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RAILROADS NOT YET USED BY U. S. FORCES

AND THEIR NEED STILL GROWS GREATER DAILY.

PERSHING SILENT SINCE TUESDAY

Headquarters Was Without Information Today Which Would Be Of Use in Solving the Mystery of the Whereabouts of Villa.—It is Believed in Official Circles That General Pershing's Next Dispatch Will Throw Light on the Matter.—The United States Government is Still Trying to Go Use of the Railroads.

(By The Associated Press) San Antonio, April 6.—Headquarters was without information today which would be of use in solving the mystery of the whereabouts of Villa. It is believed in official circles that General Pershing's next dispatch will throw light on the matter. The field commander has not been heard from since Tuesday.

General Funston was advised last night in a telegram from the war department that the government was continuing its representations to Carranza in an effort to reach a satisfactory understanding with him on the railroad question.

Have Reached Satevo.

San Antonio, April 6.—The most advanced cavalry detachment engaged in running down Villa were beyond communication today and at General Funston's headquarters it was believed they were already as far south at Satevo from where trails extended toward Parral. Only unofficial and conflicting reports as to Villa's whereabouts have been received here. General Funston and his staff officers place most credence in the reports that he was in the vicinity of Satevo Tuesday and traveling south and southeast.

From Satevo the American forces could send a courier to Chihuahua with reports for transmission in the regular telegraph lines. The local authorities in Mexico have persisted in their refusal to accept coded messages from officers of the punitive expedition.

Indians on The Trail.

El Paso, April 6.—Intimations in Washington that the Carranza government might soon indicate to the American government that the troops pursuing Villa were fitfully following a "cold trail" and that the de facto government would welcome the return of the United States troops, to their own country occasioned no surprise at El Paso today.

There have been insistent reports there that the de facto government looked with disfavor on a further pursuit of Villa because of the presence of the Mexican troops on Mexican soil proved an embarrassment. These reports could not be confirmed because Mexican officials said the question of a diplomatic nature must be considered by the government head at Queretaro.

Army officers here say that while the difficulties of the Villa hunt increase daily and that it may be weeks before he is captured the pursuit will be relentlessly continued until word comes from Washington to withdraw.

Twenty Apache Indians scouts passed through here today en route to the front where they will try to pick up Villa's trail. The Apaches made an unbroken ride of 60 miles from Fort Apache to Holbrook, Arizona and then did a war dance before taking the train.

German Submarine Sunk by French and British Warships.

(By The Associated Press) Paris, April 6.—A German submarine was sunk today by a squadron of French and British warships the Ministry of Marine announced today. The crew of the submarine was captured.

This afternoon at 2 o'clock the contestants in the inter-high school literary contest at Davidson College will leave for Davidson. Tomorrow the contestants in the tract meet will go. George Ritchie will be in the declamation contest; Miss Bettie Lilly Caldwell, essay contest; Lena Biggers, recitation and Robert Stone, spelling. Mr. W. J. Weddington, principal of the school, will accompany the contestants.

They say that it takes seventy-five tons of missiles to put one German soldier out of commission. The figures on Frenchmen, Britons and Russians are lacking.

FOREST HILL NEWS.

R. L. Philmon Home From Hospital.—Miss Effie Sapp Dangerously Ill.—Personal.

Mr. Fred Howell has returned from Charlotte where he visited his father, Mr. A. L. Howell, who is undergoing treatment at Presbyterian Hospital.

Mrs. J. T. Howell has returned from a visit to relatives at Albemarle. Mr. and Mrs. D. W. McLemore and children, have returned from a visit to relatives in Charlotte.

Messrs. H. C. Rainer and J. C. Cook spent Sunday in Albemarle. Mr. Cook spent a short while with Mr. Joe Sills while in Albemarle and he reports that Mr. Sills is now able to get outdoors and walk short distances.

Mr. R. L. Philmon has returned from Charlotte where he underwent an operation for appendicitis at St. Peters Hospital. The operation was very successful and he is now improving rapidly.

Mr. R. D. Thompson and family, of Albemarle, spent Sunday here with Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Mann. Mr. Thompson is overseer of spinning at the Eford Mill. The party made the trip by automobile.

Mr. Shirley Howell has returned from China Grove, where he visited his grandfather, Mr. J. H. Howell.

Mr. B. A. Foreman has returned to his home in Albemarle after spending a short while here with his friends, Mr. J. C. Cook.

Mr. A. F. Misenheimer has returned to his home in this city after spending a week in Asheville with his brother, Mr. J. C. Misenheimer, who was in a very serious condition caused by the explosion of dynamite in his hand. Several amputations were made on his arm in fighting blood poison, but he is now improving and is expected to get well.

Miss Ellen Edwards is spending this week in China Grove with relatives.

