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PERSHING USING PART OF MEXICAN RAILROAD LINES

Report American Troops Have Been Moving on Northwestern Road Confirmed from Official Source.

REPORT COMES OF AN ACCIDENT

Two Cars Overturned and Ten Soldiers Injured, Three of Them Seriously.

CAVALRY READY FOR DASH

SAN ANTONIO, Tex., March 28.—Confirmation that General Pershing already had been using a portion of the Northwestern railroad for transportation of troops was secured by General Funston today from what was said to be an official source. This information included a report of the overturning of two cars and the injuring of ten troopers of the Tenth cavalry and several horses. Three of the men were reported seriously injured.

News Notes of Hastings.

HASTINGS, Neb., March 28.—(Special Telegram.)—The city council last night awarded contracts for asphalt paving at \$1.54 per yard in ten more districts, making thirty-two in all. Two more districts were created and several more are in prospect.

St. Mark's parish of the Episcopal church has decided to erect a new building. A committee has been appointed to make the preliminary arrangements.

FIELD HEADQUARTERS, AMERICAN EXPEDITIONARY FORCE, COLONIA DUBLAN, CHIHUAHUA, MEXICO, MARCH 28.

(By Wireless to Columbus, March 28.)—Preparations for closing in on Francisco Villa in a quick, thoroughly prepared drive were being pushed forward rapidly today at the field headquarters of Brigadier General J. J. Pershing, expeditionary commander.

A body of picked cavalrymen has been concentrated and is now in reserve at the front somewhere south of Namiquipa on the northeastern edge of the Guernero district. These men are prepared to make a dash of indefinite duration as soon as the bandit chieftain is located.

It is known that American military leaders look to the cavalry for the actual capture of Villa.

With the establishment of the new American advance base, 150 miles south of Casa Grande, and with developments apparently imminent, it is believed that the field headquarters may be moved shortly from Colonia Dublan to a point nearer the front so that General Pershing may be in closer communication with the troops in the American vanguard.

Army reports indicated today that quiet (Continued on Page Two, Column Two.)

Carson Will Form Opposition to the Coalition Regime

LONDON, March 28.—The morning newspapers give prominence to the announcement that Sir Edward Carson is restored to health and will make his return to the House of Commons over the conservative party's war committee.

The Morning Post believes Sir Edward intends to form and to lead an opposition to the coalition government. The newspaper wishes him success in the venture and says:

"Nobody can say the country is satisfied with the way it is now governed. The coalition still has an obedient Parliament and the whole power of the nation at its back, but it is so weak that it exists only because no alternative has yet been organized. We attribute the debility of the coalition government to the fact that it has never been embodied in the hearts of the British people. How can a nation show confidence in a government which has never shown confidence in itself? It is in this consciousness of a certain lack of leadership."

The Weather

Forecast till 7 p. m. Wednesday:
For Omaha, Council Bluffs and Vicinity
Cloudy; cooler.

| Temperatures at Omaha Yesterday. | |
|----------------------------------|-------|
| Hour. | Temp. |
| 5 a. m. | 39 |
| 8 a. m. | 39 |
| 11 a. m. | 40 |
| 2 p. m. | 40 |
| 5 p. m. | 40 |
| 8 p. m. | 39 |
| 11 p. m. | 39 |
| 12 m. | 39 |
| 1 p. m. | 39 |
| 2 p. m. | 39 |
| 3 p. m. | 39 |
| 4 p. m. | 39 |
| 5 p. m. | 39 |
| 6 p. m. | 39 |
| 7 p. m. | 39 |
| 8 p. m. | 39 |
| 9 p. m. | 39 |

Comparative Local Records.

