

SCORE OF AMERICANS SLAIN AS VILLISTA BANDS RAID NEW MEXICO BORDER TOWN

Five Soldiers Slain in Street Battle Defending Civilians at Columbus From Attack...

Facts of Bandit Attack at Columbus, New Mexico

Eight American civilians, residents of Columbus, known dead. Five United States soldiers killed in engagement with bandits.

Buildings Set Fire and Occupants Shot as They Flee Flames—Outlaw Chieftain's Papers Found Near Town—Troops Sent From Douglas to Protect Ranches and Towns

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WAR OPENED ON PORTUGAL BY GERMANY

Declaration Served Today on Republic by Kaiser's Minister at Lisbon

14 NATIONS IN CONFLICT. Rejection of Berlin Protest Against Ship Seizure One Cause Belli

Germany today declared war on Portugal.

The Portuguese Republic is the 14th nation involved in the world conflict.

The German Minister at Lisbon today notified the Portuguese Government of the declaration, handing the official document to the Foreign Minister with the remark:

"The German Government, therefore, now considers itself from this date at war with Portugal."

"The German declaration was based on the act of Portugal in seizing, without previous notice, German merchantmen in Portuguese ports."

This action, Germany charged in a sharp note of protest, violated the existing commercial treaties between Germany and Portugal and offered evidence that Portugal is "a vassal of England."

To this note, Portugal, on March 4, replied with a communication to the German Office, flatly rejecting the German demands.

The Governments' action occasioned no surprise. Portuguese and German troops have clashed earlier in the war in the African possessions, Portugal having declared that German troops had invaded her territory.

Portugal later sent troops to aid the British in operations against the Germans, and in other ways openly displayed her enmity for the Central Powers.

She was bound to England by an old treaty, pledging her to send 10,000 troops to England's assistance should England be attacked.

The declaration of war, according to an authorized statement from the Foreign Office this afternoon, was made necessary by "illegal seizure of German ships in Portuguese ports, which was the gravest breach of neutrality and of special treaties."

"Germany was therefore obliged to surrender her former forbearing attitude, which she maintained on account of Portugal's awkward position with respect to England," the statement added.

It is believed here that Austria will take similar action, Austrian ships having been seized by the Portuguese naval authorities. In many quarters it has been hinted that another result will be Spain's entrance into the war on the side of Germany.

The German statement lists a long series of neutrality violations by Portugal. The charges are:

"That Portugal gave English troops free passage through the colony of Mozambique, in Africa."

"That Portugal permitted English warships to use her ports for a time longer than privileged under international law."

"That the English vessel, the island of Madeira, belonging to Portugal, as a naval base."

"That engagements actually occurred between the troops of Portugal and Germany in German Southwest Africa and in Angola."

"That members of the Portuguese Parliament frequently insulted Germany without reprimand by other officials."

GERMANS TAKE FORT DE VAUX; WIN TOWN FOUR MILES FROM VERDUN; GAIN ALONG MEUSE



R. H. DURBIN

"PATRIOTISM DAY" PLANNED FOR CONVENTION

Evening Ledger Idea Indorsed by Poor Richards and Governor

"AD" MEN APPLAUD

Advertising officials all over country approve EVENING LEDGER'S suggestion to provide for "Patriotism Day" during big ad convention in this city next June.

Governor Brumbaugh and M. P. Linn, president Advertising Club of St. Louis, endorse plan.

H. A. Gatchel, vice president Poor Richard Club, says, "Patriotism Day" would make 10,000 advertising experts boosters of American patriotism in all sections of United States.

Poor Richard Club officials favor setting aside Tuesday, June 27, as "Patriotism Day." On this day a great naval display has been arranged at League Island and a big military exhibition on Franklin Field.

A plan for setting aside a day during the convention of the Associated Advertising Clubs of the World in this city next June, for a magnificent display of patriotism, which the tremendous forces publicized by officials of the Poor Richard Club, by Governor Brumbaugh, and by heads of advertising clubs in other large cities.

The suggestion in an editorial published in today's EVENING LEDGER, that such a day be called "Patriotism Day" also was favorably received. Robert H. Durbin, president of the Poor Richard Club, said he would place the suggestion before the next meeting of the Convention Committee of the club.

H. A. Gatchel, vice president of the Poor Richard Club, said:

"I cannot think of any better thing than using the tremendous forces publicized which will be present at the convention to boost the cause of American patriotism."

"Love of country is a great thing, and if the 10,000 advertising men who will attend the convention can, upon the affection of Americans for their native land at this time, a wonderful amount of good will have been accomplished."

"Advertising commercial America must go hand in hand with patriotism of the highest order. I would suggest that 'Patriotism Day' be celebrated in connection with the great army and naval exhibition, which will take place on Tuesday, June 27, of convention week."

Louis J. Kolb, a director of the club, said: "The observation of a 'Patriotism Day' at this time would be an excellent thing. I heartily approve of the idea."

Governor Brumbaugh approved of the plan to set aside a "Patriotism Day" in this city next June.

