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## PERSHING WITHIN DAY'S MARCH EL OSO, WHERE VILLA IS SAID TO BE IN WAITING; MEXICAN SENTIMENT IS FRIENDLY TO U. S.

**Urgent Deficiency Bill for \$800,000 Passed by House—Party Lines Forgotten in Appropriating for Campaign South of Border—Eight to 24 Airships Made Available — Reassuring Reports Say Citizens of Southern Republic Understand Nature of Expedition and Look With Favor Upon Troops—American Indians to Be Employed by War Department for Scouting—Another Border Raid Reported This Afternoon**

(By the United Press)

El Paso, March 28.—General Pershing's men are advancing rapidly, and are only a day's march from where Villa is supposed to be located, at El Oso. Reports of another attempted border raid were received today from Faben's ranch, where a hundred shots were fired.

### Deficiency Bill Passes.

Washington, March 28.—Eight high-powered aeroplanes and 24, if necessary, were provided by the urgent deficiency bill appropriating eight million dollars, passed today by the House. Party lines were forgotten in the passage.

### Mexican Sentiment Friendly.

Washington, March 28.—A most pleasing development in the Mexican situation was contained in news from the front today that instead of expected hatred the American troops are finding that the Mexicans, despite inflammatory stories from Villistas and interventionists, are understanding the expedition and heartily approve it.

### Indians for Scouts.

Washington, March 28.—On the suggestion of General Funston, General Scott, chief of staff, today authorized the employment of Arizona Indians as scouts in the Villa hunt.

### More Flying Machines for Border.

Washington, March 28.—Congressmen today assured Secretary of War Baker that the half million dollars he desires available for aviation work from the 1917 appropriation will be granted. Plans will be made immediately to buy eight machines and three auto trucks for each. The new machines, costing \$8,000 to \$12,000 each, will be sent immediately to the border.

## RUSSIANS ASSAULT GERMAN POSITIONS WITH GREAT VIGOR

**Berlin Believes Offensive 100 Mile Front Must Fail**

### PLENTY OF AMMUNITION

Slavs Seem to Be Well Supplied and Are Not Sparingly Shells—If Attacks Fail They Must Retire From Counter Offensive.

By CARL W. ACKERMAN, (United Press Staff Correspondent)

Berlin, March 28.—Fighting around Stelowe, where the British have launched a heavy attack, is developing into what may prove a strong enemy offensive, the war office today reported.

Berlin, March 28.—Bent on saving themselves from a forced retreat on a hundred-mile front, the Russians are renewing their attacks against Von Hindenburg with great fury. Despite violent attacks and the great expenditure of ammunition, Berlin believes the Russians must fail.

Paris, March 28.—French troops have captured enemy works in the Parroy Woods, 15 miles east of Nancy, killing or capturing all the German occupants, the war office today announced.

## REPORTED PEACE IS TOPIC AT MEETING OF ALLIED LEADERS

**Tentative Terms Being Discussed at Paris, Swiss Reports Say**

### GERMANY NOT EXPECTANT

Berlin Government Believes Enemies Will Make Another Grand Attempt to Break Through Teuton Lines—France Angry

(By the United Press.)

Berlin, March 28.—Tentative peace terms are being discussed for the first time by the Allies at the big Paris war conference, Swiss information today said. Berlin, however, expects no allied peace hints until an expected great attempt comes to break the German lines, late in April. Discord is again reported between France and England, due to the failure of the latter to send promised contingents to Europe for the spring offensive.

## CARR TO REPRESENT DURHAM DISTRICT IN ST. LOUIS CONVENTION

Durham, March 28.—Julian Carr, millionaire and philanthropist, who has been a member of every North Carolina Democratic delegation since the first Cleveland nomination, will go to St. Louis pledged for Wilson.

## NINETEEN SIXTEEN FAIR WILL BE HELD OCTOBER THIS YEAR

Four Days Beginning 24th, Decided Upon Monday Night—To Erect New Buildings to Take Care of Larger Patronage

The local fair will be held about two weeks sooner this year than last, it was decided Monday night at a meeting of the directors of the Kinston Fair Association.

The dates determined upon are October 24, 25, 26 and 27. Several new fairs are being organized or contemplated in this part of the country. Rocky Mount, Goldsboro and possibly other towns will hold fairs next fall for the first time.

The Kinston Fair this year will be, so far as exhibits are concerned, one of the biggest in the State. It is possible that it will be excelled only by the State Fair at Raleigh. At least ten counties will contribute to the exhibits, it is thought. Advertisement of the big event will be commenced considerably earlier than last year.

## PRESIDENT GRIEVED OVER DEATH OF TOM PENCE, HE DECLARES

**Wilson Issues Statement; "Irreparable Loss" to Demo. Committee**

### FUNERAL RALEIGH TODAY

Large Party Including Daniels and Congressmen Accompany Remains to N. C.—"Every Man Lost a Partner" in Carolinian

Washington, March 28.—President Wilson yesterday issued the following statement:

"The death of Tom Pence has brought to all who knew him and to all whom he so loyally and earnestly served, not only the deepest grief but a sense of irreparable loss. Few finer spirits have ever connected themselves with public service. He had very great ability and he devoted that ability to the promotion of the things he thought were right with a singular devotion and self-forgetfulness. I feel that every man who desired the public good has lost a partner, and that the Democratic party in losing him as secretary of its national committee has suffered a loss which it may not be possible to repair at all."

