

BACK TO WASHINGTON WILSON HALTS RUMORS

Denial That American Troops Will Be Withdrawn From Mexico Now.

PRESIDENT STANDS BY PREVIOUS STATEMENTS

Text of Order Issued to General Funston Given Out—Only Call For Dispersing The Villa Bandits—Troops Are Pushing On.

Washington, April 8.—President Wilson returned to Washington this afternoon from a cruise down the Potomac on the Mayflower and put an emphatic halt to rumors that the American troops might be withdrawn from Mexico before Villa is captured.

These orders, made public earlier in the day, had led to widespread circulation of reports that the American troops were to be withdrawn from Mexico. The orders as sent to General Funston provide not for the capture of Villa, but for dispersal of his band.

They said not only that the object of the expedition was to break up Villa's band, but provide that the troops should be withdrawn to American territory as soon as Carranza's forces could relieve them.

The text of the original order to General Funston, which provides a loop hole for the withdrawal of United States troops from Mexico, is as follows:

To the Commanding General of the Southern Department.

Fort Sam Houston, Texas.

You will promptly organize adequate military troops under Brigadier-General John J. Pershing and will direct it to proceed promptly across the border in pursuit of the Mexican band which attacked Columbus, N. M., on the night of the 9th.

These troops will be withdrawn to American territory as soon as the de facto government of Mexico is able

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UNITED STATES IS WITH THE ALLIES

Strange Charge Attributed to The Germany Foreign Minister.

Washington April 8.—It was stated authoritatively tonight that official consideration is likely to be given by this government to an interview authorized by Foreign Minister Von Jagow, in Berlin, to which exception is unofficially taken in administration quarters tonight.

Foreign Minister Jagow was quoted as saying:

"It is unfortunately true that during the war, when the thoughts of every German are bound-up heart and soul; in the struggle for German existence against a world wide coalition, and when the attitude of the Washington government at times has been almost forced even, we think that there might be some basis for stories of an understanding of some sort between Washington and the Allies."

SNOW PUT A CRIMP IN BALL YESTERDAY

New York, April 8.—Snow played havoc with the baseball schedule today. In several cities in the east, particularly in New York, the clubs expected to play to large houses.

The Dodgers and Red Sox were snowed in, as were the Senators and Philadelphia Nationals. Several inches kept the Pirates from performing. Baltimore reported a healthy snow-storm, which shut out the Braves and Orioles. The game at Cincinnati was called off on account of the snow as were several intercollegiate games.

DYESTUFFS TO BE RELEASED

Washington April 8.—The State Department has practically reached an agreement with the German government for the release of \$5,000,000 worth of dyestuffs ordered by American importers and went in the British blockade were in to effect.

Completion of the agreement, it is understood, is waiting the pending submarine controversy.

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ARMY BILL WAS PUT ON SIDING FOR SHORT TIME

But Vote Will Be Had by Next Saturday—Sugar Repeal Tomorrow.

BAKER TO REFORM AVIATION CORPS

Secretary of War Appears Before House Committee—Government Manufacture of Aeroplanes.

Washington, April 8.—The Senate yesterday decided to sidetrack temporarily the Chamberlain army bill Monday for the free sugar repeal, with the understanding the repealer will be voted on Tuesday afternoon.

Agreement was also reached for voting on the Chamberlain army bill and all amendments by April 18.

Almost the entire day was spent debating the army bill. Senator Reed Smoot, of Utah, advocated domestic science education of girls as an important element in preparedness, saying that good cooking made a strong nation. He declared that fat garbage can of the United States, was its worst enemy.

Senator J. Hamilton Lewis, of Illinois, made a speech declaring that the situation in Mexico and the submarine crisis demanded speedy action on the army bills.

Senator Stone, of the foreign relations committee, retorted that the situation in Mexico had nothing to do with the proposed enlargement of the military and that the administration coveted nothing but peace with Mexico.

The Senate by a standing vote passed the legislative, executive and judicial appropriation bill, carrying \$33,000,000. The bill having been passed by the House now goes to the President for his signature.

In The House. The House spent the day in debate on the rivers and harbors appropriation bill.

Secretary of War Baker appeared before the House Military Affairs Committee and informed it that he intended a reorganization of the aviation corps and intimated that it might be separated from the signal corps.

