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## OHIO CITY LEVEES STRAIN UNDER THE WATERS' PRESSURE

Less Than Two Feet of Dike Holds Back Floods in Columbus that Are Threatening to Equal Those of 1913.

THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE MOVE  
Regiment of National Guard Held Ready in Case Embankments Give Way.

### CHANCES FAVOR CITY'S ESCAPE

COLUMBUS, O., March 27.—Less than two feet of reinforced levees tonight was holding the rising waters of the Scioto river, preventing a flood which earlier in the day had threatened to equal that of 1913. Thousands of persons moved from their homes to high ground today.

Chances tonight favored a passing of the flood's crest without a break in the levees. Cessation of today's downpour in the upper Scioto valley and the coming of slightly colder weather quieted the anxiety of the 30,000 residents of lowlands in this city.

Normal business and school sessions were suspended in the district threatened while residents carried their household furnishings to second stories, moved them hastily in vans to places of safety or fled across the river with only personal belongings.

Ambulances sped through the streets all day carrying invalids and prospective soldiers from the west side to hospitals or homes of friends in higher sections. The Fourth regiment, Ohio National Guard, tonight was held ready for mobilization if the water breaks the levees, and cots and blankets were provided in the city hall, state house and school buildings, where refugees could spend the night. City officials formed a citizens' committee to assist in the emergency.

## French Transport is Reported Sunk Near Salonika

BERLIN, March 27.—(Wireless to Sayville.)—Reports have been received from Athens that a French transport with troops on board from Salonika had struck a mine and sunk, seventy-three persons being rescued, says the Overseas News agency.

The foregoing may refer to the sinking of the British liner *Minneapolis* in the Mediterranean, reported yesterday from Marseilles. The *Minneapolis* was believed to be in the government service in Mediterranean waters. The Marseilles report said that the *Minneapolis* was torpedoed.

## House Refuses to Strike Out Literacy Test from Bill

WASHINGTON, March 27.—The literacy test was kept in the immigration bill by the house working in committee of the whole today by vote of 236 to 82, which defeated a motion by Representative Sabath of Illinois, to strike it out. The question comes up again when the house votes on the bill as a whole.

## MINES ARE EXPLODED UNDER GERMAN TRENCHES

BERLIN, March 27.—(Via London.)—More than 100 yards of German trenches near St. Eloi have been blown up by the British. German army headquarters announced today.

C. C. Buck Elected Mayor.  
IOWA FALLS, Ia., March 27.—(Special Telegram.)—C. C. Buck was re-elected mayor today on a non-partisan ticket.

## The Weather

Forecast till 7 p. m. Tuesday:  
For Omaha, Council Bluffs and Vicinity  
—Fair and warmer.

Temperatures at Omaha Yesterday.	
Hours	Deg.
6 a. m.	32
7 a. m.	32
8 a. m.	32
9 a. m.	32
10 a. m.	32
11 a. m.	32
12 m.	32
1 p. m.	32
2 p. m.	32
3 p. m.	32
4 p. m.	32
5 p. m.	32
6 p. m.	32
7 p. m.	32
8 p. m.	32

Comparative Local Record.		
Date	High	Low
1916, 1915, 1914, 1913	34	24
1912	34	24
1911	34	24
1910	34	24
1909	34	24
1908	34	24
1907	34	24
1906	34	24
1905	34	24
1904	34	24
1903	34	24
1902	34	24
1901	34	24
1900	34	24

Reports from Stations at 7 P. M.	
Station and State	Temp. High. Rain.
Davenport, Ia.	44 48 13
Des Moines, Ia.	42 46 10
Wodge City, Ia.	42 46 10
North Platte, Neb.	42 46 10
Omaha, Neb.	42 46 10
Rapid City, S. Dak.	42 46 10
Sheridan, Wyo.	42 46 10
Sioux City, Ia.	42 46 10
Valentine, Neb.	42 46 10

Part of Powder Mill in Utah Blown Up  
SALT LAKE CITY, March 27.—Eighteen kegs of black powder were ignited by a foreign substance in the powder at the Powder Mill company's plant at Bechtel, near here, this morning. The wheel mill, a small unit of the plant, was destroyed. No one was injured.

## ALL AMERICANS ON SUSSEX SAVED

Embassy at Paris Announces All On Passenger List of Ship Accounted For.

### MISS BALDWIN BADLY HURT

PARIS, March 27.—Detailed information gathered by the American embassy here indicates that no American lives were lost on the *Sussex*. All the Americans whose names were on the passenger list have now been accounted for, the embassy states. It is possible, however, that there may have been among the passengers some Americans whose names were not inscribed.

