

ATTACK TWO SHIPS; LOSSES NOT KNOWN

Steamer Sussex and Horse Boat Englishman Reported to Have Fallen Prey to Submarines—About 25 United States Subjects Said to Have Been on Board Channel Liner Which Has Been Towed Into Boulogne.

STATE DEPARTMENT IS INFORMED OF THE FACT

No Action Has Been Taken By This Government Yet, But a Critical Situation Has Been Produced By Latest Complications—Several Deaths Reported When Passenger Liner Was Blown Up In North Sea.

Washington, March 25.—Destruction of the British steamer Englishman, with the possible loss of American lives and the explosion on the channel liner Sussex carrying American passengers, coming close on the alleged attack on the Patria and the sinking of the Tubantia, have served to unsettle the submarine situation again and raise possibilities of more complications with the central powers.

American Consul Armstrong's preliminary report received today from Bristol, that the Englishman was torpedoed, and that four Americans were missing from the rescued, presented the most serious aspect of the situation.

The fact that the missing Americans were workers on a horse ship and not passengers on a liner does not lessen the interest of the American government in the case. The circumstances are accentuated by the fact that the ship was bound away from Europe and carried no contraband. Further investigation of both the Englishman and Sussex cases will be made.

Paris, March 25.—Reports of the damaging of the Sussex obtained here today state that she was torpedoed. The Sussex has arrived at Boulogne.

HOUSE WILL RUSH THROUGH PROGRAM

Congress Now Hopes to Adjourn Before National Conventions In June—Ten Bills on Slate.

Washington, D. C., March 27.—House Democrats in caucus last night adopted a resolution outlining a plan for speeding up the administration legislative program with a view to adjournment before the national political conventions in June, as urged by President Wilson.

They pledged themselves to cooperation in earlier daily meetings and to such night sessions as may seem advisable. The plan is to handle at night sessions the business of all special days in the week, except the so-called calendar Wednesday. It was also agreed that the tariff commission bill should become part of the general revenue measure.

Before the resolution embodying the plan was adopted without dissent, Speaker Clark made a vigorous speech urging team work by the majority. He presented to the caucus a memorandum from President Wilson recommending a legislative program.

This is the program submitted by the president:

1. Appropriation bills, carrying the provisions necessary for the preparedness measure.
2. Revenue bills with antidumping provisions.
3. Bill for tariff commission.
4. Ship purchase bill.
5. Philippine bill.
6. Rural credits.
7. The proposed legislation for Porto Rico.
8. The conservation measures.
9. The Mississippi river relief measure, which should provide, I suggest, that the work of leveeing and reventing be carried on under a continuing contract system until completed.
10. The annual appropriation for the work to be carried in the sundry civil bill as was done in providing for the work at Panama.
11. Corrupt practices act.
12. The Mississippi relief measures suggested by the president constituted the first formal announcement of the results of an investigation carried on at his direction by Secretaries Lane, Houston and Redfield in response to an appeal from New Orleans civic organizations that steps be taken to control Mississippi floods.
13. The report of the committee of cabinet members was presented to the president several weeks ago, and since that time he has gone over it with Chairman Humphreys, of the House flood control committee now investigating the Mississippi river problem.

EIGHT MEET DEATH IN OKLAHOMA STORM

Tornado Devastates a Path Eight Miles Long—Farm Homes In Ruins.

Oklahoma City, Okla., March 25.—Eight persons were killed in a farmhouse two miles east of Davis, Okla., by a tornado, which struck that region last night. The path of the tornado was eight miles long.

SCURVY ON STEAMER.

San Francisco, March 25.—The British ship Yawry arrived in port last night 160 days out from Dakar, South Africa, and reported the death of three of the crew during the voyage. All were buried at sea. Scurvy is believed to have caused the deaths. The vessel was sent to quarantine.

LINER ALAMO SAFE.

New York, March 25.—The Mallory liner Alamo, recently in distress off the Atlantic coast, arrived today in New York. She carried 50 passengers and was on her way from Porto Rico to New York.

VILLA FLEES TRAP SET BY HIS ENEMIES

Silence of General Pershing About Operations In Casas Grandes Region Is Proved Mystery.

CENSORSHIP IS RIGOROUS

Mexican Sources Declare That Outlaws Are at Bay, But Contain No Mention of U. S. Troops.