The secretary explained that several of the machines in use had suffered breakdowns and at one time only two of them were serviceable. However, six are now in use and are depended upon exclusively for communication between the expedition and the United States.

Government manufacture of aeroplanes for the army was discussed by the secretary. The control of the Zeppelin is still a German military secret, he said.

Mr. Baker suggested that the board now testing the new air machines recently purchased, consisting of Captain Virgilus Clark, Lieut. Thomas Dewitt Milling and Lieut. Byron Constitute a board to inspect army machines suggest improvements.

LUMBERTON JUDGE HANDS IT TO HIM

Gives Will Nance a Long Sentence—Convict Guard Guilty of Drunkenness.

(By R. M. Norment)

Lumberton, N. C., April 8.—Will Nance, a young white man was convicted before Recorder Britt today of shooting three women and one man at a school entertainment held at Smiths school house and was sentenced to the roads for four years. While all of the wounds inflicted by Nance were painful, none was of a fatal nature. His counsel filed notice of appeal to the superior court and bond was fixed at \$1,000. Nance was unable to furnish bail at a late hour tonight.

Berry Parrell, a guard at convict camp No. 2, was fined \$5 and costs for drunkenness and twenty dollars and costs for carrying concealed weapon by Recorder Britt today.

EMPLOYEE KILLED BENEATH AUTO TRUCK

Milledgeville, Ga., April 8.—S. F. Bivins, aged 58, an employee of the Standard Oil Company was accidentally killed today by an auto truck overturning and pinning him between the truck and road bank.

ARMY OF CROWN PRINCE AGAIN MAKES ADVANCE

Pushing on Towards The Paris-Verdun Railway In The Vital Arena.

GERMANS CONTINUE THEIR FORWARD STRIDE

Paris Claims That The Gains Are Small—Rome Reports Austrian Attack Repulsed.

London, April 8.—While the heavy German artillery is pouring a tremendous fire into the French salient at Bethincourt, the Crown Prince's infantry, further to the west, has made another advance against the Paris-Verdun railway.

Sweeping forward from the ruined village of Haucourt the Germans have cleared the French from Termiten Hill to the south, on a front of a mile and a quarter, gaining possession of another important crest from which to direct artillery fire on the nearby forts.

The advance marks a gain of about half a mile, bringing the Germans in this sector within about four miles of the Paris-Verdun railway and eight miles of the city itself.

Admitting that the Germans have been able to debouch from Haucourt, where for several days they were under a heavy French fire, the Paris war office issued this afternoon a report asserting that the Teuton gains were confined to two small field works between the village and hill No. 287. The midnight communication states that following this action there was no other important infantry clash during the day.

The German statement says that the gains south of Haucourt were made with only slight losses while the French in addition to more than 700 prisoners suffered considerable killed and wounded, among whom were many of the 1916 recruits.

Austrians Repulsed

Rome, April 8.—Austrian attacks on many sections of the front have been uniformly repulsed in all except one small sector in the Cristallo zone, according to an official statement issued today by the war office. The report follows:

"Activity of artillery and small detachments continued along the whole front. In the Cristallo zone the enemy concentrated the fire of numerous batteries against the positions recently conquered by us in the region of Rauchkofel. In order to avoid fruitless losses, we evacuated our most advanced line.

"In the Carnic region, a small attack against Palgrando was repulsed. Our artillery dispersed columns marching in the Valentia and Kronhof valleys.

"On Monte Nero the enemy launched an attack against one of our divisions. We promptly detailed a counter attack and the Austrians were put to flight, leaving two officers, 76 men and a machine gun in our hands.

"In the Globna sector we captured and imprisoned an outpost."

The French Statement

Paris, April 8.—Midnight official statement:

"To the south of the Avre the fire of our artillery destroyed the Saint Aurin Mill, where an observation post was located and also to the north of Beauvran inflicted very heavy damage on the German trenches.

"In Champagne, in the region of Navarin, we answered a fire with a heavy bombardment which seemed to prestage an attack by the Germans and they failed to leave their trenches.

"In the Argonne we concentrated our fire against the enemy batteries in the Cheppy woods and in the region from Montfaucou to Malancourt.

