

AMERICAN EMBASSY REPORTS TO STATE DEPARTMENT SUSSEX WAS TORPEDO'D BY GERMAN SUBMARINE; TENSION TIGHTENS

Renewed Fears of Break With Kaiser That Might Result In War—Attaches Sent by Ambassador to Paris to Investigate the Matter—Discovered Conclusively That Channel Steamer Was Struck by Projectile From Teuton Undersea Boat—First Positive Information Had By Washington—President and Secretary of State Arrange for Conference That May Determine If America Washes Its Hands of Germany

(By ROBERT J. BENDER, United Press Staff Correspondent) Washington, April 6.—American embassy attaches appointed to examine pieces of metal found aboard the Sussex reported today that their investigation shows that such pieces were parts of a German torpedo. Their findings are based on comparison of the metal pieces with the structure of captured German torpedoes at Paris. The report made to the State Department is the first positive information this government has received that a German submarine attacked the Sussex. The news immediately caused a tightening of the tension in German-American relations. Fears of a diplomatic break, with all the possible grave results, are renewed. Shortly after the report became public the President and Secretary Lansing arranged for a White House conference.

GERMANS REPLACING FAGGED REGIMENTS WITH FRESH TROOPS

Seem Still Bent on Offensive at Vaux Front—Are Stripping Their Lines From Soissons to the East for Reinforcements, Said

(By United Press) London, April 6.—Heavy concentration of Germans on the west bank of the Meuse, and resumption of the bombardment on the Vaux front are reported from Paris. The Germans are stripping their lines from Soissons eastward for fresh troops and exhausted regiments are being sent to quieter sections of the line. French Official Statement. Paris, April 6.—The Germans reached Haucourt village last night in a series of violent assaults northwest of Verdun, the war office today announced. Heavy German attacks on Behincourt were repulsed. The German advance was offset by an important French victory in the Cailles woods.

LEWIS DEFENDS THE CITIZEN SOLDIERY

National Guard Not a Political Organization, But a Patriotic One—Vote Expected Soon on Striking Out of Federal Reserve From the Constitution Bill

(By the United Press) Philadelphia, April 6.—So many school garden teachers have been captured by Dan Cupid since last summer that the board of education held a special examination to fill the ranks. Many marriages followed the closing of the gardens last summer and the eligible list was virtually exhausted.

MARTIN CO. MAN IS SERIOUSLY SHOT; A NEGRO ENEMY HELD

Cecil Moore Wounded While He Slept—Condition Critical—John Guilford Run Down by Dogs—In Martin Jail at Williamston

(By the Eastern Press) Washington, N. C., April 6.—Cecil Moore, white, is lying at the point of death at Everetts, N. C., and John Guilford, colored, charged with shooting Moore, is in the Martin county jail at Williamston. A delayed report states that Guilford is alleged to have crept to the window of a bedroom in Moore's home on Tuesday night and shot him as he slept. They had had cross words. Bloodhounds from this city trailed the colored man yesterday. Guilford is being held bailless.

THE ODDEST STORY IN THE NEWS OF THE DAY

Ontario, Cal., April 6.—Y. Etienne, Frenchman, spied "Made in Germany" on the razor his barber was using. "Vive La France!" And Etienne smashed the barber chair. "Abas les Boches!" and a table was shattered. "Vive le Jeanne d'Arc, vive Joffre!"—a settler crumbled into ruins, the stove became debris, a mirror shattered and the chandelier swung. The neutral police came in.

GOING ON IN NEARBY CITIES AND COUNTIES

An unidentified white woman is in a New Bern hospital with a severe wound on her head, inflicted with some instrument unknown to the authorities. Her condition is uncertain. She is believed to have gone to the hospital accompanied by a notorious man of the Pembroke section. Ed. Stewart is the new mayor of Washington, selected by the aldermen to fill out the unexpired term of Frank C. Kugler, resigned. Kugler had a year more or less to serve. Stewart is a former mayor and retired business man. The winter cruising period for the coast guard cutter Pamlico has expired.