| 1896 1915 1914 1913. | |
|---|---------------------|
| Highest yesterday | 42 42 42 42 |
| Lowest yesterday | 28 29 29 29 |
| Mean temperature | 35 35 35 35 |
| Precipitation | 0.00 0.00 0.00 0.00 |
| Temperature and precipitation departures from the normal. | |
| Normal temperature | 42 |
| Excess for the day | 0 |
| Total excess since March 1 | 0 |
| Normal precipitation | 0.00 |
| Deficiency for the day | 0.00 |
| Total deficiency since March 1 | 0.00 |
| Excess for year, 1916 | 0.00 |
| Excess for year, 1915 | 0.00 |
| Excess for year, 1914 | 0.00 |
| Excess for year, 1913 | 0.00 |

Reports from Stations at 7 P. M.

| Station and State | Temp. | High. | Low. | Wind |
|-------------------------|-------|-------|------|------|
| Cheyenne, cloud | 38 | 50 | 29 | 0 |
| Davenport, cloud | 39 | 50 | 29 | 0 |
| Denver, cloud | 38 | 50 | 29 | 0 |
| Des Moines, clear | 39 | 50 | 29 | 0 |
| Grand, cloud | 39 | 50 | 29 | 0 |
| North Platte, pt. cloud | 39 | 50 | 29 | 0 |
| Omaha, clear | 39 | 50 | 29 | 0 |
| Pueblo, cloud | 39 | 50 | 29 | 0 |
| Rapid City, cloud | 39 | 50 | 29 | 0 |
| Sioux Falls, clear | 39 | 50 | 29 | 0 |
| Valentine, clear | 39 | 50 | 29 | 0 |

L. A. WELSH, Local Forecaster.

FLOODS THREATEN NORTHERN OHIO

Torrential Rains During Last Two Days Have Raised Streams to the Danger Point.

COLUMBUS PEOPLE SCARED

COLUMBUS, O., March 28.—Flood conditions throughout central and northern Ohio had not improved sufficiently today to allay all fears of serious danger resulting from torrential rains, which fell over these sections during the last forty-eight hours.

Many rivers and creeks overflowed their banks yesterday and last night, inundating thousands of acres of lowlands and driving hundreds of families from their homes. Property damage, however, was not high, and so far as known no lives were lost.

Frightened citizens of the west side of Columbus who fled from their homes to higher sections of the city when a flood warning was issued yesterday, began to return today. A possible break in the levees was the only source of apprehension.

Conditions in the northern part of the state still were threatening, according to reports from Findlay, Tiffin, Fremont and smaller towns in flood districts. Many streams had reached the danger mark and it was believed further rainfall would result in the recurrence of the disastrous floods of 1913.

Southern Michigan Flooded.

DETROIT, Mich., March 28.—Southern Michigan today was menaced by serious flood conditions. A two days' rain coming immediately after a twelve-inch snow melt rivers and creeks out of their banks in practically the whole state south of the Straits of Mackinac. The situation in the Saginaw river valley probably was the most dangerous today. At the mouth of the river, and Saginaw, about fifteen miles upstream, were threatened with further inundation by the flood waters pouring into the Saginaw from a dozen tributaries.

Big Business Block at Baltimore is Damaged by Fire

BALTIMORE, March 28.—Fire, which endangered a whole block of big business houses, broke out on the third floor of Henry Kettel & Co., wholesale hardware establishment, 401 and 407 West German street this afternoon. Shortly after 2 o'clock the fire seemed to be spreading rapidly.

At 2:30 p. m. the fire was thought to be under control and had been confined to the top floor of the Kettel building. Nine hundred girls employed in manufacturing concerns adjoining the Kettel building marched quietly into the streets. There was no disorder.

American Hurt on Sussex Improving

DOVER, March 28.—George H. Crocker, Joshua D. Arncliffe and Wilder Penfold, Americans, who were injured in the Sussex, have made much improvement. They are to be transferred from the hospital here to a nursing hospital.

HOUSTON PAPER RAISES PRICE TO CURTAIL SALES

HOUSTON, Tex., March 28.—Owing to a scarcity of print paper as a result of the freight congestion in the east a local afternoon paper today increased the price of its street editions from 2 to 5 cents in the expectation that a curtailment in street sales will effect a saving of a carload of paper in two weeks.