Queretaro, Mex., (via Mexico City), March 25.—General Carranza's reply to the latest note of the Washington government was handed today to James L. Rodgers, the American special representative here for transmission to Washington. The reply agrees in the main to the American proposals but a few unimportant changes are suggested.

El Paso, Tex., March 27.—Pancho Villa was reported today to be fleeing west in the San Miguel country, having successfully eluded the encircling ring that was being cast around him by American and Carranza troops. News of the outlaw's retreat westward was brought here from El Valle, but could not be confirmed at Fort Bliss, or in Mexican official circles.

Several thousand American soldiers are known to be ranging the country south of Casas Grandes in every direction trying to locate the bandits, but have not come into contact with him.

Bandits Cut Wires.

Wire communication out of El Paso into Mexico, is still interrupted, and it is believed that roving bands of Villistas are responsible for the wire cutting. Having been detached from the main Villa command for that purpose, Mexican troops were still without further word of the reported fight that the Carranza soldiers had with Villa at El Oso south of Namiquipa. Dispatches received at Mexico City and Douglas, Ariz., apparently confirm the reports to El Paso from General Pershing that the troops of the Carranza government had come into contact with Villa in the Santa Clara canyon. General Pershing had made no mention of this battle and army officers here incline to the belief that it was probably little more than an outpost engagement.

Report Border Raid.

Major Sample in command of the United States army verify the report brought into Douglas, Ariz., that Villa bandits had crossed the border eight miles west of Columbus and murdered three Americans, two women and one man. The bandits, numbering 100 or more are said to have crossed the border of such a body of motor trucks last night. The presence of the bandits in the upper Galena district would be a threat to the line of communication to the base of the American expedition at Casas Grandes. Transportation over this line from Columbus southward is troublesome, the trails being badly cut and the heaviest motor trucks negotiating the desert with difficulty.

Taking No Chances.

Juarez was quiet today and there was no surface indications that any trouble was impending. United States troops constantly guard the international bridges, power houses at El Paso and railroad tunnels, while General Bell had a reserve in readiness to quell any uprising in Mexican quarters. Shelby, chief of El Paso, was on duty at his office all night, but no trouble was reported in the city.

San Antonio, Tex., March 25.—With the wireless working satisfactorily for almost the first time since the American troops have been in Mexico, General Funston is today awaiting dispatches from General Pershing to confirm persistent reports that United States troops have engaged Villa forces near Namiquipa. In the messages received yesterday from field headquarters at Casas Grandes, two of the advanced columns were reported to be in the district of Namiquipa, but no mention was made of an engagement.

The reported killing of three Americans near Gibson's ranch, 15 miles west of Columbus, presumably by Mexican bandits, was received by officers at department headquarters early today. No explanation was offered of the report from El Paso that two companies of the Seventh infantry were on duty at police headquarters last night. It was pointed out by officers that Brigadier General Bell, in command of troops at El Paso, has authority to employ his troops for the best protection of the border town.

SHIPMENT OF CARRANZA MUNITIONS IS HELD UP

Washington, March 25.—Eliseo Arredondo, General Carranza's ambassador, protested to Secretary Lansing today that ammunition for General Carranza, consigned on a ship leaving New York, yesterday, was held up by the custom authorities.

Secretary Lansing told the ambassador there was no intention to hold ammunition for General Carranza and that the delay was caused by a preliminary examination to assure the government that the shipment would not reach his enemies. It will be allowed to go forward.

NOT MASSING TROOPS.

San Antonio, Tex., March 25.—Colonel Foltz, commanding the troops at Douglas, today disposed of the rumor that Carranza troops were being massed along the border. He reported that the Garrison at Agua Prieta, opposite Douglas, comprised only 200 officers and men and that there was only one battery of artillery.

SENDS RELIEF TROOPS.

San Antonio, Tex., March 25.—In answer to protests from residents at Presidio, Marfa and Del Rio, for greater protection, General Funston has announced that a battalion of the Twenty-fourth infantry, now on the way here from Fort Bliss, Russell, will be stationed in that district.

TWO VILLISTAS SKIP.

El Paso, Tex., March 25.—Gen. Manuel Medina-Villa, two former Villa officers, who were taken into custody here a few days ago, have disappeared from the El Paso jail and are understood to be on their way to New Orleans.

