

AMERICAN TROOPS WITHIN THIRTY MILES OF VILLA AND ENGAGEMENT MAY HAPPEN IN NEXT FEW HOURS, FUNSTON INFORMED

Col. Dodd's Troops Nearing Place Where Bandit Army Is Supposed to Be—Battle Will Follow If Enemy Decides to Make Stand—United States Asks Permission for Use of Government-Controlled Railroad in Mexico By Troops—Wholesale Deportation of Mexicans from Three Border States May Be Connected With Revolutionary Movement, Reported—All Quiet Below the Line, Officially Said at War Department

(By the United Press)

Washington, March 18.—The United States has asked or will ask permission for the expeditionary force to use a government-controlled railway in Mexico. Funston is said to have asked for the permission.

Dodd Approaches Villa's Position.

San Antonio, March 18.—Col. Dodd's column is within thirty miles of Villa's forces in the Galena district, is information that came to Funston's headquarters today. An engagement may occur in a few hours if Villa has decided to make a stand.

Sending Many Mexicans Out of U. S.

Wholesale deportation from New Mexico, Arizona and Southern California, of Mexicans, is believed to be affiliated with a Felix Diaz-Villista movement, reported impending, or activities here of 24 prominent Mexicans, former Huerta cabinet members, which caused an investigation last week.

All Quiet, Says Baker.

Washington, March 18.—All is quiet in the portion of Mexico containing American troops, say War Department reports. Secretary Baker said the only excitement had been at Tampico, and that only temporary.

Dodd Hundred Miles South of Line.

El Paso, March 18.—Col. Dodd and his cavalry column have passed Janos, a hundred miles across the border, without firing a shot on the entire trip, it is reported. Aeroplane scouts are today guiding Pershing's troops. Additional troops are reported to be crossing the border. Funston has asked permission to use the Mexican railways.

The Peon sentiment in the Torreon district is strongly anti-American. Villa is reported to be in Durango.

NEGRO CHILD BURNED; IS EXPECTED TO DIE

Fire Department Was Called When Small Girl Ran From House In Blazing Clothes—Josephine Smith's Daughter Cannot Recover, Believed—Small Fire in South Kinston Today

A four-year-old daughter of Josephine Smith, colored, who lives in an alley near Macon street, was burned fatally, probably, Friday evening about 7 o'clock, when her clothing caught fire. The child ran from the house and was badly seared before persons caught her and extinguished the flames. Physicians said she would not recover. An alarm was turned in and the department made the useless run to the scene.

Today at 8:45 a. m. the firemen were called to the home of John Scarborough, colored, in South Kinston, where a blaze was extinguished after trifling damage had been done. A defective flue was given as the cause.

The department was called out between 3 and 4 o'clock today by a false alarm.

YOU'RE A 'HERR' IF IN BERLIN, REGARDLESS

London, March 18.—You may be as American as you please, but as a correspondent in Germany for the press of your own country, you will figure inevitably as a "herr" in the English newspaper. The mere fact that Carl W. Ackerman of the United Press, for instance, came from Indiana, doesn't make him any exception. He is considerably quoted in London dailies, and it is always as "Herr Ackerman," or as "Herr Karl W. Ackerman."

DESCRIBES VISIT TO THE SLAUGHTER FIELD

Nephew of W. T. Hines Saw Where Villistas Fought Slocum's Soldiers and Murdered Non-Combatants—Execution Done by Troopers Was Not Fully Told of In Eastern Press

J. M. Hines of Deming, N. M., describes a visit to the "battlefield" at Columbus, N. M., in a letter to his uncle, Mr. W. T. Hines, of this city. The field which was the scene of the Villistas' attack was about two miles south of Columbus and only 30 yards from the border, he states. A large party from Deming who visited it took away Mexican saddles, revolvers, cartridge belts and plunder of all kinds. A silver-mounted saddle which he saw was a handsome affair and rather different from the ordinary.

"They burned the dead Mexican soldiers. There were 48 in one pile and 29 in another. The ones that fell out of the town and away from the road were left where they fell, however. Forty to a hundred Mexicans were killed on the other side of the border. There were about forty Carranza troops stationed at the boundary gates, where the shack that answers to the name of customs house is located, and one troop of our men were scattered along the line."

