

JAPANESE BATTLESHIPS REPORTED OFF COAST OF MEXICO

REPORT OF CARRIZAL FIGHT IS RECEIVED IN WASHINGTON: WITHHELD FROM PUBLICATION

Secretary Baker Declares it is in "Rumor Class." Said to Bear Out Press Reports, However,

DANIELS ORDERS ADMIRAL WINSLOW TO INVESTIGATE THE JAP REPORTS

Washington, June 23.—Pershing's report on the Carrizal fight has reached the war department. Its contents were early characterized as tending to confirm the press reports of the battle, but officials said that they could not rely upon it entirely as proving that the attack of the Mexicans was unprovoked.

San Antonio, June 23.—Pershing has notified General Funston that the Mexicans have evacuated Casas Grandes, but doesn't make any mention of the Americans occupying the city.

Washington, June 23.—Following a conference between President Wilson and Secretary Baker today, it was stated that no change in policy was contemplated. "The administration is still awaiting the fullest details of the Carrizal incident," was the official statement made.

Army men said today that they did not believe the Carrizal incident would provoke war, but declared it to be their belief that war would ultimately come. Baker has refused to publish the text of Pershing's report, saying that it was in the rumor class.

The navy department today took cognizance of the reports that Japanese ships were in Mexican waters, when Secretary Daniels ordered Admiral Winslow to proceed with the flagship San Diego to investigate at Lopez, Lower California. Daniels stated that he was taking this move, although "previous rumors to this effect had proven that the reports had been unfounded."

The cabinet is considering Mexico almost exclusively.

WILL PROVIDE EXTRA PAY FOR MARRIED MILITIAMEN

Matter Being Brought up in the House. Republicans Demand Explanation From Wilson.

(By United Press) Washington, June 23.—Extra allowance for married militia men is practically assured. Chairman Hay, of the House Military Affairs Committee, has decided to couple the resolution empowering the President to use the militiamen in Mexico with the one authorizing the war secretary to pay the wives, families or dependents of the national guardsmen \$50 a month. Sentiment is favoring the plan. Seemingly Secretary Baker and all members of the military committee also favor it.

As soon as the House convened today, Hay introduced the measure, although declaring that his action did not constitute an act of war, or the admission that a state of war exists.

Mr. Mann and other Republicans have demanded the President to appear personally and explain explicitly what action is contemplated.

ed. Gardner of Massachusetts asked for a postponement of this until tomorrow. Butler of Pennsylvania demanded that the "reasons" from the President be contained in a written message.

ELECT MR. HAVENS PRES.

Prominent Local Citizen Honored With Office of President of Cotton Seed Crushers Association.

Jonathan Havens, local capitalist and one of Washington's most prominent citizens, was elected president of the North Carolina Cotton Seed Crushers Association at the concluding session of that organization in Raleigh.

Mr. Havens has been one of the most active members of the association and the announcement of his name for president was received with much applause.

THE HOME BUILDING & LOAN ASSOCIATION Will Open a New Series July 1st, 1916. It will mature a series July 1st, paying back to its shareholders THIRTEEN THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS.

ENGLAND TO AID U. S.

May Be Called Upon to Take Care of American Interests, in Event of War With Mexico.

(By United Press) Washington, June 23.—The United States, it is understood, has made informal representations to England to take charge of American interests in Mexico in the event of war.

ROBBINS OUT FOR WILSON

Reported Progressive Keynote Will Soon Announce Himself With the Democrats.

(By United Press) Washington, June 23.—Raymond Robbins, the Progressive convention keynote, will soon come out for President Wilson, according to information from the Progressive Independents.

MORE PAVING IN KINSTON

City Council Contracts for Eleven More Blocks, Making 121 in All.

(By Eastern Press) Kinston, June 23.—City Council at a special meeting Wednesday night granted petitions for the paving of 11 blocks more with asphalt, bringing the total up to approximately 121 blocks.

BALL CLUB TO AYDEN

Wonders Will Play the Team of That City This Afternoon. Expect to Win Out.

The Washington baseball team left this morning for Ayden, where they will meet the Ayden team this afternoon. Little is known of the strength of the Pitt county team, but the locals do not believe that they will have much trouble in romping home with the bacon.

GEORGE L. HODGES DEAD

Prominent Resident of Kinston, Well Known Here, Passed Away Wednesday Night.

(By Eastern Press) Kinston, June 23.—After a long spell of poor health Mr. George L. Hodges, a well-known citizen, died at his home in West Kinston Wednesday evening about 8 o'clock. Heart trouble is said to have caused his death. He was 60 years of age.

DANCE GIVEN LAST NIGHT

German Club Entertained Guests at Enjoyable Affair at the Park Pavilion.