SUSPECT CHINA MAY DEPOSE PRESIDENT

Acquiescence of Yuan Shi Kai Will Not End Opposition, Tokio Thinks.

Tokio, March 27.—The abandonment by President Yuan Shi Kai, of the project for the restoration of the monarchy in China has aroused much interest here, where the opinion is expressed that this measure will not end the opposition to the president. The foreign office states that it will continue its attitude of watchful vigilance, and that there is no intention to interfere with Chinese domestic questions.

AGED PARENTS TO AID ACCUSED SON

Will Provide Counsel For Young Dentist Held For Poisoning His Rich Father-in-law.

New York, March 27.—Dr. Arthur Warren Waite, accused of the murder of his father-in-law, John E. Peck, millionaire drug manufacturer of Grand Rapids, Mich., remained under close guard at Bellevue hospital today, and no visitors were permitted to see him, save his aged parents, who came from Grand Rapids last night prepared to furnish legal assistance. The young dentist, although still suffering from the effects of the drugs he took two days ago, was reported much improved today.

District Attorney Swann, meanwhile, was preparing to present to the grand jury on Monday the evidence by which he expects to obtain an indictment charging Dr. Waite with murder. The district attorney sent telegraphic instructions to F. X. Mancuso, his representative in Grand Rapids, to bring back with him Percy Peck, son of the dead man, to testify before the jury and also the two physicians who performed the autopsy on Peck's body, disclosing the presence of arsenic. It was Percy Peck who halted the plans for the cremation of his father's body and ordered the first autopsy after he had received a telegram of warning from this city.

Dr. Waite seemed calmer than yesterday, when, according to Mr. Swann, he admitted purchasing the arsenic which is believed to have killed his father-in-law.

GERMAN SOCIALISTIC PARTY IS SPLIT UP

Submarine Controversy Leads to Break—Deputy Excluded By Caucus Vote.

Berlin, March 27, (by wireless to Tuckerton, N. J.)—The long expected split in the German socialist party, as the result of the political situation created by the submarine warfare controversy in the reichstag, occurred yesterday. A new party, consisting of 18 socialist members, was constituted by the radical wing, after a social caucus had decided to exclude Deputy Haase for a breach of discipline. The socialist caucus was held after closure had been applied in the reichstag by the president. When the resolution was reached to exclude Deputy Haase for the same reason that Deputy Liebknecht was excluded from the organization, the minority assembled and resolved to leave the party. The total number of socialist members in the reichstag is 100. The dissenting minority on the last vote consisted of 30 socialists.

WHALES ARE MISTAKEN FOR GERMAN U-BOATS

New York, March 25.—Five whales suddenly appearing in the path of the Italian steamship Stampalia while that vessel was skirting the coast of Sardinia, on her way from Genoa and Naples to this port caused an alarm of submarines and resulted in a near panic among the 849 steerage passengers, according to report of passengers when the ship arrived today. Officers of the ship quitted the passengers' fears and the whales soon disappeared.

LOBSTERS AT HIGHEST PRICE ON RECORD NOW

Boston, March 25.—Lobsters reached the highest price ever known in New England today when they were quoted in the local market at 75 cents a pound. Boisterous weather, an unusually late spring, and small imports from the Canadian provinces are given as the cause of the advance.

NO CHANGE IN ANGLO-JAP TREATY, CLAIM

Tokio, March 25.—The foreign office declares that rumors concerning a revision of the Anglo-Japanese alliance are baseless. Japan and Great Britain have reached an amicable understanding concerning patrols in the Pacific for the inspection of ships.

ENDS LONG FIGHT.

Washington, March 25.—Secretary Wilson has selected Bayless Steele for postmaster at Kansas City, thereby ending a disagreement between the president and Senator Reed over the Kansas City postoffice appointment, which began in 1914.

OMAHA MEN USED IN DES MOINES ELECTION

Des Moines, Ia., March 25.—The Laymen's Civic union, in a statement today, charges that 344 Omaha residents were imported by the liberals to vote at the city primaries here and that they are being kept in the city to vote at Monday's election. One hotel shelters 57 of them. It is charged that Des Moines is worse than New York under Tweed rule.

