains may be used in rushing supplies to the expeditionary army in Mexico.

Dispatches from the front interpreted in connection with news brought by Americans returning from different points in the interior of Chihuahua caused a belief that Francisco Villa was headed for San Andres, 25 miles southwest of Chihuahua City, a favorite hang-out of the bandit.

Americans in El Paso agree that Villa's objective is the district around Parral and south from there to Terreon, in which territory numerous Villa bands, under the leadership of Canuto Reyes, are operating with considerable success.

The gunboat Marietta has been ordered by the United States war department to Tampico to aid in protecting United States interests there.

The battleship Kentucky which has been off Tampico, has been ordered to Vera Cruz.

Americans in Tampico, said to number 2,000, are apprehensive, and the gunboats Marietta and Machias will remain there as long as there is any alarm.

European War

The hospital ship Portugal, in the service of the Red Cross, has been sunk in the Black sea by a German torpedo boat, with a large number of wounded aboard.

Twenty persons were killed and thirty or forty wounded and two German aeroplanes destroyed in an aerial raid over Saloniki.

It is reported from Saloniki that four German aeroplanes were brought down in the air raid over Saloniki. Two were shot down and the others in a chase were brought down by French machines.

A military expedition to invade Canada, which was halted by the failure of a Buffalo, N. Y., lawyer to appear at a time agreed upon with an organized "firing squad," it was asserted in New York City, was part of an alleged conspiracy to violate the neutrality of the United States.

It is stated in London that all German ships employed in the operations off the German coast have returned to their ports, except the Medusa, which ship was sunk.

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.

The bombardment has become intense to the northwest and northeast of Verdun.

Domestic

Ernest Schiller, the young German who single-handedly captured a British steamer and terrorized her crew of 56 men on the high seas was taken from Lewes, Del., to Harrington, Del., because of threats to rescue him. He was willing to do anything to keep out of the hands of the British authorities.

At Media, Pa., William Pasco, a teamster applied for a raise in pay from his employers, giving as his reason the birth of quadruplets at his home, three boys and a girl. Only eighteen months ago twin boys arrived in this family, making six in less than two years.

Federal and state authorities are probing the New York Central wreck at Amherst, Ohio, in which at least thirty people were killed and forty injured. The cause of the accident is said to be in doubt, but was the result of a head-on collision.

Joseph W. Allison, second lieutenant of the thirteenth cavalry, who was brought back to the base hospital at Fort Bliss from General Pershing's army, suffering from a cold that developed into pneumonia, died at El Paso, Texas. He is the first American officer to succumb to the climatic condition in Mexico.

Twenty buildings in the heart of Lexington, S. C., were destroyed by fire starting in a drug store. The fire swept along both sides of Main street, fanned by a stiff breeze; then another raid of Zeppelin dirigibles balloons over the northeast coast of England Saturday night.

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Washington

The American ambassador at Berlin has presented to the German foreign office the United States government's request for information regarding the alleged torpedoing of the British cross-channel steamer Sussex and the British horse ship Englishman.

With Villa's main command shattered by Colonel Dodd's cavalry dash, the war department expects that the death or capture of the bandit leader himself and the successful conclusion of the American punitive expedition to rid northern Mexico of his raiders will follow more quickly than it had at first been anticipated.

Congress stopped business and cheered the news of the dash of the American troops in Mexico.

President Wilson sent words of congratulation to Secretary Baker and the secretary sent messages of congratulation to Major General Funston to be conveyed to Brigadier General Pershing and Colonel Dodd.

Unstinted praise was given in all quarters to Colonel Dodd, the veteran cavalry officer, who rode with his command continuously for 17 hours, covering 55 miles and then engaged in a five-hour fight. He is 64 years of age, and is retired in July on account of age.

Colonel Dodd was appointed to the military academy from Pennsylvania, where he graduated in 1876. He commanded the Third cavalry during the Apache outbreak in Arizona, during the Indian campaign in Oklahoma and in the Chicago riots in 1894. He also distinguished himself in the Spanish-American war.

The senate agricultural committee has ordered favorably reported the bill appropriating \$15,000,000 for five nitrogen manufacturing plants for commercial and war purposes.

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One of the expeditionary army's most serious problems in hunting Villa was solved when General Carranza granted the state department for permission to use the Mexican Northwestern railway in carrying out the pursuit.

Assistant Secretary Roosevelt wants to double the naval program for this year. He says that the United States navy is falling way behind the navies of other first class powers. He thinks we could easily pass France this year, with whom, he says, we are now neck and neck.

Great Britain's reply to an inquiry by the United States regarding the removal of \$12,000,000 in securities from Dutch steamers en route from Rotterdam to New York, and touching at English ports, was transmitted to the state department. It stated that the securities as were of German ownership and were being sent to America to establish a credit in the United, were held on the ground that they were contraband.

