

FUNSTON CLAMPS LID DOWN ON THE NEWS

Strict Censorship Is Established To Stop Leak.

IF NECESSARY MARTIAL LAW WILL FOLLOW

Funston Deems Such a Step Necessary to Keep Movement of Troops Secret—Too Much Has Already Been Revealed.

San Antonio, Texas, March 14.—A rigid censorship was ordered established at Columbus, New Mexico, today by Major-General Funston. He instructed Brigadier-General Pershing, commanding there, to take charge of the telegraph office, watch all automobile routes and guard telephone wires out of the town. This action was taken to prevent news of troop movements leaking out in press dispatches.

General Funston said newspaper reports in New Mexico had been revealing every move of the troops, disposition of the forces and the amount of their equipment.

"There was no use trying to continue our plans here while there was a leak on the border," he explained. "We had to act."

It was indicated that if the censors are evaded martial law might be the next step in controlling the news situation at Columbus.

CARRANZA TRYING TO CAPTURE VILLA

Thousands of Mexican Soldiers Believe Have Him In a Net

El Paso, Texas, March 14.—Francisco Villa, headed south from Galeana, is now encircled by Carranza troops, according to advices from General Gutierrez, commander-in-chief of Chihuahua, today. With 15,000 men in Chihuahua and heavy reinforcements on the way he thinks Villa has small chance of escape. General Gutierrez arrived in Juarez early in the day and later conferred with General Gavia, the local commandant.

Afterwards General Gutierrez stated that besides the troops holding the mountains that patrols of 1,200 men each are closing up on the bandit chief.

VICE PRES. MARSHALL HAS BIRTHDAY TODAY

Washington, March 14.—Vice President Marshall was sixty-two years old today. He was the recipient of numerous congratulations from officials and diplomats on his robust and young appearance. President Wilson was one of the first to extend congratulations.

The Vice President and Mrs. Marshall plan to celebrate his birthday anniversary at a dinner tonight.

Prayer Week — At St. Matthew's Lutheran church Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock the regular mid-week service will be conducted by Rev. G. W. McClanahan. On Thursday and Friday at 3:30 p. m. the week of prayer services will be resumed.

GERMANY WILL MAKE AMENDS.

Washington, March 14.—Unofficial advices received here today indicate that Germany will make complete amends to the United States if it is found that a German submarine torpedoed the Norwegian bark, Silius, from which seven Americans were rescued in Havre Roads. The German government is represented here as believing a torpedo was not responsible for the loss of the bark and that any commander who attacks a neutral ship, such as the Silius, without warning exceeds his instructions. The sinking of the Silius has been the case of much contention here, because American Consul Osborne, at Havre, reported that the ship was torpedoed without warning. His report was based on the statement of American survivors. Officials entertain the thought that it might have struck a mine. The investigation will continue.

HURRY UP NAVAL BILL, SAYS THE PRESIDENT

Asks Chairman to Press This Measure in The House Without Delay.

Washington, March 14.—President Wilson urged Chairman Padgett, of the House Naval Committee, today to hurry the naval bill. Mr. Padgett told the President that the hearings probably would be ended in two weeks.

Representative Padgett assured the President that a working majority of his committee favored substantially strengthening of the navy and that he expected no trouble in getting through the House a naval program that would meet the approval of the administration.

Thomas A. Edison will be heard by the naval committee tomorrow.

"HOWDYEDO" MEMBERS

Junior Order Delegations For Moonlight School

The "howdyedo" committee for the Moonlight Schools to begin this week were appointed at a meeting of the joint committee of the Junior Order of the United American Mechanics last night at a meeting at the Y. M. C. A. The schools are under the auspices of the Sorosis, the Colonial Dames and the Junior Order. The committees representing the Junior Order follow:

Cornelius Harnett—S. E. Eagle, E. W. Hewlett, W. C. Capps, R. C. Jones, Fred Little, S. G. Nelms, W. A. Sue, O. W. Genuas, C. H. West, I. Harrison.

Delgado—K. O. Burgwin, Hardy Lanier, J. R. Hill, P. W. Davis, C. O. Russ, T. C. Eilers, L. W. Moore, S. L. Nixon, M. E. Horne, C. N. Walker.

