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IMPORTANT NEWS THE WORLD OVER

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

The United States is prepared to treat with General Carranza, as proposed in his recent note, for the withdrawal of American troops from Mexico. Pending the outcome of the diplomatic negotiations, the status of the expedition will remain unchanged, and pursuit of Villa will continue.

No new orders have been sent to General Funston, and none are contemplated.

The Mexican government will insist that the expedition be limited to 1,000 men of one service alone, that of cavalry.

It is stated in Washington that the Mexican government considers the expedition illogical, and that it must be limited to certain areas.

The Americans on whom the Mexicans at Parral fired were unarmed, according to information sent out from San Antonio, Texas.

From all information available the forty Mexicans killed at Parral fired on a body of United States soldiers who went into the town to get supplies. The Americans retreated and were followed by the Mexicans, and the battle resulted

Army officers established a record in aviation for a continuous flight. A as one of the most popular American fight of 310 miles was made in four hours and five minutes. Parts of the flight were made over the Sierra Madre mountains.

Further increase of the United States forces in Mexico is again prominent in official consideration in Washington. It is stated that General Pershing's future movements in the hunt for Villa will include adequate preparations for any eventuality.

Despite increased use of Mexican railways in shipping supplies, there is no suggestion in official quarters in Washington that the strength of value. the motor truck service will be in the least decreased.

the concern regarding the movements of Carranza troops on the border, General Funston has complete authority to deal with the situation and may take any steps he deems necessary to safeguard the United States advance columns and the American

General Funston has been advised that the first train-load of supplies for the American troops in Mexico left Juarez over the Mexican Central railroad for Chihuahua under a tentative agreement with Carranza border officials which, if it operates successfully, is expected to alleviate a ing acute.

The cheapness of human life to the Villa bandits was brought out pointedly by J. H. Locke, an American, of Minaca, who escaped from that city on the night of March 28, when Herman Blanenburg, a German, and David Bruce, an American were killed by bandits. Locke told of the utter recklessness with which these two men were slain.

There is a persistent rumor that Villa is seriously wounded, but reports are just as persistent that the report is untrue.

European War

Great Britain has lost 23,962 officers since the war began.

In February the British losses in officers were heaviest in the Indian contingent in Mesopotamia.

Admission by Germany that her submarines recently attacked three merchant ships carrying American citizens and that one of them torpedoed a vessel in the vicinity of the point where the charnel steam Sussex was fied the task of the United States gov- key. ernment in preparing for the next step in the issue over submarine warfare.

A royal proclamation in London has licles which hereafter will be treated committee unchanged. as actual contraband. Included in the

American people co-operating with the the relation of wages to costs of procommission for relief in Belgium that duction. you have expressed for me"-this is Belgium to the commission for relief mation regarding the sinking of mer- planes was attacked by 40 bandi's, 15 Daughters of the American Revolu- before giving out another public were driven off and one of their num-

Premier Asquith of England declares that the entente allies are prepared ambassador, called at the state defor peace only on the terms of his partment to discuss the situation with declaration of November, 1914-to es- Secretary Lansing and gain informatablish the principle that international tion for his government as to the problems must be handled by free ne- views of the United States, but his gotiations on equal terms between free | visit was fruitless. peoples.

Fragments of the missile which damaged the cross-channel steamer has been reported to the president by Sussex have been handed the Amer- General Funston that the war departican naval attache at Paris to be for- ment is now considering drawing upon warded to Washington. A report indicating the character of the fragments has already been cabled the United States government.

A Unionist member, speaking in the English parliament, made the statement that a food shortage is likely in England, Scotland, Ireland and Wales unless steps are taken to stop the sinking of merchant vessels.

An English statesman made this Happenings of This and Other Nations query in the British house of commons: "If Germany by the persistent sinking of every vessel can frighten DE FACTO GOVERNMENT SETS neutrals from bringing us cargoes, what then?" Then he urged the compelling of neutrals who have not made use of interned Germans ships to do so. His says this can be forced by withdrawal of the allies' tonnage unless the neutrals comply.

