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MEXICANS KILL 76 AMERICANS IN THREE YEARS

Lansing Furnishes Senate Information Concerning Affairs in the Revolution-Torn Republic.

COMPARATIVE FIGURES GIVEN

Forty-Six Citizens of United States Slain in Period Previously.

HELD CONFIDENTIAL

WASHINGTON, Feb. 17 .- All of Mexican situation, asked for by Senator Fall, was transmitted to the senate today by President Wilson. ordered printed as a public docu-

that seventy-six American citizens were killed in Mexico in the years Americans and sixteen soldiers were the Lusitania case was settled . killed on American soil in the same three years as a result of Mexican

In describing the Carranza govthe report:

"It cannot be said that the defacto vernment of Mexico is a constitutional overnment. The defacto government like the majority of revolutionary gov ernments, is of a military character, but that government has committeed itself excellency: to the holding of elections and it is confidently expected that the present government will within a reasonable time be preserve certain important rules of intermerged in or succeeded by a government national war, which concern protection organized under the laws of Mexico.

Why Efforts Failed.

Referring to the efforts of the recent "The violation of existing rules of

gether for a conference failed. On the by Great Britain and it is feared that organization among the Villista forces.

while on the other hand, submission to the central authority was evidenced in the replies of the Carransistas. The unity and loyalty of the Carransistas appeared the danger for the future if these rules, to indicate the ultimate triumph of that which are of infinite worth to civilization

public interest to disclose correspondence between the United States and the Brazilian minister at Mexico City, who acted for the United States, and also the correspondence with representatives of this government in Mexico.

Republicans have been delaying confirmation of Henry P. Fletcher's nomi- postal convention, it, nevertheless, seems nation as ambassador to Mexico until the to his majesty's government that the data was at hand on the ground that it would show there is no responsible gov- tensiveness practiced, would be invalid ernment in Mexico.

auses that can be attributed to the volutionary disturbances during 1913, 1914 and 1915 were placed at eighteen; those who have disappeared in Mexico and who were probably 'killed from causes that can be attributed directly to the revolutionary disturbances, six of robbery by bandits or others, (not including those killed by Indians), ten; those killed by Indians, apparently through motives of robbery or revenge twelve; those killed from miscellaneous causes and causes not definitely stated,

The report further says regarding In this connection it may be stated

that when the murder of American citizens was reported, the Department of State made representations through its representatives for the apprehension and punishment of the assailants and in some instances the department's repre- States for co-operation for the purpose sentatives made such representations to (Continued on Page Two, Column Five.)

The Weather

Forecast till 7 p. m. Friday: For Omaha, Council Bluffs and Vicinity Fair; somewhat cooler.



Comparative Local Record. 1916, 1915, 1914, 47 51 48 34 38 29 40 44 38 30 12 60

Temperature and precipitation departures from the normal:
Normal temperature 24
Excess for the day 16
Total deficiency since aMrch 1 22
Normal precipitation 22 inch
Deficiency for the day 27 inch
Total rainfall since March 1 2566 inches
Deficiency since March 1 77 inch
Deliciency for cor. period, 1914-1.51 inches
Deficiency for cor. period, 1913-5.87 inches

Reports from Stations at 7 P. M. Temp. High- Rain-

Station and State
of Weather.
Cheyenne, pt. cloudy
Davenport, cloudy
Denver, cloudy
Les Moines, clear.

SWEDEN ASKS AID OF WASHINGTON IN NEUTRALS' FIGHT

Stockholm Sends Another Note Seeking Co-operation of U. S. with Noncombatants Against British Aggression.

LANSING WILL NOT ACT YET

Says He Won't Answer Communication Till Lusitania Case is Settled.

COMPLAINT OF MAIL HELD UP

WASHINGTON, Feb. 17 .- Another note from Sweden has been addressed to the State department, the State department's data on the through Minister Ekengrin, appealing to the United States for co-operation with the Swedish government and other neutral nations to On motion of Chairman Stone of the | maintain the preservation of rules of foreign relations committee it was international law concerning the protection of neutral commerce and ment. It had been expected that navigation. Action is proposed parsome of it would be held confiden- ticularly against Great Britain because of the detention of mail by In a letter from Secretary Lansing, that country and other aggressions accompanying the report, it is said against trade regarded by Sweden as unwarranted.

Secretary Lansing informed the 1913, 1914 and 1915, as against minister, it was learned today, that forty-seven in the three years pre- he could not answer the note until ceding it, and that twenty-six civilian | the controversy with Germany over

This latest communication, addressed to Secretary Lansing and signed by Mr. Ekengren, was presented recently after such a proposal had ben advanced and discussed from time to time, but until ernment, Secretary Lansing wrote in today the fact did not become known.

