

CALLS THE WEST TO AID IN GOOD WORK FOR PEACE

Roosevelt Tells Us Americanism Is on Trial and Pleads for Stand Against the Duty Shirkers.

FOR A VIRILE, ROBUST PEOPLE

Asks Preparedness to Help the Soul of the Nation Against Dangers of Sloth.

PLEADS FOR STRONGER FIBER

CHICAGO, April 29.—Americanism is on trial, with the national character in the balance, Theodore Roosevelt said in a preparedness appeal here tonight to the people living in the territory "between the Alleghenies and the Rockies." The former president, speaking before the Illinois Bar association, discussed "National Duty and International Ideals," alluding to conditions in Mexico and in Europe and urging industrial and social as well as military preparedness.

"I ask you of the west," he said, "to take the lead in the effort for a robust and virile national character, fit and ready to cope with all possible dangers at home and abroad. I ask for military preparedness as an arm to help the soul of the nation. I ask for it to quicken the national conscience, to help the national discipline. I ask you to prepare so that we may secure peace for ourselves and for others; not the peace of cowardice nor the peace of selfishness, but the peace of righteousness and of justice, the peace of brave men pledged to the service of this mighty democratic republic, and through that service pledged also to the service of the world at large.

Americanism is on trial. "Our national character is in the balance. Americanism is on trial. If we produce merely the self-seeking, ease-loving, duty-shirking man, whether he be a mere materialist or a mere silly sentimentalist; if we produce only the American of the grafter and the molluscoid and the safety-first, get-rich-quick, peace-at-any-price man, we will have produced an American faithful only to the spirit of the Tories of 1776, and the Copperheads of 1861, and fit only to vanish from the earth."

Colonel Roosevelt said he did not agree with those "prophets of gloom who have said that the west, prosperous and indifferent, secure in its fancied safety because it is in the middle of the continent, cares nothing of the dangers that might befall the cities on the Atlantic or the Pacific coast, cares nothing for what has befallen the dwellers along the Mexican boundary."

"If I did," he declared, "I should despair of the republic. The west is to a peculiar degree the democratic, the intensely and characteristically American section of our land. The west produced for the service of the whole nation Abraham Lincoln and Andrew Jackson, and I know that their spirit is still the spirit of her sons. I appeal to the men of the west to take the lead in the movement for the genuine nationalization of our people."

Stands for Protection. Discussing industrial preparedness, Colonel Roosevelt said he stood "heartily for protection."

"By that I mean not only protection to American industries and to the material interests of American workmen, farmers and business men," he explained, "I also mean, and with even greater emphasis, protection for the whole American nation, protection for American honor, protection for America's self-respect, protection for America's position among the nations, protection for her"

German Reply to America's Note is Now Complete

LONDON, April 29.—The Berliner Tageblatt says that Germany's reply to the latest American note has been completed and will be delivered at the beginning of next week, according to a dispatch from Copenhagen to the Exchange Telegraph company.

Boy Repudiates His Confession of Murder

CHICAGO, April 29.—Edgar Hastings, 13 years old, who confessed yesterday that he killed Mrs. Agnes Midthun with a hammer the night of April 4, today repudiated the confession.

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It is No Longer L. A. Welsh, Local Forecaster, But Now Meteorologist

Colonel L. A. Welsh is no longer a local forecaster of the weather in Omaha. He is now a meteorologist. That's the difference. And if you don't believe it, just look to the lower left-hand corner of the front page of The Bee. There it is, "L. A. Welsh, Meteorologist." A few days ago it was "L. A. Welsh, Local Forecaster."

OMAHA BUILDERS ARE KEEPING BUSY

New Structures Galore Are Under Way or Will Be Started in a Very Short Time.