The German secretary for foreign affairs and the Roumanian minister in Berlin on April 7 signed a convention Reports from Chihuahua Are Regardbetween Germany and Roumania, by which both governments declare their readiness to allow free exportation of home products so far as their own needs permit, with the exception of dead and his body, disinterred some war material

reported sunk during the past few a series of telegraphic messages re- Mexico. Pending the outcome of the

Since March 1 ten of Great Britain's cials. and thirty neutral vessels have been

The armies of the German crown on the offensive against the French. The French have evacuated the Bethincourt salient and the Germans attacked with great violece their new line from Avocourt to Cumieres, but were repulsed with great sanguinary

News from British headquarters in Mesopotamia is that the mule has proved beyond cavil superiority over the camel as a transport animal.

Domestic

Richard Harding Davis, while seated at the telephone at his home in Mt. Kisco, N. Y., died suddenly. He was an author and war correspondent of note, and was considered by many

Henry D. East entered the home of to Chihuahua. Young A. Neal, in Birmingham, Ala., and shot Neal in the presence of Neal's young wife, perhaps probably East was fatally wounding him. prompted by jealousy.

The cargo of the German prize ship Appam was disposed of at Newport News, Va., at public auction for approximately \$700,000. The sale was recently ordered by the federal court because the cargo, on account of its Washington Makes Unqualified Stateperishable nature, was depreciating in

Mrs. W. A. Harris of Lawrence was elected as one of the delegates to It is officially stated that, anent the national convention by the Kansas Democrats in state convention at Hutchinson.

> The resolutions committee of the Kansas state Democratic convention refused to hear the advocacy of the candidacy of Governor Major of Missouri for nomination to the office of

vice president. Rev. W. A. R. Goodwin, at the convention of the Laymen's Missionary Movement in New York City, declared that "New York spends a million dollars a day in dissipation and the nation five hundred million dollars a year for moving pictures, but our religion is not costing us enough, for we situation regarded as rapidly becom- give to God a part of what we have left after we have amply provided for

Washington

President Wilson and the cabinet reaffirm their determination to bring the submarine situation with Germany to an issue.

It is stated that the president will inform Germany that she is not keeping her promises anent submarine warfare which the United States accepted in good faith, and expected the German government to keep same.

It is assumed in Washington that ships began to pass through the Panama canal on April 15, the date set for the reopening.

It is stated that there is no further anticipation that landslides will hamper the operation of the Panama canal in the future, as information is to the effect that this menace has been met and conquered,

Henry Morgenthau, American ambassador to Turkey, has submitted his resignation to the president.

Abram Elqus of New York, it is stated, is slated to succeed Henry damaged by an explosion, has simpli- Morgenthau as ambassador to Tur-

The annual river and harbor appropriation bill carrying \$40,000,000, passed the house by a vote of 210 to been issued extending the list of ar- 133, with every item agreed on in the

An exhaustive report on the operalist are money of all kinds and nego- tion of the present tariff law, prepartiable instruments and realizable se- ed by Secretary Redfield, in response to a senate resolution, has been made "All my best thanks for the wishes public by the department of comhat come from you and from the merce, in which it specially reviews

President Wilson and Secretary the cablegram sent by King Albert of Lansing are waiting for further inforof Belgium being conducted by the chant ships by German submarines statement.

Count von Bernstorff, the German

Such a merked improvement in conditions along the Mexican border ome of the troops stationed in Texas strengthen the ever-lengthening

ine of communication of the expedion seeking Villa.

REPORTED DEAD

OUT TO PROVE DEATH OF BANDIT LEADER.