Text of Note. Following is the text of the note: I have been instructed by his excellency, the minister for foreign affairs at Stockholm to address the following to your

"The royal government has, during the present war, from time to maintain and of neutral commerce and navigation, and which are being violated by Great Bri-

Pan-American conference to get Mexican international law has, regardless of profactions together. Secretary Lansing tests, increased until at present only a forty feet below, few rules, serving as protection to neu-"The attempt to bring the factions to- tral commercial intercourse, are observed one hand there seemed to be no central also these remaining few will be violated.

Have Violated Mail Traffic. "Of late the British authorities have clearly. violated the mail traffic. Parcel post from one neutral country to another is being unloaded in British ports and the contents are being seized. While parcel is not protected through The Hague British procedure, in the form and exeven with regard to ordinary express Americans killed in Mexico from goods, and that this seems particularly evident when the seizure of parcel post is directed against a means of conveyance under guarantee of sovereign powers. Besides, great personal inconvenience is connected with seigure of this

"However, England's present practice those killed, apparently through motives of censoring also first-class mail, sent by neutral vessels from one neutral country to another, is an even greater violation of the rights accorded neutral powers by the rules of international law. It is cessary to particularly point out how contrary this practice is to the stipulations in the above mentioned Hague convention, which stipulations or rules must be considered to have been in existence even before the promulgation of this con-

Appeal for Co-operation.

"The royal government, therefore, appeals to the government of the United of seeking to bring about a discontinuation of the violations of international law, at least so far as the same concerns firstclass mail, and it solicits as early an answer as possible whether your excellency is willing to take appropriate action in co-operation with the royal government and eventually the governments of other neutral countries for the purpose of causing that the rule which the question involves-and which is one of the fundamental stipulations of international

Greece Transfers Cash from London to New York Banks

NEW YORK, Feb. 17.-The governmen of Greece has been transferring millions of dollars of its funds from London to York within a few months, according to New York bankers, who estimate that \$75,000,000 of Greek funds are now on deposit in a large number of banks here. This action is regarded by bankers as a precautionary move in case of a break in the relations of the Greek government with the entente allies.

Asks Bryan to Meet "Met" at St. Louis

mittee. Mr. Metcalfe already has con-

sented to speak before the conference.

ST. LOUIS, Feb. 17 .- William Jennings Bryan today was invited by telegraph to debate with Richard L. Metcalfe of meeting of the Natrona County Bar as- their manager. Omaha on the subject of "Preparedness" at the national conference of mayors to be held here March # and 4. The telegram was sent by Albert Lambert, chairman of the program com-

FIRST PHOTO OF THE KAISER'S VISIT TO BULGARIA-The first photograph of the German kaiser on his recent visit to Bulgaria. He is seen at the left, speaking with one of his general staff. At the right is Czar Ferdinand and von Mackensen, the conqueror of Serbian territory.



ONE KILLED WHEN CAR STRIKES AUTO

When Auto Truck is Struck on Council Bluffs Bridge.

James Murray, aged 35 years, was instantly killed yesterday morning, when a three-ton truck, which he was driving east on the Douglas street bridge, was struck by a westbound street car, hurled through the

Murray was going to Council man C. O. Crane could not see

Driver Turns Into Trucks.

Just at this instant the truck driver swerved in his course to turn out for a cinder wagon that was approaching There was a mighty crash, and the street car struck the truck full force. hurling it about ferty feet through the railing to the switching yards below When the wreckage was reached by officers and a throng of people, Murray was found dead, with his head all but torn from his body.

The street car and its trailer, carrying 100 passengers, was probably prevented from toppling into the street below, from the fact that Murray in turning to the right had put his vehicle in between the car and bridge railing, which was torn out for some fifteen feet. The street car was badly caved in and Motorman C. O. Crane, 2401 Avenue C, and Robert Hyland, 2342 Grand avenue, Council Bluffa, were cut and bruised. Several pas-

sengers sustained slight cuts and bruises. Conductor D. H. Cool, 2114 Avenue B. and Conductor Chester Manners of the trailer succeeded in averting a stampede for the exits after the smash. D. L. Stanton, 3700 Avenue C. Council Bluffs, and Henry Horn, 1224 Capitol avenue were among the passengers, the former being braised quite severely.