FOR BUSINESS OR RESIDENCE

Building operations are positively booming in Omaha. Besides the First National Bank building, with the steel framework almost completed; besides the Masonic temple, with the excavation complete and the structure started; besides numerous apartment houses nearly completed; besides the Blackstone hotel, now to be finished by July 1; besides the Castle hotel annex, which is building space to double the present capacity; besides the Ford assembling plant, the giant institution now nearing completion; besides the World-Herald building, just completed, and besides a score of other substantial structures now going up, new ones are daily planned and everywhere new excavations are being started for other buildings. The offices of the architects are positively abuzz with activity.

New Creamery Plant.

The Graham Creamery company at 1614 Howard street is planning to build a \$25,000 plant at Fifteenth and Jones streets. Plans are now being drawn by the architect. The structure is to be of brick and stone.

The St. Louis flats are to be built at 2300 South Twenty-ninth street.

Richard Everett, architect, drew the plans. This structure is to cost between \$2,000 and \$3,000. It is to be 28x44 feet and built of brick and stone.

A one-story boiler factory is to be built at Twentieth and Fredrick streets.

The McCaughey investment company is owner. This plant is to be 36x77 feet and cost some \$4,000.

The Omaha Van & Storage company is to build a new garage to cost \$5,000 at Seventeenth and Marcy streets.

This is to be 50x144 feet. The contract has been let to the Parsons Construction company.

New Dunder Home.

H. Fritchett is building a new \$10,000 home in Dundee. The construction is of brick and stone. It is two stories and basement.

Plans are in progress for a new garage at Sixteenth and Grant streets.

This is to be 45 by 103 feet, and to cost \$3,000. Bids are in for the job of constructing the new apartment house for Hastings & (Continued on Page Two, Column Two.)

Verdun Fight Over, Germans Retiring From that Arena

PARIS, April 29.—The battle of Verdun may now be considered as ended, according to the opinion prevailing in French military circles. Not only the recent French official reports, but yesterday's German announcement, stated that nothing important had developed in the Verdun region. It is nearly two months since the German war office has made such a statement.

Villa Is Once More Reported as Dead

EL PASO, Tex., April 29.—A new factor is believed to have been injected into the conference over American troops' dispositions tonight by the receipt of fresh reports that Francisco Villa is dead.

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WAR CHIEFTAINS MEET TO CONFER

Generals Scott and Obregon and Lesser Military Leaders Meet in Juarez at Five O'clock.

MEET IN THE MEXICAN CITY

Formal Opening of Negotiations Over Mexican Issue Follows Social Amenities.

PLAN OF CONFERENCE OUTLINED

EL PASO, Tex., April 29.—The conference between the representatives of the United States and the de facto government to adjust the military situation that has developed since the Villa raid on Columbus was commenced in Juarez shortly after 5 o'clock this afternoon.

EL PASO, Tex., April 29.—General Alvaro Obregon, minister of war of the de facto government, with the chief military commanders of northern Mexico, made a return call of courtesy this morning upon Major General Scott and Funston, preliminary to the first conference between the American and Mexican military officials that is largely to determine the future course of the military arm of the United States that has thrust itself into Mexican territory in pursuit of Francisco Villa and his bandits.

In either the green room of the famous Aduana Fronteriza or customs house in Juarez, Mex., or at some agreed place in El Paso, the conferees were in readiness to submit their proposals and counter proposals at their first session, and it was Minister of War Obregon who, with plenary powers from First Chief Carranza, sounded a hopeful note with the expression that "We should reach a satisfactory termination of these negotiations that will meet with the approval of our people."

Proposition of Mexicans.

Minister of War Obregon, with Generals Trevino, Gutierrez, Calles, Gavira and Santos, with his civilian assistants, will submit the proposition that the United States should be ready to do facta government is now ready to take over the pursuit of the Villistas and protect the border and, therefore, the United States soldiers in Mexico should be recalled, while Generals Scott and Funston will counter, it is understood, with the proposition that American troops be disposed in certain spheres of northern Chihuahua, there to remain until the Carranza government has shown by deed as well as word that there is no longer a Villista menace to the American border states.

