

INCREASE REGULAR ARMY TO A HUNDRED THOUSAND MEN; VILLISTAS ATTACK TOWN IN NEW MEXICO; TROOPS SAID BE MOVING

Houses In Outskirts of Hachita, on American Side of the Border, Looted Tuesday Night—Quiet Today—Cavalry Base in Mexico Selected—Secretary of War Wants Million or Two for Expenses of Expedition—Army Enlargement Resolution of Hay and Chamberlain Unanimously Passed In Senate—Sherman Would Have the Troops Brought Back From Philippines for Service In Campaign South of Rio Grande

(By the United Press)

El Paso, March 15.—A Villista band looted homes in the outskirts of Hachita, New Mexico, last night, say reports to El Paso and the Southwestern Railroad offices. All is quiet today. There is still no news of troop movements, nor the hour for crossing the border.

Increase Army to 100,000 Immediately.

Washington, March 15.—The Senate unanimously adopted the Hay-Chamberlain resolution for immediate increase of the army to one hundred thousand. The adoption followed a short debate. Hoke Smith advocated a two-year enlistment instead of four. Newlands wanted to unify the whole preparedness program. Sherman of Illinois introduced a resolution to bring twelve thousand troops now in the Philippines to serve on the border. He said they would be ideal forces for work in Mexico.

Baker to Ask for Emergency Appropriation.

Secretary Baker today practically decided to ask Congress for an emergency appropriation of one or two million dollars to cover the expenses of the Mexican expedition.

Believed Expedition Has Started.

El Paso, March 15.—A rigid censorship established today led to the belief that the expedition for Mexico is starting. It is believed the advance guard of three thousand and cavalry will start for Guzman, Mexic, and make its base there.

TELLS OF A BIG FEE PAID LOUIS BRANDEIS

Got Nearly Quarter Million Dollars for Services When Merger of Copper Selling and United Globe Companies Was Proposed, Chas. Smith, President of Former, Testifies

(By the United Press)

Washington, March 15.—Louis Brandeis had \$225,000 as his fee from the Old Dominion Copper Selling Company when a merger was proposed with the United Globe Co., Charles S. Smith, the president of the former company, testified today before the Senate committee.

GLEANED FROM NEWS OF OTHER COUNTIES AND TOWNS NEARBY

Jeff Laughinghouse, alleged whiskey trafficker, who escaped from the Craven county jail at New Bern several nights ago by means of a hole in the roof and a rope of bedding, is still at large.

J. F. Wrenn found in excavating for road improvements on a Craven-Carteret highway a large cannon ball of the period of the War Between the States. The missile was buried under several feet of earth.

John H. Small, congressman from the First district, will speak in Greenville next Tuesday afternoon on the national prohibition amendment. He has invited for a joint discussion Dr. E. C. Dinwiddie, legislative agent of the National Anti-Saloon League, with headquarters in Washington, Mr. Small says. The First district representative has clashed with Dr. Dinwiddie on a previous occasion over the proposed amendment.

Jacques Busbee, the noted artist of Raleigh, is at the East Carolina Teachers' Training School, Raleigh, to direct the campus gardening.

More brick buildings are to be erected at Greenville's Five Points, rapidly becoming the center of the

STRIKERS HOLD UP A TRAIN; INJUNCTION

Serious Trouble Reported on G. & S. I. R. R., Between Cities of Hattiesburg and Jackson, Miss.—Order Forbids Trainmen on Strike From Interfering With Operations

(By the United Press)

Hattiesburg, Miss., March 15.—The strike situation is serious on the Gulf & Ship Island Railroad. Disturbances are frequent between here and Jackson. A mail train has been held up at one point. A court today issued an injunction restraining the striking trainmen from interfering with trains.

DEFENDANTS DESIRE CHANGE JURISDICTION IN THE LAND MATTER

The motion for an injunction against continued retention by individuals of property here claimed by the Norfolk Southern Railroad introduced by counsel for the company was to come up before Judge Connor, of the Eastern district, in United States Court at New Bern at noon today.

Lawyers for the defendants before leaving for New Bern said they would ask for a change of jurisdiction to a State court. They could not predict how long it would take to hear the motion and the opposition statements. Voluminous documentary evidence has been had by the railroad's attorneys from here.

The Norfolk Southern's action is against at least several of a number of persons who are alleged to be unlawfully holding property, especially in the Southeastern part of the city, claimed by the company to have been deeded to the old A. & N. C., now leased by the N. S., generations ago.

town's business district. By condemnation proceedings "Buzards' Roost" and other frame structures, some of notorious reputation probably, are being torn down.

