

PLAGUE OF RATS UP TO COUNCIL

Dump Pictured in The Bee Last Fall Again Breaks Into the Lighthouse.

TO TRY TO EXTERMINATE RATS

A plague of rats threatens the neighborhood surrounding an old dumping place near Thirty-first and Cumings streets. This tract was pictured and described by The Bee several months ago. Women of the community have complained to the city commissioners that hundreds of rats have taken possession of the dumping ground and are multiplying in numbers which may be computed by arithmetical progression. One of the city's boulevards runs alongside of the dump.

Commissioner Jardine brought the matter to the attention of the city council in a serious manner. He referred to the various attempts by city officials to abate this nuisance.

"Only yesterday I saw a load of garbage dumped at this place. It was real garbage, not refuse," stated Mr. Jardine. He believes this is the most serious rat situation the city has had to meet and he is anxious that the animals be killed where they are, rather than turned loose upon the city.

Disgrace to City.

"This place is a disgrace to the city and should be abated. I would urge vigorous methods. You never saw so many rats in your life. I have seen rats in my time, but never saw so many in one place," continued the commissioner.

Commissioner Drexel suggested that the best way to root the rodents would be to spread the ground with fresh earth, which suggestion was well received, but several commissioners wanted to know what would become of the rats after their feeding and breeding grounds had been despoiled. Would it be fair to the residents of that community to turn thousands of rats loose? was one of the questions the commissioners asked themselves. The disease-spreading nature of rats was mentioned and that phase considered.

To Exterminates Rodents.

The commissioners were told that some of the rats already have infested homes of the neighborhood and have become very bold, as they do when in large numbers. It was agreed that a rat-killing should be ordered. The health commissioner will be directed to exterminate the rats.

Another suggestion was made that the promoters of a proposed rathound carnival might hold their tournament at this dumping ground. Commissioner Kugel thought he could have his policemen hold their target practice at this rat rendezvous.

This dumping ground has been the cause of complaints for several years. The health department has been directed several times to abate the nuisance. On a recent occasion the health commissioner reported that nothing of an unsanitary nature was being dumped, and he explained that he had no jurisdiction over the dumping of rubbish. The owner has been arrested several times, but each time was released in police court when he promised to cover the ground over with earth. The tract of ground is an eyesore and just now is unsanitary as well as unsightly.

Time for Talking Over.

Commissioner Jardine states he intends to keep after this matter until he gets results. He says the time for talking and "resolving" has passed.

During the discussion on rats Commissioner Hummel related his experience when an old liver was burnt, but each was torn down a few years ago. He said hundreds of rats were turned into his neighborhood, and on a Sunday morning he shot sixteen from his front porch with a small rifle.

SNIPERS ATTACK AMERICAN ARMY INVADING MEXICO

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headed to take refuge in the heart of the Sierra Madre with only three or four trusted companions.

"Thousands of men are not wanted to pursue Villa," said General Garcia. "He has no intention of fighting anyone, but will take refuge in the mountains, which he knows so well. He will be captured, I believe, when a price is put on his head."

Flat denial that there were any Carranza troops with the American expedition was made today by General Gavira, the Carranza commander at Juarez. General Gavira made this statement after being informed that the presence of Mexican soldiers with General Pershing came from American headquarters at San Antonio. He declared that the troops of General Calles, who were reported to be with the Americans were scattered between Chihuahua, Matamoros, Pecos and Guzman, and that General Berthel with an escort was at Juarez. All efforts to find General Berthel at Juarez failed.

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RATS NOW INFEST DUMP—Unsanitary spot near the boulevard at Thirty-first and Cumings streets completely overrun with rodents, and Commissioner Jardine says he saw garbage being dumped there.



VON TIRPITZ QUILTS GERMAN MINISTRY

Retires Because Kaiser Vetoes His Plan to Sink All Ships Bound for British Ports.

REICHSTAG FIGHT PROBABLE

WASHINGTON, March 16.—Emperor William's determination not to provoke a break with the United States in the new submarine campaign, even though it involves a factional contest in the German Reichstag, having already brought about the downfall of Grand Admiral Von Tirpitz himself, is indicated in today's Berlin dispatches.

The tone of these dispatches from the German capital is taken here to prove the supremacy of the emperor, Chancellor von Bethmann-Hollweg, Foreign Minister Jagow and the army, which has been opposing the plan of Admiral Von Tirpitz and the navy party to carry the submarine campaign to a merciless destruction of all shipping, whether neutral or enemy, bound to or from ports of Great Britain and its allies.

The development is regarded here as a potent augury for a peaceful solution of the situation with Germany.

Contest in Reichstag Probable.