Major General Scott said that not until he had conferred with General Obregon during the call of the Mexican officials this morning would it be definitely known whether the first conference would be held in Juarez or El Paso.

The general added that the conference might not be held today, but Sunday or Monday.

Mexican Given Military Welcome.

General Obregon and his party journeyed from Juarez this morning to El Paso. At the international bridge they were met by a troop of American cavalry which escorted them through thronged streets, guarded with infantry, to the railroad station, where, on General Scott's private car, the Mexican officials were welcomed. The return call was of some length and the plans for the first conference were discussed.

There is no disposition on the part of any of the conferees to believe there will be any extended negotiations, which, it is thought will be concluded early next week. The American military representatives will be in close and constant touch with Washington and it is there that El Paso believes the first news will be made known of the outcome of the conference.

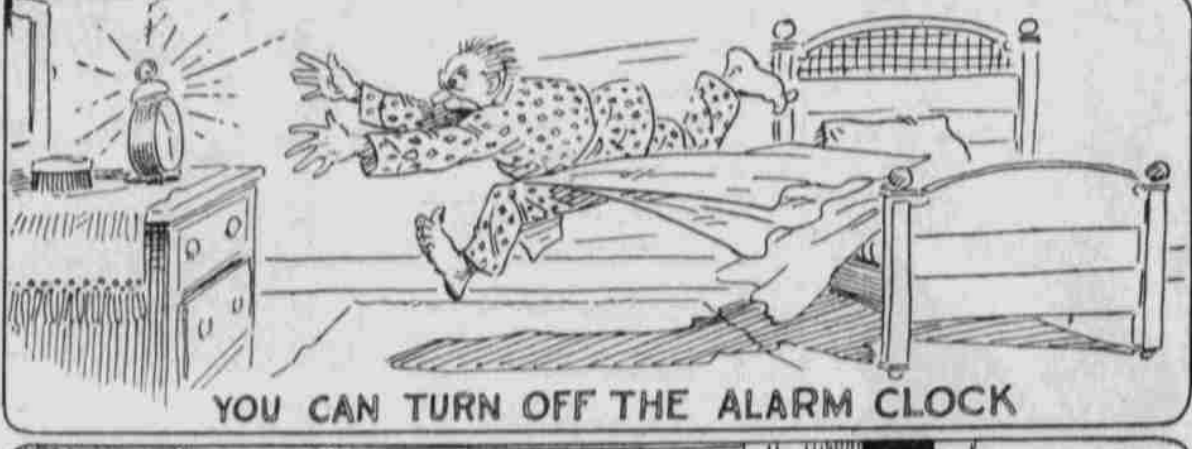
General P. Elias Calles, military governor of Sonora, and General Benecio Serrano, chief of staff of General Obregon, reached Juarez today.

General Calles was accompanied by Mexican Consul Lelievre of Douglas, Ariz.

Independent Buys Harper's Weekly

NEW YORK, April 29.—Harper's Weekly has been acquired by the Independent corporation, it was announced here tonight, and is to be incorporated in the Independent. The Independent is sixty-eight years old and Harper's Weekly is fifty-nine.

When You Want Your Beauty Sleep



MASSED ATTACK BY GERMANS REPULSED

Assault Near Verdun, During Which Flaming Liquids were Used, Failed, Says Paris Report.

TEUTON LOSS IS ENORMOUS

PARIS, April 29.—After a violent bombardment of French positions near Avocourt, on Hill No. 304, on the Verdun front west of the Meuse, German troops were massed for an assault. The war office report this afternoon says this attack was provented by French artillery, which dispersed the German troops.

"In the Argonne a surprise attack executed last night north of Four De Paris, made it possible for us to clean up some of the enemy trenches and bring back some prisoners.

"On the left bank of the Meuse yesterday at 5 o'clock in the afternoon German troops were massed in the communicating trenches to the north of Hill No. 804, with the idea of attacking our lines. They were at once attacked by our hand grenades and prevented from coming out and then dispersed. Our artillery caused the explosion of a depot of munitions in the same region.