Many senators and congressmen today expressed their regret over the death of the bright North Carolina newspaperman. Pence was regarded as one of the best of the Washington correspondents when he was doing newspaper work, before his appointment to the secretaryship of the National Democratic committee. He knew more celebrities than any man in the United States. He was a graduate of Wake Forest College. "He was one of the most capable men in the country," one Congressman said this morning. The President exhibited signs of grief over the body in Pence's quarters. He sent one of (Continued on Page Four)

## CABINET DISCUSSES GERMAN-AMERICAN RELATIONS; U. S. MAY BREAK WITH THE KAISER WHEN SUSSEX EVIDENCE ARRIVES

(By ROBERT J. BENDER, United Press Staff Correspondent) Washington, March 28.—Whether the United States, on proof that the Sussex and Englishman were victims of German torpedoes, shall allow diplomacy to take its deliberate course, or whether relations shall immediately be severed, was discussed at today's cabinet meeting. The State Department is gathering every bit of possible evidence.

### Evidence Sussex Was Torpedoed.

London, March 28.—Fragments of metal discovered by British naval officers aboard the Sussex immediately after the explosion unquestionably are parts of a torpedo, the United Press was reliably informed today.

## WASHINGTON COUNTY OUTRAGE DESCRIBED

Old George Bowen and Daughter Were Almost Beaten to Death by Robbers—Suspected Negroes Sprung Out of County to Prevent Lynching—Bowen Begged for Life. Two May Die

(By the Eastern Press) Washington, March 28.—A man named Williams today gave a graphic account of a recent outrage in Washington county, for which several negroes are held in the Greenville jail, according to report. The negroes were removed from Plymouth to prevent lynching.

George Bowen, an elderly countryman, and his afflicted daughter had as neighbors, on Bowen's farm, John Savage, his son and his daughter-in-law, said Williams. The trio went to the Bowen home on a stormy night. Old Bowen was awakened when they entered. Suspecting their purpose, he said, "John, you can have my money, but for God's sake, don't kill me." Miss Bowen was asleep in another room. Savage's son went into the room and seized the girl. She screamed. The black flayed her with a pair of fire tongs. She fell back in a dead faint. Meanwhile John Savage was cudgelling the old man. Bowen's son, living 200 yards distant, heard the cries of the victims and ran to the scene, but the culprits had gone before he arrived. Bowen was robbed of \$35. The negroes evidently intended to kill the couple. Bowen's almost lifeless body was found in a closet. There is yet some doubt about the recovery of the couple.

## NOTABLES TO MAKE SPEECHES AT GROUP SCHOOL EXERCISES

Joyner, Brown, Walker, Brinson, Poe, Giles and Brooks to Address Lenoir County Audiences at the Commencements Soon

A number of leading educators of the State will make addresses at the various group school commencements to be held in Lenoir county in the next fortnight, beginning April 4. The weeks will be busy ones in the rural schools. Exercises will be held in about all of the group centers. The following list of speakers was announced Monday evening:

State Superintendent of Public Instruction J. Y. Joyner, at Pink Hill on Tuesday. T. E. Brown of Raleigh, Pig Club Director, at Woodington on Wednesday. Supt. S. M. Brinson of New Bern, at Coahoms on Thursday. Prof. N. W. Walker of Chapel Hill, Director of the University Summer School and State Inspector of High Schools, Farm Valley, Friday. Dr. Clarence Poe, President of the State Literary Society and Editor of the Progressive Farmer, Grainger, April 11. D. F. Giles, Superintendent of Wake county, Airy Grove, April 12. Dr. E. C. Brooks, of the chair of education of Trinity College, Durham, author of a number of textbooks and other works and a native of Lenoir county, well-known here, Moss Hill, April 14.

## ENGLAND PLANS TO BAR GERMAN RHODES ST'DTS

London, March 28.—A bill has been introduced in Parliament to change the conditions of the Rhodes Scholarship Trust, so as to eliminate endowments for German students at Oxford.

There were 15 of these scholarships provided by the late Cecil Rhodes, of 250 pounds (about \$1,250) each, nominations to be made by the Kaiser. The endowments, like those to American students, were made in the belief that "a good understanding between England, the United States of America and Germany would secure the peace of the world, and that educational relations form the strongest tie."

## THE ODDEST STORY IN THE NEWS OF THE DAY

Tiffin, O., March 28.—Here's the queerest entry in the early-fishing story contest. Eugene Schultz, 12, while skating on Rock Creek broke through the ice. He sank to the bottom and in his terror clutched out wildly. His hand grasped a 21-inch black bass. He was still tightly holding to it when the other boys rescued him.