BRIDEGROOM ACCIDENTALLY SHOOT OFF HIS FOOT

GRISWOLD, Ia., March 28.—(Special.)—D. J. Zearing, a young dentist of Grant, had the misfortune a few days ago to discharge a shotgun which badly lacerated his foot. He was examining the weapon and did not think it was loaded. Doctored at a nearby station, the injured member was amputated. Mr. Zearing was married a week ago.

YOUNG CHILD LOST IN WATERS OF MISSOURI

PIERRE, S. D., March 28.—(Special Telegram.)—The 4-year-old son of H. D. Woodard, last seen playing near the Missouri river yesterday, is presumed to be dead in the waters of the stream.

MRS. JUDSON HARMON DIES AT CINCINNATI

CINCINNATI, O., March 28.—Mrs. Olivia Scoby Harmon, wife of Judson Harmon, former governor of Ohio, and former attorney general of the United States, died at her home here last night.

Newsie Thought Cousman Wanted Him to Wash Face

Harry Cousman, candidate for clerk of the district court, was leaving the court house Monday afternoon when two ragged urchins rushed him with a bundle of papers. One of the lads was about 6 years old and the other was about 10 and proportionately bold.

GUARDING EL PASO BRIDGE AGAINST FEARED MEXICAN ATTACKS

The guard along the Mexican border has been doubled since the Villista raid and the flocking to Villa's banner of Carranzista troops. This picture shows U. S. soldiers guarding the railroad bridge at El Paso. In case a larger invasion of Mexico is necessary, this bridge would assume great importance as one of the links in the transportation chain in sending supplies to our men in Mexico.



U.S. TROOPS GUARDING RAILWAY BRIDGE AT EL PASO.

Hauser is Taken to Pen to Serve His Life Sentence

Shackled to a deputy sheriff, Arthur Hauser, "ape-man" convicted of the murder of W. H. Smith, was taken to the penitentiary at Lincoln yesterday. He will commence to serve his life sentence immediately, though he declares he will appeal to the supreme court.

RUSSIANS SACRIFICE EIGHTY THOUSAND

German Official Statement Asserts Slav Offensive Proves Very Costly.

ATTACKS PROVE FRUITLESS

BERLIN, March 28.—(Via Wireless to Tuckerton.)—Russian casualties in the present offensive against Field Marshal von Hindenburg's armies are estimated in an Overseas News agency statement today to have been not less than 80,000 along the seventy-five-mile front where engagements have been in progress.

The statement says: "The fruitless attacks of the Russians, in which sixty of their divisions have participated against Field Marshal von Hindenburg's front, are still continuing. The Russian casualties so far are estimated to have been not less than 80,000 on a front of 120 kilometers."

"On March 19 seven Russian regiments attacked a German cavalry brigade. In this fighting the Russians lost about 3,000 men, while the Germans lost two killed and sixty wounded. Later on one cavalry detachment counter attacked and captured 100 Russians."

"The German positions are so excellently fortified and provided with such a number of machine guns and cannon that it is considered the Russian attacks are doomed to fail. The German lines have not been shaken."

Tubantia Sunk by a German Torpedo, Says Dutch Journal

AMSTERDAM, March 27.—(Via London.)—The Handelsblad says that an expert investigation proves conclusively that the Dutch liner Tubantia was sunk by a torpedo with a bronze air chamber, which is found only in the Schwartzkopf torpedoes made in Berlin.

The torpedoes used in the British and French navy, the newspaper says, have steel air chambers. One of the experts suggests that the Tubantia must have been torpedoed by a small German torpedo boat, whose station is Ostend.

The Handelsblad urges Holland to join the United States in demanding of Germany that she will not torpedo merchantmen without a preliminary investigation.

Missouri Pacific Will Lay New Steel Rails From Here to K. C.