LINER ZENT VICTIM SUBMARINE; HALF A HUNDRED LOST LIVES

Attackers Made No Attempt to Rescue Persons Struggling in the Sea

WENT DOWN FEW MINUTES

Lifeboats Capsized in Hurry of Getting Them Over—Eleven Were Landed at Queenstown, Rescued by Steamer that Stood By

(By the United Press) London, April 6.—The Elder liner Zent has been sunk. Forty-eight persons lost their lives. The captain and ten survivors have been landed. Queenstown this morning said the Zent was torpedoed without warning and sunk in a few minutes. In an effort to get the boats over quickly nearly every one capsized. A submarine moved slowly off, making no effort to save those struggling in the water. A steamer finally rescued those taken to Queenstown.

ONLY TWO CASES FOR TRIAL IN JONES COURT

It is a remarkable term of court that Judge Devin of Oxford, a new jurist, is conducting at Trenton, according to Col. W. D. Pollock of this city, just back from the Jones county seat. "There were but two cases, and it a mixed term at that. There was one criminal case. A white engineer was fined \$40 and costs for shooting a black, after the defense had submitted. The court was engaged on the only civil case, not a very important cause, when I left. "There isn't a prisoner in the Jones county jail," Colonel Pollock says.

DEATH OF A VETERAN OF FOSTER'S RAID ON CITY

News has been received here of the death of Mr. S. J. Langston at his home in Grifton recently. He was in his 85th year, and paralysis coupled with the infirmities of old age was responsible for his demise. The funeral and interment were at Sharon church. Mr. Langston was born in Lenoir county, near Grainger, in 1831, and resided there until four years ago. He was a man of exemplary character, well known and very highly esteemed by his acquaintances. He was a member of the Free Will Baptist church. He served throughout the War Between the States. He was injured during Foster's raid up this city, having his horse to fall upon him. He had been married forty years, and is survived by his wife and three children.

BULLETINS

(By the United Press) MISS ADDAMS ILL. New York, April 6.—Miss Jane Addams, the noted suffragist sociologist, is suffering from tuberculosis of the kidney and is in precarious state of health, although her condition shows some improvement, Emily Gjesbe Blich said today before sailing as Miss Addams' alternate at the Ford peace tribunal in Stockholm.

REPORT OF TODAY'S COTTON MARKET

Table with 2 columns: Month, Price. Rows: May, June, July, August, September, October, November, December, January.

BIGGEST SUM EVER PROPOSED FOR THE DEFENSE OF COASTS

Sherley Bill Would Approropriate Nearly Thirty-five Millions

WANT MORE AVIATORS

Heads Department Militia Affairs Advocate Million Dollars for Equipping National Guard Flyers in Number of the States

(By the United Press) Washington, April 6.—The biggest appropriation for coast defenses in the country's history was introduced today by Sherley of Kentucky, carrying an actual appropriation of \$21,997,000 for fortifications, submarine mines, field artillery and ammunition. In addition it authorizes contracts aggregating \$12,300,000. Want National Guard Airmen. Washington, April 6.—Col. Melver and Captain DeWitt of the division of militia affairs of the War Department, today urged an appropriation of a million dollars for a militia aviation corps, with sections in Virginia, Tennessee, California, Texas, Kansas, Pennsylvania, Nebraska, New York, Indiana and Rhode Island.

LA GRANGE BANK SHOWS SUBSTANTIAL PROGRESS

Rouse Banking Company Held Annual Meeting Wednesday—Deposits Increased \$45,000—Dividend Declared—Officers Re-Elected — Mr. N. J. Rouse Is President

(Special to The Free Press) LaGrange, N. C., April 6.—The stockholders of Rouse Banking Company held their annual meeting at LaGrange on Wednesday, April 5th. The report of the cashier showed the business of the bank to be in a growing and flourishing condition. Deposits were \$45,000 in excess of what they were at the annual meeting in 1915; the number of depositors had grown so that now the bank has nearly 800. The stockholders were highly pleased at the showing made by the reports of the officers, the large increase in the number of depositors and the general business of the bank showing that the institution rests upon the confidence of the business community; and the deposits and large amount of available funds on hand and in banks, caused special gratification. That the institution stood ready and prepared to stand back of and assist the friends and patrons of the Bank in their business endeavors and activities. A dividend of 5 per cent. was declared out of the earnings, leaving intact the bank's surplus and unearned interest, which last item amounted to several thousand dollars. The stockholders elected the following directors: K. E. Sutton, T. R. Rouse, C. P. Barrow, D. L. M. Fields, W. L. Hardy, R. G. Creech, Herbert W. Davis, John R. Wooten, Needham Grady, Alex. Sutton and N. J. Rouse. Upon the adjournment of the stockholders' meeting the Board of Directors organized by re-electing all the officers of the Bank: N. J. Rouse, president; C. P. Barrow, vice-president; T. R. Rouse, Cashier, and John P. Joyner and Emory P. Rouse, bookkeepers.