Prof. James Mark Baldwin and Mrs. Baldwin were saved. It is authoritative announced. They were at Wimereux, near Boulogne. Miss Elizabeth Baldwin, their daughter, was badly injured, and is in a hospital at the same place.

Joshua Dickinson Armitage of New York, is in a hospital at Dover, according to a dispatch from there. He is badly injured, but will probably recover.

### Crocker Has Skull Fractured.

LONDON, March 27.—Of the three American survivors of the *Sussex* who are in a hospital at Dover only one, George Crocker of Fitchburg, Mass., is in a serious condition. His skull was fractured by a falling mass. He regained consciousness this morning and his physicians believe he will recover.

## Thomas J. Pence, Head of Democratic Committee, is Dead

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 27.—Thomas J. Pence, secretary of the democratic committee, who had been ill for several months as a result of pneumonia, died at his home here early today. President Wilson was deeply shocked when told of Mr. Pence's death and expressed deep regret. Wally Postmaster, General Burleson and Secretary Tamm, Mr. Pence had directed all of the detailed political work of the administration since the president took office.

Mr. Pence probably had an extensive acquaintance among democratic politicians throughout the country as any man who ever occupies an official position with the national committee. He was one of the "original Wilson men," and after the last election was offered several important government posts. He declined them all, however, and became assistant to the chairman of the national committee in charge of permanent headquarters here. At the meeting of the national committee last December, Mr. Pence was chosen its secretary.

Mr. Pence was a friend of President Wilson and was the daily companion of the president's secretary, J. P. Tamm, and of several prominent administration senators. For many years he was Washington correspondent of the Raleigh (N. C.) News and Observer, which is owned by Secretary Daniels of the Navy Department.

Because of Mr. Pence's protracted illness, W. H. Hollister, secretary of Senator Stone, recently was appointed assistant secretary of the national committee and was designated by Mr. Pence as acting secretary.

## Teutonic Attack On Saloniki Lines Becoming General

ATHENS, March 26.—(Via Paris, March 27.)—Despatches from Saloniki say that the frontier actions which had hitherto been considered merely as trying out operations on the part of the Bulgarians and Germans are now assuming the character of a general attack against the advanced line of the allies. Considerable vigor is being displayed and heavy artillery is being employed on both sides. It is said that in both military and diplomatic circles of the Teutonic allies there is a belief that the long prophesied effort to drive the allies into the sea has begun, but it is pointed out in these circles, in Athens at least, are not in a position to accurately estimate its extent. It is clear here, while the importance of the increasing activity of the Bulgarians and Germans is not minimized there is a general conviction that they do not seriously intend to attempt to capture Saloniki.

## One More French and Two British Vessels Are Sunk

LONDON, March 27.—The French steamship *Hebe*, 1,494 tons; the British steamship *Corne* and the British fish carrier *Khatoum* of Hull have been sunk. The crews of the *Hebe* and *Corne* have been landed. Two members of the crew of the *Khatoum* have been saved, but it is feared the remaining nine men were drowned.

Lloyd's reports that the British steamship *St. Cecilia*, the sinking of which was announced yesterday, was blown up by a mine. It had a general cargo from Portland, Me.

## FEDERAL OIL COMPANY DRILLS FIFTEEN WELLS

Wade, Templeton & Co. of New York announces in its circular on the new Federal Oil company that one new well will be drilled every sixty days until fifty wells have been completed. One of the wells is now doing 120 barrels a day; it is a well.

## LIEUTENANT OSWALD BOELKE, German aviator, is acclaimed as a hero because he has brought down his thirteenth enemy airplane.



## ELEVEN LIVES LOST ON MINNEAPOLIS

Big British Liner Used as Transport is Sunk in the Mediterranean Sea.

### FORMERLY RAN TO NEW YORK

BULLETIN.  
LONDON, March 27.—It is announced that eleven persons were killed when the British steamship *Minneapolis*, formerly in the New York-London service, was sunk last week in the Mediterranean.

Three more British steamers have been sunk, presumably by German submarines. They are the *Minneapolis*, once plying between American ports and London, the *St. Cecilia*, on a voyage from Portland, Me., and the *Fenay Bridge*, bound from Philadelphia for Hull. The crews of the *St. Cecilia* and *Fenay Bridge* were rescued. The fate of the crew of the *Minneapolis* is not known.

The exact number of American casualties on board the cross-channel steamer *Sussex* which was blown up in the channel Friday afternoon has not yet been determined. The French admiralty, basing its statement on affidavits of American passengers saved, says the *Sussex* was torpedoed without warning.

