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Cloudy

GERMANS SPRAY DEFENDING LINES WITH LIQUID FIRE

Powerful Teuton Assault Between Avocourt and Malancourt, West of Meuse, Proves Costly to Kaiser.

Fresh Division Brought Up from Distant Point and Slight Gain Made.

PROGRESS AT ONE PLACE

PARIS, March 20 .- Another powerful German attack, this time between Avocourt and Malancourt, west Namiquipa, according to a dispatch of the Meuse, resulted today in heavy received this afternoon by General losses to the Germans, according to Gavira, Carranza commander at the official communication issued by Juarez. The result of the fighting was the French war office tonight. A fresh division brought up from a dis- patch. Namiquipa is in the district of tant point was used in this operation. Guerrero, state of Chihuahua. which was characterized by the emprogress.

RERLIN, March 20 .- (Via London.)-An attack made by French troops on the village of Vaux, northeast of Verdan. was repulsed with heavy losses, the war office announced today.

PARIS, March 20.-German forces have bombarded Malancourt and an attack made by them on he French positions at Cote de Poivre has resulted in failare, according to the announcement made by the French war office this

There has been intermittent bombardment in the region of Vaux.

Receivers for Rock Island Company

Noyes, receiver of the Chicago, Rock Is-land & Pacific Railway company, one of the bunkrupt constituent companies of the Rock Island system, was awarded \$42,000 today by Federal Judge Mayer for his services from January 15, 1915, to date. Charles E. Rushmore, attorney for the receiver, was granted a similar sum and H. T. Newcomb of Washington, his assistant, received \$13,250, the total of \$97,-250, representing 12% per cent of the \$777,009 realized by the receiver in collecting the assets of the company.

Citing the difficulties involved in the work and praising the results accomplished, Judge Mayer, in his order fixing the compensation, wrote:

"The case has been an illustration of the fact that negligent, fil-advised or faithless directors or those whose creatures they are, cannot escape the consences of their acts if pursued by dillcent. able, fearless and persistent of-

Two Ships Are

LONDON, March 20.-The sinking of a neutral and a British steamship, with the loss of one or more lives, was an-nounced today. .he Norwegian steamer Langell, 974 tons, was sunk and its engineer was killed. Cixteen survivors were rescued. The British steamer was the Port Dalhousie. Its mate, pilot and five men were landed. The remaining members of the crew are missing.

Pifty sailors landed at an east coast port this morning, according to the Central News, which says they are understood to be from Norwegian and Danish steamers torpedoed off the east coast last night.

The Weather

Forecast till 7 p. m. Tuerday: For Omaba, Council Bluffs and Vicinity—Fair, continued mild. Temperatures at Omaba Yesterday.



Highest yesterday.

Station and State of Weather.

buque, clear wer, cloudy... Moines, cloudy. Platte, part cloudy 74 ne, cloudy L. A. WELSH, Local Porcuster.

MEXICAN OUTLAWS AND GOVERNMENT TROOPS IN BATTLE

Cavalry Force of Colonel Cano Reported to Have Engaged the Bandits Led by Villa in Namiquipa.

RESULT SO FAR IS IN DOUBT

PARIS OFFICIAL STATEMENT Carranza Commander Heads Band Which Few Days Before Fled Without Making Stand.

LAST WORD AT 4:30 O'CLOCK

EL PASO, Tex., March 20 .- The forces of Colonel Cano were cogaged in battle at 4:30 o'clock this afternoon with bandits led by Villa in

Colonel Cano is in command of a ployment of jets of liquid flame. At force of 900 cavalry which came in one point east of the Malancourt contact two days ago at El Valle with wood, the Germans made some slight Villistas, who on this occasion fled without giving battle.

Agreement for Joint Pursuit of Bandits Now Considered

WASHINGTON, March 20.-Eliseo Arrendondo, General Carranza's ambassador, and acting Secretary Polk today discussed terms of a proposed new agreement for a joint pursuit of Villa by American troops to replace the present agreement, by which General Carranza agrees to the American punitive expedition. Mr. Arrendedos also discussed with Mr. Polk the American request to use the Mexican railways for the transportation of supplies to General Pershing's column. Speed is regarded by State department Paid \$97,250 officials as of the utmost importance and every effort is expected to be made by Mr. Arrendondo to have General Carranza act upon the propossis at once. seemed inevitable if the Carranza soldiers It was pointed out the United States did their part and if the account of the looks upon the request to use the Mex- strength of their field forces was correct. lean railways as purely a commercial Villa, cut off from the north by the for proposition.

