

MEXICANS LINE UP FOR BIG BATTLE

Thousands of United States Troopers Gather to Protect the Border

VILLA MAKING A FINAL STAND

Has Force Marching on the Carranza Garrison in Sonora—Fight May Commence Now at Any Time

Douglas, Arizona, October 29.—Preparations were completed today for the third battle at Agua Prieta Sonora, between the various factions since Madero opened the war in Mexico five years ago. Five thousand United States troops, with fifteen three-inch machine guns, have mobilized on the border to see that the Mexicans shoot only on their side of the boundary.

The Carranza troops lie behind an elaborate system of earthworks, awaiting the approach of the Villa army.

Fighting may begin today or may be delayed until sometime next week. That is dependent on the plan, disposition and condition of the Villa troops, but the outcome probably will decide whether Sonora shall come under the sway of Villa or whether he will be driven as a fugitive across the American border. Hostilities, however, seem likely to begin quickly, for at last reports Villa forces were scattered over fifteen to twenty miles of territory in Agua Prieta and where there is little water. General Diguez is reported to be working behind them.

The Carranza garrison at Agua Prieta numbers hardly more than 3,700 effective men and reinforcements, under General Zallaes, expected to come over American territory with sixteen cannon and 24 machine guns, cannot reach here for two or three days, it is said. This word was brought by Gen. Benjamin Hill, of the Carranza army, who made it known he does not intend to join the Carranza forces, but will become one of the interested non-combatants on the American side.

Whether Villa is in Sonora leading in person his army of invasion is not definitely known here, but his fate hinges on the imminent battle. If he wins he probably will remain a more or less important factor in the Mexican situation—at least in Sonora. If he loses many Americans and Mexicans predict he will find the nearby boundary a convenient exit from Mexican affairs.

On the American side, counting the battalion of the Seventh and Twentieth Infantry Regiment, which arrived last night, the force approximates five thousand United States soldiers, with four batteries of artillery, or sixteen guns. Two battalions arrived early today from Nogales and approximately 1,000 more men will arrive from Fort Bliss tomorrow or Sunday.

SEARCHING RUINS FOR BODIES

And Debris of St. John's School Being Examined to Fix Origin of the Fire.

Peabody, Mass., October 29.—In the cavity of the b-lacked shell which yesterday morning was St. John's parochial school, men searched today for evidence as to the cause of the fire which cost the lives of 21 girls. The ruins also were examined carefully for more victims.

Early today five bodies remained unidentified. Nine girls are reported missing by their families. Owing to the condition of the unclaimed bodies positive identification probably will be impossible. The search for possible additional bodies is directed by Chief of Police Grady, while inspectors of the State police conducted an investigation into the cause of the fire.

The only fact substantiated was that the flames originated in a small storeroom in the basement, which was locked. It was customary to place waste paper and sweepings in wooden barrels in the storeroom. According to Sisters of the Order of Notre Dame, who were in charge of the school, nothing else was there. At one end of the room there was a gas jet. The room was closely examined today for evidence showing how the fire started.

Plans for a public funeral for the little ones were discussed today and

OVER TWO THOUSAND EVERY DAY

Has Been British Casualties Here of Late—Total Known Today.

London, October 29.—British casualties from the beginning of the war to October 9th were reported today as 493,294.

British casualties up to August 21st, as given officially on September 14th, were 381,983. This shows between that time and October 9 there have been 111,311 or a daily average of 2,671. The average between June 9th and August 21st was 1,500 daily. The marked increase of the fall over the summer loss may be accounted for in the heavy fighting on the eastern front last month.

Back to Raleigh—Deputy Warden G. C. Haynes, of the State penitentiary, Raleigh, arrived in the city this morning to take back with him Dorsey George, colored, arrested here a few days ago. The negro escaped from the penitentiary authorities a few days ago, but enjoyed his freedom only one day.

Get Shares Co-operative B. & L. at Wright's Office tomorrow—Sure.—Ad. arrangements placed in the hands of Rev. Nicholas J. Murphy, pastor of St. John's church.

KING OF ENGLAND INJURED.