Every agency open to the state department is being employed in an effort to gather an unimpeachable array of facts regarding the explosion which damaged the British channel steamer Sussex, the sinking of the Englishman and the sinking of the French passenger ship Patria.

It is said to be known as a fact at the state department that the German submarine commanders are acting under secret instructions to torpedo every vessel, neutral as well as belligerent, approaching the British Isles.

U. S. Marines Land in China. Peking.—Marines from the United States gunboat Wilmington went ashore at Swatow, where the Chinese troops have declared their independence of the central government. The detachment reconnoitered and found the city quiet. A Chinese gunboat also is anchored off Swatow, which is a seaport of Kwang Tung province, 120 miles south of Amoy. Chang Chou Fu, a city of about 900,000 inhabitants, and one of the largest in China, has declared its independence of the government of Yuan Shi Ka.

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AIRSHIPS RAID ENGLISH COASTS

TEUTONIC AIR FLEETS KILL SIX TEEN AND INJURED ONE HUNDRED.

BOMBS WREAK DESTRUCTION Spread Out on Scottish and Northern and Southern Coasts of England and Play Havoc.

London.—The coast of Scotland and the northern and southeastern counties of England were attacked by Zeppelin Sunday night, according to an official announcement by the secretary of war.

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SEARCH MOUNTAINS FOR VILLA.

Nothing Has Been Heard of His Operations Since Battle.

San Antonio, Texas.—Unless Francisco Villa is definitely located within the next day or two, it is believed here that General Pershing will begin a search of the mountains west and south of Guerrero. Since the defeat of Villa's forces March 29 and near Guerrero, lightly equipped detachments of cavalry have been sweeping in whirlwind fashion through the district about head waters of the Santa Maria river trying to locate the elusive bandit, reported to have gone in that direction after being desperately wounded.

General Pershing did not get a report through to General Funston during the day, but his chief of staff did, indicating that the line of communication was maintained. No mention of Villa was made. There is increasing belief that General Pershing may have been deceived as to the direction taken by Villa and even concerning his injuries.

Garard Will Stick Through War.

Berlin, via London.—James W. Garard, the American ambassador, has issued a statement through the Wolff Bureau regarding the report telegraphed here from the United States that he intends to resign, return to America and become a candidate for governor of New York. The statement says: "The ambassador regards it his duty not to leave the important post at Berlin during the war, especially as any possible successor would not easily work into the difficult and often complicated matter of British interests entrusted, such as those of civil and military prisoners. He hopes to remain in Berlin at least until the end of the great war."

Germans Take Thousand Yards.

Berlin, via London.—The Germans' official statement announces that Teuton troops have cleared 1,000 yards of trench northeast of Harcourt in addition to the positions taken March 30.

Enraged Mob Storms Jail.

Petersburg, Va.—A mob of 1,000 people, made up largely of enraged citizens from Nottoway and Dinwiddie counties, surrounded the Petersburg jail in which is confined John Williams, a negro, who was arrested for an alleged criminal assault on a young woman, 19, at her home near Blackstone.

Asks Wilson to Demand Reparation.

Paris.—Prof. James Mark Baldwin of Baltimore whose daughter was seriously injured in the explosion of the cross channel steamer Sussex, gave out a copy of a cablegram despatched to President Wilson.

It reads: "A woman traveling where her right was, carrying an American passport, stricken on the Sussex, hovering between life and death, demands that reparation for assault on American life and liberty be exacted." (Signed) "Mark Baldwin."

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The hold-up took place outside the three-mile limit and Federal authorities say this government probably will have nothing to do with the matter Schiller, they say, will be returned to the Matoppe and turned over to British officials at St. Lucia, where the vessel will stop for coal.

The Matoppe sailed from New York for Vladivostok with a cargo consisting chiefly of barbed-wire and farm implements. She passed out of Sandy Hook at 6 o'clock and two hours later, upon entering the Delaware Breakwater, she was confronted by a young man with a revolver in each hand and a pistol in his mouth. "Hands up your life," he cried and if you value your life," he then barked. The captain was then bound hand and foot and locked in his cabin, promising, under penalty of death, not to raise an alarm.

Cautiously making his way to the wireless cabin, the stowaway, who is about 26 years old, put the instruments out of commission and threw the ship's guns, consisting of six rifles, overboard. He then returned to the captain's cabin, rifled the safe and destroyed many important papers. He had expected, he told Captain Bergner, to find at least 2,000 pounds in English money aboard but there was not a penny in the safe. Later, however, Schiller compelled the captain and the first officer to hand over their pocketbooks containing a total of about 30 pounds.

At 4 o'clock in the morning Schiller released Captain Bergner and still gripping a revolver in each hand, ordered the steamer headed towards shore.