TOWNS WITH SILLY NAMES NATURE HIDES HER RICHES

Indians Protest Against Such Offenses Against Good Taste as Dolly Lake.

Some Blackfoot Indians, with a taste and a respect for nature that shames the paleface, have protested to the secretary of the interior against the barbarous custom of tacking silly, meaningless, vulgar names to noble natural objects which the Indians long ago had named with appropriateness. A melodious word, with poetic significance and very likely legend, is calmly ignored in favor of Jones' gulch, or Smith's falls, or Dolly lake.

It is even worse in the matter of towns. Nearly all the good names in North America are those bestowed by the Indians or the early French and Spanish explorers. After them came the Anglo-Saxon, spattering the landscape with his own patronyms and other tasteless and meaningless proper nouns.

We can understand why a person with the imagination of a hitching post might prefer for a beautiful natural object his own name or that of a female relative, or some foolish Grand canyon; but we cannot understand why authority should permit him to vandalize that way. Unless there is some excellent reason to the contrary, authority ought to insist always upon the Indian names.—Saturday Evening Post.

Hurt Her Pride.

Two fair maids met in a shop, and at once began gossiping, in spite of the fact that they were hindering other customers.

"Oh, have you heard about Phyllis?" exclaimed the one in the white-topped boots, suddenly.

"No," replied she of the pink plumes. "What has she done now?"

"My dear"—in tones of horror—"she's broken off her engagement!"

"What ever for?" in tones of still greater horror.

"She went with her fiancé to a basketball game, and now she says he got far more enthusiastic over the game than he has ever been about her."

Alcoholized Wine New Phophylactic.

Dealcoholized wine is described in L'Italia Agricola as a new product of the wine industry. This beverage is quite different from unfermented grape juice. It is made from ordinary wine, and contains all the components of the latter except alcohol, including the ethers and aldehydes to which its pleasant taste and stimulating properties are due. It also contains the same acids, and especially tannic acid, which has been found to exercise a protective action against the germs of cholera and typhus.

Didn't Try Any Soft Soap.

"Go!" said the girl. "I wash my hands of you." "Before you do any hand-washing, better take off that ring I gave you," he retorted, frigidly.—Boston Transcript.

Classifying Them.

"The orator we heard last night had sound views." "Exactly so, mostly sound."

Most of us loyally try to forget the meanest things we know of ourselves.

Seemingly Barren Big Horn Basin of Northern Wyoming Has a Wealth of Oil and Gas.

Nature's provisions for the comfort of mankind in seemingly inhospitable regions are sometimes well hidden and are found only after the scientist and the venturesome prospector have come to the aid of the settler. In the Big Horn basin of northern Wyoming lack of water and lack of fuel are conspicuous features, and the sagebrush desert, where the temperature ranges from 32 degrees below zero in January to 105 degrees above zero in July, where the annual rainfall is less than six inches, and where timber is scarce, is not attractive to the settler.

Some years ago three wells drilled in a dome or upfold of the rocks near Basin, in Big Horn county, struck a strong flow of gas, and Greybull and Basin now have the distinction of being the only towns in Wyoming that are supplied with natural gas.

Field work done by United States geological survey parties has resulted in reports that show the position of the rock folds, and drilling has resulted in the discovery of oil. Fifty-two wells had been drilled near Basin up to last October and more than three-fourths of them yielded oil or gas in commercial quantity.

In order to drill some of these wells water had to be hauled in wagons from the river, miles away. Water suitable for domestic use was found in many of the wells.

Had Nothing on Him.

An anemic elderly woman, who looked as if she might have as much maternal affection as an incubator, sized up a broad-shouldered cockney who was idly looking into a window on the Strand, and in a rasping voice said to him:

"My good man, why aren't you in the trenches? Aren't you willing to do anything for your country?"

Turning around slowly, he looked at her a second and replied contemptuously: "Move on, you slacker! Where's your war baby!"—Exchange.

He Was Roped In.

Mary—I understand Hazel has taken advantage of her leap-year prerogative and captured a husband. Aimee—I don't think leap year had anything to do with it. You see she spent six weeks in Texas last summer and learned to manipulate the lasso.

The Market.

"I wonder what the house wreckers do with all the old bricks when they tear a house down." "I imagine they sell them to the moving picture concerns that specialize in comedy films."



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