MOTHER'S ACT OF LOVE KILLS HER OWN BABES

She Tosses Comforter Over Them to Keep Them Warm and They Smother

A mother's provision for the comfort of her children, thoughtlessly carried out, caused a tragedy in Bridgeburg this morning.

The mother, Mrs. John Lewandowski, of 4152 Edgemont street, sacrificed herself to the cold so that her babies might be warm, and thus she killed them.

Mrs. Lewandowski is the wife of a laborer. He goes to work long before daylight and this morning he had left when she arose shortly after 6.

Her 13-month-old daughter, Pelagna, and 12-month-old son, Ladislav, had been sleeping with her. She feared they would be cold with the warmth of her body removed, and so, after she had dressed, she tossed her comforter over them.

She then went downstairs, started the kitchen fire, prepared breakfast and returned to wake the children and take them downstairs to the comfortable kitchen. The children wouldn't wake up. She tried and tried, crying at first and finally screaming. Her cries brought a neighbor, who summoned the aid of a policeman, and he sent for Dr. J. L. Wiza, of 4444 East Thompson street.

ROOSEVELT SAYS HE "DOES NOT WISH NOMINATION, AND WILL NOT CONSENT"

NEW YORK, March 9.—Col. Theodore Roosevelt "does not wish" the presidential nomination, and "will not consent" to having his name used in any of the coming State primaries.

He so declared today in a statement made at Port-of-Spain, Trinidad, B. W. I., and called by Henry L. Stoddard, of the New York Evening Mail. The statement makes it clear, however, that despite his wishes the Colonel recognizes that his services are subject to draft in a crisis. The statement follows, in part:

I must request and I now do request and insist that my name be not brought into the Massachusetts primaries and I emphatically decline to be a candidate in the primaries of that or any other State.

I do not wish the nomination. I am not in the least interested in the political fortunes, either of myself or any other man.

I will not enter into any fight for the nomination and I will not permit any factional fight to be made in my behalf. Indeed, I will go further and say that it would be a mistake to nominate me, unless the country has in its mood something of the heroic—unless it feels not only devotion to ideals, but the purpose measurably to realize those ideals in action.

Nothing is to be hoped from the present Administration and the struggles between the President and his party leaders in Congress are today merely struggles as to whether the nation shall see its governmental representatives adopt an attitude of a little more or less hypocrisy and follow a policy of slightly greater or slightly less baseness. All that they offer us is a choice between degrees of hypocrisy and degrees of infamy.

QUICK NEWS

LITTLE GIRL SCALDED TO DEATH. Helen George, three years old, of 514 South 7th street, died in the Pennsylvania Hospital this afternoon of burns which she received this morning when she fell into a bucket of scalding water at her home.

GERMAN AIRSHIPS SHELL MINSK RAILWAY STATION. BERLIN, March 9.—Attempts of the Russians to advance were repulsed at every point," the War Office reports. "Our airships bombarded the railway at Minsk and also the troops concentrated at Minsk."

SECURES \$1,225,000 AUTOMOBILE ORDER. LIMA, O., March 9.—The Grimm-Bernstein Company has just closed a \$1,225,000 order for automobile trucks, said to be for commercial purposes, to Great Britain.

PUSEY & JONES PLANT SOLD. WASHINGTON, Del., March 9.—Christopher Henvig, of Norway, has purchased a majority of the stock, thereby obtaining control of the Pusey & Jones Company, of this city, manufacturers of steel boats, paper-making machinery, etc. Henvig is a New York ship broker.

\$8,137,114.33 IN CITY TREASURY. The weekly statement of City Treasurer William McCoach shows that the receipts amounted to \$257,282.61 and the payments to \$474,830.71, which, with the sum on hand last week, not including the sinking fund account, left a balance of \$8,137,114.33 at the close of business last night.

NORSE SHIP STRIKES MINE; 15 BELIEVED DEAD. COPENHAGEN, March 9.—The Norwegian steamship Memona struck a mine and sank in the North Sea, according to dispatches received here today. The crew of 18 is believed to have perished.

SENATE VOTES TO TAKE UP ARMOR PLANT BILL. WASHINGTON, March 9.—The Senate by a vote of 55 to 10 today decided to give its attention next to Senator Tillman's bill appropriating \$11,000,000 for establishing a Government armor plate plant.

CHICAGO AND NORTHWESTERN ORDERS LOCOMOTIVES. NEW YORK, March 9.—The Chicago and Northwestern Railway Company has placed an order with the American Locomotive Company for 77 of the 100 locomotives recently authorized by the directors of the company. The classification of these engines was not stated, but inquiries cover 28 six-wheel switching, 14 Pacific and 35 Mikado type.

CONGRESSMAN S. H. MILLER TO RETIRE. WASHINGTON, March 9.—Congressman Samuel H. Miller, of Mercer, who represents the 25th Pennsylvania District, today announced that he would not be a candidate to succeed himself at the forthcoming primary, as he desired to retire to private life at the conclusion of his term.