William Hooper—C. W. Craig, B. E. Benton, S. O. Yopp, J. T. Eagle, J. A. Kelly, E. R. Hall, L. G. Smith, W. E. Carroll, A. D. Cashwell, L. F. Congleton.

ROADS MUST ESTABLISH MILEAGE RATES

Rules Inter-state Commerce Commission in Fertilizer Case.

Washington, March 14.—Upon complaint alleging that carload rates on commercial fertilizer from Norfolk to North Carolina points over the Atlantic Coast Line, Southern Railway, Seaboard Air Line and Norfolk Southern railroads are unreasonable and subject Norfolk to undue prejudice and disadvantage as compared with competitors operating in North Carolina, the Interstate Commerce Commission today held that the railroads by May 20 shall establish mileage rates prescribed by it as a maximum and remove the undue prejudice and disadvantage where found to exist. The order shall continue not less than two years. The rates prescribed range from \$1.50 for 30 to 50 miles up to \$3.25 for 325 to 350 miles.

DEATH OF YOUNG LADY.

Mrs. James Hunt Dies at Her Home on Masonboro Sound. The death of Mrs. Idora Hunt, wife of Mr. James Hunt, and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. O. F. Corbett, of Masonboro Sound, which occurred at her home there Monday night at 11:15 o'clock, will cause grief among many friends in Wilmington and New Hanover county. Mrs. Hunt was in the 22nd year of her age and was greatly loved by all who knew her. The funeral services will be held Wednesday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock from Prospect church, Masonboro Sound, by Elder G. W. Shepard. Interment will be made in the family burying grounds on the Sound. Surviving Mrs. Hunt besides her husband and a small child are her parents and two sisters, Mrs. Myrtle Johnson, and Miss Edell Corbett, and a brother, Mr. Walter Corbett, all of whom have the tenderest sympathy of their many friends in their bereavement.

President J. R. Keny and Vice President George B. Elliott left Monday night in the former's private car for a business trip to Washington, D. C.

Was in Command at Columbus



COL. H. J. SLOCUM

New York, March 14.—Colonel H. J. Slocum, commander of the American forces at Columbus, N. M., where the bandits under Villa raided the town and killed sixteen Americans, is about 50 years and the son of Col. J. J. Slocum, of this city.

He is a nephew of Mrs. Russell Sage and brother of Major Stephen L'Hon medieu Slocum, U. S. A., who was military attaché from the United States athletic court of St. James in 1911.

Colonel Slocum, their father, is a veteran of the Civil War, and one of the trustees of the Russell Sage estate.

Colonel Herbert Jermain Slocum married Miss Brandreth, one of the most beautiful women in Ossining, N. Y. She lost her life in an automobile accident in Washington in March, 1910, the machine in which she was riding with Gen. J. Franklin Bell being struck by a trolley car.

In November, 1911, announcement was made of the engagement of Colonel Slocum and Mrs. Pascual Carr, of Pittsburgh.

Colonel Slocum has been stationed on several occasions at Governors Island. He was attached to General Merritt's staff there in the latter nineties. His last assignment there was about five years ago, in the post of inspector general. From there he went to Cuba, where he had formerly organized the rural guards for the Cuban government.

Upon his return home he spent a short time at Fort Leavenworth, and then joined his regiment on the Mexican border.

According to the reports at Governors Island, Colonel Slocum has seven troops of his regiment at Columbus, N. M., troops E, F, G, H, of the second squadron, and troops K, L and M, of the third squadron. Troop I is at Fort Riley.

LANSING TAKES REST IN NORTH CAROLINA

On His Way to Pinehurst—Taken Indication of Serenity Of Mexican Situation.

Washington, March 14.—Secretary Lansing was on his way to Pinehurst, N. C. today for a week's vacation. For many weeks Secretary Lansing had been working steadily in heavy pressure of diplomatic affairs and feels the need of a rest. Taking a vacation at this time is regarded here as indicative of how completely the State Department regards the Mexican situation in the hands of the army and that the understanding with General Carranza is thorough.

NAMES COMMISSIONER TO RUN THE LINE

Governor Appoints Officer For Brunswick County Work.