BIGGEST CHECK EVER BEARS MORGAN'S NAME

New York, April 6.—A check for slightly more than 70,703,000, said to be the largest ever drawn, passed through the New York Clearing House today. It was made by J. P. Morgan & Co. on a local bank to the order of the Canadian government in payment of \$75,000,000 par value five per cent. bonds recently purchased by a syndicate of bankers.

SHAW WILL ATTEMPT BRING LYNCHERS TO TRIAL FOR MURDER

Has List Witnesses from a Large Territory, Solicitor Declares

THE SHERIFF IS SKEPTICAL

Doesn't Think Members of Mob Who Shot Joe Black to Death Will Ever Be Known to Officials—"Persons Unknown," Verdict

Solicitor H. E. Shaw has started an investigation into the lynching of Joseph Black. He stated this afternoon that witnesses would be summoned from all through surrounding country. Col. Shaw declares that he really expects to bring some persons to trial, for "conspiracy, breaking jail and murder." "They had no right to come here and take that man out of jail and lynch him," he stated. "That will never do." The Solicitor is hoping to have a hearing by Saturday. It is not likely that Will Black will be lynched when he is carried back to Greene county from the State penitentiary for trial on May 15, according to what seems to be the general opinion in official circles. Governor Oraig is evidently trusting in the honor of the Greene county citizenry in the matter; he is unwilling to order a change of venue because that would indicate that the law, in his belief, could not be carried out in Greene. He did not set an earlier date, of course, because a jury of cool headed men in Greene would be a rare set now; it is improbable that they could be secured. Besides, Whedbee, who has the confidence of the people of this part of the State in the fullest, will be the judge presiding, and every man in Greene county realizes that there is no alternative from a death sentence possible for the negro who assaulted a white girl, beat a white woman and shot two men, and whose father was lynched in Greene county Wednesday for incendiary remarks and furnishing the assailant with arms. Kinston's frame of mind seems altered today. Nearly everyone expressing himself declares gratification over the fact that after the Greene county men had raided the local jail and seized Joseph Black they took the old darky back home with them to execute him. Officials do not like to talk about the matter. Some will; some will not. "So determined was that mob that there was not a power in the county to stop them had all of Kinston been advised of their coming," according to one. There are several persons here who ridicule that belief. J. I. Brown, commanding the militia, said Wednesday night in reply to a query if, had he had an hour's time, could he have stopped them: "I know I would have." He put emphasis on the "know," and seemed positive that with half a hundred disciplined men, far better armed than the lynchers, he could have kept Joe Black safe in the Lenoir jail. Regulations of the service or State laws forbid militia using blank cartridges nowadays, forbid officers parleying with mobmen, give them the authority to take over the administration of a jail or any place without declaring martial law, to go on duty without the Governor's order or anyone else's and give them the privilege of acting first and reporting afterwards. It is not improbable that a battalion of troops will go to Snow Hill to "preserve order" during the trial, it is learned from a "higher-up" source. A ranking National Guard officer states that if anybody "wants to fool with the militia" he is satisfied somebody will get hurt. Sheriff A. W. Taylor today gave his account of the lynching: "I did not know Joseph Black was here. Sheriff Williams of Greene

UNITED STATES TROOPS AND CARRANZA ADMIT THEY DON'T KNOW WHERE BANDIT LEADER IS HIDING; FALSE INFORMATION

Villistas Deliberately Spreading Rumors to Handicap Punitive Expedition—Part of Outlaw Army Believed to Be In Country Between American Advance Guard and Main Body—Said Villa Has Only 250 Men With Him—Many Arrests In Connection With Juarez Conspiracy—Funston Doesn't Want Field Artillery Sent From Department of Texas to Canal Zone—Order Is Countermanded