The passage of today's Berlin dispatches by the German censor is regarded as showing the desire of the German foreign office to prepare the American people for such a contest in the Reichstag as was recently seen in congress between two factions over the armed ship question.

About a fortnight ago it is understood a conference was held in Berlin, presided over by the emperor himself and attended among others by Chancellor von Bethmann-Hollweg, Herr von Jagow and General von Falkenhayn, chief of staff, and it is believed that Admiral Von Tirpitz himself was called in. The discussion turned on submarine warfare generally and particularly upon the attitude of the United States.

The general understanding was that the emperor himself decided that every effort should be made to retain the friendship of the United States. The result was the rejection of the proposed extension of submarine warfare to affect neutral nations. Von Tirpitz's retirement followed naturally the rejection of the plans he had favored.

No Change in Policy.

BERLIN (via London), March 16.—It is officially announced that there has been a change in the head of the ministry of marine. It is stated that the change signifies no modification in the submarine policy of the German government announced in the recent memorandum to sink all armed enemy merchantmen without warning. There is no intention, it is said, to weaken this policy. It is stated that no sharpening of the submarine policy may be expected and that efforts which have been made to have submarine warfare extended to neutral shipping and from enemy ports have no chance of success.

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AMERICANS CAMP BELOW BORDER

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that the conditions ahead were well known to headquarters, as the American cowboy scouts had not been asleep.

Rules Made by Censor.

The censor has asked all correspondents filing by mail not to disclose military movements, or details as to numbers of troops, saying that to make public matters of such military importance might mean a loss of American lives. This rule applied only to mail matter, as not even the general facts of the crossing have been allowed to go over the telegraph wires, which is in direct military control.

The column leaving Columbus was thoroughly equipped for all conditions that might arise and represented all arms of the service.

After the departure Columbus relapsed into its old calm.

FILLING GAPS ALONG BORDER

New Troops Take Positions Left by Units that Passed Into Mexico.

EL PASO, Tex., March 16.—New and powerful army units were rapidly forming today along the Mexican border to fill the gaps left yesterday when the first expeditionary army entered Mexico from two points on the New Mexico line. In El Paso, Brigadier General George Bell, Jr., moving in here on the heels of Brigadier General John J. Pershing, who led the first force into Mexico, was busy rathering a new organization and attending to the supply problem, food, water and communications for more than 4,000 men, who today were out on a virtual desert rapidly getting farther from their bases.

The Twenty-third infantry from Galveston was pitching its tents at Fort Bliss here. At Columbus, N. M., the Eleventh cavalry from Fort Oglethorpe, arriving during the night, was ready to move in after the first army, but it was not known here when the Eleventh would go, or in which direction. Columbus was today the immediate base for Brigadier General Pershing's army.

Incidents of the spectacle yesterday as the dust-powdered American columns went over the international line reached here today via couriers. For the most part these couriers showed a desire to co-operate with the request of the military censors that they should not reveal anything of military importance.

From a hill overlooking the six square miles where the army was still encamped at 11 o'clock yesterday forenoon the military organization appeared to civilian spectators like a vast confused swarm of men and horses, gray cannons, wagons, mule teams and ambulances. But at 11:30 a. m. when the word was given to form for the pursuit of Villa, the apparent confusion disappeared. In a very few minutes each organization, cavalry, infantry and artillery, ambulance, hospital, signal corps and the cooks' wagons, grouped and dovetailed into a rapidly lengthening column. At the van the red and white guidons of the Thirteenth cavalry snapped in a stiff breeze. These cavalrymen included the troopers, who a week ago today, outnumbered five to one, drove Villa back into Mexico and took a toll of lives from his men equal to one Villista for every two Americans on the firing line. Behind the Thirteenth marched the compact, brown columns of the Sixth and the Sixteenth infantry. Next, at a trot, a field battery swung into line and then dropped to a slow pace behind the infantry "doughboys."

The deadly machine guns, packed in commercial-looking bundles on mules, attracted scarcely a look from uninitiated civilian spectators. Supply trains and ambulances rolled in a long line bringing up the rear. Vast dust clouds swept up from the line of march, at times obscuring the troops.

The feeling among the men seemed typical of the remark by one dusty, perspiring trooper, who, as he hurried past a group of civilian sightseers, exclaimed: "We've got our chance at last." He grinned as he spoke.

DEATH RECORD.

Gustave Bergsen, Sr.

PIERRE, S. D., March 16.—(Special Telegram.)—In the death of Gustave Bergsen, Sr., at his home in this city last night one of the pioneers of this part of South Dakota is gone. Bergsen came to Fort Sully about thirty-five years ago as a musician in the band of the Eleventh infantry and remained in this section after his enlistment had ended.