ARE INCLINED TO ACCEPT NO NEW ORDERS ARE ISSUED

ed as Confirmatory By American

Officials at Ed Paso. El Paso, Texas.-Francisco Villa is days after his burial, is in possession Two more English ships have been of the Carranza troops, according to ceived in Juarez by the Mexican offi-

For more than a week reports that Villa had died from wounds have been current here and in Juarez. Latprince around Verdun are vigorously est accounts were the most circumstantial and apparently reliable yet received. They were accepted with reserve by American officials includ ing General Bell, but Mexican officials expressed confidence in their reliabil-

> The dispatcher of the Mexican Northwestern Railroad at Juarez reported to General Gavira, Carranza commander at Juarez, that he had heard a conversation on the telegraph wire to the effect that Villa's body was in the hands of the Carranza troops.

General Garvira notified Consul Garcia here who rushed messages to the telegraph operators at Madera and Cushihuiriahic asking for con- whether he was prepared to negotiate firmation. The Madera and Cusihuir- with the de facto government for the ahic answered confirming the report and stating the body was being taken

The telegraph operator at San Antonio, 50 miles west of Chihuahua, telegraphed Consul García that Villa's body was in possession of Colonel Carlos Carranza, nephew of General Carranza, who was taking it in a special train to Chihuahua.

IF VILLA IS DEAD U. S. WILL WITHDRAW.

ment When Report of Bandit's

Death is Heard. Washington.-American troops will be withdrawn from Mexico if Francisco Villa is dead. Administration officials made this unqualified statement, commenting on reports from Mexican sources that the bandit's body

taken to Chihuahua City my special The State and War Departments were without confirmatory advices on the subject from American sources. Reports reaching El Paso and other border points were forwarded for information, but neither American consul nor military authorities in Mex-

ico were heard from. Every message received was closely scrutinized at the State Deaprtment and sent to the White House. In some quarters there was a disposition to credit them, despite the fact that border reports generally have been viewed with much suspicion since the pursuit began.

AT VERDUN WAR MUST END SAYS THE EMPEROR.

Paris.-A semi-official note just is sued reviews the recent operations about Verdun and gives an order of the day of General Petain, commanding at Verdun, in praise of the resistance of the French troops to the recent offensive of the Germans. The note concludes:

"The Emperor some days ago reviewed one of the divisions engaged in the region between Douaumont and Vaux and it was there that he said: "The war of 1870 was decided at Paris. The present war must end at Verdun."

General Petain's order follows: "The ninth day of April is a glorious day for our arms. The ferocious assaults of the soldiers of the Crown Prince have been everywhere broken. Infantrymen, artillerymen, sappers and aviators of the Eleventh Army were rivals in heroism. The honor

"The Germans, without doubt, will attack again. Let every one work and watch to obtain the same success as yesterday. Have courage. We will get them."

U. S. MOTOR TRUCK TRAIN ATTACKED BY BANDITS.

San Antonio, Texas.-General Pershing reported to headquarters that a motor-truck train carrying aeromiles north of Satevo. The Mexicans ber was killed.

MORE MACHINE GUNS SENT TO THE MEXICAN BORDER

San Francisco-Maj. General J. Franklin Bell, commander of the western department, ordered the despatch of the machine gun corps, including 30 men of the Twenty-first Infantry stationed at Vancouver, Washington, to Calexico, California, on the Mexican border. No change in Mexican situation has caused the despatch of the machine gun corps of the Twenty-first it was said at army headquarters.

HUNT FOR VILLA TO BE CONTINUED

PENDING OUTCOME OF DIPLO-MATIC RELATIONS WITH CAR-RANZA GOVERNMENT.

Carranza Military Forces Must Prove Their Ability to Stop Brigandage on the Border States.

Washington.-The United States is prepared to treat with General Carranza as proposed in his note for the withdrawal of American troops from diplomatic negotiations, however, the status of the expedition will remain unchanged and the pursuit of Villa