"During the night there was a general bombardment in this sector, the fire being particularly spirited in the regions of Avocourt, Lemes and Hill No. 264.

"On the right bank of the Meuse yesterday afternoon, after a violent preparatory artillery fire directed against our first line, together with a certain fire of great intensity, the Germans delivered an attack against our trenches east of Thilambert farm, in which they employed flaming liquids. Cut down by the shells of our artillery and the fire of our machine guns, the enemy was repulsed with heavy losses. At the same hour an attack upon our positions between Douaumont and Vaux also was checked by our fire. The remainder of the night passed in relative quiet on this part of the front.

"In Lorraine we repulsed a strong reconnoitering party in front of the Wood of Banal, south of Domerey.

Root Heads Society of International Law

WASHINGTON, April 29.—The tenth annual meeting of the American Society of International Law adjourned today after a business session at which Elliot Root was elected president. The meeting will conclude tonight with a banquet, at which Frederick E. Couder of New York will preside in the absence of Mr. Root and Secretary of State Lansing. The 33rd meeting will be held here during April.

One Year Ago Today in the War

American bank advance \$10,000 to support oil prices.

British announced destruction of eight German submarines within a week of war's end and set traps.

Count von Helldorf, German ambassador to Washington, was ordered to leave the city of the allies.

Industrial Unrest is Greatest for Years, Says Mr. Morrison

WASHINGTON, April 29.—Secretary Frank Morrison of the American Federation of Labor in a May day review of the labor situation throughout the country, declared today that there was greater industrial unrest than has prevailed for several years.

"There is a greater unrest on this May 1 than has been manifested in many previous years," he said. "To some the condition is alarming. To me it is encouraging, for I believe discontent is a sign of life or progress. Workers are demanding an eight-hour day, and I venture the opinion that most of the large strikes today, either now or prospective, are because this shorter work day demand."

The men are agreed that long hours are economical for no one. Physicians are agreed that long hours exhaust the body cells, making it impossible for them to function, thereby destroying men's vitality. Workers will continue agitating, organizing and striking until the eight-hour day is assured.

"It is impossible to estimate the number of workers that will be on strike May 1, for the reason that discontent cannot be tabulated or placed in statistical form."

Germans Capture Some Russ Positions

BERLIN, April 29.—(Via London).—The capture of Russian positions south of Lake Naroch, between Stanaroz and Stachowice, by German troops, together with more than 1,000 prisoners, was announced by the war office today.

Delegates Unstrucked.

JACKSON, Miss., April 29.—Mississippi republicans held conventions in the eight congressional districts today and elected unstrucked delegates to Chicago. By agreement negro delegates represent three districts. The state convention here tomorrow will elect four delegates at large.

Little Hazel in Death Has White Frock and Bow Denied Her in Life

Little Hazel is dead. Father, a deservier, mother, stricken with tuberculosis, and four little brothers and sisters left to mourn, with no roof over their heads, no clothing nor food but what kind-hearted women of the Visiting Nurse association or the Associated Charities have provided.

The brave struggle the 7-year-old little Hazel made against a dread spinal and brain disease was of an awful nature. Despite all the efforts of skilled child specialists and nurses, nothing could stay the hand of the grim reaper, and with a wan smile little Hazel gave up the struggle Thursday evening.

Had a funeral will be held Sunday evening at 3:30 o'clock from Dr. Dreyer's parlors.

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BESIEGED BRITISH FORCES SURRENDER

General Townsend's Army Belegued in Mesopotamia Since December Gives Up Fight.

DESTROY GUNS AND MUNITIONS

LONDON, April 29.—Major General Charles Townsend, commander of the British forces besieged at Kut-el-Amara, Mesopotamia, by Turkish forces since last December, has surrendered. This information was contained in a British official statement issued this afternoon.

The official statement added that General Townsend destroyed all his guns and munitions before surrendering.

