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SENDING MORE TROOPS GUARD COMMUNICATION

Funston Dispatches Additional Soldiers to Keep Line Open--Pershing Not to be Reinforced

--Other Mexican News Told in Today's Bulletins.

(By Associated Press.)
Washington, April 4.—Private advices seem to show that Villa has definitely been located south of Chihuahua were received today by the state department and were at once turned over to the war department for transmission to General Pershing.

FUNSTON GETS NEWS.

(By the Associated Press.)
San Antonio, April 4.—Official admission of the belief that Francisco Villa had fled far beyond the American forces and now is operating south of Chihuahua City was made at General Funston's headquarters today.

Since yesterday much information indicating that the bandits were moving towards Parral has been received, but that regarded by General Funston and his staff as most reliable came from the American consul at Chihuahua.

If it is proven that Villa is on his way to Parral, the campaign cannot be carried on much further without the use of the railroads, officials here declare.

(By Associated Press.)
Washington, April 4.—General Funston advised the war department he was sending more troops into Mexico from Columbus to protect the line of communication.

So far General Funston has not suggested reinforcing General Pershing's forces except to protect the line and there was no intimation that troops were wanted for other service.

WOMEN ORGANIZE IN ENGLAND.

(By the Associated Press.)
London, April 4.—The board of agriculture has appointed ten women "organizers," who are to see that every county in England is organized down to its smallest village, for the employment of women labor on the farms. Registers for women candidates will be opened in each village, and both women and farmers will be acquainted with their purpose. Instruction will be given in light farm-work and milking, and in the care of pigs and poultry. Already 15,000 women graduates of such courses of instruction are at work on farms.

DANES TO ENGLAND.

(By Associated Press.)
Copenhagen, April 4.—Danes, all sons of farmers, are going from Denmark in batches of 200 to help make up the shortage of labor on English farms.

SCORES KILLED IN POWDER FACTORY

(By Associated Press.)
London, April 4.—The explosion of a powder factory in Kent has caused the death or injury of 200 persons, it was officially announced today. The official statement says:
"The ministry of munitions reports that during the week a serious fire broke out in a powder factory, which led to a serious explosion in the works. The fire was accidental. The approximate number of casualties is 200."

Whitener, Lyerly and Ciley Win in Election; \$35,000 in Bonds Voted

Hickory voters yesterday elected a mayor, two aldermen and determined to spend \$25,000 for a new public school building and \$10,000 for water and sewer extension. The vote for mayor stood:

P. C. Setzer	244
S. L. Whitener	322

Whitener's majority ----- 78
For alderman from ward one:
R. M. Bumgarner ----- 216
Hubert Lyerly ----- 348

Lyerly's majority ----- 132
For alderman ward two:
J. L. Ciley ----- 322
Frank P. Johnston ----- 248

Ciley's majority ----- 74
For school bonds ----- 389
Against ----- 34
Not voting ----- 195
Registration ----- 618

Majority for bonds ----- 80
For water and sewer ----- 360
Against ----- 35
Not voting ----- 223

Majority for ----- 51
From the time the polls opened

SAYS WAR WILL LAST GOOD WHILE YET

(By the Associated Press.)
London, April 4.—In opening his budget speech in the house of commons today the chancellor of the exchequer said it was assumed the war would last during the whole of the financial year.

SOUTHERN STORM.

(By the Associated Press.)
Washington, April 4.—The southern storm was off the Virginia capes and moving northeastward today.

PREVENT CRISIS IN COTTON GOODS

(By the Associated Press.)
Atlanta, Ga., April 4.—The various phases of the cotton manufacturing industry as affected by the European war and the future of the industry after the war were the chief features of the opening session of the American Cotton Manufacturers' Association today. The convention will close tomorrow.

Among the speakers were members of the association and others not directly connected with it. Among the latter were Charles H. Herty of Chapel Hill, N. C., president of the American Cotton Society, who brought to the convention an outline of the shortage of dyes, which he said would place the American manufacturers of cloth in a serious crisis unless congress enables manufacturers to make dyes in competition with foreigners.

Chief blame for the condition was laid to the Democratic party. Members of the convention wanted a tariff laid on foreign dyes, a bill for which already has been introduced, but has been effectively pigeonholed, it was said.

SECOND HAND PIANO BUSINESS BOOMING

(By Associated Press.)
London, April 4.—One of the most curious results of the war is a veritable boom in the second hand piano business. The reason for this is that the work of making munitions for the men at the front has enabled so many people to think of a piano who never thought they would own one and their added income is just enough for them to afford an old instrument.