REPORTS ON VERDUN SITUATION DIFFER; BOTH CLAIM GROUND

Germans Say Pressure At Any Time Would Force Evacuation Positions

MOVEMENTS BACK LINES

Reinforcements for Teutons Evidently Are Coming Up—French Counter Attacks Reported to Have Resulted in Gains

By CHAS. P. STEWART, (United Press Staff Correspondent)

London, March 15.—The Germans have driven a wedge into the French front, between Bethincourt and Dead Man's Hill, say Berlin dispatches arriving via Amsterdam. Bethincourt is claimed to be two-thirds surrounded. A slight advance will force its evacuation, it is said. Paris reports are contradictory.

Fresh German Troops for Verdun.

Amsterdam, March 15.—Many depleted German regiments are arriving in Flanders from Verdun, and fresh troops are going from the Flanders front to Verdun.

French Deny German Gains.

Paris, March 15.—The French, by an effective counter attack, have captured several trenches at Hill 265, northeast of Verdun, it is said officially. There were no German infantry attacks during the night on the west bank of Meuse around Bethincourt. The French still hold Bethincourt, Dead Man's Hill and the Cumieres Wood.

Troops Leaving Near East.

Athens, March 15.—Large German detachments are moving from Macedonia and Serbia to the western battle front, say reports.

German Gains Officially Stated.

Berlin, March 15.—Silesian regiments have advanced further to the southeast of Bethincourt, capturing a thousand French prisoners, it is officially said. Four counter attacks on the west bank of the Meuse have been repulsed.

AUSTRIA BREAKS OFF RELATIONS WITH THE LISBON GOVERNMENT

(By the United Press)

Amsterdam, March 15.—Austria has severed diplomatic relations with Portugal, a Vienna dispatch today announced. Early dispatches said Vienna had recalled the Austrian minister and handed the Portuguese minister his passports. Whether there will be a declaration of war is unknown.

ROME, March 15.—Austria has declared war on Portugal, say dispatches.

GYPSY BAND MAY HAVE JIMMIE GLASS, MOVIE BOY, IN THIS SECTION

"That the little flaxen-haired boy traveling with a band of gypsies who recently visited New Bern may be Jimmie Glass, the 'Charlie Ross' of the moving pictures, and for whom a search is being made all over the country, is the belief of the local police," said the New Bern Sun-Journal Tuesday evening.

The boy was noticed at New Bern, but possibly the authorities had not then become acquainted with the fact of the Glass boy's disappearance. Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Glass of Jersey City were visiting in Greelley, Pa., when the small son of the family disappeared. There is a \$500 reward for his return. The police throughout the Carolinas, believing the boy is somewhere in these States in charge of roving Bohemians or Lithuanians, are on the alert to locate him.

SAY ALLIES TRIED TO SUBMARINE TWO UNWARNED VESSELS

Austrian Embassy Gives State Department Report and Berlin States Name of Craft—Ships, Owned in Hungary, Got Away

(By United Press)

Berlin, March 15.—The Hungarian steamers Daniel Erno and Azab have been attacked unwarned by Allied submarines off Dalmatia, say Vienna dispatches. They escaped by outmaneuvering the enemy craft.

Austrian Embassy Gets News.

Washington, March 15.—The Austrian embassy today notified the State Department of alleged attempts by Allied submarines to submarine two vessels without warning.

INDICTMENT AGAINST OSBORNE DISMISSED WITHOUT TESTIMONY

(By the United Press)

White Plains, N. Y., March 15.—The indictment charging Warden Thomas Mott Osborne of Sing Sing with perjury, was dismissed by Justice Tompkins today before the defense started presenting its case.

COTTON STATISTICS FOR MONTH FEBRUARY

(By the United Press)

Washington, March 15.—Cotton consumed in February, exclusive of linters was 40,711 bales, by census reports.

REAFFIRMS DEATH OF TURK WAR MINISTER

Newspapermen at Athens Says Successor to Enver Pasha Has Been Appointed—Tuffeieff, Bulgarian Irregular Leader, Assassinated, Reported from the Greek Capital Today

(By the United Press)

London, March 15.—Reaffirming the story that Enver Pasha, Turkish war minister, had been assassinated, the Exchange Telegraph's Athens correspondent today said Ishmail Haiki, president of the Commercial Administration, had been named Enver's successor.

Athens dispatches said the noted Bulgarian comitadj leader Tuffeieff had been assassinated.

