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MURDER OF AMERICAN CITIZEN COMPLICATES MEXICAN TROUBLE

Obregon Withdraws But Zapata Soldiers Kill John B. McManus Upon Re-entering Mexico City—American Flag Fails to Save From Assassins—Because He Protected Home Against Looters When Zapatistas Were Driven Out, They Take His Life; Home Sealed by American Coat of Arms and Flag Floated Above It; Brazilian Minister Demands Immediate Punishment and Washington Wires Approval and Adds Further Demand; Food Situation Just Getting Better When Tragic Affair Adds More Gravity to Situation.

WIFE OF WORLD'S RICHEST MAN DIES

Mrs. Rockefeller Quietly Passes While Husband and Son Are in Florida—Aided Youth to Fortune—City Girl Helped Penniless Country Lad to Road That Led to Countless Wealth—Never Went in For Society but Reared Children Simply in Midst of Millions.

GERMAN SUBMARINE U-29 HAS SUCCESSFUL CRUISE; SHE SINKS FIVE VESSELS

German Commander Gives Crews of The Ships Time to Leave—In Instances He Tows Lifeboats Filled With Men—Chased By Patrol Boats—With the U-29 Around Scilly Islands Uneasiness is Felt in Shipping Circles—The Last Orders Taken—German and Russian Armies Are Concentrating for Big Battle Around Przasnysz—Bombardment of Dardanelles Continues.

THE APPROPRIATIONS LAST CONGRESS OVER ONE BILLION DOLLARS

Total For Entire Sixty-Third Congress Over Two Billions—Deficit Seems Certain—Representative Fitzgerald Says If Conditions Continue It Will Be \$133,000,000—Income Tax to Lower It—Finances of the Federal Government Must Be Readjusted; No More Important Problem Will Confront Congress," He Said.

HUNDREDS FLOCK TO NEWPORT NEWS FOR A VIEW OF THE RAIDER

Visitors Are Not Permitted to Board the Eitel, However—Eitel May Make a Break—Some Night When Fog Is Heavy She Is Expected to Push Her Way into Atlantic—Captain Tells of Fight—Heard the Order of German Commanders of Chile to "Clear for Action"—He is Moved by Sacrifices Women of Germany Are Making.

In the Herre Haute election fraud cases a man with only one leg has confessed that he voted eight times. According to approved mathematics if he had two legs he would have been equal to sixteen votes.

ALLIES TRIUMPH IN WINS THE FIRST GAME, EVERY QUARTER CLAIM OF REPORTS

England Gets Most Joy From Sinking of the Dresden in Quick Fashion—Two New Records Were Made in This Action—For First Time Every Member of Defeated Crew Saved, and Five Minutes Shortest Time for Destroying a Warship in Open Battle; At Neuve Chapelle the British so Far Appear to Have Outfought the Germans; Allies Yesterday Made a Clean Sweep in Every Tussle From Sea to the Swiss Border Peris Jopfully Precipitous—Von Hindenburg Has Not Budged Russians From Przasnysz.

KING OF ENGLAND SIGNS "BLOCKADE" AGAINST GERMANY

The Order in Council Does Not Contain Such a Word But Result Same—British Officials Say It Will Be Maintained—Effective March First, No Ships of Any Nation Allowed to Enter or Leave Any Port of Germany With Cargoes of Any Kind, Nor Will Goods Intended for German Consumption Be Permitted to Go to Neutral Ports; Neutral Nations That Will Certify That Cargoes Will Not Reach Germany May Go Unmolested; Cargoes Seized Destined to Neutral Ports May Be Passed Upon For Adjudication.

GUTIERREZ NOW A MEXICAN CHIEF

Was President Until He Was Chased Off For Deposing Villa and Zapata—Has Agent at Washington—Vascoconcelos Says His Boss Has An Army of Forty Thousands—Vascoconcelos Back His Claim: His Forces Now Located Somewhere in Central Mexico.

GERMAN CRUISER DRESDEN SUNK

Famous Raider Sinks Ship of Renowned Emden, Lasts Only Fifteen Minutes, Once She is Cornered and Forced to Fight in South Atlantic by Three British Ships—Was the Ship That Carried Huerta Away From Mexico—All of Her Crew Saved When She Runs Up White Flag.

"THE CAPTAIN OF PLYMOUTH." "The Captain of Plymouth," a comic opera in three acts on the "Courtship of Miles Standish" will be given by the girls of the Graham High School March 24, at the Montwhite Theater.

MARRIED. Mr. Cleveland C. Boardwell and Miss Maie Glosson were married Saturday evening at 5 o'clock at the home of Dr. H. F. Moore in East Burlington. Both have many friends here. Dr. Moore officiated.

DECIDED ADVANCE IN WHEAT AS USUAL. Imminence of Outbreak Between Italy and Austria, and Heavy Buying Keeps Gauge Still Climbing.