LEAVENWORTH, Kan., March 28.—B. F. Bush, receiver for the Missouri Pacific and Iron Mountain Railroad systems, was granted authority by Federal Judge W. C. Hook here today to purchase 30,000 tons of new heavy steel rails. It is understood the rails will be used for a new track between Kansas City and Omaha and on other parts of the two systems.

House Votes Eight Millions to Pay for Chase of Villistas

WASHINGTON, March 28.—An emergency appropriation of \$5,611,502 to pay for the added strength of the army and the punitive expedition into Mexico was passed by the house today. Representative Meyer London of New York, the lone socialist member of the house, declared the Mexican expedition was a blunder that would lead to war and cast the only dissenting vote.

Former Speaker Cannon declared that whatever the result of the Mexican expedition, the country would stand together on the question of national defense. Republican Leader Mann demanded a record vote on the bill to demonstrate that whatever was needed for defense would be voted without a dissenting vote.

Toledo Traction Employes Strike

TOLEDO, March 28.—A strike, which is expected to affect 100 motormen and conductors of the Toledo Railways and Light company, was declared this afternoon and at 2 o'clock cars were being taken to the barn. The street car men recently organized and claim to have enrolled practically every motorman and conductor employed by the traction company.

GERMANS PUSHING SUBSEA CAMPAIGN

Seventy Thousands Tons of Shipping Has Been Sunk Since Von Tirpitz Retired.

NEUTRAL NATIONS ARE AROUSED

LONDON, March 28.—Summarizing the work of the Germans since March 15, when their new program of submarine warfare against the entente allied ships began, the Daily Telegraph says that they have in less than a fortnight sunk 70,000 tons of shipping, of which one-third belonged to neutrals.

The British agents of the company which operated the steamship Sussex said today the total of casualties was not expected to exceed fifty.

The Daily Telegraph probably covers the period since the resignation of Admiral von Tirpitz, the German minister of the navy, March 15, 1915. Germany's new submarine campaign went into effect March 1.

PERISH PRINCE ON SUSSEX

PARIS, March 28.—Prince Bahram of the reigning family of Persia, who was a passenger on board the Sussex, is still unaccounted for. His father, Zillen Sultan, who is at present at Nice, has practically given up hope regarding his son.

Swiss Diplomatic Envoy Missing

BOULOGNE, March 28.—Among the bodies of the passengers of the Sussex in Boulogne is that of Guger Herman, diplomatic messenger of the Swiss legation in London.

NINETY-TWO NORWEGIAN SHIPS SUNK

COPENHAGEN, March 28.—(Via London.)—Ninety-two Norwegian ships have been lost during the war by submarines or mines, according to a statement made public here. It has been substantiated, says the Norwegian statement, that Norwegian steamers have been submerged and seventy-seven Norwegian subjects thereby losing their lives, but Germany has compensated Norway for only four steamers.

The total Norwegian tonnage lost amounts to 125,000, valued at 25,000,000 kroner, while the cargoes were valued at 30,000,000 kroner.

In addition, German prize courts have seized a large number of Norwegian vessels.

Empress of Midland Sunk

DONDON, March 28.—Sinking of the British steamship Empress of Midland is reported in a Reuter dispatch from Amsterdam. The steamship Cromer from London arrived last night at Massachus, Holland, with all the crew of the Empress of Midland. The Empress of Midland was 2,234 tons gross, sailed from New York, January 5, for Cardiff, Wales.

Republicans of Dakota ASKED TO ATTEND MEET

PIERRE, S. D., March 28.—(Special Telegram.)—National Committeeman Charles H. Burke has issued a call for a conference of representative republicans of the state at Mitchell, April 7, which all republicans interested in party success are asked to attend.

Mr. Burke says the present movement to name a delegation is an Ewert-Flynn-Shober plan and not representative.

The meeting is not supposed to in any way deal with the matter of a state ticket.