SENATOR SHIVELY OF INDIANA DIES IN WASHINGTON

Washington, March 14.—Benjamin F. Shively, senior senator from Indiana and for years a prominent figure in Congress, died late today at a hospital here. He had been ill many months from a complication of diseases and for more than a year has been unable to perform actively his official duties. He was 58 years old.

Washington, March 14.—Immediate construction of eight or nine battle cruisers to provide an element of strength now sadly lacking in the American fleet was urged before the house naval committee today by Captain Sims, commanding the battleship Nevada.

BULLETINS

(By the United Press)

REBELS ACTIVE IN CHINA. Washington, March 15.—Serious revolutionary fighting is in progress in Yunnan province, in China. The trouble is being made by Chi Chiang. The rebel plans to attack Luchow. It is reported in a navy department message.

AIRMEN OF ALLIES ATTACK ESSEN AND OTHER TOWNS, SAID

Munich and Gladbach Raided Along With Seat of the Krupp Works, Reported. London Is Enthusiastic Over the Feat

(By the United Press.)

London, March 15.—The Allies destroyed six sheds at Essen, the Amsterdam Telegram today reported.

London, March 15.—Allied aviators have raided Essen, the home of the Krupp gun works, according to Amsterdam dispatches.

Other air squadrons attacked Munich, the capital of Bavaria, and the city of Gladbach, it is said. The news, though unconfirmed by the war office, aroused much enthusiasm here today.

GERMANY DENIES SHE WILL STOP SUBMARINE WAR AGAINST TRADERS

(By the United Press)

Amsterdam, March 15.—An official Berlin statement telegraphed to this city today denies rumors that Germany plans to abandon the submarine war on armed merchantmen.

FOUR ILLICIT STILL RAIDED IN VIRGINIA

New York, March 14.—In a raid conducted by revenue officers in Henry, Patrick and Franklin counties, in Virginia, last week, four alleged moonshiners were arrested, four illicit distilleries of 200 gallons capacity seized, and 63 gallons of corn liquor confiscated.

PUGS PREPARING FOR CHAMPIONSHIP FIGHT

New York, March 14.—Jess Willard now weighs 250 pounds stripped, it was said at his training quarters here today, and he expects to take off at least eight pounds more in the next ten days.

Moran took it easy today after his early road run and light exercise. He said he never felt better in his life.

NO COTTON ON THIS EXCHANGE TODAY

There were no receipts on the local cotton market today, according to buyers. New York futures quotations were: Open 2:20
May 12.06 11.96
July 12.21 12.15
October 12.36 12.26
December 12.47 12.43
January 12.53 12.50

ELIZA FOOLED HIS MISTRESS AND GOT LONG TRAIN RIDE

(By the Eastern Press)

Washington, N. C., March 14.—The pet rooster of Mrs. C. S. Whichard of Vandemere is a "bird." Mrs. Whichard is the wife of a W. & V. engineer. The chicken is a great favorite with her and follows her all around. Mrs. Whichard boarded a train for this city, 40-odd miles from her home. The rooster had followed her to the station unseen by Mrs. Whichard. He saw her get on a car. The bird secreted himself in the baggage car. At Cash Corner, "Eliza," which is the rooster's unnatural name, given him before his sex was ascertained, left the baggage car, ran down the side of the train to where Mrs. Whichard was sitting and flew up to her window. Eliza rode the rest of the way to Washington alongside his mistress. Eliza went back to Vandemere in a box, crowing his protests.

THE EAST CAROLINA BASEBALL ASSOC'ON WAS FORMED TODAY

Regret Over Failure of Kinston to Join—Aurora, Williamston, Washington and Greenville Organizers—Semi-Pro Basis

(By the Eastern Press)

Washington, N. C., March 15 The East Carolina Baseball League was organized here today with four clubs—from Washington, Aurora, Williamston and Greenville.

J. Burt James of Greenville was elected president of the league, and Carl Goerch of Washington, secretary and treasurer. A schedule of 40 games is to be arranged. The season will start June 1.

The league will be on a semi-professional basis. No club will be allowed more than three paid men.

Regret was expressed over the absence of representatives from Kinston, which city had been expected to send a delegation to the meeting. Kinston and Belhaven were eliminated as possibilities by the organizers, and the association will proceed with the four clubs.

KINSTON REAL ESTATE HUMPING; VALUES RUN UP LIKE BEANSTALKS

Kinston has made more city-like strides during the past twelve months than ever before in its history, say travelling men. Within five years, they predict, the place will be a "real" city. Evidence is to be had on every street in the town, nearly, and the progress has not been limited to paving and other municipal improvements.