Mrs. Ellen West.

AVOCA, Neb., March 16.—Mrs. Ellen West, aged 96 years, died at her home in Dunbar Monday after an illness of four months. She is survived by her husband and one daughter. The body was taken to Oldsburg, Kan., for interment.

TORPEDO MISSES PATRIA FEW FEET

Attempt Made to Sink French Liner Carrying Twenty-Nine Americans Off Algeria.

NO WARNING AT ALL IS GIVEN

NEW YORK, March 16.—The French steamer Patria of the Fabre line, carrying among its 900 passengers twenty-nine Americans, including an American consul, was attacked without warning by a submarine off the Algerian coast March 1, Captain Pierre Deschelles announced today upon the arrival of the ship from Mediterranean ports. A torpedo directed at the Patria missed the ship by about thirty feet.

Olney Arnold, American consul general at Cairo, was a passenger from Naples to Lisbon. He told Captain Deschelles he would forward a full report of the attack to the United States government. It was news, however, to Captain Deschelles that cable dispatches have since reported that Mr. Arnold, who was returning home, died at Lisbon the day after his arrival there.

Information received by the State department was that he was on the verge of a nervous breakdown at the time of his departure from Cairo.

The night before the submarine appeared Captain Deschelles received the warning, "Be careful, submarine sighted about 100 miles from Cape De Guardie," by wireless from Algiers. He remained on the bridge all night and posted fifteen lookouts around the ship.

The captain said he did not see the submarine or the torpedo, but both were seen by his first officer and a number of passengers. The ship was making full speed at the time. Orders were immediately given to steer a zig-zag course and to further trace of the submarine was seen.

"I regret to say that I did not have any gun," Captain Deschelles said, and added that he would make a request that his ship be equipped with guns when he returns to France.

Captain Deschelles said he had already sent a full report of the incident to the French government.

DEFENSE BILLS HAVE THE RIGHT-OF-WAY

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which will provide money to carry out the authorized plans. These will have to be framed and passed after the passage of the organization bills.

The navy bill, under hearings for months before the house committee, is composite, including the appropriations as well as the program.

Hearings will end about April 1, and the completion of the measure is expected to take but a short time by the committee. The senate naval committee will not hold hearings on the appropriation bill. It has before it now the personal message of Secretary Daniels for selective promotion.

The house acted today after President Wilson had summoned leaders and urged them to make haste with the defense program, as a duty to the nation. Representative Burnett, who had right-of-way on the floor with the immigration bill, was induced today to make way for the army measure, and the special rule went through with a rush. The immigration bill will be taken up next Friday. Although the rule adopted allows only ten hours of general debate, there will probably be extended discussion under the standing rule providing for five-minute speeches after the general debate closes.

This may prevent a vote before next week, but every effort will be made to dispose of the bill by Saturday night. The senate committee made some changes in its bill in final review. As it will be

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These subjects to sick headaches, backache, bilious attacks, constipation or any form of stomach trouble, are urged to get a quarter pound of limestone phosphate from the drug store and begin enjoying this morning inside-bath. It is said that men and women who try this become enthusiastic and keep it up daily. It is a splendid health measure, for it is more important to keep clean and pure on the 'inside' than on the outside, because the skin pores do not absorb impurities into the blood, causing disease, while the bowels pores do.

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Seattle Physician Said to Have Been Executed by Britons

SEATTLE, Wash., March 16.—Unconfirmed reports that Dr. Walter Gellhorn, a prominent Seattle physician, who was taken from a steamer at Kirkwall when en route to Germany to join the German Red Cross, has been executed by the British military authorities, have been received by friends of Dr. Gellhorn here. Dr. Gellhorn left here November 17 for Germany, but was seized by the British authorities when the steamer upon which he was traveling put in at Kirkwall. Although Dr. Gellhorn and his friends asserted that he was going to Germany to serve in the Red Cross, local British agents said they had evidence that he was a commanding officer in the German army and was going to join his regiment. It is also asserted by the

same agents that the British had found in Dr. Gellhorn's possession documents containing valuable military information. These statements were emphatically denied by Dr. Gellhorn's friends.

Kentucky Ordered Back to Vera Cruz

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 16.—The battleship Kentucky, now at New Orleans, was ordered to Vera Cruz today by Secretary Daniels. It will sail as soon as it can be provisioned and coaled. It was explained at the Navy department that the Kentucky, which recently went from Vera Cruz to New Orleans for the Mardi Gras celebration, was returning because there was no naval vessel now on the east coast of Mexico with wireless equipment sufficiently powerful to maintain regular communication with Washington. The intention had been to send the vessel to Philadelphia from New Orleans.

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