

BATTLE BETWEEN AMERICAN TROOPS AND VILLA MAY OCCUR ANY MOMENT; FIXING TO RECEIVE WOUNDED THIS SIDE BORDER

Expedition Will Arrange for Other Means of Transportation if Carranza Withholds Permission to Use Railroads—United States Does Not Wish to Antagonize First Chief—Siege of Bandits in Mountain Fastnesses May Last Weeks—Carranzistas Believed to Have the Outlaws Hemmed In—Desert Another Enemy of Fleeing Mexicans—Pershing and Men Rapidly Nearing the Hiding Places of Bands—Reiterate "Dead or Alive" Order

(By ROBERT J. BENDER, United Press Staff Correspondent)
Washington, March 20.—The President will do nothing to embarrass Carranza. The wishes of the Mexican first chief will be followed out in every possible way, it developed today after a conference between the President and Solicitor Polk. If Carranza refuses to permit the use of Mexican railroads, the United States will find other means of transportation. The order was today issued officially to take Villa at any cost.

No More Outrages Reported.

San Antonio, March 20.—General Funston received no word of Villa outrages upon American colonists in Mexico, it is stated.

Preparing Hospitals at Columbus.

Columbus, N. M., March 20.—Forty ambulances are here and a field hospital is being rushed to completion, in preparation for expected bloody fighting between Americans and Villistas in the Southern mountains. The officers here expect a long campaign and are preparing.

(By E. T. CONKLE, United Press Staff Correspondent)

Clash in Mexico Soon.

El Paso, March 20.—Reported hemmed up in canyons of the Guerrero mountains, Villa is believed to be surrounded by several columns of Carranzistas. The Americans are closing in from the north. Miles of mountainous desert and the net drawn by the pursuers make escape of the bandits unlikely. Aeroplanes are spying upon their movements.

Villa is reported to have left a detachment at Hernandez ranch to hold back the Americans and permit him to hide in the fastnesses of the Sierra Madres. Fighting with his rear guard is momentarily expected. A second request for permission to use Mexican railroads is reported to have been made by Washington. The State Department sent one request, and is waiting for a reply. The consul here believes Carranza will grant the permission.

RUSSIAN OFFENSIVE AGAINST AUSTRIANS AND GERMANS BEGUN

Franz Josef's Men Compelled to Retreat in One Sector, Admitted

INTEREST QUILTS VERDUN

For New Fighting in Near East—Violent Shelling and Grenading of Armies by Slavs—Vienna Does Not Deny Reverses

By Chas. P. Stewart
(United Press Staff Correspondent)

London, Mar. 20.—Heavy Russian attacks on the Austrian and German fronts today drew interest away from the Verdun offensive. An official Austrian report admitted the Teutons were compelled to retreat near the Vociecko bridge head. The Russians followed up a bombardment with violent grenading. The first defense line was withdrawn but other attacks were repulsed, the Austrian war office stated.

German Attack Repulsed.

Paris, March 20.—The French have repulsed a German infantry attack on Pepper Heights positions, north of Verdun, it is said officially. A bombardment preceded the attack. The Germans showed lack of spirit, which has been noticed several times recently in German attacks. The enemy was repelled by the French guns.

MAN RESCUES YOUNG DAUGHTER FROM BED ROOM BLAZING HOME

Henry Watson's Residence Burned Saturday Night—Family Lost Everything—Colored Child Dies From Burns Received Friday

Henry W. Watson's 13-year-old daughter had a narrow escape when a dwelling at 309 Glenwood avenue occupied by her father's family burned Saturday night at 11:40 o'clock. The family had retired and the house was a mass of fire before they were awakened by the crackling of the flames. Watson and his wife made their way to the street, but the girl failed to put in her appearance. Watson returned, almost fighting his way through fire, and carried the daughter out.

The small house was gutted, with damage approximating \$300. The family lost about all their furniture, etc. The blaze had gained such headway before the alarm was sent in that it was impossible for the firemen to do more than save the shell of the house, which was the property of J. C. Chestnut. Watson thinks a mouse or rat with a match was responsible for the fire. It originated in a closet, at least six feet from a chimney or flue.

Evelyn Smith, the 4-year-old negro child burned at the home of her mother, Josephine Smith, on Macon street, late Friday, died Saturday evening. No hope for the girl's recovery had been entertained from the time she was burned, after her clothing had caught fire.