London, Oct. 29.—An accident to the King happened yesterday morning. The King was thrown from his horse and severely bruised. The following official announcement was made: "While the King this morning (Thursday) was inspecting his army in the field his horse, excited by the cheers of the troops, reared and fell. The King was bruised severely and will be confined to his bed for the present." A later bulletin, under date of today, says: "The King had a fair night, with some sleep. His temperature is now 99 2-10 and pulse 75. His Majesty's general condition has improved and no complications have arisen."

MEMORIAL SERVICES FOR SLAIN NURSE

St. Paul's Cathedral, London, Packed Today With Sorrowing Mass.

WOUNDED SOLDIERS WERE ON HAND

As Well as Hundreds of Red Cross Nurses to Pay Respect to the Memory of Miss Edith Cavell—People Had to Be Turned Away.

London, October 29.—A service at St. Paul's cathedral today in memory of Miss Edith Cavell, the British nurse executed in Brussels, was attended by a throng which recalled the funeral of Lord Roberts at the cathedral almost a year ago.

Before 8 o'clock a great crowd stood shivering in the first cold fog of the season, awaiting the opening of the doors. Shortly after 10 o'clock signs bearing the words "Church Full" were hung at all doors, except the one reserved for ticket holders.

Conspicuous among the crowd which waited patiently in the gloomy fog until the doors opened was a large number of wounded soldiers, attended by the Red Cross nurses. The sombre clothing of the congregation which packed the edifice was relieved here and there by spots of color of the uniforms of soldiers and sailors when military and naval dignitaries took their places. The only other seats reserved were for the Lord Mayor, the diplomatic corps of the entente allies and six hundred of Miss Cavell's fellow nurses.

The service was begun with the "Dead March" played on the organ. Then came "Agnus Dei" by the first Life-Guard Band, except for the Lord's Prayer and reading one lesson the service was entirely musical, no sermon being delivered.

SAYS THE ECLIPSE WENT TO BOTTOM

Roanoke, Va., Oct. 29.—That the small power boat, Eclipse, in which six warrant officers from one of the interned German cruisers made their escape, was sent to the bottom, with all on board, is the information brought here by two young women

Get Shares Co-operative B. & L. at Wright's Office tomorrow—Sure.—Ad. the whole assembly rising to the signal. They invited Governor Craig back.

The spectacle was largely industrial today and the schools outshone the farms. Perhaps the best showwork ever shown here came from the A. & T. College of Greensboro, and Shaw University of Raleigh. Shaw's brag products were mahogany and oak desks, tables and dressers with some fine cookery on the side. The Greensboro College presented a double score of tools made in the blacksmith shop of the school, with cabinets and various less pretentious work. Wilmington's schools shone in domestic science, in drawing preeminently and in class demonstration work. The Greensboro A. & T. has some musicians whose arrangement of popular melodies won prizes and attracted much comment.

The United Sons and Daughters of Benevolence of Wilmington was chartered today with \$300 of the \$15,000 stock paid in. The incorporators are: W. B. Sears, Alexandra Lock and Walter Chalmers.

The Jacksonville Electric Light Company of Jacksonville, with \$10,000 authorized capital, \$500 paid in, is chartered by many Jacksonville people among them Mrs. Kate M. Avery, L. M. Avery and others.

The Rhyolitic Contracting Company of Newsom, changes its name to the Tobin Contracting Company, Leon P. Tobin being president.

Till Bridgers, a negro of 41 years, killed his wife near Milburnie, six miles from Raleigh, last night and started toward town when the officers took him. He was captured by E. D. Ray and R. L. Baugh.

Bridgers made a good showing for himself with a badly bruised head and cuts on his back. He said that his wife and Tom Hockaday were fighting, and that they turned upon him when he seized his gun. In the fight the gun fired killing the wife. He said he fled them to save himself from Hockaday who had a gun. Bridgers claims self-defense.

The children of the woman guarded her dead body until officers went to it. The coroner was out of town.

HIS FINGER WAS STRUCK THREE TIMES BY SNAKE

Ex-Sheriff of Brunswick Has a Rather Peculiar Experience.

