

GERMAN RELATIONS SERIOUS

24 HOURS EXPECTED TO MAKE BIG CHANGE WITH THE MEXICAN SITUATION

No New Orders Given Pershing—More Troops Cross the Border—Carranza Will Insist Upon Withdrawal of American Troops, Regardless of Villa's Death or Capture.

Washington, April 18.—Great developments are looked for in the Mexican situation within the next 24 hours. President Wilson and Secretary Baker were in conference tonight which lasted for one-half hour.

The principal question discussed was whether a new policy was demanded in light of General Pershing's report regarding the attitude of Carranza troops.

General Pershing said he had not been warned against entering Mexican towns, because Carranza would not be able to restrain his forces from attacking Americans.

Secretary Baker said no new orders had been sent General Funston. Mr. Baker said: "We have given no orders to General Funston pertaining to the expedition or troops movements."

At the same time the War Department received information that General Funston had sent twenty-six hundred more troops across the border to guard the line of communication.

First Chief Carranza will demand the withdrawal of troops from Mexico in the next few days whether or not the body found is that of Villa.

Mexican officials say that General Carranza has been forced to take this position because he can no longer control his troops or the civilian population.

The extreme advance guard of General Pershing's forces has been withdrawn from Parral to Satero.

Credence is no longer being placed in the report of Villa's death in any quarter. General Bell telegraphed General Funston today that he had made a thorough investigation and was satisfied that the rumor was false.

HERE TO ATTEND "THE BIRTH OF A NATION"

Some of the prominent people the News man noted yesterday here to attend "The Birth of a Nation," are the following: Mayor A. E. White and party, Mrs. A. E. White, Miss Vasti White, Mrs. Fuller, Mrs. W. B. North, Mrs. Ira B. Townsend and Mrs. John Knox. Also from Maxton: Mrs. B. M. Williams and sisters, Misses Minnie Lou and Catherine McRae, and Mr. and Mrs. June McKay. From Rowland: Mr. Neill McLean, William H. McCallum and Dr. Lennon and sons.

WOMAN ARRESTED AT ST. PAULS

Lumberton, April 18.—Mrs. Edna Mayo, a young and pretty woman, was arrested on the V. & C. Southern passenger train yesterday at St. Pauls by Policeman Newton on advice from here.

Mrs. Mayo posed here as the wife of W. T. Roberts, alias W. T. Bockner, and had just returned here from Washington, but finding that Roberts had vanished for parts unknown, she took the next train back north, but only got as far as St. Pauls before being arrested.

Roberts left yesterday after having been warned by the woman, it is alleged. He was working here for a Charlotte contracting firm and was considered a very clever man—in fact, so clever that he managed before leaving to work off a bogus check on ticket agent Edwards, of the Seaboard, for a mileage book, the check being on a Charlotte bank.

The government is said to want Roberts on a charge of embezzling Federal funds. A secret service man following Mrs. Mayo here.

THE ARMY BILL PASSES SENATE

The Bill Increased the Army to 250,000 and Provides for Military Training.

TRAINING IN COLLEGES

Senator Hardwick Said That His Amendment, Would Develop More Than 1,000,000 Trained Soldiers.

Washington, April 18.—The Army Re-organization bill was passed by the Senate at five minutes past nine tonight without roll call. The bill carried provision for an increase in the regular army to 250,000 men, the coast artillery to 21,748 men and provided for military training in certain schools and colleges.

The Hardwick amendment provided for Federal military training for boys over 15 years of age on request of certain schools and colleges was adopted.

Senator Hardwick declared his amendment would develop one million trained soldiers.

AN OLD SOLDIER MAKES SUGGESTIONS

Editor Cape Fear News:

Camp Varden, near Fayetteville, April 18.—I hear that Boy Scouts are now getting valuable training and I am glad to see that they will give the Confederate monument in Fayetteville their attention, for what few old soldiers now alive in the county, are practically speaking unable to give the monument or the graves of their fellow comrades proper care, and I ask the liberty to suggest to these young heroes that they secure sufficient means, if possible, and place a galvanized iron fence around the monument square, with four gates with locks, fronting each of the four streets which lead to the square, and place a walk from each gate to the other on in the opposite direction, the walk crossing in the center, and have some old time sweet shrubs and chive up-to-date roses, planted and properly cared for, on each side of the walks and in other convenient places in the square, that the air about the square, in season, may be filled with the fragrance from the flowers. Should this suggestion be adopted and carried out, it will be seen that ill bred or bad boys etc., cannot have a chance to desecrate that consecrated square and monument.