Mr. Polk and the ambassador were in ring the approach to the state of Sonora, general agreement on the matters dis- was supposed to be equally barred from

right to operate trains under the direction of the army is the specified feature in the request made by General Funston for permission to use the Mexican Northwestern railroad in forwarding supplies to the expeditionary forces in Mexico. This was explained today by General

General Funston said the equipment for the trains would have to be moved across the boundary line into Mexico and that American crews would be used in its operation. Guards would be carried on the trains and at some points along the line it would be advisable to have station guards.

Sunk by Submarine Estate of Brakeman Failing to Flag Train

WASHINGTON, March 20.-In a "safety first" decision today the supreme court warned all railroad men of their responsibilities to the public. It reversed a damage awarded to the estate of a brakeman on the Great Northern, who was killed in a rear-end collision caused by his failure to flag. an oncoming train. "His fate gives cause to blame," said the court, "but we cannot help pointing out that the tragedy of the collision might have been appalling. How imperative his duty was is manifest. To excuse its no glect in any way would cast immeasurable liability upon the railroad and, what is of greater concern, remove security from the lives of those who travel upon them, and, therefore all who are concerned with their operation should have a full and anxious sense of responsibility.

Tom Taggart Named Senator to Succeed Shively

Indianapotts, Ind., March 30.-Thomas Taggart, democratic national committeeman, was appointed United States ser ator to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Senator Benjamin F. Shively, by exepects to leave for Washington immedi-

Indiana for about twenty-five years.

DE FACTO FORCES QUIT VILLA CHASE

Carranza Troops Fail to Hold Their End of Net and Outlaw Makes His Way to His Mountain Haunts.

WITHDRAW FROM THE FIELD

Soldiers of First Chief by Thousands Massed About Juarez in Rear of Americans.

SITUATION IS VERY GRAVE

EL PASO, Tex., March 20.-The Carranza forces have failed to hold their end of the net that was closing about Panche Villa and the bandit has escaped to his mountain haunts about Guerrero, according to reliable information received

The escape of the bandit is, however, not decided at the time of the dis- far from being the most serious item of news which reached the border today. A feature of the gravest importance

> was injected into the situation by substantial confirmation of the numerous reports received for the last week that the Mexican troops were not only falling to co-operate with the American troops, but in certain instances, at least, were actually withdrawing from the field of

Troops Withdrawn.

The Associated Press learned on un questionable authority that troops of the de facto government which had been stationed at Casas Grandes have ben withdrawn and are now in and about Juarez. From the same source it was yearned that at least one detachment of Carranza troops had refused to fight Villa and had withdrawn on the bandit's approach, leaving him free to pass into his favorite mountain fastnesses in the great continental divide south of Namiquipa. This detachment withdrew on receipt of a message that he was warring not on Mexicans, but the enemies of Mex

The extraordinary rapidity with which the American cavalry had pushed into Mexico gave rise to high hopes yesterday that the unexpected had happened and the notorious bandit was cornered. This ward sweep of the American columns It was said after the conference that from the west by the Sierra Madre bar-

> Moving Freely. More than this it now seems certain that Villa is movnig freely in at least a large section of the country supposed to be held by the troops of the first chief. In the last few days he has been variously reported by General Gavira (Continued on Page Two, Column Four.)

Peace is in Sight, Says Cablegram to Cancel Charter

GALVESTON, Tex., March 20 .- 'Immediate peace is in sight," is one sentence in a cablegram received this morning from London by a Galveston shipping Refused Damages firm. The cablegram cancelled arrange ments which had been made through the Gaiveston house for chartering a considerable amount of tonnage and gave as the reasan for this action the prospect for immediate peace in Europe.

The firms involved in the transaction are of high standing. The persons giving out the cablegram today declined to give the names of the concerns for publication. Well-informed circles here say there is no reason to doubt the sincerity of the London firm in its belief regard-

NEW YORK, March 20 .- Reports from Galveston that tonnage arranged a Massach had been cancelled there by receipt of a sylvania. Galveston that tonnage arrangements dispatch from a London chartering firm saying "immediate peace is in sight in Europe," brought from large shipping

cellation had been made here. Insurance brokers who handle marine risks also said that they had received ny "The wiseset leaders of the party," Galveston dispatch. The peace rumors Colonel Roosevelt could not be elected if were reflected in the stock market, where he were nominated. He is stronger in the abrupt declines occurred. The New York west than in the east. Maritime exchange was also without confirmation of the report.