"Less than two years ago," explained a dealer, "pianos if more than 20 years old, were a real drug on the market and many had to be sold at firewood prices. Now we dealers cannot get enough of them to sell for very fair prices. I paid a customer the same price for a piano that he paid me for it sixteen years ago."

POISONED CANDY MAILED TO SISTERS

(By Associated Press.)
Harrisonburg, Va., April 4.—After confessing, according to the police, that she sent boxes of poisoned "April fool" candy to the Kyger sisters, Mrs. Margaret Sipe, aged 55, was placed in jail at Grottoes today.

Mrs. Sipe is alleged to have admitted a strong dislike to the sisters because of the attentions of her son, and is declared to have said that she would break the attentions up.

Boxes of candy were received through the mail by Lily Kyger and her sister, Mrs. Hattie Bower of Basic City. These two and a younger sister, Cora, became ill from eating the candy, and are better.

The woman's daughter told the police she (Sipe) wrote the April fool inclosed in the candy, but supposed the candy was all right.

JURORS ARE DRAWN FOR SUPERIOR COURT

Newton, April 4.—The county commissioners were in monthly session yesterday, all members present, and were more or less busy the entire day. Among the items was the drawing of a jury for the two weeks of civil court next month. The following were drawn:

Catawba township, first week—W. A. Loftin, J. H. James, W. W. Ervin, and E. P. Setzer; second week, O. D. Murray and P. H. Setzer.

Hickory township, first week—Jas. A. Probst, J. E. Bowman, J. R. Bumgarner and G. F. Herman; second week, A. H. Parker, J. B. Johnson, James Beard.

Mt. Creek township, first week—J. A. Gabriel, D. F. Punch, T. J. Sherrill; second week, R. H. Whitener, L. A. White and J. T. Punch.

Newton, first week—J. F. Kanipe, W. R. Fry and J. A. Yount; second week, C. S. Simmons, L. S. Fulbright and J. J. Campbell.

Bandy, first week—C. C. Rudisill, W. F. Mall, second week, P. A. Fulbright, W. L. Whitsnant, T. H. Rudisill.

Clines, first week Nelson J. Pope; second week, J. F. Hoke.

Caldwell, first week—L. W. Bandy; second week, J. R. Whitsnant, P. D. Drum and W. W. Caldwell.

Thomas Crafton, Thomas Dula, F. L. Little, C. E. Setzer, E. D. Benton, R. M. Gabriel, J. W. Lovance, G. W. Josey, B. C. Robinson, Coyte Robinson, Perry Hunsucker and H. A. Hawn, were all relieved of poll or small amounts of property tax, polls on account of infirmities and other tax on account of errors. All owners of stallions and jacks were relieved of the county tax on such animals, for 1915. J. R. Abece was authorized to collect the balance of the 1914 school tax in Longview district.

Sarah Starnes of Hickory was allowed \$1 a month as an outside pauper; John Kyles and wife of Catawba were admitted to the home; Noah Hertzman was increased from \$1.50 to \$2.

The petition for a change in the road in Mt. Creek leading to the steel bridge on the Beattys ford road, passing over lands of Mrs. Nancy Gordon and others was filed for next meeting. The board accepts the report of R. A. Wilfong, J. H. Shuford and L. L. Hunsucker, road jurors providing for payment of \$20 damages to Mrs. Eliza Reinhardt, petitioners to pay. The report was also accepted by Jurors M. M. Smyre, T. W. Coley and J. L. Drum, providing for payment of \$3 to J. R. Campbell and no damages to Manuel Wilson, for a road touching their lands, petitioners to pay. Supervisor Z. G. Shelton of Mt. Creek is to inspect a road leading to Alleys store to Mountain Mill and report next meeting. This road has been built by private subscription but has never been declared a public road. Abutting property owners are asked to sign a petition for it, after which it will be declared a public highway. The change in the road from near F. A. Lackey's to Buffalo shoals road near L. F. Willson was granted, petitioners to pay all damages and work out the road. The petition to change the Island Ford road from Shiloh church to McKenzie campground was filed for next meeting. The change on road from David Ramsey's to Chas. Hoover's on Hickory-Lincolnton road was granted, petitioners to pay all damages and expenses.

Wilson Warlick was paid \$10 for attorney's services to the game warden for six months.