## Several Involved in Plot to Kill Peck Hint of Prosecutor

NEW YORK, March 27.—The finding of new clues which may lead to the discovery of accomplices of Dr. Arthur Warren Waite, accused of the murder of his father-in-law, John E. Peck, Grand Rapids millionaire drugist, caused District Attorney Swann today to delay asking for an indictment until tomorrow.

The district attorney declined to reveal the nature of the new clues, but intimated that others might be involved in the alleged murder plot and that further investigation might disclose that there was to have been more than one victim.

Mr. Swann admitted that he had evidence that Dr. Waite had a laboratory in which he made a study of deadly germs and that the young dentist's activities in this direction were being investigated. Assistant District Attorney Mancuso, Dr. Harry Schurz, the Peck family physician, and Mr. Percy Peck, son and daughter-in-law of the victim of the alleged murder, arrived today from Grand Rapids and were being expected to go before the grand jury. Mr. Mancuso brought with him 600 pages of stenographic notes, detailing among other things the circumstances of the cremation of Mrs. Peck, wife of the victim, who preceded him six weeks in death.

## Copley Suggests Embargo on Print Paper Material

WASHINGTON, March 27.—A resolution for an investigation of the news print paper situation by the Department of Commerce was introduced in the house today by Representative Copley of Illinois. Much of the supply of raw material for print paper that came from Germany, Norway and Sweden was cut off by the war. Other material being shipped from this country to Europe for use in the manufacture of munition, the resolution says. An opinion is asked on the advisability of placing an embargo on raw material.

According to Mr. Copley the price of paper has advanced so far that the lives of many small newspapers are threatened.

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## WILSON WILL NOT TAKE FINAL STEP WITHOUT ADVICE

President Will Consult Congress Before Doing Anything Leading to a Break with Germany.

### IS STATED AUTHORITATIVELY

Indications that Germany Has Again Resumed War on Passenger Steamships.

### GERMAN PROGRESSIVES DEFIANT

WASHINGTON, March 27.—It was authoritatively stated late today that the president would communicate the situation fully to congress before taking any definite steps which might lead to a rupture of diplomatic relations as a result of the attacks on the steamers *Sussex* and *Englishman*.

Advices to the State department today from Bristol, England, said one American, T. B. Meikley, a horseman, apparently was lost in the sinking of the British steamer *Englishman* and that the total loss of life was seven horsemen and three members of the crew.

Germany Will Disavow It.  
It was stated authoritatively here today that should it be shown that a German submarine attacked the *Sussex*, Germany would disavow the act, offer reparation, punish the submarine commander and satisfy the United States that the act was in violation of instructions.

It was also stated authoritatively that the German ambassador, Count von Bernstorff was mainly responsible for the recent retirement of Grand Admiral von Tirpitz, who is said to have been eliminated because of his views on submarine warfare after Count von Bernstorff had made certain recommendations to the imperial chancellor von Bethmann-Hollweg.

According to information here, the ambassador advised that Admiral von Tirpitz proposed to conduct a relentless submarine campaign against all shipping to British ports and was asked what, in his opinion, would be the effect of such a campaign upon neutral nations, particularly the United States.

Important Factor in Retirement.  
The ambassador's reply is said to have been an important factor in the retirement of the admiral.

Knowing these facts and the attitude of the German government, the Teutonic officials are certain that if a submarine was concerned, the *Sussex* disaster the imperial government will do everything in its power to satisfy the United States. It was made clear, however, that the German embassy believes a mine and not a torpedo damaged the channel steamer and that the German government may issue a statement.

Piece of Bronze Found.  
Consular Agent Whitman at Roulogne reported today that he was informed by French officials that a piece of bronze, resembling a part of a torpedo had been found on the channel liner *Sussex*.

State department officials said today they had no information that any other than German submarines were operating in the vicinity in which the *Sussex* was attacked. All agents in the vicinity were urged today to gather conclusive evidence from all possible agencies.

Chairman Stone of the foreign relations committee conferred during the day with President Wilson and the president also was in communication with Secretary Lansing and urged speedy gathering of facts regarding the *Sussex* and *Englishman*.

## AMSTERDAM, Holland, March 27.

(Via London.)—The Tagblatt of Berlin says that at the annual meeting of the progressive people's party in Berlin, Dr. Otto Wiegand made a statement in regard to the attitude taken by members of the party in the Reichstag and the Prussian Diet on the submarine question. He announced the party had sent a telegram to Dr. Alfred Zimmermann, under secretary for foreign affairs, stating that it would never admit the illegality of submarine warfare and that in negotiations with other powers, it cannot allow the submarine weapon to be snatched from our hands.