Miss Effie Sapp's condition has not improved in the past week and her condition is very serious.

LUNCHEON YESTERDAY.

Given By Mrs. Joseph F. Cannon in Honor of Her Guests.

Mrs. G. H. Meeker and Miss Marie Starr, of Philadelphia, were yesterday hostesses at a delightful Luncheon given by their hostess Mrs. J. F. Cannon, at her home on North Union street.

Bridge was played from 11:30 to 1, and then a six course luncheon was served. Mrs. Cannon's guests, in addition to the honorees, were:

Mrs. J. W. Cannon, Mrs. J. W. Cannon, Jr., Mrs. E. T. Cannon, Mrs. W. J. Hill, Jr., Mrs. Earl H. Brown, Mrs. A. Jones Yorke, Miss Anna Branson, Miss Mattie Gibson, Robbins and Miss Luna Thompson, of Salisbury.

IN HONOR OF MISS COBB.

Mrs. R. S. Sanders Entertained at Bridge Yesterday.

Yesterday afternoon Mrs. R. S. Sanders delightfully entertained at three tables of bridge at her home on South Union street in honor of Miss Elizabeth Cobb, of Greenwood, S. C., who is the guest of Mrs. John Fox. The score prize was won by Miss Luna Thompson, of Salisbury, and the guest of honor was presented with a corsage of sweet peas.

After the game Mrs. B. W. Means, Miss Belle Means, Mrs. Ed. Moss and Miss Jenn Howe dropped in for lunch.

ACCIDENTALLY SHOT.

Earl Duke Dangerously Injured by a Rifle Ball.

While playing with a 22 calibre rifle yesterday afternoon, Earl Duke, 10-year-old son of Mrs. Fannie Duke, of Brown mill, shot and seriously wounded himself. The ball struck the boy in the abdomen and inflicted a serious and probably fatal wound. He was at the home of Mr. Cannup, a neighbor, when the accident occurred, but was immediately removed to the Concord Hospital.

A Picnic at Shinn School.

Shinn School in No. 5 township, will close Saturday, April 8th. There will be a picnic in the evening. A baseball game at 1:30 will be of much interest. The school boys are going to play the married men of the district.

Come and see the old men run. Supper at five o'clock. (Don't forget your basket).

After supper music by the Allen band boys of Kannapolis. Everybody is invited, old and young. Come and have a good time. XXX.

MILK WAR ASSUMES A SERIOUS ASPECT

BIG BATTLE BETWEEN PRODUCERS AND CONSUMERS.

600 FARMERS PREVENT DELIVERY

Unless the Differences Between the Producers and the Consumers are Settled Soon Chicago Will Have a Milk Shortage of Serious Proportions.—Most of the Distributors Were Yesterday Able to Make Deliveries but the Drivers for the Big Companies Gave Notice to Consumers to Stock Up on Condensed Milk and Cream.

(By The Associated Press)

Chicago, April 6.—With a shortage in prospect unless the difference between the producers and the distributors in the Chicago district are settled soon, the milk war today assumed a more serious aspect. Most of the distributors were able yesterday to make full deliveries to private consumers, but drivers of the larger companies advised customers to purchase a supply of condensed cream and milk as it is feared the supply of fresh milk will be exhausted in a day or two if the strike is not settled.

Six hundred farmers went to Elgin yesterday and prevented delivery of milk at the station there. The producers are paid \$1.33 a hundred pounds for their milk but are demanding \$1.55 a hundred.

AIR RAID YESTERDAY WAS NOT SUCCESSFUL

Searchlights Discovered Zeppelin and Anti-Air Craft Drove It Off.

(By The Associated Press)

London, April 6.—The increasing effectiveness of England anti-aircraft was demonstrated last night when a single Zeppelin undertook the fifth raid within three days, was prevented from penetrating the northeast coast and was forced to flee after a brief visit.

The night was clear with moonlight and without wind. Searchlights discovered the raider coming over the sea and never once lost him during his stay. As he reached the coast he was flying comparatively low and the smallest gun found him such an easy target that he was forced to rise to a great height. The larger gun found the range and aided by the searchlight they surrounded the Zeppelin with a hail of shrapnel, and high explosive shells. After maneuvering at northeast coast town for about ten minutes, during which only a few bombs were dropped, the raider then was seen to turn homeward.

THE STOCK MARKET.

Mercantile Marine Issues Were Again Featured at Opening of the Market Today.

(By The Associated Press)

New York, April 6.—Mercantile Marine issues were again the outstanding features of today's early trading, the common and preferred being freely absorbed in large individual lots at substantial gains. Specialties also figured prominently in the initial dealings, Industrial Alcohol advancing to the new high record of 170 1/2. Petroleum, Westinghouse, Studebaker and Goodrich were higher by material fractions, with moderate gains in United States Steel and a few other leaders. Norfolk and Western lead the rails with an advance of almost a point.