ENTENTE LOSES NINETEEN WARSHIPS DURING MARCH

"LONDON, March 20.-Between March Governor Raiston today. Mr. Taggart and March 18 nineteen hostile ships of the entente allies, aggregating 46,000 tons, have been sunk, says Reuter's Amster-The new senator has maintained the dam correspondent, crediting the stateleadership of the democratic party in ment to a well informed source in Ber-

Eighty Aircraft Fight Battle High in Air Over Town in Alsace

BASEL, Switzerland, March 20 .- (Vla , machine, which fell in flames. Five Ger-Paris.)-When twenty-three allied aeroplanes raided Mulhausen, upper Alsace, place. Accounts just reaching here de- military positions. clare that more than fifty machines were Many thousands of persons witnessed fighting at such close quarters that the the combat. German anti-air craft guns had to donse firing in order to avoid bitting their own

One French airman rammed a German official statement.

man aeropianes and three French fell, the occupants of all being killed. Even while the allied airmen were fighting the greatest serial battle of the war took they dropped a number of bombs upon

The allied sir raid on Mulhausen was re-

QUESTIONING SUPPOSED MEXICAN BANDITS-The picture shows three Mexicans arrested on the border at Columbus, N. M., being questioned by the military authorities. Shortly after this picture was taken and the Mexicans had been released two of them were found shot dead in the outskirts of the town



REPUBLICAN SUB-COMMITTEE MEETS

Indications That Ralph Williams of Birthday Celebration at Lincoln is Proposition to Increase the Army to situation today. The reply of Gen-Oregon Will Be Selected for Temporary Chairman.

OREGON MEN FAVOR HUGHES

CHICAGO, March 20.-Selection of a temporary chairman for the republican national convention, which meets here next June, was before the republican national committee's subcommittee on convention arrangements here today.

With the exception of E. C. Duncan of North Carolina, every memcussed. The new proposed agreement will the easy and south by powerful Carranga ber of the subcommittee was presbe submitted to General Carranza. forces. Those hopes have been com-SAN ANTONIO, Tex., March 20.—The pictely dashed by today's developments. York, chairman, rapped for order. The western members were regarded as favorable to an immediate selection of the temporary chairman, their position

being stated by Raiph Williams of Oregon, who said: "There will be less strife if we make the selection now than there certainly will be if the selection is put off two

months." Franklin Murphy of New Jersey brought word of the elimination of Elihu Root from the temporary chalrman contest. He said Mr. Root had stated positively that he would not attend the convention. Chairman Hillis declined to discuss residential possibilities. He said an effort would be made to have the convention go on record as favoring a uniform presidential primary law.

The sub-committee planned a two-day Before the committee session began

Ralph Williams of Oregon said Oregon republicans regarded Justice Charles E. Hughes as the best compromise candi-"I do not think," said Mr. Williams, "that the leaders regard Colonel Roose-

velt seriously as a candidate." The Oregon committeeman said he fuvored the selection of Senator W. E. Borah of Idaho as temporary chairman. Other candidates discussed for the tem- fices

porary gavel were: Senator Henry C. Lodge of Massachu setts, former Governor Chase S. Osborn of Michigan, Governor S. A. Mccall of Massachussets and P. C. Knox of Penn-

Murphy Brings Root Boom Franklin Murphy of New Jersey, said firms here the statement that no word he did not think Colonel Roosevelt would of a confirmatory character had been re- be considered seriously by the convention ceived in New York and that no can- as a presidential candidate. He brought with him a boom for Elihu Root, who he said was "the ideal candidate."

intimation of the step reported in the said Mr. Murphy, "seemed to think that

Fred W. Upham of Chicago, head of the Chicago convention committee, who has just returned from the east said that the sentiment he had heard in that section placed Justice Hughs first, Governor McCall second and former Vive President Fairbanks of Indiana, third as possible convention candidates.

Members of Committee. The members of the sub-committee are Charles D. Hilles, New York, chairman: James B. Reynolds, Washington, D. C. sercetary; George R. Sheldon, New York, treasurer; Fred W. Estabrook, New Hampshire; James P. Goodrich, Indiana; Ralph Williams, Oregon; Franklin Murphy, New Jersey; Alvah H. Martin, Virginia; Thomas K. Niedringhaus, Missouri; Charles B. Warren, Michigan; John T. Adams, Iowa: Fred Stanley, Kanshs, and E. C. Duncan, North Carolina

DUCKY HOLMES BUYS SHORTSTOP STEVENSON

LINCOLN, Neb., March 20-Manager William (Ducky) Holmes of the Lincoln Western league club today announced the urchase of Shortstop Stevenson from the ported in yesterday afternoon's French member of the Rochester, N. Y. club of the International league in 1915.

