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NEWS OF DEVELOPMENTS AWAITED IN WASHINGTON

Reports Today of Optimistic Nature, but News of Clash Not Expected for Several Days-- Rigid Censorship in Force on Mexican Border,

(By the Associated Press.)
Washington, March 16.—President Wilson and officials of the war department turned expectantly towards Mexico today for news of developments following the movement of American troops across the international boundary line in pursuit of Villa and his bandits. Word of an actual clash between the two forces, however, was not expected for several days.

Prospects were today that the American public would be content itself with only meagre news bulletins concerning the movements of troops in Mexico. What is probably the most rigorous censorship in its whole history is in full force. Under it no communications that might be of value to the enemy are allowed to be published.

Disposition of Villa in event of capture was being informally discussed here today. It is believed that if taken alive he will be turned over to the Carranza authorities for prompt execution.

President Wilson was expected to sign today the joint resolution of congress authorizing him to recruit the regular army by the addition of 20,000 men.

ALL GOES WELL

(By the Associated Press.)
San Antonio, March 16.—The first report from Brigadier General Pershing commanding the first expedition into Mexico to General Funston stating that all was going well was received at Fort Sam Houston today. The report dealt with the disposition of the various units, the first day's march and the Carranza troops. All these questions come under the censorship and are not given out.

CARRANZA COOPERATING

(By the Associated Press.)
Washington, March 16.—President Wilson was informed by Secretary Baker early today that both columns of American troops now in Mexico in pursuit of Villa and his bandits are meeting with hearty cooperation from Carranza commanders and troops.

UNEVENTFUL NIGHT

(By the Associated Press.)
Columbus, N. M., by mail to El Paso Texas, March 16.—The American expedition which entered Mexico spent an uneventful night. The troops penetrated only a short distance from the border.

Control of Slides in Panama Canal Assured Investigators Assert

(By the Associated Press.)
Washington, D. C., March 16.—Navigation through the Panama canal is not likely again to be seriously interrupted by slides, and realization of the great purpose for which the waterway was constructed is assured in the near future, according to the finding of a committee of scientists appointed by the National Academy of Sciences at the request of President Wilson to investigate the problem. While the committee realizes that slides may be a considerable maintenance charge upon the canal for a number of years, it believes there will be little trouble after present difficulties have been overcome.

A summary of a preliminary report by the committee was made public today at the white house. No time was set when the canal can be opened for navigation, but it was said that "this time is not far off."

FRENCH VESSEL ATTACKED BY ENEMY

(By the Associated Press.)
New York, March 16.—While carrying 20 Americans among her 900 passengers the Fabre Patria, a French steamer was attacked without warning by a submarine off the coast of Tunis, according to the story told by her captain on her arrival here today. A torpedo fired by a submersible, he said, missed her stern by twenty feet.

TWO GAMES TOMORROW NIGHT ON LOCAL COURT

The Hickory high school will play the Spencer high school basketball team here tomorrow night. Hickory and Newton girls also will play here. The games start at 8 o'clock.

ALL GOES WELL

Brigadier General Pershing, commander of the expedition, accompanied the forces as far as the border and then returned with another part of the troops entered Mexico on the flank of the main army.

Despite vigorous censorship which closed all telephone and telegraph lines, it was learned that 6,000 men are in the expedition.

Aeroplanes and armed motor trucks are believed to have passed into Mexico with the expedition. Flying conditions are ideal in Mexico.

The censors have asked all correspondents filing by mail not to make known the number of troops, saying that to make public such information might cause the loss of American lives. This applies only to mail matters. The telegraph matter also is censored.

The column leaving Columbus was thoroughly equipped for all conditions that might arise and represented every part of the army.

CONFIDENT OF FUTURE

"The committee looks to the future of the canal with confidence," the report declares. "It is not unimpaired of labor necessary to deal with the present slides, and it realizes that slides may be a considerable, but not an unreasonably large, maintenance charge upon the canal for a number of years; it also realizes that trouble in the Culebra district may possibly again close the canal. Nevertheless, the committee firmly believes that after the present difficulties have been overcome, navigation through the canal is not likely again to be seriously interrupted. There is absolutely no justification for the statement that traffic will be repeatedly interrupted during periods for years to come. The canal will serve the great purpose for which it was constructed, and the realization of that purpose in the near future is assured."