The Villistas had to stop in their retreat to cut a fence, says Mr. Hines, and American troops ambushed them there and "got a big bunch of them." Carranza's men did not fire a shot. An American officer stopped by a Carranza soldier shoved his automatic into the Mexican's person. He passed. Two companies of infantry were expected at Deming for the town's protection when Mr. Hines wrote. Eastern newspaper accounts, he said, were severely criticized at Deming.

REICHSTAG DOESN'T LIKE MODIFICATION SUBMARINE SYSTEM

Will Discuss Resignation of Von Tirpitz Next Week, Expected

STATEMENT BY GOV'T

Kaiser Will Outline His Policies, Thought—Bills In Parliament Would Prevent More Agreements Except as to Liners, Said

By Carl W. Ackerman, (United Press Staff Correspondent)

Berlin, March 18.—The resignation of Admiral Von Tirpitz will figure in the Reichstag's debate of the submarine policy next week, it is generally reported. It is possible that the government will make a statement of its policies with the intention to conserve the rights of neutrals.

Bills in the Reichstag.

The Liberal party has introduced a bill in the Reichstag directing the chancellor to make no agreements with other nations limiting Germany's submarine warfare except in cases of passenger ships. A similar bill was introduced by the conservative party.

SHOT MAN IN BOTH LEGS; PEARL GRAY WASTED NO BULLETS

John Joyner, colored, exhibited pistol ball wounds in both of his legs at a hearing in LaGrange on Friday afternoon. Pearl Gray, also colored, was fined \$20 and assessed the costs for the shooting.

The assault occurred at a farm some miles from LaGrange, and followed an altercation. Gray, it is said, had, at the point of his weapon, ordered a party of blacks to hold up, expecting an attack from them. Joyner did not stop, and Gray fired two shots, effectually and with artistic effect. John McLaughlin, colored, was among those present and armed. Someone restrained him from using his gun. McLaughlin was not tried.

JUDGE CALLS THE MANN ACT AN UNFAIR AFFAIR

(By the United Press) Atlanta, March 18.—The most disreputable girl is made an equal with the most moral girl by the Mann act, Judge Newman today said, in charging a jury which acquitted S. H. Ligon of violation of the law.

BARBER, MILLIONAIRE, TO FOUND GREAT FARM COLLEGE ON HIS PLACE

(By the United Press) Barborton, O., March 18.—Ohio C. Barber, millionaire maker of matches, now 74, plans to make "the best farmers in the world" at "the greatest agricultural school in America." Barber is drawing plans to convert his famous \$3,000,000 3,500-acre farm, Anna Dean, into an agricultural school adjunct of the Western Reserve University, Cleveland. According to Barber, his institution will rival M. A. C., Illinois, Wisconsin, or Cornell, in agricultural teaching and experiment work.

MEMBER ALLEN GANG REPORTED KILLED

(By the United Press) Mt. Airy, March 18.—Jack Allen, a member of the famous Allen clan of feudists, has been killed in the mountains, says a report.

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AMERICAN FAMILY SAFE

Germany Hears British Submarines Were In the Vicinity of Spot Where Tubantia Sunk, But London Admiralty Denies

(By the United Press) Washington, March 18.—An official report from the Amsterdam consul today tended to clinch the reports that the Dutch liner Tubantia, with Americans aboard, was torpedoed. The message to the State Department said two ship's officers on lookout swore she was torpedoed, and that most of the passengers held the same view. The Americans, Richard Chilling, representing a New York life insurance company, wife and daughters were unhurt. Four are still missing, it is said. It is assumed that the consul is gathering affidavits.

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Hinted British Submarines to Blame.

Berlin, March 18.—Amsterdam correspondent of the Vossische Zeitung today telegraphed that two British submarines were in the neighborhood of the Tubantia on the day before she sank.

Denial From London. London, March 18.—The secretary of the admiralty today denied the Berlin report that British submarines had been near the Tubantia.