Son of the Kaiser Will Rule Belgium

LONDON, March 28.—Prince August William, fourth son of Emperor William, will arrive in Brussels shortly, says a dispatch to the Exchange Telegraph from Amsterdam. He has received instructions to assist General von Bisling, the governor general of Belgium, and it is believed he ultimately will succeed von Bisling.

BILLS AGAINST STEEL COMPANIES QUASHED

Indictments Returned Against Five Corporations at Youngstown Are Dismissed.

BILL AGAINST GARY STANDS

YOUNGSTOWN, O., March 28.—Judge W. S. Anderson today granted the motion to quash the indictments recently returned here against five steel companies, charging them with conspiracy to fix the price of labor and steel products. The indictments against the United States Steel corporation and E. H. Gary, head of the corporation, still stand, as the motion to quash did not include these two defendants, upon whom service has now been secured. The steel company attorneys attacked the indictments as being too indefinite and uncertain, depriving the defendants of their constitutional rights.

The companies in whose behalf the motion to quash was made are the Republic Iron and Steel company, the Youngstown Sheet and Tube company, the Youngstown Iron and Steel company, the Brier Hill Steel company and the Carnegie Steel company. The latter is a subsidiary of the United States Steel corporation and with the indictments returned against the corporation and Gary identical in form and intent with those against the others, it is assumed by lawyers that the Gary and United States Steel indictments will be dropped.

It was charged that the defendants violated the Valentine "anti-trust" law of Ohio in conspiring to fix the wages of common labor here and the price of steel.

Germans Attack at Verdun Once More

PARIS, March 28.—A bombardment of great violence against the French positions from Avincourt to Bethincourt, west of the Meuse, was followed this afternoon by a German attack, which was launched against Haucourt-Maligncourt front in successive waves. It was repulsed with heavy losses, according to the official statement issued by the French war office.

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American Scientists Go to Central Asia to Hunt for a Blue Tiger

SAN FRANCISCO, March 28.—A quest for the "blue tiger," a beast which has been termed "the flying Dutchman of zoology," because many scientists and explorers have seen it, yet none ever has been caught, was to begin today when Roy Chapman Andrews and Mrs. Andrews sail from San Francisco for the Orient on the liner Tanyo Maru.

Somewhere in Central Asia or Tibet they expect to capture a specimen of their elusive quarry and to make an exhaustive study of zoology for the American Museum of Natural History of New York, of which Andrews is assistant curator. Andrews will write a book on his adventures, which will be illustrated by color photographs taken by Mrs. Andrews, who had studied a new system

NEED OF SUPPLIES HAMPERS PURSUIT

Need of Railroad to Carry Food to American Troops Hourly Becomes More Imperative.

VILLA MAY MAKE HIS ESCAPE

EL PASO, Tex., March 28.—The pursuit of Pancho Villa may be hampered, if not actually halted, unless the Mexican railroads are made available as the main line of communication with the American army now advancing into Mexico over 200 miles from the border. Military men expressed that view today after studying dispatches from the front that Villa was still in full flight southward and meeting with little if any opposition.

Every mile that the Mexican bandit advances into the interior increases the difficulties of maintaining the already attenuated line of American communications. Motor trucks are being rushed to the army base at Columbus, N. M.

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Great War Council Of Allied Chiefs is Over at French City

PARIS, March 28.—The notable conference of the military and civil chiefs of the governments of the entente allies, at which momentous questions regarding the war were taken up for consideration and decision ended today.

Never, perhaps, have deliberations so important had so little written about them. Thirty-seven persons took part, yet the proceeding are understood to have gone forward without the least discussion because the subjects to be discussed had been worked out in advance by each of those whose judgment on any military, political or economic question was to be submitted.

The conference separated into groups, according to the question to be determined, this process facilitating the reaching of common understandings.

The decisions of the conference have the force of the decisions of the respective governments because each, with the exception of Russia, was represented by its principal ministers and generals.

T. e. delegates will leave tonight and tomorrow in the same silent and unobtrusive way that they assembled. Premier Aquino and Field Marshal Earl Kitchener will visit Italy before returning to London.