Before Easter Sale and Display at Parks-Belk Co.

The big annual Before Easter Sale and Display of the Parks-Belk Co., will begin Friday, April 7, and continue until Saturday night, April 22. Never before have they offered such great bargains. Spring suits, shoes and hats for men and boys; millinery and ladies ready to wear. Their line of Spring and Summer Millinery is up to date, and the prices moderate, for cash. There are many other bargains in silks, hosiery, white goods and notions. Rogers silverware free. Read the three-page ad. of this company for further particulars.

Rivers and Harbors Bill Considered Today.

(By The Associated Press)

Washington, April 6.—The proposed \$1,000,000 appropriation to continue work on the inland waterways was the first item considered, when discussion of the rivers and harbors bill was resumed in the house today.

FIGHT ON ARMY BILL IS NEARING CLOSE

VOLUNTEER PLAN IS MAIN CENTER OF ATTACK.

SHERMAN SAYS ROBY IS ACTIVE

Charges of the Existence of a Lobby at Washington to Defeat the Preparedness Bill May Be Investigated by the Senate.—Such an Investigation is Proposed in a Resolution by Senator Sherman.—Also Wants More Rapid and Effective Consideration of Pending Legislation.—Chamberlain Will Support the Resolution if it is Regular.

(By The Associated Press)

Washington, April 6.—The fight over the federal volunteer plan of the army reorganization bill was drawing to a close when the Senate resumed work on the measure today.

An amendment by Senator Lee to strike out the provision was the immediate business before the Senate. Action on the proposal had again been deferred in order to permit one or two Senators to speak.

Charges of existence of a lobby against the volunteer plan of the army bill, was submitted today by Chairman Chamberlain. Many were from officers of the National Guard, who declared their views had not been correctly presented by Senators.

JEFFERSON CITY BANQUET.

The Jefferson day banquet to be given by the common council club here April 13 promises to be one of the most brilliant gatherings of its kind ever held, according to the committee in charge. The list of speakers includes President Wilson.

INCREASE IN PAY WILL HELP SHIPPERS

Says the Railroad Men, Who Are Fighting for Eight Hours a Day.

(By The Associated Press)

Cleveland, Ohio, April 6.—In a statement, issued here today by the four railroad brotherhoods, which are demanding an eight hour day from four hundred railroads in the United States, it is contended that the shippers and merchants will be benefited if the brotherhoods win their fight because the eight-hour day demand is based on freight trains making 12 1/2 miles an hour in order to escape paying engineers overtime.

OFFERS REWARD FOR SLAYER'S BODY

Governor Offers \$100 For the Arrest of Party or Parties Who Killed Greensboro Man.

(By The Associated Press)

Raleigh, April 6.—Governor Craig today offered a reward of \$100 for the arrest of the party or parties who killed J. W. Brady, in Greensboro, on March 16. The commissioners of Guilford county have offered a similar reward.

Brady was waylaid while on his way home. Discovered in an unconscious condition and died later in a hospital.

Teacher of Colored Graded School Thank for Sewing Supplies.

The Logan school has received from the Concord Civic League a sewing machine and other supplies, of which all are very helpful to the department of sewing. On behalf of the teachers most hearty thanks for the valuable donations are hereby expressed. It shall be our constant endeavor to make the greatest practical use of this timely aid and we shall labor painstakingly to the end that no cause for regret of interest taken on the part of our friends shall be given by us.

We invite your inspection of our work from time to time. We will all along give substantial evidence of our determination and effort to use your kindness to the very greatest advantage, and bespeak the co-operation of all concerned in our school to merit your continued good will. MINNIE ROGER.

BLOOD STILL POURING IN VERDUN STRUGGLE

CANNONVILLE NEWS.

Improvement Being Made to Mill Houses.—Clever April Fool Pranks.

The Mill Company is having a number of their houses treated to a new roof.

Rev. and Mrs. R. E. Loving spent several days in South Carolina this week.

Mr. Lim Baker, of Albemarle, spent Sunday in our village.

Mr. P. A. Barringer and family motored to Salisbury Sunday and spent the afternoon.

One of Mr. J. P. Howard's nice shoats fell and broke its leg and had to be killed.

Mrs. Henry Ridenhour is spending the week in Sanly with her parents.

Mr. E. E. Barrier has returned from Richmond after spending several days there.

Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Broadway and Mr. and Mrs. R. V. Fagart and Mrs. J. K. Thompson spent Sunday at Badin.

A young man of our village made arrangements last Saturday with some young ladies to take them on a straw ride. The young ladies got ready and met at the home of one and waited a while and then waited some more until about night, and they did not see anything of the young fellow.