This was the situation officially stated after President Wilson and his Cabinet had considered the new phases of the Mexican problem raised by General Carranza's communication. Secretary Lansing said he was prepared to take up the matter with the de facto government, but would not indicate when a reply might be sent. Secretary Baker said no new orders had been sent to General Funston and that none were under con-

templation. Both Secretaries said there had been no change in the policy of the Administration which prompted the

pursuit of Villa. Secretary Lansing would not say possible fixing of a date for withdrawal of American troops. He indicated that the time element of any agreement would be based on what developed in the pursuit of the bandits. As the Administration's attitude is understood here, a satisfactory demonstration by the Carranza military forces of their ability to stop all brigandage in the border states would see the object of the American expedition

accomplished. Senator Stone, chairman of the Foreign Relations Committee, is thought to have voiced the Administration view to the senate, speaking after a

conference with Secretary Lansing. "The problem confronting this government," the Senator said, "is how long it would be wise to keep an expeditionary force in Mexico. If we adhere to our policy towards Mexico, had been discovered and was being we cannot keep the army there. To my mind the only alternative to withdrawing the troops sooner or later is intervention."

SENATE VOTES 43 TO 22 FOR BIG NITRATE PLANT.

Smith Amendment Carries \$15,000,000 For Government's Proposed Venture

Washington.-The senate adopted the army bill amndment of Senator Smith, South Carolina, appropriating \$15,000,000 for a government nitrate plant. The vote was 43 to 22.

This action disposed of the second big fight in the Senate over the senate substitute for the house army reorganization bill.

Senator Smith's amendment provides for the sale of Panama Canal bonds for raising the required \$15,000,-000 and the president is authorized to be disposed of by the secretary of war of starvation. for fertilizer.

RUSSIANS CLAIM DEFEAT

Except for the artillery wings the contending armtes there has been no fighting at any point on the long front in France and Belgium.

Several days now have elapsed since the Germans launched a heavy attack on the positions in dispute before Verdun, but their artillery has continued vigorously to shell the LeMort Homme sector northwest of Verdun and the second line positions of the French to the east of the Meuse.

In the Argonne the French continue to operate with their guns against German points of vantage and in the region of Pont-a-Mousson they have shelled convoys of Germans.

On the Russian front the Germans essayed attacks between Lakes Sventen and Ilzen, but were repulsed with neavy casualties. In Galicia, southeast of Boutchache, the Germans also took the offensive, but here again were repulsed. The Russians claim the capture in the Stripa region of a German position and the putting down of counter-attacks launched with the intention of recapturing it

BOLL WEEVIL TO INFEST

ENTIRE COTTON SECTION. Washington.-The boll weevil will infest the entire cotton section of the South before its progress is checked, according to the report of a special committee of the Chamber of Commerce of the United States just made

Attempts to destroy the weevil by spraying and poisoning have met with scant success because the weevil bores into the plant. The annual rate of advance is said to vary from 40 to 70 miles, according to conditions.

MEXICAN MOBS ATTACK TROOPS

SEVERAL ARE KILLED AND WOUNDED IN FIRST ACTUAL CONFLICT.

MACHINE GUNS USED ON MEXICAN BANDITS

Carranza Wires Admission That Situation Threatens to Get Beyond His Control.-Troops in Anti-American

Washington.-American troops in Mexico have had their first battle with the natives at the moment General Carraza is urging their withdrawal.

While General Carranza's note asking for withdrawal of our troops was on its way to Washington, troopers of the Seventh Cavalry under Major Tompkins were fired upon in Parral, a Villa stronghold in eastern Chihuahua; were pursued to the suburbs while the Carranza garrison took a doubtful part in the affray, and our troops were attacked again during the

Complete information regarding the losses to the American troops or to the Mexicans had not reached Washington. Secretary Baker Informed President Wilson that a brief dispatch to the war department said that according to unofficial reports, one American cavalryman was killed and that the troopers used a machine gun against the Mexicans

Mr Baker announced later that he had ordered General Funston to take any steps necessary to prevent further touble. Asked whether this might mean the enforced use of Mexican railroads for the movement of soldiers and supplies, he said General Funston was on the ground and would act as any emergency required

General Carranza directed his embassy here to point out that the clash proved his contention that the presence of American troops in Mexico is leading to a situation which threatens to be beyond his control and telegraphed that "many deaths had occurred on both sides."