An enjoyable dance was given by the members of the German club at the Washington Park pavilion last night. About twenty-five couples enjoyed the dancing from nine to twelve o'clock. Excellent music was furnished by a string orchestra.

MEETING O. HENRY CLUB

Was Held Yesterday Afternoon. New Officers Were Elected for the Ensuing Year.

The O. Henry Club held an important business meeting yesterday at which officers for the ensuing year were elected. Other matters of importance were brought up and discussed, among them being the course of study to be taken up during the next season. Due to the failure of the press committee to turn in a report of the meeting and our own inability of learning the details, we are not in a position to give a full account of the proceedings.

DOG TAXES ARE PAST DUE.

All persons owning dogs in the city, must pay their taxes on or before the 15th of July, 1916. If not paid by the 15th I shall be compelled to ask for warrants, in order to get the tax money. I will be at the City Hall every Saturday from 8 a. m. to 5 o'clock.

J. F. FLYNN, Tax Collector. 8-21-16-wfp.

CLAIM SALVADOR AND COSTA RICA TO JOIN MEXICO

Information to That Effect Given Out at Mexico City. Minister From Salvador Denies Report.

(By United Press) Mexico City, June 23.—Salvador and Costa Rica have notified Mexico that they will join in opposing the invasion of the United States, it was learned here today. Although war is considered imminent, the people here are still hoping for a peaceful settlement.

Denied at Washington. Washington, June 23.—Senator Zaldivar, minister from Salvador, denied the report that Salvador will join Mexico in the event of war with the United States.

COAST ARTILLERY LEAVES FOR MEXICO

Detachment Left This Morning from Newport News on the Transport, Sumner.

(By United Press) Washington, June 23.—With a detachment of coast artillery from Fortres Monroe aboard, the transport, Sumner, sailed from Newport News today, bound for Tampico.

EXPLAINS CAUSE FOR DISPUTE OVER MAILS

Claimed Norfolk Southern Wants Pay for "Back Hauls," Which Government Refuses to Do.

It was stated this morning that the principal objection that the Norfolk Southern has in handling the mail's over its lines, it due to the "back hauls" it has to make and for which it receives no pay.

Trains from Raleigh do not deliver mails at all of the smaller stations where there are no agents to take care of it. This mail goes on to the next large city, where there is an agent, and is then sent back to the smaller towns the next morning.

It is understood that the railroad wants pay for making this haul, while the government contends that it is the railroad's own fault if it does not have an agent at all of the stations.

It is not known yet how the dispute will be settled, but the general belief seems to be that the railroad will continue handling the mails.

NEW HOTEL MNGR. HERE

S. H. Boyd Has Assumed Charge of the Louise, Was Formerly With the Gaston at New Bern.

S. H. Boyd, formerly of the Gaston Hotel at New Bern, has assumed his duties as manager of the Hotel Louise in this city.

When seen this morning, Mr. Boyd stated that he felt sure he was going to enjoy being in Washington. He didn't exactly say that it was a great relief from New Bern, but he probably meant it anyway.

JAP WARSHIPS REPORTED OFF THE COAST OF MEXICO

Douglas, Ariz., June 23.—Adolfo De la Huerta, civil governor of Sonora, has telegraphed from Hermosillo to the Mexican commander at Nogales that a Japanese warship is around near Tibaron Island, ninety miles up the Gulf of California from Guaymas. Several other Japanese war vessels, he said, are in the same vicinity.

The message indicates, that De la Huerta believes the warship has been purposely beached in order that the Japanese may have a pretext for remaining near the Mexican coast. He states that but little effort is being made to float the vessel.

De la Huerta also informed several of the commanders in Sonora that he understands a shipment of arms and ammunition is en route to the west coast of Mexico from Japan.

Reign Of Terror Hurling Warships To West Mexico

Washington, June 23.—Reports that a virtual reign of terror exists on the west coast of Mexico resulted in quick action at the Navy Department today. Acting Secretary Roosevelt ordered the cruisers Colorado and Pittsburgh and three destroyers to proceed at once to Mazatlan.

Radio dispatches to the Navy Department from Admiral Winslow said men, women and children were getting aboard American warships. The dispatches were taken to mean that no American is safe on the west coast. Apparently the department could not get commercial transportation for the fleeing Americans.

Admiral Winslow reported that eleven men, fourteen women and two children from the Guaymas section had gone aboard the cruiser Cleveland and that nineteen men, seventeen women and eleven children had found refuge on the ship Glacier.

At Mazatlan the Vice-Consul, three other men and one woman were the only Americans who remained, it was reported. Many Americans are scattered up and down the coast.

The cruiser San Diego, with Admiral Winslow aboard, is now speeding to Guaymas and Mazatlan. The report of anarchy reached Winslow yesterday afternoon. He proceeded at once without awaiting orders.