Washington, April 6.—At Funston's request the War Department today countermanded the order for a squadron of the Fourth Field Artillery to go to Panama from the Brownsville district. General Funston merely said the gunners ought to be retained where they are. Villa Completely Lost to Troops. El Paso, April 6.—Villa apparently has completely disappeared. Carranza and the American soldiers admit they have known nothing of his whereabouts since the Guerrero fight. Rumors are numerous, but these are conflicting. Villa's friends are deliberately spreading some to hinder the hunt. The latest information says Villa has now 250 men. With eighteen arrests here and fifty at Juarez, the insurrection plot is believed to have been completely broken up. Garcia Wishes Troops Were Home. El Paso, April 6.—Consul Garcia, chief of the Carranza officials here, today declared he favors withdrawing of the American troops from Mexico. Expect Long Stay in Mexico. (By H. D. Jacobs, United Press Staff Correspondent) American Field Headquarters, Near Casas Grandes, April 6.—The consensus of opinion at Pershing's headquarters is that the object of the punitive expedition is still far from accomplished. A long stay in Mexico is expected unless an unexpected stroke places Villa in the hands of the United States soldiers or Carranzistas. The Tenth cavalry's fight Saturday at Ojo Calientes, which the American vanguard passed two weeks ago, shows the presence yet of Villistas between the Americans farthest south and the border.

COLORED BABY WAS INCINERATED FIRE TO EDUCATION NOT GOOD CITIZEN, SAYS

One House Ruined, Two Damaged—Carelessness of Girl Cost Child's Life. Monetary Damage More Than \$500 In Blaze Today

A two-year-old boy child was cremated, one house was practically ruined and two other houses damaged by a fire in Carraway street this morning at 11:40 o'clock. The fire, originating probably from a stove in a dwelling occupied by Mark Doggett, colored, had gained much headway before the department was called. The flames had communicated to two adjoining houses, but the firemen quickly extinguished them. The child was the son of Doggett. A 14-year-old girl had been left in charge of the house. She had gone out and the fire started in her absence. One other child in the house with the infant saved itself. The burned child was almost incinerated. The total damage was between \$500 and \$750. WORKMAN INJURED. John Miller, white, fell from a house on which he was working in the eastern part of the city this afternoon, sustaining badly cut fingers and a scalp wound from landing on glass or other sharp material. county, anticipating an attack on the Snow Hill jail, secretly took Black out and brought him to the jail here, coming over a circuitous route, by way of Grainger and back streets of Kinston. He bundled him into the jail and told Jailer Allen not to say a word about his incarceration. Williams, I suppose, thought he had fooled the mob. He had not. It is believed that men of the Maury, Liza (Continued on Page Two)

A PERSON DISLOYAL TO EDUCATION NOT GOOD CITIZEN, SAYS

S. M. Brinson Tells Lenoir People Constitution Demands Allegiance to the Cause of Enlightenment. Coahoma Commencement

Between 300 and 400 persons attended the Coahoma group commencement at Coahoma school today. All five of the schools in the group—Coahoma, McGowan, Mill Branch, Waller and Maple Branch—were represented, and schools in the vicinity not members of the group suspended for the day in order that the pupils might attend the exercises. They were transported in wagons to the group center. Visitors included Supt. Kinsey, Assistant Miss Hattie Parrott, S. M. Brinson, of Craven, and Asst. Supt. Alice Bowman of Craven, and Mr. O. F. McGary, county farm demonstration agent. A declaration medal was awarded to Miss Nell Wooten of Coahoma school. The donor was Miss Kathleen Wooten of the Kinston schools. Superintendent Kinsey made the presentation address. Mr. Brinson made the principal address. His theme was the importance of education. He declared that any man who did not favor education was disloyal to the Constitution of North Carolina. A dinner was set for the hundreds of visitors on the school grounds. Barbecue, chicken and all the other native edibles were present in abundance. It was a feast heartily enjoyed and the guests declared the Coahoma people most satisfactory entertainers. A story-telling contest, a musical program and games, including athletic contests, were features of the program.