"In the region of Verdun there was no important event to report with the exception of quite a violent bombardment of our front from Bethincourt past Mortehamme to Curies.

"In the Vosges there was great activity by our artillery."

TRAIN IN GEORGIA CRASHED INTO AUTO

Forsyth, Ga., April 8.—One was killed and four injured one fatally, when a Central of Georgia train crashed into an automobile here today.

The dead man is J. R. Worsham, father of State Entomologist Worsham, J. T. Guest, candidate for Surveyor, suffered a fractured skull and cannot recover.

JURY COULDN'T AGREE ON WOMAN'S GUILT

Chattanooga Tenn. April 8.—The jury in the case of Mrs. Nancy A. Small and her son Edgar Small, of Dayton, charged with the murder of Clifton Ballard, Mrs. Sam Small's son-in-law, reported this morning that they were unable to agree and were discharged, and a mistrial entered.

The case has been pending several days and has acquired a good deal of interest in that section of the state.

FAST GOING CAR IN BIG RACE HAD A TRAGIC CLIMAX

Driven Bob Burman Was Killed and Spectators Seriously Hurt.

ONE GUARD WAS QUICKLY KILLED

Racing at Nearly Hundred Miles an Hour Automobile Crashed Into Pole During Contest.

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USED STAGE HIDE THEIR ROBBERIES

Vaudeville Artists Nabbed in Atlanta With Much Loot.

Atlanta, Ga., April 8.—The police tonight declared they had arrested the principals in one of the most daring bands of jewelry burglars, who ever operated in this territory.

Pawn tickets and jewelry aggregating nearly \$5,000 were recovered. The prisoners are Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Belmont, vaudeville actors, and A. P. Chandler, Katherine Hodges, another actress, is held as a material witness.

The pawn tickets included showing about \$1,000 of diamonds had been pawned in Birmingham and \$1,000 in Macon, according to detectives the prisoners used their vaudeville act as a blind, burglarizing fashionable residences after the night performance.

HAS KIDNAPPED BOY BEEN DISCOVERED?

Once More Parents of Jimmie Glass Leave To Follow A Clue.

New York, April 8.—A new clue to four-year-old Jimmie Glass, the Jersey City boy who disappeared mysteriously last May, has been found in Nicholasville, Ky., and Mr. and Mrs. Glass started tonight for that town.

Mrs. Martha Miller, of Nicholasville, wrote to Mrs. Glass that a little boy she believes to be Jimmie Glass was left with her by a woman dressed in male attire and apparently attempting disguise.

CHASE AFTER VILLA BY THE AMERICANS ONLY JUST BEGUN

Weeks and Possibly Months Will Likely Be Required, It Is Reported.

CARRANZA BEGINS TO SHOW HIS TEETH

Refusal to Allow Railroads to Move American Troops Causing Uneasiness—Depredation Reported

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THEY FAVOR JUDGE AND NOT ROOT

New York State Republican Committee Gives Root and Roosevelt Cold Deal.

New York, April 8.—Charles E. Hughes, was practically endorsed for the Republican Presidential nomination by the Republican state committee today.

William Barnes, Jr., received a tremendous drubbing when Frederick C. Tanner was reelected chairman over Senator Chas. W. Wicks by 82 to 68. Supporters of Elihu Root, who planned to capture the committee and pledge the delegation to Chicago to his candidacy, were routed and the committee suppressed a resolution promising him allegiance.

Theodore Roosevelt's name was not mentioned. His opponents declared that this resolution unanimously adopted eliminated him from consideration by the State committee.

"Resolved that this committee, in confidence of the country's anxiety for a return of the Republican party to power, urges the National Convention and especially the delegates from New York, to select as our candidate for President a tried Republican, in whose record and character the nation can rely and which is a guarantee of wise statesmanship in the management of domestic affairs."

Senator Ogden L. Mills, who expects to succeed Wm. Barnes, Jr., as National committeeman, submitted the foregoing resolution, he said.

"Write in the name of Chas. E. Hughes and that will complete it. I am for Hughes. I believe that the Republican party throughout the nation desires his nomination and election."