As to the shrubs, the sort of roses to be planted, cared for and as to who shall be the custodian of the keys and the square, the ladies of the Monumental Society should be called on for their good advice, for as Bingin intimated while dying on the Rhine, "Without the cares and tears of women, this world would have but little charm for men."

The Boy Scouts, some of whom it is my pleasure to know, have my best wishes and shall I live to get my camp in good condition, I shall want you all to come and spend some time there with me.

Very respectfully, WARREN CARVER.

BASEBALL

National League. At Brooklyn-New York, postponed, rain. At Boston 4, Philadelphia 4. At Pittsburgh 3, Cincinnati 4. At Chicago-St. Louis, postponed, rain. American League. At Philadelphia 2, New York 4. At Washington 4, Boston 2. At Detroit 4, Cleveland 3. At Louisville 2, Chicago 7.

April 18.—The Russian submarine captured the Turkish sea-going steamer, the principal seaport of central Asia.

It is understood that Hon. T. W. Bickett will address the Democratic county convention here next Saturday, the 22nd.

PRESIDENT WILL LAY WHOLE SITUATION BEFORE CONGRESS; RELATIONS MAY BE BROKEN

VILLA FORCED MEN TO FIGHT; CLAIMED

Four Villistas Betrayed by a Priest Captured by the United States Forces.

SAY VILLA STAYED AT GATE

Mexicans Cannot Understand Why Their Wounds are Dressed, Nor Why They Are Not Executed Immediately.

Columbus, N. M., April 18.—"Villa he say 'come.' You say 'no.' Villa he look again and say 'come.' You run an' he hit you weeth a brick; you run some more and he keel you daid."

Lying on a cot in Colonel Frisk's hospital here, clothed in clean white pajamas for the first time in his life, a wounded Mexican today gave the above terse description of Pancho Villa's recruiting system. On adjoining cots lay four other Villistas and one Carranzista. They nodded their heads in affirmative of the manner in which Villa gets followers.

The four Villistas were captured by American troopers near El Valle. The Americans learned their hiding place from a priest who had good cause to hate the bandit chieftain. The lone Carranzista has the American soldiers to thank for his life. He was liberated after the rout of Gen. Hernandez's command at Guerrero. Fully two-thirds of Villa's force on that night were composed of Yaqui Indians and half-breeds. They neither knew nor cared whom they were fighting.

Juan Rodriguez is one of the most intelligent of the prisoners.

"Why did you come to Columbus to kill Americans?" he was asked. "Villa he say 'come,'" muttered Juan, as he stared stolidly at the wall. "He say 'go kill gringos.' We come. Not know where. We see stumps, an' shoes, an' este. So we go get. Then gringo soldiers come weeth sputter-sputter gun (machine gun). Keel good Mexican boys. We run; ride lak hell. Then more gringos weeth more sputter-sputter guns. Me hit and fall."

"Where was Villa during the raid?" was then asked.

"Villa? O, he stay at gate. He no' come into town. Lopez, he come in. After gringos come with sputter-sputter gun, Villa he ride back Las Palomas with golden ones, an' join Lopez at Ascension."

All five of the Villistas frankly admit their part in the Columbus massacre. The thing they cannot understand is why their wounds are being dressed daily, and why their execution is being so long delayed. Told that they may not be executed, they merely stare unbelievably.

What is to be done with them is one of the many hard problems confronting the American military authorities on the border.

HURRY CAUGHT

A certain gentleman was standing a handsome young woman wearing one of those short skirts and high shoes as she maneuvered up and down the streets. Just as the gentleman passed the fellow seemed to be entirely absorbed in the tens of his shoes and catching a friend by the arm was about to say, "Loo!" when his wife unexpectedly appeared upon the scene, tapping him upon the shoulder, said, "Come here." The awe-stricken and speechless went, and while it is not definitely known whether he has ever spoken up to this time it is presumed that wife did have something to say and that hubby knows what she said.