Foreign Minister Aguilar, in a dis patch sent before that from General Carranza, said one American trooper was killed and seevral civilians were

Consul Garcia, Carranza agent a El Paso, wired the embassy that "several persons were killed on both

EL PASO ANXIOUSLY ASKS

WHAT WILL WILSON DO? Other Riots Reported Due to Starva tion Among Mexicans Across

Border. El Paso, Texas .-- El Paso is in a state of intense anticipation. "What will Washington do?" was the question on every lip, every other topic faded into insignificance.

The news of the clash at Parral between American soldiers and Mexicans was followed by reports of serious rioting at other points in Chidesignate not more than five water- huahua but in none were American power sites for power plants. When soldiers said to be involved. The products of these plants, which will be riots were said to be due principally operated exclusively by the govern- to scarcity of food. In many cities ment ,are not needed for manufacture of northern Mexico the masses of the of munitions of war the surplus could people are said to be on the brink

The worst rioting was reported far to the south in Aguas Calientes, Capital of the state of that name. Spas-OF GERMANS IN EAST modic food riots during the last two days were described in a message received from a mining concern with

large interests in Aguas Calientes. As far as this section of the border is concerned the news of Carranza's request for the withdrawel of the troops has not caused an open disturbance. Juarez maintined its customary placid attitude and the Mexicans on both sides of the river seemed far less excited than the Ameri-

British Bark Torpedoed.

London.-The British bark Inverlyon has been sunk by a submarine, according to a report report received by Lloyds. Twelve members of the rew were rescued.

Hopewell Celebrates Anniversary. Hopewell, Va.-Hopewell 'the city which has grown from a village to a city of 35,000 people within a year, and which has twice during that time been wiped out by fires, celebrated its first anniversary.

Favor Big Navy. Washington.-Agitation for a great-

er navy at the expense of army in- Grit. creases marked the last day of general debate in the Senate on the army reorganization bill. Chairman Stone of made a plea for a navy big enough to fight offensively on the high seas to defend American rights anywhere in the world, and Senator Borah on the Republican side urged that the Federal volunteer and National Guard provisions of the Chamberlain bill both be sacrificed in order to add to the extension of the naval forces.

TY Easter lilies, pure and fair and sweet, I know that hidden in your hearts

of gold Still lies the secret you each year repeat— An oft-told story that can ne'er grow

Of birds that sing, Of bells that ring, As o'er the earth now steals the spring.

EASTER'S MEANING

God's Wondrous Love for His Children, and the Greatest of All Miracles.

JES, it's Easter. Don't you hear the bells chiming? The very air seems charged with enthusiasm. Even the birds seem to chirrup a new song, for the whole world is full of joy. You smile whether you feel like Dr. Chapman will have charge of one it or not, for the smile on every face you meet challenges you to it. Surely, Easter must mean much to the world. What does it mean to you?

To some Easter means an excuse to rival Cleopatra.

and shame. Oh, I know that you may will in all probability attract an unnot go the limit. Yet you will not usually large delegation. deny that others will. There will be grand parades at fashionable resorts and every little hamlet will try to show itself as the "best ever." If this is all Easter means to you you surely

are in need of a missionary. ceptable occasion for making gor-

husky lad will try to see how many Sunday School class has justified its eggs he can eat today so that he can existence by what it has done and is brag about it the rest of the year. doing as a movement. No other plan here and there the physician will be of winning young men and young needed to relieve the egg-pain that women to the Sunday School and results from the abuse of nature. That | Church has ever been discovered that fellow is less man and more beast brings the result like the Baracawhose greatest glory lies in the quan- Philathea movement. It is a fact for tity of eggs he can consume. If an oc- which the various denominations of casion for excused gluttony is the our State might well be proud that meaning you attach to Easter you, too, North Carolina heads the list of all

are in need of a missionary. Easter commemorates the greatest of the world's miracles.