Car Line Blocked. All cars on the Omaha-Council Bluffs line were tled up for some time, until the damaged street car could be hauled to the barn and a broken trolley re

Murray was not married and for two months had lived at 307 South Twelfth street, coming here from the state of Washington. He had also lived at the Nebraske rooming house, and is said to have two sisters living at Greeley, Neb Nothing was found in his effects to further identify him, and Coroner Crosby has taken the body and will hold an in-

Eighth Attack of Italians is Repulsed, Says Vienna Report

VIENNA, Feb. 17 .- (Via London.) -- An Austrian official statement issued under date of February 16 announces that the eighth attack by Italian outposts on the Austro-Hungarian positions on Javereck was repulsed. The statement adds that the ground in front of the new Austrian positions in the Rombon district is cov ered with Italian dead.

FIRST LAW SCHOOL

CASPER, Wyo., Feb. 16 .- (Special.)sociation, at which the attorneys agreed to co-operate in instructing students of school will open with eighteen students, scribe was ousted from the anti-Catholic

After Living More Than Half Century in City.

Charles E. Burmester, a resident of Omaha for over half a century and a member of the First Nebraska held Sunday.

Pluffs with a load of goods, and had burg, Germany, June 29, 1844, came they could depend upon to make the just left the Claar Transfer com- to America in 1857, at the age of race with the Lincoln mayor, and pany, 918 Douglas street, where he 13 years, and had made Omaha his the filing of the name of the Columis employed. The street car was home almost ever since then. He bus editor will fix things to suit the Novoe Vremya considers the capture to coming from Council Bluffs, and had many friends sud a wide ac- Bryan program. when considerable distance from the quaintance here, having been active. Already petitions are out for all of the railway routes and has immense depoint of collision, a switch engine in the early Listory of the comfaction."

der along the Mexican border was gradually being restored. The report stated to your excellency, in this respect.

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At its close, in 1865, he returned to Omaha and entered business with the firm of Milton Rogers & Sons. Later he was associated with Her & Co., and after that became secretary and treasurer of the Omaha Barbed Wire com-

Former Postal Official. For many years he was superintendent

of the money order division of the Omaha postoffice, in which position he was an efficient and satisfactory executive until he suffered a severe stroke of apoplexy about five years ago, from which he never recovered.

During his long residence in the city, he was a prominent figure in the affairs of the Douglas County -- secciation of Nebraska Pioneers, and also of the Grand Army of the Republic. In the J. Taylor of St. Paul and Frank Brown former organization, he was the sixtyfourth member in a total enrollment of

In the Grand Army, he was at one mmander of U. S. Grant post No. 110, of Omaha, and also served as adjutant general to Commander-in-Chief

He is survived by his wife and two hildren, Charles E. Burmester, jr., and You, H. W. Neal of Chicago, and also a brother, Adolf Burmester of Benson.

Spectacular Fire In Railroad Yards Due to Tank Leak

Gasoline which had leaked from a tank ar on the Illinois Central and Union Pafrom coals dropped by an engine and gencies which may arise when the time reached the scene.

The greater part of the fire-fighting force of the city was called to the scene. It was estimated damage would amount to only a few hundred dollars.

Despite the danger of explosion of the gasoline tank, a large crowd of spectators rowded close to the flames and firemen vorked at close quarters. An engine pulled the burning cars out of the danger zone.

Spurgeon Sues the Knights of Luther Adams Democrats

DES MOINES, Feb. 17 .- Rev. Otis L. Spurgeon of Des Mo'nes, former sovereign scribe of the Knights of Luther, who STARTED IN WYOMING was kidnaped from his hotel and narrowly escaped with his life after delivering an anti-Catholic lecture in Denver in Wyoming's first law school is to be estab- 1914, today filed a \$10,000 libel suit aga ast fished here as the result of a special the Knights of Luther and F. M. Shipper,

The suit charges that the organization

WAR VETERAN, DIES PLACE UPON TICKET

List of Candidates Out Into Open.

TRUCK KNOCKED OFF BRIDGE OF FIRST NEBRASKA REGIMENT ANXIOUS OVER SENATORSHIP

(From a Staff Correspondent.) LINCOLN, Feb. 17 .- (Special Telregiment throughout the civil war, ceived in Lincoln today to place the died yesterday afternoon in a pri- name of Edgar Howard of Columvate sanitarium at the age of 71 bus in the race for the democratic bridge railing to Seventh street, years. The funeral will probably be nomination for lieutenant governor. It is well known that the Bryans Mr. Burmester was born at Ham- have been wanting to get a man

four chosen ones for delegate-at-large are capture will have an effect upon Athens General Thayer's regiment, the First Nebraska, and served valiantly in many braska, and served valiantly in many Thomas of Seward and L. J. Platti of and Afghanistan.