PLENTY OF SHRIMP

Being Shipped From Southport to the North—East Carolina Diocese Holds Convention Next Week—Ex-State Senator Geo. H. Bellamy Talked For State Auditor.

Special to The Dispatch. Southport, N. C., October 29.—Ex-Sheriff W. A. Rourk, of Brunswick county, who lives at Shallotte, was bitten by a pilot snake this week under rather peculiar circumstances. He was working on his automobile and dropped a bolt through a hole in the floor. He put his hand through the hole and something pecked him on the finger. His wife had told him that there was a setting hen about the garage, and so he thought he had gotten into close touch with the hen. So he went to the hen and another peck. This time he reached for the lost bolt and still another peck. Then he peered into the hole and imagined his surprise when he found a two and half foot rattle snake pilot. All the remedies at hand were used and the local physician sent for. Mr. Rourk, as a consequence, suffered no ill effects other than a sore finger.

Dr. H. L. Keith, who has been practicing dentistry here for a number of years, has gone to Hendersonville, where he will be located in the future. He will be succeeded here by Dr. A. C. Holmes, of Bladen county. Dr. Keith was a large factor in the progressiveness of the town, being a leader in securing the water and sewer system, and his friends regret his removal. Dr. Holmes, who will take his place, is a well equipped dentist.

Southport people along with Col. S. A. Jones feel that Southport is the place for the "Research Laboratory" suggested by Edison and the other naval advisers. The people here feel that the people of the whole State should unite with them in an effort to persuade Congress, the Secretary of the navy and others in authority that something good ought to be done for North Carolina's only real ocean port.

George H. Bellamy it is whispered would shy his hat into the ring and run for the office of State auditor. That was the suggestion made here some days ago, and this correspondent sends it along for what it is worth.

Every traveling man who has ever been to Southport and on to the interior towns of Brunswick has seen Willie Fullwood. He it is that for the past four years has carried the mail from Southport to Supply, 17 miles away. Red headed and good-natured, neither native nor foreigner, has ever gotten the best of Willie at repartee. He has made the route day in and day out in his automobile and along with the mail he has carried passengers and other things as well. Bible scholars are wont to liken fast and furious driving unto that of Jehu, the son of Nimshi, but in this neck of the woods a fast driver is always hailed as one who like unto Willie Fullwood. But Willie and the star route mail is to be no more, for with the end of this week the route is to be discontinued. Hereafter the patrons of the star route will be served by a rural route that goes out from Bolivia, to Brunswick county town sixteen miles inland.

Today when the Wilmington pulled out from the wharf she was loaded with case after case of shrimp, bound for the northern market. The shrimp industry is a live one now at Southport. From 150 to 200 bushels of shrimp are caught each day. Southport people are looking forward with interest to the convocation of Wilmington of the East Carolina Diocese, which is to be held at Southport next week. A number of leaders of the Episcopal church are to be

FIRST PHASE HAS BEEN COMPLETED

FIRE ON THE SHIPS MAY HAVE BEEN FAY'S WORK

Secret Service Men Trying to Follow Up This Line Today.

COMPARING DETAILS

Ship That Caught Afire at Sea Had Cleared From Docks Near Fay's Boat House—Bombs On Vessels Laden With Sugar.

New York, October 29.—Secret Service men assigned to the cases of Robert Fay, the confessed bomb plotter, and four others charged with conspiracy in trying to disable ships laden with war munitions for the Allies, worked on a rumor today that the bombs used by Fay were similar to those that caused fire on certain trans-Atlantic ships last summer.

Last month small fires were reported on ships loaded with sugar. In one instance, a sugar ship on arrival at an European port reported that two bombs discovered on board while the vessel was at sea had failed to explode.

Two circumstances drew the attention of the Secret Service men to these fires. One was that the fire on the ships was caused by chlorate of potash, the same material Fay says he used in preparing the bombs to attach to ships' rudders and propellers and the other circumstance was that several of the ships, upon which fires were discovered had cleared from here and in the Hudson river not far from the boat house at Weehawken, N. J., where Fay, with Walter L. Scholz, his brother-in-law, kept a powerful motor boat, together with explosives.