16 CARLOADS AMMUNITION TO FT. WORTH

Shamokin, Pa., June 23.—Sixteen carloads of ammunition for the allies have been requested at the North-Cumberland yards by army officers. The ammunition will be sent to Fort Worth today.

GREEK CABINET RESIGNS; KING CALLS IN ZAIMIS

London, June 23.—The Greek Cabinet, headed by Premier Skoufoudis, has resigned, according to an Athens Reuter dispatch.

King Constantine called former Premier Zaimis to the palace and conferred with him. It is believed that the portfolio of Premier was offered to him.

The overturn of the Greek Government was brought about by the critical conditions imposed by the war. The presence of hostile armies upon Greek soil and pressure of the allies' blockade has produced an acute situation throughout the Hellenic Kingdom.

Zaimis is classed as a neutral.

CHILDREN ARE MADE STRONGER and healthy by open air exercise. The playgrounds of Washington Park are just the things. See A. C. Hathaway and build at once. 8-23-16-cfp

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WATERWAY CONVENTION TO BE AT PHILADELPHIA

Captain Leach Received Announcement This Morning of the Coming Annual Convention.

Captain George T. Leach, State vice-president of the Atlantic Deep-water Waterways Association, this morning received announcement of the fact that the association has decided to accept the invitation of Philadelphia for the 1916 convention. The convention dates are September 12 to 15.

The convention will undoubtedly be an important one and it is hoped that a large delegation will attend from Washington.

MONKEY RUM IS FOUND BY POLICE UP CREEK

Alleged Owner was Surprised by Officers as He Was Rowing to Get the Liquor.

After securing a boat and concealing themselves in the bushes up Runyon's Creek, the police last night caught Nelson Perkins, colored, when the latter was rowing up the creek to secure seven gallons of monkey rum, which he had cached there.

Perkins was quietly rowing up the creek when he was suddenly commanded to stop. He turned around and all he could see was a couple of searchlights and two revolvers, the business ends of which were pointed directly at him. To say that he was surprised would be to put it mildly. He was arrested and brought to the city. One four-gallon and one three-gallon jug of the rum were found.

ASK LOCAL LADIES NOT TO BE SCARED OF HIM

Work of Making Insurance Map of the City Will Take Visitor Into Back Yards, Alleys, Etc.

Timid and nervous ladies in the city have been requested not to scream for help, telephone for the police or drag out their husbands' revolvers when they see a young man of medium height prowling around their yards during the next few weeks.

S. Lockwood Webb, insurance surveyor, is making an insurance map of the city in the interest of various companies. His work takes him into back yards, alleys and other places, although he will not enter the buildings.

"I wish you would tell the ladies of Washington for me," said Mr. Webb this morning, "that I am perfectly harmless and for heaven's sake not to stick the dogs on me."

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ANXIETY OVER FATE OF THE U.S. SOLDIERS

OFFICIALS EXPRESS GRAVE FEARS OVER LACK OF NEWS FROM CAPTAIN MOREY'S DETACHMENT.

GET DISQUIETING REPORTS

News Reaches El Paso That Two Companies of Eleventh Cavalry Were Practically Annihilated. Juarez Has Been Deserted.

(By United Press) El Paso, June 23.—The fate of Captain Lewis Morey's cavalry detachment, which engaged in the Carrizal fighting and the possibility of the eleventh cavalry reinforcements as having also been engaged, caused the gravest anxiety to officials here today. Nothing has been heard from Morey's men since they were lured into ambush Wednesday.

Juarez has been practically deserted. General Gonzales and a handful of men are still believed to be there. General Bell has information to the effect that considerable Carranza's forces are in the hills surrounding Juarez.

Cavalry Practically Annihilated. El Paso, June 23.—The American Mining Company today received from Mexico reports saying that troops K. and K. of the Tenth cavalry, were practically annihilated in the Carrizal fighting.

ADVANCE OF RUSSIANS HAS BEEN HALTED

(By United Press) Berlin, June 23.—The Russian offensive is approaching its end. A comparatively small German force completely halted the Russians in Volhynia, where the Germans are now advancing. It is expected that the Austrians will completely evacuate Bukovina, according to an official statement.

GREGORY SLATED FOR HUGHES' SEAT ON BENCH

Washington, June 23.—Attorney-General Thomas W. Gregory is slated to succeed Charles Evans Hughes as Associate Justice of the United States Supreme Court. President Wilson is expected to send the nomination to the Senate within the next few days.

John W. Davis, of West Virginia, Solicitor-general of the department of Justice, is understood to be the President's choice to succeed Mr. Gregory.

NEW THEATRE TO-NIGHT Sixth episode of "THE IRON CLAW" Two Reels Side Splitting Comedy Come and Laugh Matinee 4 p. m. Night 8 p. m. "Prison 5818"