MUST REMOVE MATERIAL

"All slide material which reaches the canal must, of course, be removed at a certain expense and inconvenience. The engineers estimate that about 9,000,000 cubic yards will have to be removed between the two Culebra slides; and the dredges can remove 1,000,000 cubic yards a month. But it must not be supposed that the canal will remain closed for nine months, as soon as the channel has been sufficiently deepened and the movement of the slides become so low that the dredges even when interrupted by the passage of ships, can more than keep pace with them, the canal may be opened for navigation. This time is probably not far off."

PRELIMINARY REPORT

Although the committee's final report will not be ready until April, William H. Welch president of the Academy, has transmitted to President Wilson a preliminary report of the committee prepared by Charles R. Van Hise, president of the University of Wisconsin, chairman; General H. L. Abbott, corps of engineers United States army; John C. Branner, geologist and former president of Stanford University; Whitman Cross, geologist in the United States geological survey; R. C. Carpenter, professor of mechanical engineering

in Cornell University; Arthur P. Davis, chief of the reclamation service, Washington; John R. Freeman, constructing engineer, Providence; J. F. Hayford, dean of the College of Engineering, Northwestern University; Harry Fielding Reid, professor of engineering, Johns Hopkins University.

ANOTHER FREEZE DUTCH STEAMER WHERE TO LEAVE FRENCH EXPECTING MOVE PROMISED TONIGHT VICTIM OF TORPEDO MONEY FOR BELGIANS

(By the Associated Press.)
Washington, March 16.—Temperatures in the south were from 10 to 27 degrees below the seasonal average, the freezing weather extending as far south as northern Florida and the frost line to central Florida, the weather bureau announced today.

Freezing weather is predicted again tonight with the frost line reaching the 26th parallel in Florida. Rising temperatures are promised east of the Mississippi tomorrow.

MILLINERY OPENING AT MRS. BECKLEY'S

One would have thought that the millinery openings today would be a frost, but they were not. Despite cold and wind, scores of ladies visited the shops, and at Mrs. W. R. Beckley's they lingered to admire the exclusive models or shapes, to pay homage to pretty colors and to declare that they had not seen any hats as lovely as those shown in Hickory this spring. Hats are more becoming each season, and this spring they have been made a great deal prettier.

The show windows at Mrs. Beckley's first catch the eye. A large basket of cherries—spilled out of the basket, too—attract most attention, though one is impressed with the harmony of color in the windows. To appreciate it, one must look with her own eyes.

There are a number of exclusive shapes at Mrs. Beckley's, but any lady would be unable to appreciate their beauty by the description of them. The Edith Rose is a large hat, picture in shape, with burnt hognhorn. Another type of hat that was being admired was one of satin weave and gold trimmings and poinsettias and iridescent beads. Other combinations shading from heliotrope to purple and blue caught the eye. And the flower effects were bright and harmonious.

FIRE IN DURHAM

(By the Associated Press.)
Durham, March 16.—Fire of an unknown origin this morning damaged the Durham Y. M. C. A. building to the extent of \$500.

SOME INSTRUMENTS

"The composition of the rocks, their structural weakness and earthquakes are all instrumental in producing slides, are beyond the control of man, but a partial control of ground and rain water and the relief of pressure by unloading certain areas are feasible, and the committee confines its remedial suggestions to these measures."

"The slides in the canal zone are essentially like many in other parts of the world; they are due to the inability of the earth or rock to support the weight of overlying material. Slow processes of natural erosion, rapid cutting by flooded streams and excavations by man frequently lead to landslides. Much of the canal is cut through rocks; and in the Culebra district the prism is exceptionally deep."

"The rocks of Culebra district are of two kinds—stratified and massive. The chief material involved in the slides is the stratified Cucaracha formation which is composed of slippery minerals which are only weakly consolidated. The Cucaracha beds are limited, along the line of the canal, to the Bulebrad district but they have a thickness in places of over 400 feet. The soft slippery nature of its materials and their loose, unconsolidated condition, make it unusually weak and unable to sustain any considerable load."