FAR FROM CRUSH AS BRYAN TALKS

Devoted Entirely to Speech Making.

OPENS PROHIBITION CAMPAIGN

(From a Staff Correspondent.) LINCOLN, March 20,-(Special Telegram.)-For the first time in the history of the William J. Bryan birthday gatherings the city Auditorium was far from being filled when the hour arrived for calling the meeting to order, and it was well past the hour when Mr. Bryan and the rest of the speakers arrived.

The crowd was mostly composed of men, not more than 100 women being present. The main floor chairs were filled, but the gallery was only about smendment by making the army the country into which the columns are main floor was unoccupied. However, later in the evening the attendance was call. inrwer.

Differing from past annual celebrations, there was no birthday dollar dinner, the time being devoted entirely to speech making. There were three set speches and a number of short addresses, Mr. Bryan coming last in the rather extended program. Dr. Martin Hardin of hCicago, discussed "Preparedness" and Judge S. D. Wakely of Birmingham, Ala., "Pro-Mr. Bryan covered both subjects, the bulk of his talk being devoted to prohibition, giving the reasons why the fight was being waged in Nebraska at this time and why conditions had so changed in the last twenty years on the liquor question as to justify the stand he is now taking.

His speech was also intended as the formal opening of the campaign of his brother, Mayor Charles W. Bryan for the democratic nomination for governor. He also reiterated his belief, announced some weeks ago, that every democratio candidate for state and county office should declare himself in favor of the prohibition amendment and should work

for its adoption The early part of the day Mr. Bryan devoted to conferences with party leaders and candidates for state and county of-

Ohio Towns Shaken by a Mighty Blast

KAHN AMENDMENT KILLED BY HOUSE

220,000 Men Voted Down, 183 to 103.

resentative Kahn's proposal to put the request would be bound to be the regular army at 220,000 men, seriously misconstrued by a considan increase of 80,000 over the ad- erable section of the Mexican peoministration bill, was lost in the ple and to be exploited by the house today by a vote of 183 to 163 enemies of General Carranza.

amendments. A proposal to outdo the Kahn tion to an issue. Americans familier with 250,000 men was lost without a roll

Dutch Press Talks of Probability of War With Germany

THE HAGUE, March 19 .- (Via London.) The press of The Netherlands, in discuss-The press of The Netherlands, in discussing the sinking of the liner Tubantla, refers to the possibilities of war between

Germany and Holland. The Amsterdam Handlesblad, after discussing uselessness of such a conflict and considering the many ties between the two countries, adds:

"Nevertheless, nothing would be more damaging to our independence and national existence than the conviction gaining ground that we are unprepared to shed our blood for the defense of our rights and independence."

The engineer, De Groot, of the Tubanhour and a half after leaving the ship streets, he saw a submarine of foreign build.

Berge Will Not Run

(From a Staff Correspondent.) LINCOLN, March 20,-(Special Telegram.)-George W. Berge of Lincoln will not be a candidate for the democratic nomination for attorney general, making this vicinity tonight were shaken by an the statementt his evening that he would explosion, believed to have occurred in not accept the filing made for him for a powder plant at Spencerville, a village the nomination Saturday. This makes near Lima, O. One report said the vill-three state officers who will have no oplage had been wiped out. Telephone lines position for the nomination, Attorney are down and only meager information General Reed, Secretary of State Puol and State Auditor Smith.

German Propaganda to Get Milk from U. S. Dishonest, Says Cecil

LONDON, March 20 .- The agitation in ing into that district 2,000,400 tins of conin Germany, is the most dishonest insincere feature of the propaganda which Germans have conducted in your country." ing paid for with French money. Withanid Lord Robert Cecil, the minister of war trade, in discussing today with a representative of the Associated Press the be dying of starvation today. charge that the British blockade was having a serious effect on the milk supply that practically half of these have gone of the central powers.

"This campaign" continued Lord Robert, the other side of the picture.

"In the occupied area of northern the American relief commission is send- sources."