SHOT HIS PRETTY BRIDE; THEN KILLED SELF

Danville Va., April 8.—John Edward Lance's 30 wealthy farmer, shot his beautiful bride seriously injuring her at hatCham and then turned the weapon on himself, dying instantly from a wound in the right temple.

No reason for the act is known. Lance's father ended his life in like manner 20 years ago.

NO GERMAN SUBMARINE ATTACKED THE SUSSEX

ROOSEVELT MEN PLAN CAPTURE OF CONVENTION

Believe It Will Be Stamped To Him After a Few Ballots

VON MEYER COMES OUT FOR THE COLONEL

Roosevelt Will Make His Campaign On Preparedness—Expects To Get Weeks' Strength.

Oyster Bay, N. Y., April 8.—Col. Roosevelt's appeal is direct to the people. So far as his position is understood here. This embraces his attitude toward the Republican presidential nomination. He has no concern about what the plans are and no interest in the movements of the leaders.

In the present political crisis the people want him nominated by the Chicago convention the politicians will have to name him. If the people don't want him it doesn't matter as he couldn't be elected.

The Colonel outlined in his statement Wednesday that he believes preparedness is the issue of the campaign. He will speak more or less frequently between now and June 27 on this issue at Chicago, on April 29 for instance.

The Colonels' followers hope and believe these addresses and other influences, which are at work, will arouse the people to that pitch of patriotism over the necessity for preparedness and the safeguarding of the national honor at the hands of Colonel Roosevelt that the demand for the Colonel will be sounded.

Meanwhile Roosevelt is watchfully waiting and neither the selection of Harding, of Ohio, as temporary chairman of the Republican convention, or the launching of the Root boom in New York yesterday, has disturbed the serenity of Sagamore Hill. Both are antagonistic to the Roosevelt cause of course, but they will be without effect on the calculations of the Roosevelt boomers.

As the situation is viewed here there may be several ballots without result, with the favorite sons holding their own, but ultimately the contest will warm down to Roosevelt and Hughes. And this leads to the view that is entertained of the Root candidacy.

It is an interesting fact that the Roosevelt forces do not see any danger to the Colonel because of the launching of the Root boom. Not even the men who are pushing Root, they

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SOUVENIR HUNTERS WHACKED BIG BAG

Pensacola, Fla., April 8.—The big observation balloon, which escaped from the naval grounds here and landed at Carlisle, Fla., was so badly damaged by souvenir hunters that it will have to be sent back to the factory for repairs, according to Lieut. Gillespie, who went to recover the big bag.

Several big pieces of rubber were cut from the balloon.

APRIL SNOW STORM HITS NEW YORK CITY

New York April 8.—An April snow storm played a trick on New York city and the whole eastern part of the country today. It started at 7 o'clock in the morning and flakes piled up from an average of two inches in some localities to six inches or more in others. Despite the storm no extreme cold weather was reported. Some of the snow turned into a drizzle.

At Poughkeepsie the wind made the storm almost a blizzard.

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Berlin Makes Definite Announcement to America

COMMANDERS HAVE MADE THEIR REPORTS

Evidence in Hand Will Also Establish That Germany Was Not to Blame For Attacks on Other Ships—Investigation Completed.

Berlin, April 8.—The German government is able to announce that no German submarine or warship was responsible for the explosion which damaged the British steamship Sussex.

When Germany, on April 5, handed Ambassador Gerard an interim note, replying to the inquiries of the United States Government regarding the Sussex and four other steamers, the matter of responsibility was still in doubt and the investigation was still pending.

The German foreign office, appreciating the agitation in the United States in the cases transmitted an interim indicating the readiness of the Government, should the Sussex prove to have been destroyed by a German torpedo, contrary to the understanding with the United States to make all reparation, including the payment of compensation.

It was authoritatively stated today that the investigation has now been completed, that all the craft which might possibly have been involved in an attack on the Sussex have reported, and that from the reports of their commanders it is absolutely certain that the Sussex was not destroyed by a German torpedo and that Germany is in no wise responsible for the disaster.

From the material at hand it will also be possible to reply to the American inquiries regarding the steamers Englishman, Manchester, Engineer, Eaglepoint and Berwindvale, and establish, according to the German contention, that no blame attaches to Germany.

Washington Hears the News. Washington, April 8.—The State Department (Continued on Page Eight)

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