The value of local real estate, in the opinion of Register of Deeds Carl Fridgen, who is in the best position to know, has increased on an average of 20 per cent. or more since March of 1915. "And in spots it has jumped even more. It is safe to say that some property on Rhodes hill and in some other sections has increased more than 50 per cent. in value."

Whether the companies will protest the site is still a matter of conjecture, but their acceptance of it without protest would be a surprise to numerous persons in the city after hints that have been heard rumored to have emanated from the high-up sources. Lack of room and the danger of accidents at the Gordon street crossing are among the things the railroads are said to base their prospective objection upon. At any rate, the recent order will cause them to take action one way or another, and in a hurry.

ONLY THREE OF VICE DISTRICT CASES OUT OF WAY END OF DAY

Of the dozen South Kinston white women charged with living in houses maintained for immoral purposes arranged in Municipal Court recently, two were acquitted by juries Tuesday. The cases, eight of them for judgment by juries, were started Tuesday morning and bid fail to occupy the working time of Recorder Wooten's Court for several days yet.

Lillian Ethridge and Louise Walker were the defendants acquitted. Trials and judgments for the other 10 remained before the Court when the evening recess was called, but one of these, Margaret Portello, had been tried by the Recorder without jury, judgment being withheld. The remaining cases were continued until Thursday morning. It will require at least two days to finish them, and maybe three.

SUGGESTS TENNESSEAN FOR BAKER'S ASSISTANT

(By the United Press)

Washington, March 15.—Representative Hull today urged the President to appoint Col. L. D. Tyson of Tennessee, assistant secretary of war.

BILL POSTERS' ASS'N DECLARED UNLAWFUL

Chicago, March 14.—The Associated Bill Posters of the United States and Canada was held to be a combination in restraint of trade by Federal Judge Landis today.

RAILROADS ORDERED PREPARE PLANS FOR DEPOT IN A MONTH

Must Submit Drafts to Corporation Commission By 13th of April

MUST ACT IMMEDIATELY

Companies Now Have No Alternative But to Comply or Appeal for a New Site—"People Will Not Stand for Another"

Raleigh, March 13, 1916. Citizens of Kinston vs. Atlantic Coast Line Railroad Company and Norfolk Southern Railroad Company: Order to submit plans for union passenger station.

"Referring to former order in above entitled proceeding, dated April 14, 1915, it is

"Ordered that the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad Company and Norfolk Southern Railroad Company submit plans to the Corporation Commission for a union passenger station at Kinston, in compliance with the former order of the Commission, within thirty days from this date.

"By order of the commission, "A. J. MAXWELL, Clerk."

A copy of the order above has been received by Secretary F. I. Sutton of the Chamber of Commerce, together with a brief explanatory letter. The order was dated about 24 hours before receipt of the letter and copy.

The Commission long since determined upon the southeast corner of Gordon and McLewain streets as the site for the station, and ordered its construction, but did not specify the time in which the work should be started. The new order shows that the Commission, following a recent earnest appeal from the Chamber of Commerce, evidently intends to force the railroads into action.

Whether the companies will protest the site is still a matter of conjecture, but their acceptance of it without protest would be a surprise to numerous persons in the city after hints that have been heard rumored to have emanated from the high-up sources. Lack of room and the danger of accidents at the Gordon street crossing are among the things the railroads are said to base their prospective objection upon. At any rate, the recent order will cause them to take action one way or another, and in a hurry.

"The people of Kinston certainly are not going to stand for the station being erected any farther out than the selected site," Secretary Sutton said today. He believes that any move on the part of the railroads to choose another location will be vigorously resisted.

WHEDBEE GRANTS BAIL HEARING FOR HOPEWELL

A report from New Bern today said W. R. Hopewell, held for the murder of his wife, Mrs. Rachel Hopewell, by poisoning, would probably be released on bail this week, to be tried in April. A plea for a habeas corpus writ hearing had been granted by Judge H. W. Whedbee in Superior Court at Beaufort, it was stated, and counsel for Hopewell will go to Beaufort Thursday for the hearing, confident of securing the writ.

PUGH ATTEMPTS MAKE ESCAPE; SAWED BARS

Vernon W. Pugh, alleged embezzler of \$100 or more from the DuPonts at Hopewell, Va., who was captured at Croatan, east of here, and is now under five years' sentence in the Virginia penitentiary, has been removed from the Petersburg, Va., jail, to the Henrico county prison, in Richmond, for safekeeping. Pugh had twice sawed bars in his cell in two, and it was feared the shrewd fellow would escape.