

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, N. M.)—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 Guerrero 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, 130 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 Parliament by presiding 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 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, Deg. 5 a. m. 39, 6 a. m. 39, 7 a. m. 39, 8 a. m. 39, 9 a. m. 39, 10 a. m. 39, 11 a. 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, 10 p. m. 39, 11 p. m. 39.

Comparative Local Records. 1916 1915, 1914, 1913. Highest yesterday 39, Lowest yesterday 39, Mean temperature 39, Precipitation 0.00, Normal precipitation 0.00, Excess for the day 0.00, Total excess since March 1 0.00, Normal precipitation 0.00, Total rainfall since March 1 0.00, Decision since March 1 0.00, Excess for cor. period, 1916, 0.00, Excess for cor. period, 1915, 0.00, Excess for cor. period, 1914, 0.00, Excess for cor. period, 1913, 0.00.

Reports from Stations at 7 P. M. Station and State Temp. High. Rain-fall. Cheyenne, cloudy, 52, 60, 0.00, Davenport, cloudy, 52, 60, 0.00, Denver, cloudy, 54, 70, 0.00, Des Moines, clear, 52, 60, 0.00, Grand Island, cloudy, 52, 60, 0.00, Lincoln, cloudy, 52, 60, 0.00, North Platte, pt. cloudy, 52, 60, 0.00, Omaha, cloudy, 52, 60, 0.00, Pueblo, cloudy, 52, 60, 0.00, Rapid City, cloudy, 52, 60, 0.00, Salt Lake City, clear, 52, 60, 0.00, Sheridan, snowing, 52, 60, 0.00, Sioux City, clear, 52, 60, 0.00, Valentine, clear, 52, 60, 0.00.

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.

In Lansing, the Grand river was spreading out and crippling industrial plants. At Grand Rapids the Grand river was nearing flood stage, with a record flood crest reported from towns up the river.

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 2:35 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 Penfield, 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 SHOTS 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. Doctors here summoned and 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.

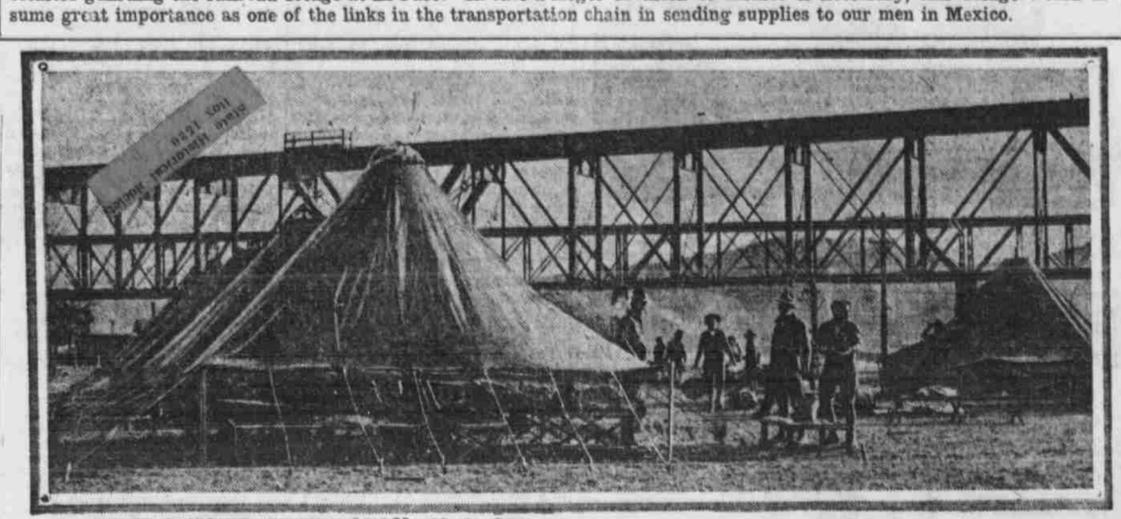
MRS. JUDSON HARMON DIES AT CINCINNATI

CINCINNATI, O., March 28.—Mrs. Olivia Scooby 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.

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.

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 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.

TOLEDO TRACTION EMPLOYEES 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 sign 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.

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 Bissing, the governor general of Belgium, and it is believed he ultimately will succeed von Bissing.

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.

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-Malancourt front in successive waves. It was repulsed with heavy losses, according to the official statement issued by the French war office.

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.

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.

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.

ALLEGED SPY COMES BACK TO TESTIFY IN NEUTRALITY CASE

NEW YORK, March 28.—Herst von Der Goltz, alias Bridgman 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.

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.

"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.

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.

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.

UNDERTAKERS ASK FOR BODY OF VILLA FOR AN EXHIBIT

COLONIA, DUBLAN, Mexico, March 28.—(By Aeroplane 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, undertakers, 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 keeping in our undertaking department. We will pay a good price for his body. Please let us hear from you in regard to the same.'"

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 channel steamer Sussex.

GERMANY ASKED ABOUT ATTACK ON 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.

GERMANY ASKED ABOUT ATTACK ON STEAMER SUSSEX

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.)