## Nurse Strangled to Death at Dallas

DALLAS, Tex., March 27.—The body of Mrs. E. M. Cramer, nurse, was found today on the high school campus at Oak Cliff, a suburb. She had been strangled to death. Disarranged clothing indicated she had made a desperate struggle for her life.

Mrs. Cramer roomed near the high school. According to friends, she had been on a case at Edom, Tex. She returned Sunday night. It is believed she may have been attacked by a negro while en route from the railway station to her home.

## ANTI-AIRCRAFT GUNS GUARD SALONIKA HARBOR

The photo shows one of the guns ready to wing a daring air scout who might be willing to take a chance to get the "lay of the country."



BRITISH ANTI-AIRCRAFT NAVAL GUN, 6 IN.

## 'YUAN MUST GO' IS INSURGENTS' FIAT

Governors of Revolting Provinces Demand Retirement and Exile of President.

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., March 27.—An ultimatum demanding the resignation and exile of Yuan Shi Kai and the trial and execution of twelve of his advisers has been handed to the Yuan Shi Kai government by the military governors of six revolting provinces, according to cable advices today from revolutionary leaders in China to the Chinese Republic association here.

The ultimatum contained five demands, according to the advices:  
"First—That Yuan Shi Kai resign at a fixed date and leave China.  
"Second—That twelve 'traitors' (named) be tried, and if found guilty of conspiring against the republic executed.  
"Third—That Yuan Shi Kai's property and the property of the twelve 'traitors' be confiscated to indemnify the revolution.  
"Fourth—That Yuan Shi Kai's descendants for three generations forfeit their rights as citizens.  
"Fifth—That the separate provinces be given control of army units and arsenals."

## Douglas Sheriff Fails to Find Big Garrison Over Line

DOUGLAS, Ariz., March 27.—Harry Wheeler, sheriff of Cochise county, made a thorough inspection of the military situation in Agua Prieta Saturday, finding approximately 200 soldiers and a number of camp followers there. He failed to locate a masked battery there, as reported in Douglas.

WASHINGTON, March 27.—Senator Ashurst was informed by the War department today that it could not under any law furnish citizens of Arizona 2,000 rifles requested by the governor, for purposes of self-protection against raids from Mexico.

Senator Ashurst today made public a telegram from Secretary Baker to Governor Hunt, explaining the department's refusal.

"There is no authority of law for this issue of arms," read the telegram. "The present apparent panicky state of mind of the citizens along the border, I do not think that arms should be placed in the hands of any body of men except those who are under the severest discipline. The presence in border towns of armed bodies of citizens is liable to result in some unfortunate incident which might cause the very trouble that all wish to avoid. I cannot recommend the indiscriminate arming of the civilian population. Consular reports indicate that there are few Mexican troops along the border. General Funston is aware of conditions and is believed to be taking some such steps for the protection of citizens as conditions demand."

## Turkey Denies Its Subsea Sank Persia

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 27.—Turkey today informed the United States it was not a submarine of the Ottoman government which sank the liner *Persia* in the Mediterranean last winter with loss of American life.

The Turkish note, in reply to repeated inquiries from the United States, declared that all Ottoman submarines are under instructions to fly their national flag and that none was in the vicinity when the *Persia* was sunk.

## VILLA IS FLEEING AT HIGH SPEED TO THE SIERRAS

Rapidity of Bandit's Retreat Precipitating Pursuit by American Forces, Says Wireless Report.

### SEEK TO CORNER THE OUTLAW

All Arms of the Service Being Employed to Force Him Into a Pocket.

### BEING CONSTANTLY HARRASSED

CASAS GRANDES, Chihuahua, Mex. (By Wireless to Columbus, N. M.), March 27.—Villa is flying southeast, toward the foothills of the Sierras. According to army reports received here today, the rapidity of his flight is precipitating the American pursuit. All arms of the service are being used in an attempt to force the bandit into a corner.

EL PASO, Tex., March 27.—Both the Carranzistas and the American forces are constantly harassing Villa, who is at El Oso, according to a telegram received by General Gavra at Juarez today from General Bertani, commanding at Madera. Bertani added that of the government forces, Colonel Cano was the closest in touch with the bandit.

SAN ANTONIO, Tex., March 27.—Unless permission is granted soon for the shipment of supplies over one of the railroads to the American troops in Mexico, the pursuit of Villa may be seriously retarded. It was explained at department headquarters today that the lengthening lines of communication along heavy trails had made it practically impossible to deliver supplies by auto trucks, and that already a serious shortage of grain for horses and mules has been experienced.