List takers for the several townships were named as follows:
North Hickory, Chas P. Bolick.
North Hickory, A. M. Williams.
Catawba, C. K. Edwards.
Newton, Arthur Yount.
Caldwell, W. L. Whithers.
Bandy, El. Speagle.
Mt. Creek, D. A. Gilleland.
Jacobs Fork, David Ramsey.
Clines, W. A. Turner.

The board took under advisement a proposal from Supt. Geo. W. Shipp, health department, signed by the board of health and board of education, asking for \$600 to prosecute a campaign for vaccinating against smallpox and typhoid. The board is also considering a request from Solicitor J. C. Sigmon that his office be put under a salary system.

S. A. Brown of Mooresville, large owner in the Mooresville bridge, appeared before the board to urge that this county agree, as Iredell has agreed, on \$12,000 for the Mooresville bridge. The board talked about bridges again, until as usual things got to going in a circle and then dropped the matter for this time.

DUTCH MASSES ON GERMAN BORDER

(By the Associated Press.)
Rome, via London, April 4.—Wireless reports from Switzerland state that Holland has closed her German frontier and massed all her forces on the German border.

VILLA REPORTED AT MANY POINTS

(By the Associated Press.)
El Paso, Tex., April 4.—With Francisco Villa in flight and his whereabouts still unknown to his pursuers, the campaign of the United States troops in scouring the country continues.

New troops have been ordered into Mexico from the military base at Columbus to guard the line of communications.

Villa has been reported at many points. The last Mexican report had him heading for Parral. The difficulties of the pursuit have multiplied because of the misleading information given by Mexican peons.

Army men believe that as Villa moves southward with his trail well covered, it will be necessary to establish new army bases and strongly guard the line of communications.

The use of the Northwestern Railroad will be essential if the pursuit is to be maintained.

MARKETS

COTTON FUTURES.

(By the Associated Press.)
New York, April 4.—The cotton market opened steady today to a decline of one to three points, but prices steadied right after the call. Fluctuations were more irregular during the morning.

The market closed steady.

	Open	Close
May	11.86	11.85
July	11.97	11.97
October	12.05	12.08
December	12.22	12.22
January	12.31	12.30

HICKORY MARKETS

Cotton	11 1/2
Wheat	\$1.40

NEW YORK STOCKS.

(By the Associated Press.)
New York, March 4.—Yesterday's advance in specialties, especially war shares, was resumed at today's opening with gains of one to four in Baldwin Locomotives, Studebaker and Willis-Overland. Coppers were prominent, but slightly irregular, Utah showing slight recessions. Industrial Alcohol gave promise of going higher. Rails were again steady.

THE WEATHER

Washington, April 4.—For North Carolina, partly cloudy tonight, Wednesday fair moderate to fresh west winds.

COMPARATIVE WEATHER.

April 3	1916	1915
Maximum	65	42
Minimum	41	30
Mean	53	36

BUTTER IN TEXAS.

Kingsville is shipping 20,000 pounds of butter each month and could sell twice that much. For this product it receives \$8,000 cash or \$6,000 per annum. As a by-product of the dairy it sells \$60,000 worth of hogs. Add to this the increase in cattle and it will swell the proceeds another \$60,000. Practically \$200,000 is being brought into a country by one industry which five years ago was valueless. Kingsville is in Kleberg county, down the Gulf coast. Conditions are not more favorable there, with respect to the dairy industry, than they are in Jefferson county. Men of affairs in Beaumont are overlooking a good thing. They should wake up and take a hand in establishing a creamery in Beaumont. They should lend assistance to farmers with a view of enabling them to engage in the dairy and hog rearing business.

Some fun occurred at the last of the session when Commissioner Holler moved to exempt a man from poll tax because his house had been destroyed by fire. Commissioner Sigmon opposed on the ground that other such requests had been turned down, and to grant one would mean letting down the bars. The question was put, Commissioner Stroup being absent. Commissioners Holler and Wilfong voted aye; Commissioner Sigmon voted nay, and then Chairman Brown voted nay, so it was a tie, and that ended it. Spectators laughed loudly and the board joined.

STILL WAITING ON GERARD'S REPORT

(By the Associated Press.)
Washington, April 4.—In the absence of conclusive evidence on the sinking of neutral ships, President Wilson and his cabinet today postponed decision on the course of the United States. Until additional information indicates that the Englishman and Sussex were torpedoed is received, nothing will be done.

Officials say Ambassador Gerard will report definitely within a week whether Germany denies or admits torpedoing the vessels. Recent replies against American protests against mail seizures were also laid before the cabinet.