Raleigh, N. C., March 14.—John B. Bray, of Raleigh, was appointed today by Governor Craig as the commissioner for North Carolina to re-run and re-mark the boundary line between Brunswick county, N. C. and Horry county, S. C. A distance of eight miles, extending from Goat Island to the Waccamaw river, is in question. The governor of South Carolina recently appointed a commissioner from that State to assist in making the survey.

AUSTRIA PRESENTS PROOF.

Washington, March 14.—The Austrian ambassador presented to the United States today reports of two incidents in which it is charged that Austrian merchant ships were torpedoed without warning by Allied submarines, presumably British.

MEXICANS SHOW NO SIGNS OF AN OUTBREAK TODAY

News From That Country Indicates No Ill-feeling So Far.

ALAMIST REPORTS BEING CIRCULATED

Which Are Resented by President—Expect Notice of Troop Movement

Washington, March 14.—Administration officials today momentarily awaited word from General Funston that the first detachment of American troops is moving into Mexico in pursuit of Villa and his bandits. Latest official information from the border indicates that mobilization of the troops has made such progress that the first force is ready to cross the international boundary line at any time.

Officials are confident that the situation so far as Carranza himself is concerned has been adjusted by the acceptance of his proposal for a reciprocal arrangement by which either his troops or American troops may pursue outlaws on either side of the border.

Publication of reports that the United States expects trouble from Carranza is understood to be resented by administration officials, including the President, some of whom say they are being purposely circulated by a certain element in order to bring about war with Mexico. Officials made it clear that the steps already taken were deliberately intended to preclude the possibility of armed intervention and that they are considering seriously taking action to stop publication of reports of an alarmist nature.

Official reports thus far received from interior points in Mexico and along the coast are all to the same effect that there has been no outbreak or ill-feeling against the United States because of the announcement that American troops would hunt down Villa.

There was further talk at the capitol today in regard to the proposal to lay aside for the present other legislation in order to dispose of the preparedness bills and it is believed an agreement to that end may be reached between the two houses. The President particularly is anxious for action on the measures.

Acting Secretary Polk reported to President Wilson today that word received at the State Department from various sections of Mexico indicated that a favorable impression had been made by the note sent General Carranza yesterday and the President's assurances that no armed intervention in Mexico was planned.

Mr. Polk's report was optimistic and did not confirm the report that Carranza's supporters resent the pursuit of Villa by American troops. The State Department was formally advised of receipt by General Carranza of the reply sent yesterday to his proposal for a reciprocal agreement as to pursuit of bandits along the border. Unofficial information reaching the department was that the American note was favorably received by General Carranza, but the official message made no mention of that point.

The department has not renewed the standing order urging Americans to stay out of Mexico for the time being, but it is indicated that the attention of American consuls in Mexico might be again directed to those instructions.

Official report from the border contains no word of important troop movements. Before he went to the cabinet meeting Secretary Baker had nothing to indicate when the expedition into Mexico would start.

MOONSHINE CASES IN ATLANTA COURT

Atlanta, March 14.—Moonshine, white slavery and mail fraud cases feature the term of the Federal court which opens today. The illicit distilling cases will be taken up today. About sixty cases will be taken up today and tomorrow, the defendants coming from many places, all charged with making and selling liquor without a federal license. On Thursday, H. L. Igou and A. P. Cox will be tried on charges of violation of the Mann act, in bringing Irene Wrenn and Grace Taylor to Atlanta from Chattanooga for alleged immoral purposes. After these cases are disposed of, Carlos O'Shields will be tried for taking Olive Davis, 17 years old, from Atlanta to Durham, N. C., on promise of marriage. It is charged he took what money she had and left her drift for herself. W. A. Hooks, W. A. Peebles and Simon Akers will be tried in connection with the alleged use of the mails to defraud, in a lumber deal. R. P. Brown, a prominent farmer of Rockdale, will be tried for peonage, it being claimed he worked negroes under bondage.

CONGESTION IN NORTH BLOCKS TRAFFIC HERE

No Clyde Steamer to New York Next Saturday—Chippewa To Take No Cargo.

FREIGHT JAM IN BIG CENTERS IS FELT HERE

Delay in Shipments, However, is Hoped to be Only of One Week Duration.