President Summoned Foreign Relations Committee to Meet Him Tomorrow Morning at 10 O'clock—Bernstorff Taken by Surprise—Says He is Prepared to Make Settlement.

Washington, April 18.—President Wilson will lay the entire German situation before Congress at joint session of Senate and House tomorrow at 1 o'clock.

Official announcement of the action is coupled with a statement that a break in diplomatic relations between the United States and Germany is imminent.

In preparation for his appearance before Congress tomorrow, President Wilson summoned Senator Stone and Representative Clark, Senators Sherman and Lodge and Representative Cooper, ranking members of the Foreign Relations Committee, for a conference at 10 o'clock tomorrow morning.

The procedure to be taken following this as announced by a high Administration authority, quotes the President as follows: "First, the President will read his message to Congress reviewing the whole situation from the Lusitania case to the present time. The President will then refer and quote earlier notes and will then announce that because Germany's violation of American rights, diplomatic relations will be severed. First, Ambassador von Bernstorff will be handed his passport; second, Ambassador Gerrard will be recalled; and third a note will be dispatched to Germany why this action will be taken."

More conservative opinion, however, was that the President would tell Congress that the evidence justified breaking off of diplomatic relations.

This latter course would leave a loop hole for the German Ambassador to confer with his government, as he will have 11 hours for the settlement of the controversy.

This would give the German government an opportunity to make concession that would avert a break in diplomatic relations.

President Wilson announced his decision to place the submarine controversy before Congress to his cabinet today. Later, Count von Bernstorff called at the State Department for a fifteen-minute conference with Secretary Lansing. Secretary Tumulty was then sent to the Capitol to arrange for tomorrow's joint session. After he had conferred with Senator Kern and Representative Kitchin, leaders of the two houses, the following resolution was offered in the House: "Resolved by the House of Representatives, the Senate concurring, that the two Houses of Congress assemble in the hall of representatives on Wednesday, 19th of April, for the purpose of receiving such communication as the President may be pleased to make."

The resolution was then passed by the Senate.

FRENCH AND ITALIAN AIRSHIPS ATTACK TOWN

Austrian Aeroplane Shot Down Into the Sea; Officers Made Prisoners.

Rome, April 18.—News of a successful raid on Kersiste by one Italian and three French aeroplanes was received here today. One Austrian aeroplane which went up to engage them in a fight was shot down in the sea. The two officers in charge of the aeroplane were made prisoners.

FREE RIDE

Yesterday Policemen Hatch and Graham found a man said to be a citizen of Raeford at the back of the building near the Rosemont Hotel in an unavailing condition. The man not having a current wagon and the man being a little too heavy to carry so long a distance, a push cart was pressed into service and the Duke county man given a free ride to the police station where he was held for the afternoon.

The man had evidently come to town and visited a blind tiger of last night's party and was as usual dead drunk as they get.

OLD FRIENDS MEET

Mr. Steve Lambert, proprietor of the Dixie Theatre, and Mr. John Leonard met today for the first time in several years. Mr. Lambert and Mr. Leonard served together in the Spanish-American war where they became fast friends. Mr. Leonard is the chief operator for "The Birth of a Nation" movies.

In announcing his decision of going before Congress, the President made it plain that he was not shifting the responsibility to Congress, but on the contrary he let it be known that he expected to retain all executive powers vested in him.

In his message to Congress tomorrow, it has been authoritatively stated that the President will present a strong indictment against Germany in her submarine campaign, in which each attack will form a separate account.

With no hope of settlement by diplomatic procedure of the submarine controversy in which American rights and honor is involved, the President will advise that the United States cannot longer maintain friendly relations with Germany.

Two important messages were received today from Ambassador Gerd von Bernstorff, the submarine controversy. This was due to the report that the President had decided to go before Congress because of the unfavorable address in his report and to Germany.

Count von Bernstorff was taken by surprise by the action of President Wilson, as his action was given no hint when he saw Secretary Lansing at 4 o'clock this afternoon. He was then told that Mr. Lansing was not prepared to discuss the submarine controversy with him.

Count von Bernstorff asked for the interview after he had received a cable from Germany.

The Ambassador said he was prepared to go nine-tenths of the way toward a settlement.

When the German Ambassador saw Secretary Lansing, arrangements had not been made for tomorrow's joint session.