GERMANS SHIFT TO EAST.

Succeeded in Entering French Line of Trenches—Driven Out.

London.—Having captured the village of Malancourt, the Germans now have shifted their offensive eastward to the sector around the famous Le Mort Homme. With heavy forces the Teutons have attacked the French line between Hill 295 and Le Mort Homme and succeeded in entering French front line trenches. A vigorous counter-attack by the French, however, almost immediately expelled the invaders and another attack by the Teutons delivered a little later is declared by Paris to have been put down completely.

The Germans have made no attempt to debouch from Malancourt since their occupation of the village.

Grand Jury Indicts Waite.

New York.—The grand jury returned an indictment charging murder in the first degree against Dr. Arthur Warren Waite, accusing him of poisoning his father-in-law, John E. Peck, millionaire drug manufacturer of Grand Rapids, Mich.

Plot to Rescue Schiller.

Lewes, Del.—Fearing that attempts would be made to rescue Ernest Schiller, the young German stowaway who single-handedly captured the British steamer Matoppe and terrorized her crew of 56 men on the high seas, detectives took Schiller from his cell in the town jail at Harrington from where he will be taken by train to New York. The detectives declared that they had received positive information that attempts would be made to rescue the prisoner.

Underwood Wants Nitrogen Plant.

Washington.—A determined fight was begun in the senate by Senator Underwood of Alabama to incorporate in the army re-organization bill a provision looking to the establishment of a government plant to make nitrogen from the air from the manufacture of explosives. Efforts to incorporate such legislation in the house bill were defeated.

Thirty Dead in Railroad Wreck.

Cleveland, O.—With a toll of at least 30 persons dead and 40 or more injured, federal, state and railroad officials began an investigation into the cause that led to one of the most disastrous wrecks in the history of the New York Central system. Three trains, including the Twentieth Century Limited, westbound, known as the New York Central's palatial flyer, and two sections of No. 86, the Chicago-Pittsburg Limited, westbound, came together in collision near Amherst, O.

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Washington.—Frank Parker of Raleigh has been appointed field agent of the Bureau of Crop estimates for North Carolina. Mr. Parker is a graduate from the North Carolina A. & M. College, and for several years taught agriculture in North Carolina, Georgia and Porto Rico. For a time he was also agronomist in charge of boys' corn club work in North Carolina. He now owns and operates a large farm near Raleigh. Crop correspondents are requested to continue their co-operation in the crop-reporting service by forwarding monthly reports to Mr. Parker at Raleigh.

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FARM SCHOOLS ARE IN GOOD CONDITION

DR. J. Y. JOYNER AND PRESIDENT D. H. HILL RETURN FROM TRIP.

ENDORSE WORK OF COLLEGE

A. & M. Receives Fellowship Worth \$250 in New Advanced Courses at the Columbia University.

Raleigh.—In company with Dr. J. Y. Joyner, state superintendent of public instruction, President D. H. Hill, of the A. & M. College, has been visiting some of the state farm life schools. The object of the visits was to confer with the principals and boards of control and to see whether the schools are equipped as the law directs and whether there were any points at which help is needed.

In an interview, President Hill said that the schools are working smoothly and with the hearty co-operation of officers, teachers and communities. "As these schools are all new departures in the state's system, it will, of course, be some years before they are well supplied with material as they ought to be," he added. "Their purpose is so in accord with modern ideas of education that no one can doubt but that the material equipment which they need will soon be supplied."

That the work of A. and M. students is competing well with that done by older and larger institutions is evidenced by the following letter which was received this week from Dean Frederick A. Goetze, of the schools of mines, chemistry, and engineering of Columbia University:

"Beginning with the academic year 1915-1916, a number of fellowships in the new advanced courses in our schools of mines, engineering, and chemistry were established, to be awarded to students or graduates of a limited number of colleges and technical schools of high rank.

"In view of the very satisfactory showing which has been made by students who have come to us from the North Carolina College of Agriculture and Mechanic Arts, we have decided to designate one of these fellowships to your institution. The fellowship will carry a stipend of \$250."

J. B. Powell, of Roxbel, has been elected editor of the 1917 Agromecist meeting of the Junior class.

Durham-Chapel Hill Boulevard.

Durham.—Commissioners of Durham and Orange counties at their present meeting were asked to pay their share of the cost of building a beautiful boulevard between Durham and Chapel Hill.

Boulevard construction companies have promised to pave seven of the twelve miles between Durham and Chapel Hill, provided the two counties will pay the remaining cost. This will be between \$20,000 and \$30,000.

Members of the committee in attendance at a recent meeting stated that the boulevard would repay for itself in advertising and would be the greatest gift the University of North Carolina has ever received.

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