It has been said to be beyond reason. Probably it is beyond the reasoning caliber of mortal thinkers just as it is not common to experience. Yet the same argument would apply to many practical inventions that are now common. Once they were thought impossible, and their advocates were scoffed at. Some have even been slain in ages past for daring to advocate daring theories. Some day, also, the veil will be lifted from the Resurrection and men will see a reasonableness where now they see only perplexity. The fact is not less real because I cannot explain it any more than a complicated machine is a fiction because I cannot understand all about it. By applying myself I can learn about the machine if I have a mechanical mind, by trusting the teachings of the Master I can have his witness in my heart that what he has taught me is true.-Pennsylvania

St. Joseph's Lily.

St. Joseph's lily, or the lily of the annunciation, is said to have been brought to Europe from North Syria, where it is said to have bloomed upon Lebanon, and Mount Hermon. It soon established itself in British gardens, and playing truant occasionally ran wild, rioting in luxuriant bloom in North Carolina and his coming will meadows in the south of England.

BIG CONVENTION TO MEET IN GOLDSBORD

BARACA-PHILATHEA CON-VENTION.

PLANS NOW COMPLETE FOR

MANY ABLE SPEAKERS ARE ON THE PROGRAM

Large Delegation of Baracas and Philatheas and Other Sunday School Workers Expected to Attend.

The 75,000 Baraces and Philatheas n North Carolina will be interested to know that plans are now complete for what will probably be the greatest convention of organized Sunday School classes ever held in our state. The convention meets in Goldsboro, April 27-30. Much interest is being manifested in the coming meeting, and a large delegation of Baracas and Philatheas and other Sunday School workers is expected to be on hand. Special rates have been secured on all railroads and board and lodging in the Convention City can be obtained at a dollar per day. The names of a number of delegates have already



Dr. J. Wilbur Chapman

of the services at the Baraca-Philathea Convention. The great evangelist is so well known throughout the State that many will attend the

convention to hear his message. That dame of notorious name and been sent in and others are coming in unsavory reputation was an adept in every day. In order to avoid a rush suggestive dressing. With a wizard's and for the sake of convenience both skill she catered to the emotions of to the delegates and to the registramen, toyed with them a little and then tion committee it was decided that abandoned them for a more promis- when possible the delegates send in ing subject for excitement. Mascu- their names and registration fee of line conquest is dear to the feminine 50 cents in advance to Miss Hattie heart, and some sweet maids seem un- Dewey, Goldsboro, and she will forconscious of the price they pay to win. ward badge and address of home to Compromised modesty is intoxicating which delegate has been assigned. in its appeal, the results are not un- This arrangement, we believe, will be like in any other intoxication. Every to the advantage of all parties since such occasion has its sobering time, the prominent speakers and workers usually it means consciousness of loss who will take part on the program

The coming convention will be the sixth since the state organizations were formed. Six years ago there were about 400 classes in the State; to-day there are over 2,000. The six years of their existence have not only To many others the day offers ac- been marked by a wonderful growth in number of members and classes, but the interest in the work seems to Easter eggs are the rule. Many a be on the increase. The organized

the states of the Union in this work. A program worthy of the work that has been and is being done by the Baraca and Philathea classes of the state has been prepared for the convention only a few days off. Dr. J. Wilbur Chapman and Dr. Alexander. known the world over for their great services as evangelists, will have charge of one session. Miss Henrietta Heron, of Elgin, Ill., vice-president of the World-Wide Baraca-Philathea Union and Dr. Chas. D. Bulla, of Nashville, Tenn., superintendent of the Wesley Adult Bible Class Movement, are other prominent speakers and workers from outside of our own atate. A number of prominent Sunday School leaders from our own ranks will appear on the program. With special conferences for superintendents, pastors, and teachers and officers, under the direction of the most efficient Sunday School workers available, it is expected that a large delegation of those interested in more efficient Sunday Schools from all parts of the state will attend.

Dr. J. Wilbur Chapman, D. D. The program committee of the Baraca-Philathea Union was indeed lucky in being able to add to the already long list of able speakers the name of the famous evangelist, Dr. J. Wilbur Chapman. Dr. Chapman is well known by thousands of people in

add great strength to the program.