OPEN UNIVERSITY'S NEW ATHLETIC FIELD ON THIRD OF APRIL

Messrs. O. F. York and J. F. Mitchell, traveling passenger agents, respectively, of the Southern and Norfolk Southern railroads, were here Friday evening. It was stated by Mr. Mitchell that a special train would be operated from Goldsboro to Chapel Hill on April 3 for the opening of the new athletic field of the University of North Carolina. The baseball teams of the U. of N. C. and U. of Va. will play their annual game at The Hill on that date. Messrs. Mitchell and York stated.

TO BOOST CANNING CLUBS IN LENOIR

Canning club work is to be given an impetus in Lenoir county, it is probable. A week or two ago a representative of the Wayne County Tomato Club secured big orders from Kinston merchants for fruit packed in Wayne. "Why buy them?" "Why, say grocery men in reply to the question, "they are as well packed as any, and put up under the supervision of an expert in hygiene, which is not always the case in the big canneries. Then, too, the product is select. Can they compete with the big fellows? They are doing it."

THE 'JIMMIE GLASS' WITH ROVERS SMALL BOHEMIAN, ASSERTS

(By the Eastern Press) Williamston, N. C., Mar. 18.—The Sheriff of Martin county late yesterday visited a gypsy camp at Parmalee and after a thorough search returned and declared that there was no child with the band answering the description given of Jimmie Glass, the "movie boy," kidnapped in Pennsylvania some months ago.

Washington, N. C., Mar. 18.—Richard Roberts, the chief of police here, today took sharp issue with statements to the effect that a party of gypsies who left here this week for Martin county had with them Jimmie Glass, small son of a New Jersey family kidnapped in Pennsylvania May 12, 1915.

There was a boy with the band, Roberts says, of about the same age as the Glass boy, but of unmistakable Hungarian or Bohemian extraction. The champ was watched closely, he declares. He calls the rumors "bosh." The president of the local Woman's club is positive that a boy of American parentage, blue-eyed and light of hair, was concealed by the nomads. A New Bern report says the police there hold to the same theory as the woman.

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(By the Eastern Press)

Washington, N. C., Mar. 18.—"The Second North Carolina infantry could assemble at Camp Glenn, Morehead City, on 10 hours' notice," Col. W. C. Rodman, the commanding officer, said today. Colonel Rodman is just up from a sick bed. "There would be only one thing that could prevent mobilization of the regiment in that time—failure of the railroads to furnish facilities," he stated. There are 800 men in the Second, and if war strength should be called for it could be recruited to the necessary 1,500 or a few more in half a week, the Colonel said. "If the regiment should be rushed to the front, however, it would probably depart with peace strength and have drafts assigned to it somewhere en route or at the general mobilization point."

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FOUR OF KAISER'S SIX SONS INJURED IN THE WAR SO FAR

Amsterdam, Mar. 18.—The rounding of Prince Oscar of Germany on the Russian front makes four of the Kaiser's sons who have suffered bodily injury in the war, according to accurate journalistic records here. Only the Crown Prince and Prince Adalbert have escaped thus far. August Wilhelm, the Kaiser's fourth son, was wounded during the battle of the Marne by a bullet in his left arm. The second son, Eitel Frederick, was thrown from his horse in October, 1914, and suffered a damaged knee. Joachim, the sixth son, was wounded by shrapnel in the right thigh in September, 1914. Joachim was also nearly captured by the Russians in the following December. He was rescued by a German aeroplane. Oscar, recently wounded, suffers from palpitation of the heart and collapsed from this complaint after a battle in 1914.

FRENCH AIRMEN IN SERIES OF DARING FLIGHTS AT NIGHT

Bombed Number German Cities, Positions, Stations, Supply Depots

ALMOST UNPRECEDENTED

Raid On Largest Scale Ever Known, Probably—Thirty-two Separate Clashes With Teuton Aviators on Western Battlefront

(By the United Press)

Paris, March 18.—French aviators made five great raids upon German cities and important positions last night, and engaged in 32 duels on the Verdun front, it is said officially. The activities of the last 24 hours were almost unprecedented.