The details of these fires on sugar ships are being compared by an assistant of United States District Attorney H. Snowden Marshall with the disclosures made by Fay's confession to determine what connection, if any, the present alleged conspiracy had with the attempts to destroy sugar ships.

BRIAND FORMING NEW CABINET

President Poincare Receives Collective Resignation of French Ministry.

Paris, October 29.—President Poincare today received the formal collective resignation of the entire Viviani ministry, giving official form to the decision of the cabinet yesterday to retire. The President requested Aristide Briand to form a new cabinet.

At a meeting held in the foreign office this morning, under the presidency of M. Viviani, the decision was reached to submit the resignations collectively.

M. Briand immediately took up the work of forming the new ministry, already well advanced, in anticipation of President Poincare's formal request. M. Briand requested his colleagues to confer again with him later in the afternoon, when a definite conclusion will be reached concerning the distribution of the various portfolios.

Austro-Germans Ready to Send Ammunition to Relieve Bulgarian Shortage

INVADERS ARE MOVING ON NISH

Capture of This City Would Place Another Trump Card in Their Hands—Rumors of Greece Having an Understanding With Bulgaria.

London, October 29.—The first phase of the Austro-German-Bulgarian campaign in Serbia is completed. The invaders of Serbia have reached the important objective of joining hands in the northeast corner of the country and have also enhanced this military advance by procuring free passage down the Danube.

A flotilla of steamers is said to be already waiting to transport war material and if the Serbians cannot interfere with it the Bulgarian ammunition shortage will soon be relieved and her offensive power greatly strengthened.

The progress of the Bulgarian troops east and northeast of Nish threatens that city and places the Serbian army in a position of danger. Moreover like the union of the Bulgarian and Teutonic armies further south capture of Nish will have more than a military and strategic advantage, as this will make possible rapid establishment of railway communication through Belgrade, Nish and Sofia among the Austro-Germans and their allies.

From the north the Germans and Austrians are advancing over a wide front, which runs slightly southeast of Valievo and swings in a broad curve northeast almost to the Danube at Kladovo, where it joins the right wing of the Bulgarians.

Rumor continues to ascribe to the Greek government intentions hostile to the entente powers, even going so far as to say that Greece has an understanding with Bulgaria whereby at the psychological moment she will fall on the Allies' troops which landed at Saloniki. No such designs are really accredited to Great Britain in London, but England and France continue to watch the political situation at Athens with unconcealed anxiety.

Sir Edward Grey, foreign secretary, said today that Greece's espousal of the cause of the central powers is impossible and a similar story came from authoritative Greek sources.

The inactivity which has marked the situation on the western front for some time is still uninterrupted.

In the east Field Marshal von Hindenburg's attack in the Riga district has entered upon no new phase.

Battling North of the Aisne. Paris, October 29.—North of the river Aisne there was last night very severe fighting with both bombs and grenades, according to a war official statement today.

There was also a bombardment from both sides in the Champagnus district.

St. Louis, Mo., October 29.—An opera house architecturally the finest in the United States, is to be built by public-spirited St. Louisans. For several years the plans have been discussed and the project has been gaining ground. Recently the committee applied for incorporation of the Metropolitan Grand Opera House Company of St. Louis, and subscriptions in large amounts have been received. The backers of the venture aim to encourage and promote musical, dramatic and kindred arts, and to develop the public taste for opera and the better theatricals.

Engineer Wanted—The Civil Service Commission announces an examination to be held in Wilmington November 16th for the position of stationary steam engineer for service at hoisting engineer at Brown's Landing. The salary is \$50 a month and subsistence. It is stated that applicants for this position should be qualified as hoisting engineer and experienced in operating a pile driver.

Started Suit Today—Suit was started in Superior Court this morning by Carolina Metal Products Co. against Ingrams Township Road Commissioners of Johnston county and G. K. Massengill, John W. Sanders and Frank P. Wood. Kenan & Stacy represent the plaintiff.

here at that time, an especially interesting program having been prepared.