"The strength of Cucaracha clays is greatly decreased by the presence of water, and the heavy tropical rains keep them nearly saturated the greater part of the year; for the broken and irregular surface on the slides and the open cracks around their borders greedily drink in the water that falls upon them."

"In the Culebra district the average rainfall since 1844 has been 87.68 inches per annum, of which about 80 inches fall in the rainy season of about eight months. Where nearly seven feet of water fall upon the surface of the country within eight months of the year, it is not surprising that there is difficulty in controlling the underground seepage. Indeed during these months the ground water table is practically at the surface, except possibly on the steeper slopes; and the movement of the underground water is so slow that even in the dry season the water table is not far from the surface in the level country."

"A consideration of the earthquakes felt in the canal zone and a careful examination of the instrumental records kept near the Pacific end of the canal since the end of 1908 dispel fear of serious damage to the canal or its accessories by earthquakes. There is no evidence that any of the slides have been started or increased by earthquakes."

(By the Associated Press.)
London, March 16.—A Reuter dispatch from the Hook of Holland says that a wireless message has been received there stating that the large Dutch passenger steamer Tudanti outward bound from Amsterdam to South American ports, has been torpedoed and is in a sinking condition near the Moorehinger light ships. All the passengers were rescued.

CONFLICTING REPORTS

(By the Associated Press.)
London, March 16.—London agents of the steamship Tudanti owned by the Holland line of Amsterdam have received a dispatch saying the vessel struck a mine and is sinking. Another dispatch said the vessel was torpedoed. She has a displacement of 15,000 tons. A life boat has left the Hook of Holland to search for the vessel, and other boats are hurrying to rescue the passengers.

The Tudanti was built in 1913 and is 540 feet long and 65 feet beam.

WAS TORPEDOED

(By the Associated Press.)
London, March 16.—A wireless dispatch from the Tudanti last night as given out by Reuters' correspondent at Yulden in Holland said the steamship was torpedoed. The correspondent says Americans were on board.

REGINA MILLINERY OPENING ON TODAY

The Regina millinery opening, the first day of which was inaugurated this morning, brought out a large number of ladies. Miss Norton had prepared for the occasion, and the throng were well pleased with the result. Helmet turbans, close fitting flower crowns, Breon sailors, mother of pearl shades, and all descriptions of the latest models were shown to advantage. Here as elsewhere the ladies marveled at the creation of artists, and mere man in a few days will have his eyes opened to the wonders of the season's head-dresses.

MARKETS

NEW YORK STOCKS

(By the Associated Press.)
New York, March 16.—Vigorous buying of various stocks imparted a strong tone to the market today's opening. Such issues as United States Steel, Westinghouse, and Inspiration Copper were offered in lots of 1,000 to 4,000 shares were offered and absorbed on a rising scale of value. Mexicans were among the foremost buyers. American Smelting rising 2 points, with slight gains in Crucible Steel and American Zinc. Reading again assumed leadership of the rails.

COTTON FUTURES

(By the Associated Press.)
New York, March 16.—The cotton market was less active early today and prices opened at an advance of one to four points, with the active months selling four to six points net higher shortly after the call. Trade contracts were buyers on this price and the market was rather irregular during the middle of the afternoon.

	Open	Close
May	11.93	12.00
July	12.13	12.19
October	12.23	12.30
December	12.38	12.46
January	12.45	12.52

HICKORY MARKETS

Cotton	11 5/8
Wheat	\$1.20

CHICAGO WHEAT

(By the Associated Press.)
Chicago, March 16.—Lower cable quotations had a bearish effect today on the wheat market. Opening prices which ranged from a half to a cent lower with May at 1.08 3-4 and July at 1.07 3-4 to 1.08 1-2. Were followed by a rally but then another setback.

THE WEATHER

For North Carolina: Fair, continued cold tonight; temperature below freezing. Friday fair, not quite so cold; moderate northwest winds becoming variable.

COMPARATIVE WEATHER

March 15	1916	1915
Maximum	67	61
Minimum	29	28
Mean	48	44 1/2

Tomorrow, Friday, March 17, is the day set apart by the governor of North Carolina for the collection of the special fund for the benefit of the Belgians. The Hickory committee, made up of representatives of the various churches, has completed its plans for the day.