Congestion in New York is having its effect in Wilmington, strikingly shown in the fact that the Clyde line Chippewa will not take a cargo North next Saturday, there being no way to handle the shipment there, so acute is the traffic situation.

Mr. O. J. Becker, agent for the Clyde Line here, received a telegram today giving him information of the suspension of northbound traffic for the week. While no intimation is given that the boat will be put on again the week following, Mr. Becker says he has every hope that the tie-up will last longer than one trip.

Great quantities of lumber are in Wilmington now ready for the northern trip. The result will be, unless things reach normal again soon in the large centers, that Wilmington will have as serious a congestion on a smaller scale as the big cities.

DELEGATES ARRIVING FOR RECIPROCITY DAY

Enjoyable Occasion For Wednesday For Ladies of the District.

Delegates from the women's clubs of the North Carolina Federation in the Ninth District, also visitors and club officers from all over the State are arriving in the city to attend the Reciprocity Day meeting tomorrow morning afternoon and evening in the court room of the Court House, Third and Princess street. The delegates have all been assigned to the homes of the ladies of the local organization. Many club women have already arrived in the city and about 400 are expected to arrive tonight and tomorrow morning.

The meeting will be called to order tomorrow morning at 10:30 o'clock by Mrs. W. M. Creasy, sub-chairman of district No. 9. Following the invocation by Mrs. Andrew J. Howell, of this city the address of welcome will be made by Miss Margaret Gibson, president of Sorosis. District reports will be received at this session by Mrs. T. W. Lingle, president of the North Carolina State Federation of Women's Clubs.

This afternoon session will open at 2:30 o'clock. Featuring this session will be a number of addresses by prominent club women of towns in this district. The financial report will be read by Miss Gibson and a general discussion of the needs of the Club and the district will take place.

Mrs. Marshall Williams, president of the Women's Club of Faison, will make an address on the Women's Club interest in National Preparedness, at the closing session of the meeting, which begins at 8:30 p. m. Mrs. Lingle will make the closing address to the clubs and it is expected that she will bring to the club women many interesting and vital points in the way of conducting the future course of affairs.

Delegates from the Housewives' League of this city, who will attend the meeting are: Mesdames G. H. Croom, William Goodman, Chas. T. Nesbitt, C. M. Weathers and T. J. Fletcher.

The ladies will spend tomorrow night in the city and on the following day will leave for their homes.

THEY CAN'T COME.

A telegram was received by Secretary H. B. Branch, of the Chamber of Commerce, this afternoon from Manager Patsy Donovan, of the Buffalo team, of the International League, stating that the time between now and the opening games of that league was so short that the team had decided to go elsewhere to train. Consequently the meeting of fans called for tonight at the Chamber of Commerce has been called off.

BIG GUNS CONTINUE TO HURL SHELLS AT VERDUN

TROOPS HAVE NOT YET GONE INTO OLD MEXICO

Secrecy Being Maintained as to Intention of The Expedition.

GENERAL PERSHING HAS LEFT TEXAS TOWN

Expedition Awaiting Only The Placing of Water Patrols. News Hard to Get.

El Paso, Texas, March 14.—Brigadier General Pershing, commanding the American expeditionary forces into Mexico, left here last night on a westbound train and since then the military authorities have refused all information about him.

General Pershing's train was said to be going to Columbus, N. M., where today some 4,000 men, as the first expeditionary force, are in readiness for the dash after Villa.

Soon after General Pershing's departure last night the mass of detailed information which had been pouring in for several days from numerous border points west of here about troop movements completely stopped. This is in line with the policy forecast by military authorities to keep secret any important movement. No information reached here as to how soon the movement in force can be expected.

General Funston's announcement last night that the expedition was awaiting only the placing of adequate water patrols did not serve to clear up the question of when the troops would enter, for although considerable information has been obtained about the gathering of the units for the expeditionary columns the military authorities have effectively cloaked in secrecy their preparations for maintenance of a second line for patrol duty along the American border.

TO RUSH THE ARMY BILL IN CONGRESS

Other Legislation Will be Sidetracked in Favor of Preparedness.

Washington, March 14.—In keeping with President Wilson's desire to have all preparedness measures rushed through Congress the House rules committee today appointed a subcommittee to confer with Speaker Clark with a view of sidetracking all other business, excepting passage of the free sugar repeal, in favor of the army bill. An agreement was expected before night. If the plan carries the army bill may be before the House by Friday.