Chicago, Mar. 15.—Foreign buying associated with threatened hostilities between Italy and Austria brought about a decided advance in wheat today. Closed nervous 2 1/8@3 1/4 above Saturday night.

IN WINS THE FIRST GAME, EVERY QUARTER CLAIM OF REPORTS

To the tune of 1 to 0 the team of the Mannals High School went down in defeat before the youngsters of Old B. H. S. Scoring seemed impossible until the last half of the 8th inning when Burlington, by main strength, shoved Pennington across the home plate for the first, last, and only run of the game. The pitching of Euliss was the outstanding feature of the game. As we predicted last week, the big boy was right there with the goods. He had his opponents guessing from the first to the last. Fowler, a new man, showed up to splendid advantage on third. He was right there with the stick work also; getting three of the six hits obtained by the high school boys. Garrett, at second, showed up in his usual good form; Henderson, playing a new position, played a steady game at short; Bason, on first, accepted all his chances with remarkable ease; Pennington, a new man at the receiving end, had trouble in locating the second sack, and was relieved in the first half of the 5th by Martih, the "Old Reliable." The outfielders, consisting of Love, left field, Blanchard and Wilson, center field, and Moran, right field, played a splendid game. With only two days regular practice, the team as a whole showed up excellently.

The boys are putting in some excellent and hard work and good practice this week and it is their intention to give the people of this town and community better games and high class ball. The attendance Saturday was rather small, but we are expecting a large and enthusiastic crowd next Saturday, March 20th, when the boys meet the Sylvan High School team, champions of '14.

R. H. E. Burlington 1 6 3 Manndale 0 2 4

DAUGHTERS OF LIBERTY CLASS INITIATION

The local council of the order of Daughters of Liberty will have a County Class Initiation in their hall over Freeman Drug Co., next Saturday night, beginning promptly at 7:30. Fifty-four candidates, representing nearly every council in the county will be initiated into the order. Of the 54 candidates, the local council here will furnish 28.

State Councilor J. T. May, of Durham, will be present and deliver an address on the principles of the order. State Vice Councilor J. C. Kesler, of Salisbury, is expected to be present and also deliver an address. Refreshments will be served and the occasion promises to be one of the most pleasant and enjoyable events since the organization of the order in this county. Members of every council in the county are invited to be present.

BURLINGTON DEFEATS MANNDALE

Burlington, March 13.—In the first game of baseball played here this season, the Burlington High School defeated Manndale High School by the close score of 1 to 0.

The features of the game was the pitching of Euliss and the hitting of Fowler. Burlington has another strong team this season and is willing to play any high school in the State.

Score: R. H. E. B. H. S. 1 6 3 M. H. S. 0 2 4 Batteries, Euliss, Pennington and Martin. Lloyd and Riddle.

Another Congress like the last and the country will be ready to be handed over to the sheriff.

LINCOLN BEACHEY FALLS 3,000 FEET TO DEATH

He Was Using Monoplane—Wings Crumple and Aeroplane Turns Over and Falls Into the Bay—Thousands See the Tragedy. Lincoln Beachey, the daring aviator who played tag with death in his spectacular spiral descent just once too often, dropping 3,000 feet to his destruction in San Francisco Sunday, was better known to North Carolina perhaps than any other aviator of the country. Four years ago he gave exhibition flights at Greensboro and other places in the State. He was considered then among the best of his profession, and his exhibitions were witnessed by thousands in both cities. During his brief stay in North Carolina he made many friends, being possessed of a most affable manner, as well as, what proved to be, too great a share of nerve and daring. His death will be regretted by many who met and admired him during his visits to North Carolina.

EITEL WILL NEVER LEAVE THE CAPES ALIVE.

Message of British Cruiser to Merchantmen—French and British Ships Are Standing on Guard for Her. Newport News, Mar. 14.—French, as well as British warships are cruising outside the Virginia capes waiting to attack the German commerce destroyer Prinz Eitel Friedrich if she attempts to make for the high seas again. There are said to be two British and two French men-of-war and they have come to stay until the Eitel re-appears or interns for the war.

An officer of the English freighter Anglo-Patagonian which arrived here yesterday, told tonight of the watching cruisers and from him it became known for the first time that the movements of the Eitel were known to the Allies' war craft for several days before she reached Hampton Roads.

According to the officer's story the Anglo-Patagonian was warned last Sunday by a British cruiser that the German ship was about and told to slow up. During the next three days he said, his ship made less than 300 knots. Then on Wednesday came this relieving message through the air from the British warships "the Eitel Friedrich has passed into the Virginia capes and will never come out alive."

It is understood that the Allied squadron made every effort to head off the German but could not come up with him or reach the capes first.

FINED FOR TRYING TO SEND IT BY PARCEL POST.