MAYOR AND PARTY TO LEAVE FOR VACATION. Mayor and Mrs. Smith and a party of friends will leave for Alken, S. C., tomorrow afternoon for a ten-day vacation. The party will include Coroner and Mrs. William R. Knight, Jr.; Recorder of Deeds and Mrs. James Hazlett, Receiver of Taxes and Mrs. W. Preeland Kendrick, State Senator and Mrs. Edwin H. Vore and Mr. and Mrs. H. Dollinger. They will leave the North Philadelphia Station at 3 o'clock. During their stay the party will play golf, shoot and "just plain rest."

DR. ALONZO E. TAYLOR GOING TO BERLIN. Dr. Alonzo E. Taylor, Rush professor of physiological chemistry at the University of Pennsylvania, will sail for Germany Saturday as Red Cross attaché of the American Embassy in Berlin. He will leave the city tomorrow. The appointment closely follows that of Dr. D. J. McCarthy, professor of medical jurisprudence at the University, as American physician to observe conditions in German prison camps.

LEVER TO QUIT AS CHELTENHAM CHIEF OF POLICE. Police Chief Lever, of Cheltenham township, has complied with a request of the township commissioners that he resign and will retire March 21. That police was at the bottom of the action was denied by John J. Campbell, head of the Police Committee. Chief Lever would not make a statement. Other changes include the retirement of Patrol Driver Charles Hamilton and the appointment of Theodore Halliwell as house sergeant.

MARTIAL LAW IN CARTAGENA AFTER BLOODY RIOTS. MADRID, March 9.—Martial law was declared at Cartagena today following 36 hours of rioting on the part of La Union foundry workers. Two thousand strikers attacked the foundry, which was defended by 40 armed guards employed by the company and a number of soldiers. Five strikers were killed and a number seriously wounded.

ENVER PASHA'S DEATH DENIED BY TURKS. LONDON, March 9.—The Turkish Legation at Athens declares there is no truth in the story that Enver Pasha, Turkish War Minister, was attacked by a would-be assassin or that he died from his wounds, according to dispatches received here today.

CANADA'S RECRUITING ADS HELD LEGAL. WASHINGTON, March 9.—The insertion in American newspapers of Canadian interest of advertisements urging American citizens to join the Canadian military forces for service in Europe has been investigated by the Postoffice Department and the decision reached that no violation of American law is involved. No action to prevent passage through the mails of this matter is contemplated by the department.

AUSTRIANS HALT IN GALICIAN ADVANCE. BERLIN, March 9.—The Austrians have made no further advances in Galicia following their capture of 1000 yards of Russian trenches northwest of Ternopol. An official statement from the Austrian War Office, telegraphed here today, mentioned only intermittent combats on the front of Archduke Ferdinand's army.

AMERICAN WITHDRAWS SUIT AGAINST BRITISH PAPERS. LONDON, March 9.—George Gordon Moore, Michigan millionaire, whose association with Sir John French at British army headquarters led to much adverse criticism, today withdrew his libel suit against E. Hulton & Co., proprietors of a number of newspapers which attacked him.

Moore has been an intimate friend of Viscount French, former British commander in France, for several years, and has shared a house with the Field Marshal.

One of the defendant papers published an article accusing Moore of obtaining military secrets at French's headquarters, sending them to America and using his position to hurt the Allies' cause. His sister, it was printed, was a frequent visitor to the Bernstorff household on Long Island.

MONTENEGRO TRANSFERS CAPITAL TO BORDEAUX. LYONS, March 9.—The seat of the Government of Montenegro has been transferred from Lyons to Bordeaux. The King and the other members of the royal family, with the Cabinet officers, left here last night to take up residence in a mansion prepared for them.

THE WEATHER

Let us go back to nature to learn the secret of the shortest vacations. The polar bear at the Zoo is happy again today after a 15-minute vacation of the simplest sort. It consisted of nothing more than a big, dense, low-hanging cloud, drifting over the city in the lap of a surface wind from the north, which shed a dark shadow, almost like that of the over-Philadelphia, the Zoo and the house that reminded him of his home near the North Pole and he was happy for the quarter of an hour that the twilight lasted. And the experience stored enough happiness in him to tide him over the days of spring fever and the days. So it is with human beings. A short vacation often regenerates one "an hour of rest" which might have saved him from the winter.

FORECAST

Fair and continued cold tonight, with most about 20 degrees; Friday fair warmer; moderate westerly winds. For details see page 15.

LOST AND FOUND

LOST.—Lost, diamond and sapphire ring, Friday evening, Arch St. Philadelphia, Pa. Reward and return to J. E. Caldwell & Co., 100 Chestnut St.

LOST.—Lost, Tuesday evening, March 7, in the city, a diamond and platinum ring. Reward and return to J. E. Caldwell & Co., 100 Chestnut St.

PET DOG SAVES COUPLE FROM DEATH IN FLAMES

Then, Woman Insists on Animal's Rescue First

WILMINGTON, Del., March 9.—Awakened by the barking of their pet dog, William Baldwin, chemist of the du Pont Powder Company, and his wife, were saved from death today in a fire that destroyed the four-story apartment building in which they lived.

Baldwin, who had been ill, was carried down a ladder. His wife refused to leave until the firemen had saved the dog.