In the Senate yesterday's outburst prolonged the delay in considering the defense measure and served to arouse Senators to hasten their work. Democratic leaders declare that should it develop that there would be a prolonged fight over the public land and water power bill a motion would be made to displace it with the Chamberlain army re-organization bill. They hope to get this measure before the Senate some time next week.

REPUBLICANS READY TO OPEN HEADQUARTERS

Will Soon Have Things In Full Swing For The 1916 Campaign.

Chicago, Ill., March 14.—Republican National headquarters for 1916 will be opened at a downtown hotel here next Sunday, it was announced today. Chairman Charles D. Hilles will be in Chicago Monday, when the subcommittee of the National committee is to meet. The question of a temporary chairman of the convention is said to be the major question for decision by the sub-committee.

But No Signs Yet of a Renewal Of Infantry Attack at This Point.

GREECE GETTING MAD WITH ENTENTE POWERS

Premier of That Country Serves Notice On Allies Ambassador—Report of a Clash With French Soldiers Being Circulated.

Vigorous artillery fighting continues on the Verdun front, but no infantry attacks by the Germans have developed west of the Meuse, where there have signs of a renewal of activity have been in progress. The German effort indeed seems to have shifted in its most intensive form to the other bank of the stream, where a reconnaissance in force in Haudremont woods, west of Douaumont, is reported by Paris to have been checked by French fire.

In the region of Vaux and Damour the violent German bombardment continues, while in the Woeyve both the German and French guns are firing at the opposing positions.

There is increased friction between Greece and the entente powers, according to advices from German sources. These declare that Premier Skoulioudis has notified the entente ambassadors that the Greek government is not disposed to transfer to the entente powers the administration of the railways in Northern Greece and Macedonia, to withdraw troops from the Macedonian-Greek border or to meet any other requirement of the entente powers.

Greek and French soldiers are reported to have clashed on the Island of Mytilene.

GOVERNOR NAMES THE NEW SOLICITOR

Raleigh, N. C., March 14.—The appointment of Elbert M. Noble as solicitor of the recorder's court of Johnston county, to fill the vacancy caused by the death of J. A. Narron, was announced today by Governor Craig.

BOARD OF EDUCATION.

Few Matters Considered at Monthly Meeting Yesterday.

At the regular monthly meeting of the Board of Education yesterday afternoon an offer to equip the Cornelius Harnett graded school with a domestic science outfit received attention. The offer was made by some person whose name was not made public. Since the installation of such equipment would make necessary the employment of another teacher, and that this would appear somewhat in the nature of discrimination between the grammar schools, and owing to the further fact that the board does not have the money to spare for another teacher in this year's budget, the matter was postponed for consideration. The salary of the principal of the Wrightsville school was increased from \$45 to \$47.50 a month as a mark of commendation for her efficiency in enlarging the attendance at the school. Mr. H. A. Rau was elected a committee member in the Castle Hayne district.

COTTAGE MEETINGS.

Following are the sections, locations and leaders of cottage prayer services that will be inaugurated in the city tonight at 8 o'clock, in connection with the Chapman-Alexander revival: Section No. 1, residence of Mrs. J. M. Wells, 319 Orange street, leader, Rev. W. Marshall Craig. Section No. 2, residence of Mrs. W. M. Cumming, 115 Church street, leader, Rev. J. S. Crowley. Section No. 3, residence of Mrs. Archibald MacRae, Sunset Park, leader, Rev. Dr. A. D. McCune. Section No. 4, residence of Mrs. George Swain, 608 Orange street, leader, Mr. T. O. Martin. Section No. 5, residence of Mrs. A. D. McClure, 514 North Fourth street, leader, Rev. J. A. Sullivan. Section No. 6, residence of Mrs. S. E. Koonce, 519 Grace street, leader, Mr. Odie B. Hinton. Section No. 7, residence of Mrs. J. A. Sullivan, 717 North Fifth street, leader, Rev. G. W. McClanahan. Section No. 8, Mrs. J. W. Brooks, Carolina Place, leader, Rev. A. J. Howell.