The excuse that a bottle of champagne which he had attempted to send through the mails was to be used for medicinal purposes, did not save Anton Lampel, a bartender from a \$10 fine in the United States District Court yesterday for violation of the postal law.

The defendant was not allowed to post the parcel when he presented it, he having told the clerk the contents. The next day he returned with the same package and said it was to be used as medicine. An investigation by the postal authorities later resulted in Lampel's arrest.

DEAN LAWRENCE IS ILL.

Elon College, Mar. 13.—Dr. W. P. Lawrence, dean of men at Elon College, has been confined to his home for the past week from an acute attack of gastritis. He was taken to the St. Leo's Hospital today. His condition is serious though not alarming. He has been in failing health since the Christmas holidays.

BURLESON ORDER IF CARRIED OUT WOULD DISORGANIZE THE SERVICE

That is the Way Congressmen Including Members of the North Carolina Delegation View Mr. Burleson's Recent Order Revising Postal Rules and Regulations.

(By Parker R. Anderson.)

Washington, March 11.—Some time ago a story was sent out in this correspondence stating that the recent order of Postmaster General Burleson, revising the rules and regulations of the rural delivery service, would seriously hamper and cripple the service throughout the country; that additional routes would be hard to establish and that the service in North Carolina would be cut down almost 50 per cent.

The story was based on personal talks with members of the North Carolina delegation and members of Congress and senators from other States. In every instance these gentlemen gave it as their opinion that if the Burleson order was allowed to stand the rural service would be practically disorganized.

Senator Overman, Representatives Page, Doughton, Godwin and Pott are among those from the State who believe the order will curtail the service in North Carolina, as well as every other State in the Union.

Not only will this order cripple the service, but congressmen are living in daily fear that another and more drastic order may be issued by Postmaster General Burleson any day, which will result in even more seriously curtailing the delivery service throughout the country than the former one.

The deficit in the rural delivery service last year was \$40,000,000, and the postmaster general is said to be determined that this deficit must be wiped out. He has made a proposal that the entire rural delivery service be turned over to contractors, which would have saved, he told Congress, at the very least \$18,000,000. Instead of complying with this, the House of Representatives boosted his appropriation \$24,000,000 and provided absolutely that the pay of rural carriers should be based on the length of their routes, fixing the pay of a 24-mile route at \$1,200.

Those opposing the postmaster general in this plan took the ground that farming out the free delivery on the contract system would result in great injury to the service. One prominent member of the committee on postoffices and post roads of the House pointed out that in the competitive bidding which would precede the letting of contracts, as had been evidenced in the Star route contracts, often a contractor would bid so low to get the work that he would find no profit after he had gotten it, with the result that he would skimp the service in every way possible. This was typical of the thought that permeated not only the postoffices and post roads committees of both House and Senate, but the membership of the two houses as well.

This clash in opinion between the postmaster general and Congress, in which the Cabinet officer was overridden almost unanimously by the legislators, was made a little more acrid than it would otherwise have been due to the fact that an executive order last year the postmaster general prevented Congress from giving the rural free delivery carriers as much of an increase as Congress had intended.

Last year Congress, following the example of every Congress save one since 1897, when rural free delivery was inaugurated, raised the maximum pay of the carriers to \$1,200. By an executive order, however, Mr. Burleson qualified this by providing that only those carriers should be entitled to the maximum who not only had routes of 24 miles, but who carriers at least 10,000 pieces of mail per month, or 1,300 pounds of mail.

Few actions by Cabinet officers in this administration have been so bitterly assailed as "usurpation of authority" and "overriding the will of Congress" as has this executive order. So in addition to throwing overboard his suggestion for installing the contract system for rural free delivery, the house postoffice and post roads committee reported a bill providing that the salaries of rural carriers should be based on the mileage of their routes and nothing else. The bill as reported by the committee, and passed by the House, fixed the salaries for different mileages, leaving absolutely no discretion to the department.

However, the bill failed because of the inability of the two Houses to reach a satisfactory agreement as to the railway mail pay feature, so the postoffice department will be bound by last year's bill instead of by this one, and the postmaster general has made it plain that he will stand by his guns.

Last year's bill, as have those of the last several years, forbid the use of the contract or star route system except between postoffices, or from postoffices to railroad stations or seaboat landings. Consequently the problem of the deficit in the rural free delivery service, in view of the postoffice officials, is not solved by the failure of the postoffice bill. It merely is not made any worse.

The postmaster general is forbidden by law to create any deficiency in the department or in any of its branches. As a result those close to the head of the department expect to witness a wholesale cutting down of rural delivery service and elimination of routes.

A significant forecast of what may come was made in letters to Mr. Burleson from Chairman Moon, of the House Postoffice Committee, of which the following is an extract:

"The law forbids that you create any deficiency in the Postoffice Department in any of its branches, and while the temptation is (Continued on Page Eight.)

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