America for the export of milk for bables densed milk monthly to keep alive the thousands of French babies, whose sources of supply have been taken from them by the Germans. This milk is be out this fund and the work of a neutral nmission, these erench babies would

"Helgium had 1,500,-00 cattle. We know to Germany.

"These facts throw a curious is inexcusable from the fact that its indeed on German solicitude for the lives sponsors are deliberately playing upon of the infants in the territorties they the finest motives of a charitable people. have occupied. I am informed through "It is unnecessary for me to repeat the sources of unimpeachable veracity and figures showing the importation of milk expert knowledge that the Germans have and its products by the central powers been most scalous in the maintenance of in normal years, as these statements their original capital of cattle to such have been widely published in the Amer- an extent that probably fewer milk cows ionn press. I merely wish to show you have been slaughtered during the war than in normal times.

"Germany is touched on all sides by France there were half a million cattle the greatest milk-producing countries in St. Louis Americans. Stevenson was a at the time of the arrival of the German Europe and it is idle to contend that it armies Hardly one is left and today is not getting supplies from these

POSITION OF THE .THREE COLUMNS

SINGLE COPY TWO CENTS.

First Moving Southward Toward Casas Grandes, Second Southeast Toward El Valle and Third Toward Carmen.

TRANSPORTATION IS PROBLEM

Much Depends Upon Answer to Request of U. S. for Use of Railroad to Move Supplies.

CARRANZA IS IN DILEMMA

SAN ANTONIO, Tex., March 20 .-General Funston announced the positions of three columns of the expeditionary force as follows:

The first moving southward from Casas Grandes towards Babricors; the second moving southeast towards El Valle, and the third toward Carmen, also southeast. Villa was reported to have been defeated by Carranza troops at Cruces and to be on his way north towards Valle.

EL PASO, Tex. March 20 .- Villa has doubled east and south to Namiquipa, according to a telegram received here by General Gavira at Juarez. He reports that Carranzista troops are advancing from the south, while the Americans are continuing their march from the north in an effort to close the net around the bandit.

EL PASO, Tex., March 20 .- The railroad problem overshadowed everything else here in the Mexican eral Carranza to the request of the United States government for permission to use the railroads was expected to be sent forward to Wash-OTHER AMENDMENT IS KILLED ington today. A refusal will embarrass the operations of the Amer-WASHINGTON, March 20 .- Rep- lcan troops, while the granting of

The house then proceeded to other the unexpectedly rapid advance of the expeditionary columns under General Pershing has forced the railroad quesnow entering assert that It is in that the railroads be placed at their dis-

> Transportation Big Problem. Dr. I. J. Bush, formerly chief surgeon of Madero's army, asserted today that the speedy transportation facilities were essential to further progress by the American soldiers.

posal for the bringing up of supplies.

"The American forces are reported at (Continued on Page Two, Column Two.)

Not Causing Rush of Army Recruits

Many are being called in Omaha to join the United States army, but few are re-

Dodge streets will be open evenings until 8 o'clock from now on. An innovation has been put into effect in the way of tia, now makes the statement that an passing out handbills to men on the

These bills cite the advantages connected with Uncle Sam's army, the salary, no expenses, steady employment, chance to see the world, pension," and so on. At the bottom of these handbills for Attorney General is a rubber-stamped legand. reading 25,660 men wanted at once

The sub-station at Des Monies was opened last week and as soon as more men can be secured sub-stations will be opened at Lincoln and Sloux City.

In spite of all this response has been disappointing. Not as many men have enlisted this March as enlisted in the same period of last March. March is ordinarily rather a lively month for recruiting. With the prospect of active service in Mexico it was expected there would be an extraordinary rush to enlist

The Day's War News

NOTABLE AERIAL RAID WAS carried out early today on the German sea plane station at Zecbrugge, Helgium, and the zerodrome near there, a squadron of sixty-five allied machines acro planes and sea planes-making the attack. The British official announcement declares that considerable damage appeared to have been done by the bombs.

FIGHTING ABOUT VERDUN has again slackened, according to today's Paris statement, the only infantry attack reported being an unsuccessful one by the Germans on the French position on Pepper

THERE IS RENEWED ACTIVITY IN the Balksus north of Saloniki, a French column having advanced from the entrenched camp and occupled villages near the Greek border which Teutonic and Bulgarian forces had entered, according to neave agency advices from

Saloniki. WAR CONFERENCE of probably momentous importance is shout to open in Paris, where military and political representatives of the entente allies are gathering.