The same persons circulating the delegate-at-large petitions are carrying another for Mayor James Dahlman of Omaha for national committeeman, and in the First district the circulator adds ! to his list a petition for F. D. Enger of Lincoln and J. F. Langhorst of Elmwool

for congressional delegates. In the Third district the circulator of the petitions carries them for Dr. Frank (Continued on Page Two, Column Two.) Morrow of Columbus and W. H. Greek

In the Fourth district delegates are c. Says Unification of Creighton. E. Bowlby of Friend and C. M. Skiles of David City.

In the Fifth district the chosen ones are Peter Shea of Orleans and Frank Swanson of Clay Center, in the Sixth F. of Kearney.

The same information gives it out that petitions are already in circulation for 1. J. Dunn of Omaha for the democratic nomination for the United State senate. It is said that while there is still hope Governor Morehead may see the light and get into the race, in order to be sure there will be an opponent to Senator Hitchcock, the petitions for Dunn will be rirculated so that in case the governor does not enter, the name of Dunn may he filed before it is too late to get in.

Petitions are still being circulated for Governor Morehead to get into the senatorial fight and the opponents of Hitchock believing him to be the one strong man who can not only defeat the present senator, but can be elected, are preparing to bring influence upon the governor which he cannot afford to refuse.

It is understood that there will be sufcific transfer tracks at Eleventh and Chi- ficient tandidates filed so that they can cago streets late yesterlay caught fire be switched around to meet the emerflames flashed up ever a wide area. Sev- comes so that there will be a ticket eral box cars were blazing when firemen loaded onto the democratic water wagon which will carry the program to a successful cud.

Dr. P. L. Hall will be a candidate for office, but not for governor, having filed today for renomination for regent of the

Senator Hitchcock set all doubts at rest as to whether he wanted the senator al job again and sent in his iling to the secretary of state.

to be a state senator and file on the deniocratic ticket from the Fifteenth.

Far from Partial

HASTINGS, Neb., Feb. 11 .- (Special Telegram.)-It has been decided to hold the Adams county democratic dollar dinner March 14. Ex-Senator G. W. Tib beta will preside as toastmaster. Those who have been invited to speak are W. J. Bryan, Mayor Bryan, Senator Hitchcock, Governor Morehead, Mayor Jim sent out a false letter to its members Dahlman of Omaha, R. L. eMtcalfe of law three nights of each week. The about Spurgeon. The former sovereign Omaha, W. H. Thompson of Grand Isiand, State Treasurer Hall, Secretary of The course will be thorough and a organization in 1914 after he refused, to State Pool, Auditor Smith. Attorney Gengraduate will be competent to pass the withdraw as a candidate for United eral Reed and M. L. Corey of Clay law examination of any of the states. States senator.

PIONEER OF OMAHA, HOWARD FOR SECOND HUNDRED THOUSAND TURKS CAPTURED

James Murray Killed Instantly Charles E. Burmester Passes Away Bryan Men Busily Engaged Getting Eight Hundred Cannon and Two Hundred Guns Fall Into Russ Hands at Erzerum.

VICTORY CAUSES REJOICING

PETROGRAD, Feb. 17 .- (Vis London.)-The Official Messenger estimates the Turkish garrison at egram.)—Several petitions were re- Erzerum, capture of which was announced yesterday, as 100,000 men. It is also estimated that more is said there were 467 guns in the capable of being swung from fif-

> and 200 field guns at Erzerum. Public rejoicing over the capture of Erzerum is reflected in the newspaper omment on the fall of the fortress. The

Victory Causes Rejoleing. PARIS, Feb. 17.-The capture of the by Secretary Lensing and later will be the Russians is declared by the French of news for the allies in many months, the new submarine campaign, The military experts dwell upon the im-

portance of the capture, declaring that

Would Double the Power of Churches

CHICAGO, Ill., Feb. 17.-Unification of nurches would double their strength and in no way interfere with their work. asserted Rev. Thomas Nicholson of New York, secretary of the board of education of the Methodist Episcopal church. in an address today before the Methodist conference at Evanston, Ill., on church unity. Mr. Nicholson strongly urged the union of the Methodist Episopal church and the Methodist Episcopal church south.