THOMAS TAGGART TO SENATE SUCCESSOR SHIVELY OF INDIANA

Indianapolis, March 20.—Governor Ralston today appointed Thomas Taggart Senator to fill the vacancy caused by the recent death of Senator Shively.

WAR'EN WOMAN WILL KNOW HER FATE ERE TW'NTY-FOUR HOURS

Governor Hears Argument and Reserves Decision Until Tuesday Morning—Sure of Guilt, But Should Woman Be Electrocutated?

(By W. J. MARTIN)

Raleigh, March 20.—After hearing counsel plead for the life of Mrs. Ida Ball Warren this morning, Governor Craig announced he would reserve his decision until Tuesday morning.

The Governor says he is satisfied of the thorough guilt of both the woman and her accomplice, Christy, but is undecided as to whether he should save the woman because of the sentiment against executing a woman.

REPUBLICANS MAKE A STRONG FIGHT ON THE TILLMAN BILL

Leaders in the Senate Declare the Government Is Trying to Destroy Legitimate Industry—Searched Dictionary for Invetives

(By the United Press)

Washington, March 20.—Declaring that the administration proposes to use the government's power to destroy legitimate industry, Republican leaders in the Senate today launched a bitter assault against the Tillman government armor-plate bill. "Unfair, confiscatory, wanton and vengeful," were terms used by Penrose, Oliver, Harding, Curtis and Lippitt.

The vote is coming tomorrow. The House agreed to vote on the Kahn 220,000 army amendment at 2 o'clock. Senator Lodge said America gets armor plate cheaper than other countries.

BULLETINS

(By the United Press)

RUSSIAN SHIP TORPEDOED.
Petrograd, Mar. 20.—The Russian steamer Jaslubda was torpedoed in the North Atlantic on March 9, say advices. The crew are believed to have been saved.

STEEL TRUST HEARING MAY 15.
Washington, March 20.—The Supreme Court today denied the government's application to postpone the hearing on the steel trust suit until fall. It was ordered brought up May 15.

TRIED TO FORCE PROHIBITION VOTE.
Washington, March 20.—Dry leaders tried vainly before the Senate judiciary committee today to force a vote on the national prohibition amendment.

GLASSFORD HEADS AVIATION SCHOOL.
Washington, March 20.—Col. William A. Glassford, chief signal officer of the western department, has been appointed head of the San Diego aviation school as the result of the Goodier investigation of charges of mismanagement in the service.

ATTEMPT ASSASSINATE THE BULGARS' PREMIER

(By the United Press)
Rome, March 20.—A Bulgarian has attempted to assassinate Premier Radolavoff at Sofia, say dispatches. He fired twice. One bullet struck the coachman, the premier riding in the carriage unhurt.

RETALIATORY RAID OVER BELGIUM MADE BY GREAT AIR FLEET

German Flyers' Visit to England Cost Lives of Eleven Persons

THE ALLIES PAID IT BACK

Return Call Resulted in Damage to Seaplane and Submarine Base at Zee Bruges, Though—Many Airships Carried Bombs

(By the United Press)

London, March 20.—In retaliation for Sunday's raid by German zeppelins upon the English coast in which 11 persons were killed, 65 British, French and Belgian planes today attacked Zee Bruges, the German submarine and seaplane base, and the Belgian town of Houtlade. Fifty of the aeroplanes carried two hundred pounds of bombs each. These were rained on the seaplane station and an aerodrome at Houtlade. Fifteen armored planes protected the bombing craft. All returned safely. The raid inaugurates a policy of immediate retaliation for German raids. One Belgian officer was wounded.

Fayetteville, March 19.—The Cape Fear Fair is now a member of the North Carolina circuit of fairs, according to an announcement by Secretary Jackson.

GIVE BACK TO JEWS THE ANCIENT LAND, PLEA MME. PEVSNER

Cultured Jewish Woman Addresses Two Local Audiences—Relates Hardships of Race in Countries of Europe

Probably the most interesting visitor to Kinston Sunday was Madame Belle Pevsner, a native of Palestine, who is touring this country in the interest of "Jewish rights."

Madame Pevsner is perhaps the foremost woman exponent of her old-new doctrine. She is the house guest of Mr. and Mrs. Wolfe Adler. She is a woman of unusual political ability, extremely well educated and young. She speaks with a strong French accent, from long residence in France.

Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock Madame Pevsner made an address to a large audience in the Courthouse. Her subject was the Jewish people—their ups and downs in the world's history. She narrated misfortunes of the race in European countries, paid tribute to the United States, and argued for restoration of the Holy Land and the Holy City to the Jewish people after it has been torn from the Turk. That is what many thousands of Jews and Gentiles, too are preaching, but none more ably than she. Madame Pevsner exemplifies the Jewish patriotism that has lain dormant but undying, under the heel of oppression these many centuries.

Sunday night in the Whitaker building Madame Pevsner made an address to the Jewish citizens. She will remain in the city probably until Tuesday night, but expects to make no more public speeches here.

DAUGHTER BURNED TO DEATH; NEGRESS WILL GO TO ASYLUM.

Fayetteville, March 19.—Crazed by the burning to death of her daughter, which she was powerless to prevent, Annie Smith, a negro woman, is in the Cumberland jail here in a state of raving insanity, pending her removal to the asylum at Goldsboro.

KITCHIN WANTED AS MAIN MILL OF BIG LUMBER PLANT WAS BURNED THIS A. M.

Democratic Floor Leader Hasn't Replied to Invitation Yet—Atlanta Man Who Is Enthusiast Over "New Garden of Eden," Is Coming Here

FLAMES SPREAD QUICKLY

Firemen Checked Blaze in Two Minutes and Saved Surrounding Property—Partial Insurance—Fire Started in Engine Room

Nearly every man invited to speak before the Carolina Municipal Association's convention here in May has accepted. Congressman Claud Kitchin is one of the two or three not yet heard from. There is strong hope by the executive committee that the Democratic leader will accept the invitation, however.

Edward Young Clarke, secretary-manager of the Atlanta Chamber of Commerce, writes that he will be here to preach on "The New Garden of Eden." He alludes to the South, and declares that in the building up of this garden man has been selected for God's co-worker. He is a zealot over the South's progress and puts the old idea of hog and hominy in a new light.

Mayor Ward of Birmingham, Ala., who was invited, prefers to have one of the commissioners of that city, who is an expert on the commission form of government, address the mayors and other officials of the Carolinas, he has written.

BRYAN WILL CAMPAIGN FOR DRYS AT BIRTHDAY DINNER THIS EVENING

(By the United Press)

Lincoln, Neb., Mar. 20.—The annual Bryan birthday banquet, given each year in honor of the former secretary of state by his friends and admirers, will be held tonight and arrangements have been made for the usual large gathering. It was fifty-six years ago yesterday, in Illinois that Bryan was born, but because the anniversary came this year on Sunday the celebration was postponed until today.

Following the banquet Mr. Bryan will make a tour of many Nebraska towns where there are local fights on the liquor question, and following this tour he will make a general campaign throughout the state as one of the chief speakers for the non-partisan anti-saloon committee on behalf of the adoption of the proposed prohibition amendment to the Nebraska constitution.

MILLIONAIRE ADMITS HE'S BROKE AND NOT CARING FOR SECRECY

(By the Eastern Press)

Washington, N. C., March 20.—C. H. Fuller, reputed millionaire jewelry manufacturer of Rhode Island, is here "dead broke," he declares. "Do not say I'm just badly bent," he told a newspaper man. "Make it stronger than that—say I'm broke and put it in capitals: Mr. Fuller is Broke."

Fuller has for years maintained a handsome steam yacht here. The vessel is the largest of her class on the South Atlantic coast. Her furnishings are in solid mahogany and she cost as much as many a large passenger steamer. Her crew is big enough to man a small gunboat. Fuller and his wife and two guests are expected to leave for the North on the "Thetis," which is the craft's name, but what will become of the yacht is not known.

LOVETT LEE, PROMINENT DUPLIN MAN, PASSES AWAY

Mt. Olive, Mar. 19.—Lovett Lee, one of the wealthiest and most prominent citizens of Faison and for a number of years a resident of this place died here this morning about two o'clock at the home of his son, Faison Lee.

MAIN MILL OF BIG LUMBER PLANT WAS BURNED THIS A. M.