Then they remembered it was the first day of April. The young man had gone to see a ball game.

Mr. John Barbee has moved his family to Kannapolis to live.

Mr. J. M. McGraw has gone to Richmond to enter Smithfield College.

Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Loughlin left Sunday night for Moore county in response to a message stated that Mrs. Loughlin's mother was dead. They will return the latter part of the week. XXX.

WOMEN HAVE NOT SUFFERED INDIGNITIES

By Being Searched When Neutral Ships Were Stopped by British.

(By The Associated Press)

Washington, April 6.—British authorities here take sharp issue with statements made in Congress and elsewhere that American women have suffered indignities and have been searched by British men when neutral ships were being held up to search for spies. Today the British embassy issued a statement declaring:

"There is no truth in this statement. When it is necessary to search women they are searched by women in private."

CHICAGO WHEAT MARKET.

Lateness of Seeding in Northwest Helped Price of Wheat Today.

(By The Associated Press)

Chicago, April 6.—Wheat prices developed strength today as a result of anxiety as to the lateness of seeding in the northwest. Opening prices which ranged from a 1-2 decline to 1-4 to 3-8 advance, with May at 118 1-8 to 118 1-2 and July at 116 3-4 to 117 3-8, were followed by moderate gains all around, interrupted temporarily by a rather sharp setback.

ANOTHER BRITISH SHIP SUNK WITHOUT WARNING

Zent Torpedoed and Two Men Killed.—Part of Her Crew Saved.

(By The Associated Press)

Queenstown, April 6.—The British steamer, Zent, has been torpedoed without warning, 48 members of her crew are missing and are supposed to have been drowned. Two men were killed. The Captain and nine of the crew have landed here.

THE COTTON MARKET.

Marked Opened Quiet Today With Decline of One Point.

(By The Associated Press)

New York, April 6.—The cotton market opened quiet today at a decline of one point to an advance of 3 points. After selling at 12 cents July closed off to 11.90, and then rallied to 11.98 before the end of the first hour.

German Air Ships Destroy Iron Works

Berlin, April 6.—During the night of April 5 German airships destroyed a large iron works with blast and furnaces and extensive establishments near Whitney, after putting out of action with explosive bombs a battery north of Hull.

The raiders also attacked factories in Leeds and several railroads in the industrial district.

And where is the old fashioned woman who used to worry over whether her hat is on straight?

DESPERATE, ALL NIGHT FIGHTING WAS CONTINUED.

BOTH CONTESTANTS CLAIM GAINS

French Claim Gains West of the Meuse and Stop German Counter Attacks East of That Stream, According to the Paris Bulletin.—At One Point Along the Avocourt-Bethincourt Line, However, It is Admitted by Paris That the Germans Succeeded in Penetrating the French Positions.—Big Battle For "Square Woods."

(By The Associated Press.)

A desperate, all night struggle around Verdun resulted in substantial gains for the French west of the river Meuse, according to today's Paris bulletin, while east of that stream the German attacks on the French positions were repulsed. At one point along the Avocourt-Bethincourt line, however, it is admitted that the Germans succeeded in penetrating French positions.

A French gain was scored north of Avocourt, northwest of Verdun, where in the course of an engagement that began yesterday afternoon and continued through the night General Pettus' troops succeeded in capturing a large portion of the position known as "Square Woods."

The German attacks northeast of the city were directed against a line north of the Caillette woods, where Paris reported a French gain yesterday. The efforts of the Germans to regain the lost ground are declared to have been futile.

J. B. Duke May Erect Home in Myers Park, Charlotte.

Charlotte, April 5.—That there is strong probability of J. B. Duke abandoning his plan to erect an estate valued at \$100,000 on Mountain island, near Great Falls, and erect the residence in Myers Park, this city, is stated by those closest to Mr. Duke. Myers park is owned by the Stephens company, and Mr. Duke is one of the largest stockholders in the company.

Utah Democrats for Wilson.

Salt Lake City, Utah, April 5.—The Democratic State convention today named 16 delegates with one-half vote cast to the national convention, instructed for President Wilson and for a national prohibition plan in the platform.

The Boston Marathon to be run two weeks from today, will see an unusual collection of distance men lined up at Ashland. The Canadian contingent, usually large and formidable, will be small this year, but other sections not before represented are sending some fleet boys.

Good Advice

"As a last word, remember that he who is always going to do, but never does, moves in a very small circle. He will remain where he is all his life. Futile promises of starting tomorrow lead nowhere. Tomorrow never comes. We have only today in which to act, and if we do not avail ourselves of its opportunities, we may be quite sure that the regards will go to others. The time to start your Building & Loan with the Cabarrus County Building and Loan Association IS NOW. Series now open."

Cabarrus County Building Loan & Savings Association

Office in The Concord National Bank.