Henry M. Snyder, president of Wolfon college, Spartansburg, S. C., outlined he connection of negroes with the

"According to the rules of the Methodist Episcopal church a negro is eligible to all offices, including that of bishop, he said. "That is one thing to say and another to do, however. No negro ever has held an office in a white congrega-

Hoke Smith Wants Army of Quarter Of a Million Men

WASHINGTON, Feb. 17 .- A plan for regular army of 250,000 enlisted men. to e trained equally for war and peace, was introduced today by Senator Hoke Smith. Two years with the colors and four years in the reserve are proposed. which, according to Senator Smith, William Grueber of Hebron, would like would provide a reserve army of 500,000 men after it had been in operation five

Training during the two years with the colors would include ninety-six hours a month scholastic or vocational training. Postmasters would act as re ruiting officers and reservists would eport to them once a year.

Austrian Notice is Received by U.S.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 17.-The Austrian otice of intention to treat armed belligerent merchant ships as subjects to ittack without warning, was received to day by the State department from Ambassador Penfield in Vienna. It is dated February 19, and is in line with the German declaration on the same subject already jublished.

WITH A PROVISO

Germany is Asked for Assurance that It Will Not Sink Liners that Carry Defensive Armament.

STANDS BY LAW OF THE SEA

Kaiser's Position Well Founded, but U. S. Insists Rules Cannot Be Changed Now.

SETTLEMENT IS PROBABLE SOON

WASHINGTON, Feb. 17 .- Secretary Lansing said late today that the United States would accept nothing short of a full and complete agreement in the submarine controversy with Germany covering the points for which it has contended as to the past and assurances for the future.

Secretary Lansing said the United States considered the announcement of the new submarine campaign inconsistent with assurances previously given and that the United States considered a merchant ship with defensive armament and one without guns all in the same class. Assurances were wanted, he said, to extend immunity from "liners" to all merchant ships.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 17 .- Secretary Lansing today accepted the Lusitania agreement as satisfactory to the United States insofar as it relates to that case, but asked Count Von Bernstorff, the German ambassador, for assurances that Germany will not carry out its policy of sinking merchant ships without warning to liners, even if they carry defensive armament.

The question of what constitutes defensive armament is to be determined later in a way not yet agreed upon. It is suggested that the United States may propose that guns than 1,000 guns were captured. It mounted on the stern of ships and outer forts, 374 in the central forts teen to thirty degrees in either direction might come within that class.

It was stated authoritatively that Germany, because of its unusual position. cannot and will not accept the suggestion of the United States as it now stands that liners carrying arms shall be immune

from attack under previous assurances. Cannot Change Law Now,

Secretary Lansing is understood to have told the ambassador that while Germany's United States must insist that Germany conform all its practices to internat law, inasmuch as the entente allies have declined to make any changes.

great Turkish stronghold of Erzerum by published with the assurances which the United States hopes to receive from Gernewspapers this morning as the heat item many covering the points brought up by Meanwhile it was said the United States

The Luistania agreement will be kept

would make efforts to have the entents it gives the Russians the key to Asia allies agree not to put guns of any kind on passenger carrying liners. Ambassador Von Bernstorff when he

returned to his embassy sent a long dispatch to his government setting forth fully the position of the United States as the secretary had outlined it to him (Continued on Page Two, Column One.)

Trial of Lorimer On Bank Charges Starts at Chicago

CHICAGO, Feb. 17.-William Lorimer former United States senator, attended today the opening session of his trial on wrecking the La Salle Street Trust and Savings bank, of which he was president. Judge Dever of the criminal court. presiding, granted preliminary motions of the defense that the major charge of conspiracy to defraud be consolidated with the minor charges of receiving deposits when the bank was known to insolvent and of confidence game resulting from misrepresentation of the bank's

The court granted motions of the prose cution for a separae trial for John K. Sengraves, director of the bank, and the dismissal of indictments against Charles Fox, cashier of the institution, and John B. De Voney, president of the International Trust and Savings bank, a sub-

The Day's War News

WITH THE CAPTURE of Erzerum by the Russians interest in war operations has shifted its center nomentarily to the fields of warfare in Armenia, Persia and Mesopotamia. Disputches from Petrograd say the official Messenger estimates the Turkish garrison at 100,000 men and the number of guns captured at more than 1,000. THE CURRENT Turkish official statement gave no record of the capture of the fortress. The only mention of the operations in this war sone is the declaration that the Russians in the fighting of the three days preceding last 5,000 dead and sixty prisoners.

MILITARY OBSERVERS to allied capitals expect the Russian success to facilitate the capture of Trebizond, on the Black Sea count, and the relief of the British in

FIGHTING ON the western front has lessened in intensity, probably because of the prevailing bad weather, and similar conditions prevail in Russia.