Brooding Over Her Brother's Death, Jumps Into River

Worrying over the death of her brother, John O'Neil, who was found dead under a shipping platform at Tenth and Harney streets, with a bullet hole in his head about ten days ago, and over domestic troubles, Mrs. Mary Dart, 232 North Thirtieth street, late this afternoon attempted to take her own life by jumping into the Missouri river near the smelting works.

A crowd of Council Bluffs high school students, who were being shown the smelting works, noticing Mrs. Dart's peculiar actions shortly before she stepped off the bank into the Missouri's swirling waters, rushed to the scene and rescued her.

She was taken to police headquarters and placed under the care of the matron.

Colorado Water Users Will Fight Nebraska Suits

FORT MORGAN, Colo., April 29.—Water users' attorneys throughout eastern Colorado met here yesterday and perfected a preliminary organization, the purpose of which was to agree upon concerted action respecting the suit brought by water-Nebraska farmers for the diversion of water flowing east from the South Platte river.

Selection of officers and other details are to be completed at a meeting here next Friday, after the plea has been submitted for ratification in the irrigated companies involved. About fifty water users conferred with Fred Farver, attorney general, John E. Wicks, state engineer, and other officials.

Water consumers of Nebraska filed the suit, asking for an injunction with Colorado consumers in the flow of the South Platte river. Practically every Colorado consumer and irrigation company in the Platte watershed are defendants. The Nebraska legislature says private \$500 to bring the suit.

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CITY OF DUBLIN IS IN FLAMES IN SEVERAL PLACES

Street Fighting and Looting Continue, but Soldiers Are Making Steady Progress.

END OF UPRISING IS NEAR

Center of City, Which is Held by Sinn Feiners Was Shelled Thursday Night.

MORE TROOPS ARE ARRIVING

LONDON, April 29.—One dispatch received from Ireland this afternoon says that Sackville and Grattan streets, in Dublin, are in flames, and that artillery is being used on the houses, the inhabitants having been removed.

LONDON, April 29.—Parts of the city of Dublin are in flames, an Evening News dispatch filed at Belfast last night says. Street fighting continues and there is much looting. It is said, but the reinforced military is making steady progress. Most of the shops are closed and passenger communication is still out off.

"There is every indication tonight that the end is approaching," says a dispatch to the Exchange Telegraph company from Dublin, under Friday's date. "Troop have been arriving all day and intermittent fighting has been going on to the disadvantage of the rebels. There was some shelling on Thursday night in the center of the city, which is a strong hold of the Sinn Feiners. Several fires were caused and the largest of these was still burning this morning."

Tonight (Friday) there has been a further action and it is stated that the building which suffered principally was Jacobs' factory. It is around this building that some of the fiercest fighting took place Monday evening. The rebels commandeered large supplies of food and stocked the building, where they hoped to hold out for some time. This evening an attack on the building began and just now, as the boat is ready to depart from Kingstown, we can see across the bay flames shooting up into the sky."

Hundreds Dead or Injured. LONDON, April 29.—Upwards of 100 civilians who, the correspondent says, persons have been killed or injured in Dublin, a correspondent at Belfast (Continued on Page Two, Column One.)

Denies that Villa's Bandits Cross Line in Marfa's Vicinity

MARFA, Tex., April 29.—There is no truth in the report that 500 Mexican bandits, supposedly Villa bandits, had crossed the American border at La Jita, near El Paso, and occupied twenty miles of territory, according to a statement made today by Captain Fox of the Texas Rangers.

FIELD HEADQUARTERS, NAMIQUITA, Chihuahua, April 29.—(By Wire) less to Columbus, N. M., April 29.—The column of American cavalry under General George A. Dodd, which for six days has been pursuing a large band of Villistas under four chiefs, through the rocky defiles of the continental divide, was reported today to have returned to its base at Minaca.

The band is said to be practically dispersed, members of its members apparently holding to the belief that Villa is dead.

The Carranzista forces, consisting of four trainloads of men, was detaining south of Guerrero today and reports here said they intend co-operating with the American command.

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