Globes for the reception of money will be found at the following stores: Grimes & Murphy, Hickory Drug Company, Lutz Drug Store and C. M. Shuford. The committee will be glad to receive any donation left with these stores. Checks should be made payable to J. W. Shuford, Treasurer Belgium Relief Committee.

WILSON IS INVITED ATTEND CELEBRATION

(By the Associated Press.)
Washington, March 16.—Senator Simmons, Representative Webb and a large delegation from North Carolina invited President Wilson today to visit Charlotte May 20 to attend the Mecklenburg celebration. He promised to attend if possible.

VILLA HUSTLING SOMEWHERE IN MEXICO

(By the Associated Press.)
El Paso, March 16.—Villa, since the pursuit of the American army started, apparently has passed beyond the American Mormon colony at Casca Grandes. The 500 Americans are safe there, dispatches said. These reports gave credit to Carranza forces for putting up a front which stopped the bandits from attacking the Mormons.

Today's information indicated strongly that the bandit leader with his supply of swift horses is again on the move. Information concerning his movements was closely guarded. Casca Grandes is about 100 miles south of the point where the American troops crossed.

OFFICIOUS START

(By the Associated Press.)
San Antonio, March 16.—Brigadier General Pershing's officious start into Mexico without opposition from Mexican forces and apparently without serious disturbance along the border was the principal topic at Fort Sam Houston today.

WITHDRAWS NAME IN CITY PRIMARY

Mr. W. B. Menzies, whose friends filed a petition with City Manager Ballew putting him in nomination for alderman from the first ward, yesterday afternoon made formal announcement of his withdrawal. Mr. Menzies had made it clear earlier in the day that he would not be a candidate, and his letter was no surprise. Voters in the first ward were congratulating themselves that two such good men as Mr. Menzies and Dr. Ramsay were placed in nomination.

It is observed that only the best men are put forward in Hickory, and a minister said today that voters could not go wrong in making selections. Citizens might differ on certain policies, but that they are all in accord as to the kind of men needed. This fact is emphasized by the petitions filed thus far.

AMERICANS INSULTED IN PARTS OF JUAREZ

Juarez, March 16.—General Garvira, Carranza Commander here, said that he had received instructions from General Obregon, Carranza's minister of war, to order all troops in his district to co-operate in every way with the American expeditionary forces. Juarez is quiet on the surface, but Americans met with insults in some parts of the town and there are evidences of a strong undercurrent of hostility towards the United States.

There are about 1,000 troops in this town and nearly all were confined to barracks. They have been tormented by General Garvira to frequent saloons. Nothing stronger than beer is permitted to be sold in the town.

In a statement General Garvira said: "My soldiers are absolutely loyal and there is no danger of outbreaks in this section. I have received reports that Colonel Rojas has been murdered by the troops at Ojinaga, and am trying to get in communication with that town, but so far have failed. There is no reason whatever for any hostility toward Americans on the part of loyal Mexicans."

SOUTHEAST OF FORTRESS

Concentrate Artillery Fire in This Direction-- Another Pause by Germans in Infantry Fighting--No Change in Submarine Policy, Berlin Announces.

TO INCORPORATE BLOWING ROCK PROPERTY

Twenty-five or more Hickory citizens will meet at the First National Bank tomorrow afternoon at 4 o'clock for the purpose of considering the advisability of taking over the Blowing Rock Hotel, now the property of Mrs. Emma A. Taylor of Hickory, forming a stock company and developing the property as a sort of Hickory asset. It is proposed to capitalize the new company at \$25,000.

The hotel is situated on one of the highest points in the mountains and from its balconies one can see Grandfather, Mount Mitchell and other peaks lifting their heads in the distance. It is an ideal place, and for a long time Mrs. Taylor would not consent to corporate ownership. She still will retain an interest in the property if the corporation is formed.

Many people believe that the development of the Blowing Rock section will be certain the minute the world really appreciates the beauties of the region.

CONVICTED COUPLE ARRIVE IN RALEIGH

(By the Associated Press.)
Raleigh, March 16.—Mrs. Ida Ball Warren and Samuel Christy were delivered today to the state penitentiary authorities here. They are sentenced to be electrocuted March 31.