## STRANGE BUOYS OFF SHORES THIS STATE AND VIRGINIA, SAID

Many Seen By Crews of Vessels—Coast Guard Cutter Picks Up Couple—Shipping Men Uneasy—Investigation

(By the United Press) Norfolk, March 28.—Considerable mystery is attached to the finding of strange buoys strung along the North Carolina and Virginia coasts. Two have been picked up by the government cutter Onondaga. Many others have been seen five miles off shore.

## TWO PERSONS DEAD AND MANY INJURED IN FIRE

Burglars Believed to Have Started Blaze in Cleveland Apartments—Man and Woman Killed, Two Fatally Hurt, and Many Others Less Seriously Injured—Damage \$30,000

(By the United Press) Cleveland, March 28.—One man and one woman, unidentified, were killed, and two persons fatally injured and 18 others hurt, in a fire believed to have been set by robbers in the Foston Apartments, which burned today with \$30,000 damage.

## LONG AND SLENDER ARE THE NEW ZEPS. GERMANY IS PUTTING OUT, SAID

(By the United Press) Amsterdam, March 28.—The Zeppelin has been vastly improved lately. There is no doubt that the Germans take it very seriously as a fighting machine. Still greater aerial activity on their part may be expected soon.

The prediction is that of a neutral, recently arrived from Germany, where he had an opportunity to see and hear much concerning the Kaiser's plans for air raiding, but whose name, for obvious reasons, cannot be published. According to his account, the newest zeppelins is much longer and narrower than its predecessors, the latest form having proved more readily manageable in heavy weather. The gondolas hang much deeper than formerly and a bridge connects them. Both gondolas and the bridge are metal-plated, in the hope that they may prove bullet-proof.

Each new zeppelin carries about ten machine guns and two or three small cannon.

## SUGGS TO GO TO THE RICHMOND INTERNT'L TEAM, SAYS A REPORT

(Daily Free Press, March 28) A Rocky Mount report to State papers today said: "George Suggs, the idol of fandom in Eastern Carolina, and the ball pitcher who has done more than one man's share in writing North Carolina's name in the hall of fame in major league baseball, will this season play with Richmond in the International League.

## THE POLITICAL 'COCK ROBIN' TO DIE AGAIN

Washington, March 27.—Senate leaders conceded tonight that their effort to bring the Susan B. Anthony amendment before the House, probably will be defeated again when the Judiciary committee votes tomorrow on the proposal. Of 21 committeemen they were assured of the support of only nine.

## PECULIAR FACTS ABOUT WELL-KNOWN PEOPLE

Winnipeg, Man., Mar. 28.—Manitoba has a fighting justice. Chief Justice Mathers of the Manitoba Kings Bench court is today taking instruction.

## HUSBAND SUES MAN HE HIRED TO WATCH WIFE

Minneapolis, Minn., March 27.—Arthur Lillgren, who claims he lost a perfectly good wife because he hired a detective to shadow her, on the detective's alleged statement that she needed shadowing, was in court today. He alleges the sleuth gave him false information about his spouse, and that when he accused the wife of the things the sleuth told him about, she left him. Arthur's suit for \$25,000 damages against the detective agency is set for trial today.

## WANTS TRANSPORTATION LEGISLATION HASTENED

President Writes Kitchin Urging Early Recognition Matters of Shipping Bill and Investigation of Railways and Others Suggested by the Administration, in Lower House

(By the United Press) Washington, March 28.—The President has sent a letter to House Leader Kitchin urging that the problems of transportation suggested by the Administration, including the shipping bill and investigation of railroads, be pressed for early recognition.

## WAITE SECURED GERM CULTURES, REPORTED

New York, March 27.—Virulent disease germs were purchased by Dr. Arthur Warren Waite, under arrest here on the charge of poisoning his father-in-law, John E. Peck, of Grand Rapids, Mich., according to evidence District Attorney Edward Swan said he obtained today.

## FISCHE SAYS NAVY IS WAY BEHIND GERMANY'S

Washington, March 27.—With the explanation that he "hated to say it," Rear Admiral Bradley A. Fiske, former aide for operations, told the House Naval Committee today that in fighting strength the American navy was only about half as strong as Germany's. Reluctantly, in response to questions, he expressed the opinion that all things considered 2 to 1, "would not be very far away," in an estimate of the comparative strength of the German and American fleets, although the German fleet did not cost any more.

## TAGGART TAKES OATH AS SUCCESSOR TO SHIVELY.

Washington, March 27.—Thomas Taggart, Democratic national committeeman from Indiana, appointed to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Senator Shively, today took the oath of office.

## SINCLAIR ANNOUNCES FOR THE ATTORNEY-GENERALSHIP

Fayetteville, March 27.—Hon. N. A. Sinclair, announced tonight that he will be a candidate for the Democratic nomination for attorney general.

## DYES FROM GERMANY TO CHARLOTTE VIA CHINA

Charlotte, March 27.—A shipment of cotton mill dyes representing \$30,000, was received by a local concern here today, having come by way of Shanghai, China, from Germany. The supply house here announced it had come in possession of a source whereby it would be able to meet the demands of Southern mill men.