Rutledge & Co. Losers to Extent of About \$15,000, It's Estimated

FLAMES SPREAD QUICKLY

Firemen Checked Blaze in Two Minutes and Saved Surrounding Property—Partial Insurance—Fire Started in Engine Room

Fire at 11:30 o'clock this morning wrecked the main building at the lumber plant of Rutledge & Co. in Southwest Kinston. Although the big frame structure was almost gutted by the time the firemen arrived, they attacked the flames with such determination and skill that in two minutes' time their spread was checked. The kilns, planing mill, boilers and house and office were saved.

The blaze originated in the engine room and spread very rapidly. Several lines of hose were played upon it with immediate effect. The machinery in the burned building was ruined. It included large saws and other equipment. The loss was estimated this afternoon at \$15,000, with partial insurance.

EVERY RURAL TEACHER MAY BE GIVEN A HOME

Great Plan of National Lumber Manufacturers' Association—North Carolina One of First States in Which Plan Will Be Put Into Effect—Nathan O'Berry Is Ardent Advocate

The biggest, most universal scheme for social service in the history of America, one affecting every hamlet in the land, has been instituted by the National Lumber Manufacturers' Association. In the proposal to build a home for every rural school teacher in America.

North Carolina will be one of the first States where the plan will be carried into effect, and a thorough investigation of the conditions in this State preceded the announcement of the social service plans of the lumber manufacturers. The association has not as yet formulated its plans for pushing this new department of public service by actually assisting the schools of the nation to build homes for teachers, but work on this philanthropic enterprise is already under way and the association plans to have its plans ready for announcement in a few weeks.

Nathan O'Berry of Goldsboro, a director in the National Lumber Manufacturers' Association, was one of the most ardent advocates of the project.

TWO VESSELS GO DOWN; NUMBER PERSONS LOST

(By the United Press)

London, March 21.—The British steamer Port Dalhousie and Norwegian steamer Landeli have sunk with the loss of several lives. Several of the crew of the former were rescued, but several are missing. Sixteen survivors of the Landeli were rescued. The engineer of the latter was killed, together with a postal employe.

CONGRESS THROWING ASIDE ALL MATTERS WITHOUT A CHANCE

(By United Press)

Washington, March 20.—Congress is jettisoning its cargo. Many bills are doomed to burial. Preparedness is being given all attention. It is indicated that weeks and even months of Congress will be exclusively occupied by this legislation.

WRECK ON SOUTHERN NEAR GREENSBORO ONE DEAD; MANY HURT

Greensboro, N. C., March 19.—Southern passenger train No. 43, was wrecked at Jamestown, ten miles south of this city, at a few minutes before 8 o'clock tonight. One woman was dead at midnight and other passengers of the train were reported in serious condition. A list of thirteen persons who were of the worst hurt was available early. Others less injured were numerous. The passenger was crushed by derailed freight cars of regular freight train No. 74, which was speeding northward on a parallel track. The passenger was pulling away from the station, hardly having gained motion. The dead are: Mrs. M. S. Hyatt of High Point, wife of a rural mail carrier.

MILITIA BILL IS SAFE, SMALL STATES

(By the United Press)
Washington, March 20.—The militia pay bill will pass Congress at this term without a shadow of a doubt, said First District Congressman John Small at his home here today. "Opposition to preparedness has dwindled to nothing," Representative Small said.

Washington, Mar. 20.—Robert Lansing, Secretary of State, admits he tells fibs occasionally. When asked recently whether he had called at the German embassy he said he would say no if he had.

MARYLANDERS LOOK UPON MRS. ENGLISH AS HEROINE, SAID

(By the United Press)
Frederick, Md., March 20.—The killing of her husband, Arthur English, a noted New York lawyer, because he threatened her life, has made Mrs. English a heroine here. She is being guarded in her brother's home. Whether she will attend her husband's funeral is not known.

SAYS DEMANDS OF THE TRAINMEN ARE UNFAIR

New York, Mar. 19.—The conference committee of managers for the Eastern railroads, of which Elisha Lee is chairman, in a statement issued here today "to the 300,000 stockholders of these companies" characterized the demands of the railway trainmen for higher wages as unfair, and added that "the carriers cannot and should not shoulder this burden of an unwarranted increase of \$100,000,000 in the wages of a small minority of the highest paid employes."

COTTON CROP LITTLE OVER ELEVEN MILLION BALES FOR LAST YEAR

Washington, March 20.—The 1915 cotton crop totaled 11,059,430 bales, said a report by the Census Bureau today. Round bales numbered 111,716 and Sea Island bales 91,920.