WILL INVESTIGATE HUGE FRAUD CHARGE

(By the Associated Press.)
Washington, April 4.—Treasury officials said today that Carl E. Whitney, a New York lawyer, had filed charges that a number of deputy revenue collectors there are involved in a tobacco fraud. More than 100 deputies are suspected. The frauds involve \$20,000,000 alleged to be due the government in revenue taxes.

Mr. Whitney made his charges to Assistant Secretary Malboum, but declined to give the names of the deputies. He is counsel for some of the tobacco concerns, and it is declared will turn the evidence over to the government if the cases are brought to trial.

According to treasury officials, Mr. Whitney charged that some deputies had not only been receiving remittances weekly, but had approached other manufacturers and pointed out the ease with which they could escape payment. A new deputy at New York made the discovery of the alleged frauds.

COMMITTS SUICIDE IN HAPPY VALLEY

Emma Sanders a white girl aged 17 years, committed suicide in the Happy Valley section late Sunday afternoon by shooting herself with a shotgun, the lead taking effect in her head and death being instantaneous. Jealousy is said to have been the cause, and she left a note saying that everybody had treated her badly. She had been employed as cook at the home of Mr. I. M. Hawkins in the valley.

According to the Lenoir News, the girl used a twelve-gauge breech-loader and a sixteen-inch shell, the shell of course being much too small for the weapon. The first shell exploded, and was prized out with a knife, and the second shell was fired by means of a string attached to the trigger and pulled with her foot.

The funeral was held at Ferguson, a small town on the Grandin railroad, yesterday morning.

BE NO CHANGE IN POLICE DEPARTMENT

Whatever may be the changes made by the new administration when it comes into existence Monday, May 1, the Hickory police force will not be effected. It was said today that Chief Lantz and his force would stand well with the next council, and that it would be hard to better them.

There have been rumors of a change in city attorney, and it was said that Judge W. B. Council will be retained as legal adviser. Mr. M. H. Yount prosecuting in the recorder's court. Mr. D. L. Russell was elected some time ago to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Mr. C. W. Bagby.

The terms of City Manager Ballew, City Superintendent Staley and Recorder Campbell will expire, but there has been no intimation as to any changes in these positions.

GOVERNMENT PRINTING.

(By Associated Press.)
Washington, April 4.—Printing required for all branches of the government service cost \$7,111,075 last year. All except \$833,009 worth was done in the government printing office.

ANOTHER HUGE ORDER.

(By the Associate Press.)
Tokio, April 4. Russia has placed in Japan another huge war order which is said to reach \$22,000,000. Them unions will be turned out by government arsenals and the first deliveries will begin in 1917.

ANOTHER LULL OCCURS IN VERDUN ENCOUNTER

No Infantry Engagement Occurred During the Nihgt--French Push Way Back Into Position

--Norway Asks for Information About Submarine Policy

WON'T RELEASE MEN GRABBED FROM U. S.

(By the Associated Press.)
Washington, April 4.—Great Britain's refusal to release the 38 Germans, Austrians and Turks taken from an American steamer near Shanghai was received at the state department today and will be given out later. The note is understood to give reasons why the prisoners cannot be released.

The intention of the United States is to demand the unconditional release of the prisoners.

BRITISH WEALTH PAYS MORE TAXES

(By the Associated Press.)
London, April 4.—Income tax payers who are now sending their checks to the treasury, the tax being payable before April 6, have had to pay just 30 per cent more than last year, and next year will have another 40 per cent added to the bill. This was provided for by the finance act of 1915. Some people the tax hits pretty hard but there is little grumbling and the collectors report that the tax has been paid even earlier than it was last year, when the large tax payers surprised the treasury by paying long before it was due.

An effort has also been made to increase the amount received from income tax by including smaller wage earners and providing that all income wherever derived shall be subject to taxation. Before the war those earning less than 160 pounds were exempt; now the figure has been lowered to 130 pounds but these small wage earners have been given the privilege of paying quarterly instead of yearly. Many Americans resident in England have been affected by the decision that all income, whether brought to this country or not, is subject to taxation. Heretofore, an American resident here simply paid on his earnings or the income which he used in this country. Now he must make a return of his income from investments abroad. Canadians like Americans, who often send their savings home for investment, are now on an equal footing with their British neighbors. The Americans of course also have to pay the American income tax. This is what induced a number of them, who have long been resident in this country, to take out British naturalization papers a year or two ago.