Governor Craig on March 20 will hear petitions for the commutation of Mrs. Warren and Christy, but the cases will be heard separately.

CATAWBA TO PLAY FIRST GAME SATURDAY

Newton, March 16.—Catawba's aggregation of college stars are fast being brought into shape under the leadership of the well known college coach Hub Yount. As a coach he has proved his ability before and he seems jubilant over the fact that he can lead such a squad of horsehide experts.

Seven of last year's men are back in the lineup and with the new men to fill the vacancies, the blue and white should not suffer many defeats. Reinhardt with this club for the past three seasons is here to take offerings of Catawba's strong pitching staff. Whitener occupies third and he is claimed to be one of the best in college circles. Hall, hailed from Rockwell, with a first class reputation, is on short; Foll is holding down second in big league style, and first is being guarded by Fesperman of last year's team. The infield is superb in every degree, while the outer garden is well supplied with fast men. All the boys field the willow with skill and more than likely many opposing pitchers will meet their Waterloo this season.

Catawba's season opens Saturday with the strong Rutherford College squad.

Robert W. Gardner of Hartwick, N. Y., has worked as a blacksmith at the same forge for fifty-four years. He started as an apprentice pumping the bellows, and has stuck to the forge ever since.

HILLER SOLD TO WINSTON

(By the Associated Press.)
Durham, N. C., March 16.—Harvey Hiller, star third baseman of 1915, who was sold to St. Louis of the National League, has been sold by Manager Huggins of the Cardinals to Winston-Salem. It was announced today. His services were offered to Durham, but the price was too high.

Emperor William Won't Stand for Tirpitz Plan of Torpedoing Ships

(By the Associated Press.)
Washington, March 16.—Emperor William's determination not to provoke a break with the United States in the new submarine campaign, even though it involves a factional contest in the German reichstag, having already brought about the downfall of Grand Admiral von Tirpitz, is indicated in dispatches received here today from Berlin.

(By the Associated Press.)
One of the frequent pauses which characterized the German campaign for Verdun is again in evidence. After having made their gains of Tuesday to the west of the Meuse in the direction of Dead Man's Hill, the crown prince's forces have not again attacked on the front.

Neither is there an indication of a drive evident from military actions, the German guns not being as spirited as for several days.

Apparently there is anticipation on the part of the French that the next German move may be to the southeast of the fortress, as the French guns have been extremely active on the front overlooking the Woever.

It is officially declared that the change in the ministry of marine involving the change of Admiral Tirpitz, who is succeeded by Admiral Cappelle, signifies no change in the conduct of the naval policy.

AMERICAN BANKERS MAY HELP CANADA

(By the Associated Press.)
New York, March 16.—A group of American bankers headed by J. P. Morgan and Company is negotiating with the Canadian government for a new loan, according to a statement made by J. P. Morgan today.

The amount has not been finally determined, but it was intimated that it would be in the neighborhood of \$75,000.

TEACHING THE BIBLE A Mother Gives Her Views on This Question

We say all praise and honor to the teacher, who is christianizing enough to have her children memorize verses portions of chapters in God's word instead of silly poems, or even standard works. As memorizing is required in the school, we believe every true parent will agree with this.

As the majority of the children attending our public schools are supposed to come from christian homes and the bible is God's word irrespective of creed or denominational lines and should be taught and read as such. As it is supposed to be the christian's duty to christianize the Jew, the infidel and the pagan, what better way can be suggested than to begin in the school?

Not only has man given to us commandments, numbers, and chapters to the entire bible. This has led to great confusion, as for instance the punctuation of Luke 23:43. Just change the comma from where it was placed, (remember by man), and placed it after the word "today" and notice the difference in the meaning. As a matter of truth Christ could not enter Paradise and Hades at the same time. Who gave man the right to punctuate number and chapter the bible any way?

We believe if the Bible was taught more in the schools, as it was years ago, then being read and certain portions memorized, by each pupil every day, we would not see so much scoffing at religion and irreverence of God's word as there is today.

God's word is revered little enough as it is, take it out of the school and this will only tend to lessen it more.

So put away the narrow prejudice as small a thing as number and the more Bible our children learn the better men and women they will make in the future.