Undertakers Ask for Body of Villa for an Exhibit

COLONIA, DUBLAN, Mexico, March 28.—(By Airplane to Columbus, March 28.)—A letter requesting Villa's body, has been received by Brigadier General J. J. Pershing from a Dyerburg (Tenn.) firm. The firm advertises that it handles furniture, undertaking, carpets, matting and window shades. The letter reads:

"General Pershing:

"Dear Sir—Is it possible to us to get the body of Villa if he is killed? We want to hold it by embalming and keep it in our undertaking department. We will pay a good price for his body. Please let us hear from you in regard to the same."

Three Men Killed By Explosion in Bluefield Mine

BLUEFIELD, W. Va., March 28.—Three men were killed and twenty or more seriously injured by an explosion in the mine of the King Coal & Coke Co., at Kimball W. Va., at 9 o'clock today. It was stated that a number of the injured could not recover.

The explosion, which shattered a section of the eastern part of the mine, blew down masses of coal and slate, and cut off from escape a large number of men. Rescue crews worked throughout the morning to reach them and shortly afterward they were released. At 2 p. m. it was stated that all the men who had entered the mine had been accounted for.

"Cheap for Cash"

That term is found quite often in the Want-Ads, because many people are forced to a quick sale of their possessions. Sometimes a house, lot, automobile, household goods, and many times jewelry and personal effects of much value are offered at ridiculous prices for cash.

GERMANY ASKED ABOUT ATTACK ON STEAMER SUSSEX

Request for Information Given to Count Von Bernstorff, Who Has Cabled It to Berlin.

CABINET DISCUSSES SITUATION

Members Say the Situation is Grave, but Do Not Regard It as Hopeless.

FACTS NOT ALTOGETHER CLEAR

WASHINGTON, March 28.—The United States has inquired of Germany, through Ambassador Gerard, whether any of its submarines torpedoed the British channet steamer Sussex.

Secretary Lansing announced after the cabinet meeting today that it had been decided to make such an inquiry, and later it was learned that the inquiry had been made, and in fact probably is already in Berlin. The present status of communication is that of an inquiry; it has not advanced to the stage of a protest or a demand.

While cabinet members declared the situation grave, they took the position that a break with Germany was not an immediate prospect. It was said, however, that if Germany admitted torpedoing the Sussex a situation would be brought about which would be most serious.

Cabinet members agreed that the decision would depend much upon Germany's reply to the American inquiry. Should Germany deny that one of its submarines attacked the Sussex, the American government would reach its conclusion from the evidence now being (Continued on Page Two, Column Three.)

British Flyer Routs Whole Turk Force; Moslem Base Raided

LONDON, March 28.—A successful raid on the Turkish advance base at Bir-Kil-Hassanah, 100 miles east of the Suez canal, is reported in a Reuter's dispatch from Suez. The raid was made by British flyers on March 24. Forty bombs were dropped on the Turkish camp, which was set on fire. Other bombs hit the reservoir and the buildings erected by the Turks in the last few months.

One British airplane, Field Marshal Dyer, headed a body of Turkish infantry. Dyer, sending to within 200 feet he approached the Turks from behind and opened fire with his machine gun. The Turks fled in panic.

All the aeroplanes returned in safety, having flown some 300 miles. It has become a practice of British flyers when flying over the desert to attack and disperse hostile patrols by spraying them with machine gun fire.

Alleged Spy Comes Back to Testify in Neutrality Case

NEW YORK, March 28.—Herst von Der Goltz, alias Brigadier Taylor, who is said to have been sentenced to death in England as a spy, arrived here today on the steamship Finland from Liverpool to give evidence to the government concerning alleged conspiracies to provide German warships at sea with coal and provisions. Von Der Goltz was a prisoner for some time in the tower of London, his custodians said, but was permitted that his life would be spared if he would come to this country and tell this government what he knew concerning the alleged conspiracies to commit neutral acts.