## WASHINGTON, March 27.

Secretary Baker and Secretary Daniels held a conference with President Wilson.  
Later Secretary Baker issued a formal statement and his information reaching the department from the border showed that quiet prevailed and excitement had been somewhat allayed.

Secretary Daniels denied current reports that motion of the military force in Haiti was about to be withdrawn.

EL PASO, March 27.—The American army forces have been allowed the privilege of using Mexican telegraph wires between Madera and Juarez. It was announced here today by General Gavra, the Carranza commander at Juarez. All communications, however, are censored by General Bertani, the Carranza commander at Madera.

General Gavra said that General Bertani reported no news from the front, but that he was working in perfect accord with General Pershing.

This statement was taken to mean here that American troops must be using the lines of the Mexico Northwestern railroad to Madera. Persons who know the country well say there is no possible means, other than the railway by which cavalry could reach Madera from the Casas Grandes base.

Funston Wants Railroad.  
SAN ANTONIO, Tex., March 27.—With Villa known to be fleeing toward his stronghold in the Guerrero district, closely followed by troops of General Pershing's command, the problem of supplying field forces without the use of a railroad south of the border is becoming increasingly difficult. This question is causing General Funston more anxiety than any feature of the expedition. The advanced force has penetrated more than 200 miles into the interior of Chihuahua.

General Funston desires use of the Mexican Central line from El Paso to Chihuahua, but has delayed asking for it pending Carranza's answer to Washington's request for permission to transport supplies over the Mexican Northwestern. No intimation of any change in the railroad situation was given at department headquarters early today.

Many officers are convinced that the success of operations depends upon the use of railroads in the territory. They declare the matter is one of imperative military necessity.

The long dispatch from General Pershing, telling of operations in the vicinity of Namiquipa, gives basis for belief that in the future he will keep heading south.

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## SECRETARY MCDADOO Guest at Banquet at Rio Janeiro

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### Secretary McAdoo Guest at Banquet at Rio Janeiro

RIO JANEIRO, March 27.—William G. McAdoo and the other members of the American section of the International High commission, which is to meet in Buenos Aires, were the guests last night at a banquet given by Dr. Lauro Muller, the Brazilian minister of foreign affairs. The Brazilian members of the commission were also present. Earlier in the day Mr. McAdoo was received by President Wenceslau Braz, and, together with Dr. Muller and Senor Chiozeres, minister of agriculture, they discussed questions that are to be taken up at the Buenos Aires conference.

The United States cruiser *Tennessee* will continue its route today for Buenos Aires.

EL PASO, Tex., March 27.—Flying columns of American cavalry are seeking today to entrap Pancho Villa and his band by sealing up all the trails and passes in the mountainous district south of El Valle. Once the outlets are barred, squadrons of cavalry and detachments of infantry, operating from the base near Casas Grandes, will comb the country and endeavor to flush their quarry into the open.

This is the plan the military men are following to effect the capture of the peon brigands.

Three Columns in Pursuit.  
Villa and his band are moving rapidly among the foothills of Sierra Tarahumara, hotly pursued by three columns of American cavalry. Colonel George A. Dodd is directing the cavalry movement.

This information coming from army officials at the front confirms reports brought here by American travelers from the Casas Grandes district, last Saturday. It was reported that Villa had escaped through the lines of the Carranzistas troops. Mexican Consul Garcia does not credit the reports that the Carranza forces furnished no real opposition to Villa and permitted the bandit to escape.

Villa Scatters His Command.  
Villa scattered his command in his flight southward and at one time, it was learned today, led only a small force of fifteen or twenty men. The army censor at Columbus has permitted the information to pass that Villa increased his command at El Valle by forcing thirty-five young men and boys to accompany him. Military men here say this indicates that Villa now believes that he has successfully eluded his pursuers and is in position to move a larger body of men without fear of capture. Brigadier General Pershing has let it become known that he expects that it will take months to capture Villa.

Think Villa Will Escape.  
Returning American refugees and cattlemen, who know the country, are unanimous in their expression that Villa never will be taken. The nature of the country and the fact that Villa is among his own people, who idolize him, make the bandit's capture unlikely, they declared. The Mexican country where Villa is now fleeing is a land peculiar to itself. A negro sergeant, an old campaigner in the Twenty-fourth infantry, now in that region, speaking to a Casas Grandes rancher, puts it thus: "I have been in nearly ever land, but in this part of Mexico there are more rivers and fewer water, more cows and less milk and fewer to look and less to see than any country I have ever known."

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