Eighteen aeroplanes attacked the railway station at Conflans, the supply depot of the Crown Prince for the Verdun offensive, and dropped 40 bombs. Another squadron attacked Sablon and the station at Metz, and caused three fires at the station and many explosions along the railway.

One squadron dropped ten bombs upon the German aerodrome at Dieze, and five upon the Arnaville station.

No Fighting at Verdun.

Berlin, March 18.—The Verdun offensive has slackened because of the weather conditions, it is said, officially. A heavy mist today hindered operations on the entire front.

DIDN'T CHECK WATER PRESSURE TO LOWER MAIN; DID NICE JOB

A really remarkable piece of engineering was directed by John E. Weyher, Superintendent of the Water and Light Department, on North Queen street at the verge of Vernon Heights Friday afternoon. Five hundred feet of 10-inch water main was lowered a distance of four feet with the full pressure on, without a break. Only 10 men were employed in the work, and it was completed in four hours' time. After the ditch had been dug the pipe was lowered gradually until it rested nicely at the new depth. The work was preliminary to paying in that section.

THE ODDEST STORY IN THE DAY'S NEWS.

Kenia, O., March 18.—In the grave exactly one thousand, six hundred and thirty-five times and still living is the unusual distinction of J. H. Rickman, who has just resigned as sexton of the Cherry Grove Cemetery after twenty-five years' service.

SAN DIEGO EXPO. IS STARTING ITS SECOND YEAR WITH NEW NAME

(By the United Press) San Diego, Cal., March 18.—The San Diego exposition, now in its second year, was rechristened at noon today "The Panama-California International Exposition—an Exposition of Peace." While San Diego made holiday and thousands thronged the grounds of the palm-girded show city, President Davidson's toast to the exposition and to peace was repeated in the principal cities of the United States and Canada. Nineteen nations, United States possessions, western and California counties are represented in the exposition. As the chimes of noon struck, Davidson proposed the toast to "an institution which promotes every fruit of civilization that is being destroyed in the other hemisphere," and to fulfillment of "the highest obligations that can devolve on a people's exposition of progress."

HOUSE EXPECTED TO VOTE ON THE ARMY MEASURE NEXT WEEK

President Favors Hay Bill for 140,000 Men, It Is Understood

CHAMBERLAIN HOPEFUL

Thinks Senate Will Pass His Bill and That a New and Larger Army Will Be Formed From Best Points of That and Hay's Bill

(By United Press)

Washington, March 18.—The House today debated the army increase bill, Speaker Clark taking the floor. Many amendments were offered suggesting a larger increase.

The Hay bill provides for an army of 140,000 men. A vote is expected next week.

President Approves Hay Bill.

The President has approved the Hay army reorganization bill, Chairman Hay of the military committee today declared in the House. Baker also approves it, he said.

TWO COLORED MEN HAD ENOUGH WHISKY SUPPLY SMALL-SIZED BARROOM

Percy Lamonte and Paul Brooks were arrested on whisky charges by policemen in the vicinity of North street on the edge of the business district late Friday night. The men are said to have been suspected for some time. Assistant Chief Skinner and Patrolmen Dupres and Sumrell raided houses in which the two were staying, and seized them and about thirty quarts of whisky.

It is believed the men, who are to be tried this afternoon, went to Norfolk by train and walked the remainder of the distance to Kinston, it is said. They went to jail in default of bail.

Lamonte and Brooks have been responsible for some little disorder in the southern and southeastern parts of the city, according to the authorities. It has been their custom upon returning from a trip to Norfolk to take up positions in those sections and dispense whisky to white as well as colored persons.

GERMANY HAS A NEW ENEMY TO DEAL WITH

(By the United Press) Berne, Switzerland, March 18.—German scientists are concentrating their minds on methods of exterminating field mice. As a result of the mild winter the mice have multiplied enormously and expert agriculturists say they threaten to damage the next crop seriously. In view of the enormous importance of a full yield, the government took the alarm immediately.

ENVER PASHA TURNS UP ALIVE, IT IS REPORTED

(By the United Press) Athens, March 18.—Enver Pasha, reported assassinated or wounded by an assassin, has returned to Constantinople from a tour of inspection, say today's advices.