TO CLEAR FRONTIER OF ALL BELGIANS

(By the Associated Press.)
Bergen-op-Zoom, Netherlands, April 4.—Several recent indications point to the fact that the Germans in Belgium intend to entirely clear the region immediately next to the frontier of its inhabitants, with a view, presumably, to further facilitating their strict control of the Dutch boundary. They have already evacuated the strip of country situated between their two barbed-wire fences in a part of Flanders, and the arrival here of many refugees from the Belgian village of Putte (situated just north of Antwerp) strengthens the view generally held in the frontier districts that the people who have so far stuck to their homes in the rest of this zone will, in due course, suffer the same fate.

The latest lot of refugees, men, women and children, fled through the barbed-wire entanglement of the first German barrier in order to escape the ever bitterer war raging in their village. It was a sad sight, these penniless and homeless people who arrived in the market square in their wagons, there to apply to the Dutch police for a temporary shelter and for a ticket enabling them to proceed to one of the Belgian refugee camps in this country. The immediate reason for their expatriation was that for a fortnight past the Germans have refused to allow any further food to be brought to this region, and their two formidable barbed-wire fences, while from the Dutch side, practically nothing could reach the villagers.

(By Associated Press.)
There is a slight lull in the battle raging around Verdun, following the violent fighting yesterday by which the French pushed their way back to the northern outskirts of the Caillotte wood, between Douaumont and Vaux and regained a footing in the village of Vaux.

No infantry engagement occurred last night, according to the Paris bulletin. French artillery is continuing a vigorous bombardment on the Vaux-Douaumont sector. The Germans are declared to have made only a feeble response.

Northwest of the fortress artillery on both sides has been actively employed along the Avocourt-Haucourt front, and the salient is gradually being straightened out by the southward push of the Germans. The German lines at Malancourt have been subjected to a heavy fire from long range guns.

Norway, says a Copenhagen dispatch, has asked Germany to investigate whether German submarines have been responsible for the loss of a number of Norwegian vessels.

TOOK MEDICINE AS DRUG.

(By the Associated Press.)
Chicago, April 4.—"Wine of Cardui" was taken by one woman as a substitute for a drug after the Harrison law went into effect. Dr. Newton of Ruby, S. C., testified today in the \$300,000 libel suit of the manufacturers of the medicine against the American Medical Society.

SMALL BLAZE AT BROOKFORD

Fire before noon today did damage amounting to about \$175 in the card room of the Brookford Mills. It was not known how the blaze originated, but it was observed in the "rover" through which the cotton runs. There was no excitement and the company's sprinklers put out the fire.

ASKS FOR DIVORCE.

Grand Rapids, Mich., April 4.—Mrs. Clara Louise Heck-White today filed suit for divorce here against her husband, Dr. Arthur Warren Waite, who has confessed to the murder of her father and mother.

COLLEGE GAMES.

At Raleigh: A. & M. of North Carolina 12; William and Mary 10.
At Wake Forest: Wake Forest College 3; Richmond College 2.
At Chapel Hill: University of Virginia-University of North Carolina, rain.

OFFERS TO SURRENDER.

(By the Associated Press.)
Torreón, April 4.—General Reyes, commanding the Villa forces in this locality, has sent a letter to the Carranza commander, offering to surrender with all his force if given amnesty. This information was given out today by the Carranza commander.

DELAY HEARING AGAINST TWO YOUTHS

Greensboro, April 4.—Hearing of the case of Gilbert Newell, a clerk in the employ of the North Carolina Public Service Company, and Walter Bradley, a former pool room manager, today was postponed until tomorrow. They are charged with having robbed the company's vault of \$543.75 Saturday night or Sunday morning. Newell was found in the vault nearly suffocated, it was believed, and he told how he had been thrust inside and the safe robbed. His step-mother was said today to be seriously ill. His father gave bond for him last night.

The arrests came after a day and night of most careful watching of all suspects by the police. A man was kept Sunday night in hiding in the rear of the Public Service building and the building across the street in which Bradley lived was under strict observation. Newell was said by the police to have been seen entering the building and a search warrant late yesterday enabled the officers to discover a large portion of the money. The caches revealed \$420.40, according to the checking up done by officers of the company last night, leaving a balance yet undiscovered of \$26.95.

The officers arrested the two young men and also held for a few minutes two others, until explanation of their presence in suspicious places were satisfactorily made. There was no intimation last night from headquarters that any others were believed to be implicated in the robbery or that there would be other arrests. The youths taken were carried to the police offices in the municipal building and there their clothing was searched. Less than \$5 was found in the pockets of Bradley and very little in those of Newell.