

GREAT ALLIED AIR FLEET OF SIXTY-FIVE PLANES RAIDS NAVAL BASE AT ZEEBRUGGE

Squadron of British, French and Belgian Machines Take Part in Attack

German Position at Houtade Also Bombarded—Fifteen Armored Planes Fight Off Foes as Raiders Drop Bombs and Escape

English Start Reprisal Policy Following Attack on East Coast Sunday, When 11 Persons Were Killed. Paris Reports Success of Air Battle in Alsace

LONDON, March 20.—Fifty Allied aeroplanes bombarded the German naval base at Zeebrugge, Belgium, and the military aerodrome at Houtade, it was officially announced today.

The raid, which was the most ambitious yet attempted against the German coast in Belgium, was made this morning. Bombs were dropped upon the munitions depots at Zeebrugge and upon submarines in the harbor.

Considerable damage appears to have been done. The machines carried on an average of 200 pounds of explosives each. All the machines returned safely to their base. Only one Belgian officer was reported to have been seriously injured. All the British machines were naval.

A new kind of bomb, filled with shrapnel, was hurled down by the German fliers. The walls of an orphanage, wrecked by one of the bombs were found to be peppered with bits of shrapnel. Only

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Norristown's Oldest Citizen Dies

NORRISTOWN, Pa., March 20.—Charles Lewis, 97 years old, the oldest resident of the town, is dead. He served in Town Council from the 3d Ward for 14 years and was a director of the Burt Trust Company. Two sons and a daughter survive.

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THE WEATHER

"Vere calor redit ossibus." In other words, we are on the verge of the season when "heat returns to the bones," according to that spring poet of classical Rome, Virgil. Spring is to come today. And yet, with the winds and rains of that delectable season in their throats, and the heat in their bones, many persons at this late day are hurrying to the drug store for cold, cough, croup, influenza, and the undertaker who, during the ebb and flow of the weather, has declared that early spring would come during the following six weeks. Granting that he is qualified for membership in T. R.'s large organization, and not err flagrantly. Even the Weather Man has come to his defense. He says that from February 12 to March 15, "groundhog weather" was not unusually bad, quoting an average temperature of 53 degrees below normal and other figures that showed that period to be entirely normal as regards snowfall and wind. And yet the poor animal who has innocently enough been thrown into the furnace is blamed for colds, coughs, bronchitis, grip, influenza, catarrh, tonsillitis, pneumonia and the undertaker.

FORECAST

For Philadelphia and vicinity—Increasing cloudiness late tonight, probably followed by rain or snow Tuesday; slowly rising temperature; gentle variable winds becoming southeasterly. For details see page 4.

LOST AND FOUND

RECOVERED RING—Lost, three-stone diamond ring about 1/2 carat, a little yellow in center. Finder, E. J. Smith, 224 S. 15th street, near the Hotel Mifflin. Reward \$25.00. E. J. Smith, 224 S. 15th street, near the Hotel Mifflin.

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M. E. CONFERENCE LAUDS GOVERNOR FOR BOOZE STAND

Delegates Praise Brumbaugh and Smith for Opposition to Liquor

GET \$33,500 IN GIFTS

Will Fight All Legislators Opposed to Temperance Reform

Today's Program 4 p. m.—Pentecostal service in charge of the Rev. C. M. Boswell, D. D. 8 p. m.—Anniversary of the Board of Foreign Missions. Addressed by the Rev. Arthur C. James, pastor of Calvary Church, Ambler, and by Bishop William F. Oldham, corresponding secretary of the Board of Foreign Missions. Music by the St. James choir.

Support for Governor Brumbaugh and all State and city officials who are fighting for prohibition or local option was pledged today at the fifth business session of the Philadelphia Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, at St. James' Church, Olney.

The members of the conference, representing more than 300 churches and 80,000 members, cast the unanimous decision to enter the fight against liquor by printing and sending broadcast the report of the conference's temperance society, presented Saturday by the Rev. B. E. Johnson, president of the society.

The report, which the members believe

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Peace in Sight, London Shipping Firm Cables

GALVESTON, Tex., March 20.—A cablegram from a prominent ship-chartering firm in London, received here today, said that immediate peace is in sight in Europe. The message canceled arrangements for a large amount of tonnage which was to have been shipped from here to the belligerents.

10-CENT SUGAR COMING

Refiners Predict Price May Rise Three Cents Before End of Year

The retail price of sugar in Philadelphia today is seven cents a pound. It is still going up, and no one knows how high it may go. Some refiners say it may go as high as 10 cents a pound before the year is out. Retailers assert they make no profits whatever on sugar and that retail prices in Philadelphia are always the same as the wholesale prices. The Pennsylvania Refining Company quotes the price today for standard crystallized at seven cents a pound. Other refiners quote 6.90 cents a pound. While the refiners claim that they buy from day to day and just keep abreast of the market, there is talk of speculation going on somewhere. The refiners are sold beyond their capacity, and those in Philadelphia have received orders at the lower prices which prevailed some time ago for about \$30,000 barrels, which would be equal to the supply for Philadelphia for about six weeks. The assistant sales manager of one of the largest refineries said today that in the present condition of the sugar market no one can predict with any degree of certainty how high the retail price of sugar may go. The situation, he said, is largely in the hands of the growers in Cuba, and they may raise their prices so that sugar would command as high as 10 cents a pound at retail.

U. S. SOLDIERS ATTACK VILLA, BORDER HEARS

Report of a Clash With Outlaw Patrol Reaches Laredo, Texas

BANDITS HEMMED IN

Fleeing Bands Believed Trapped in Mountains of Galeana District

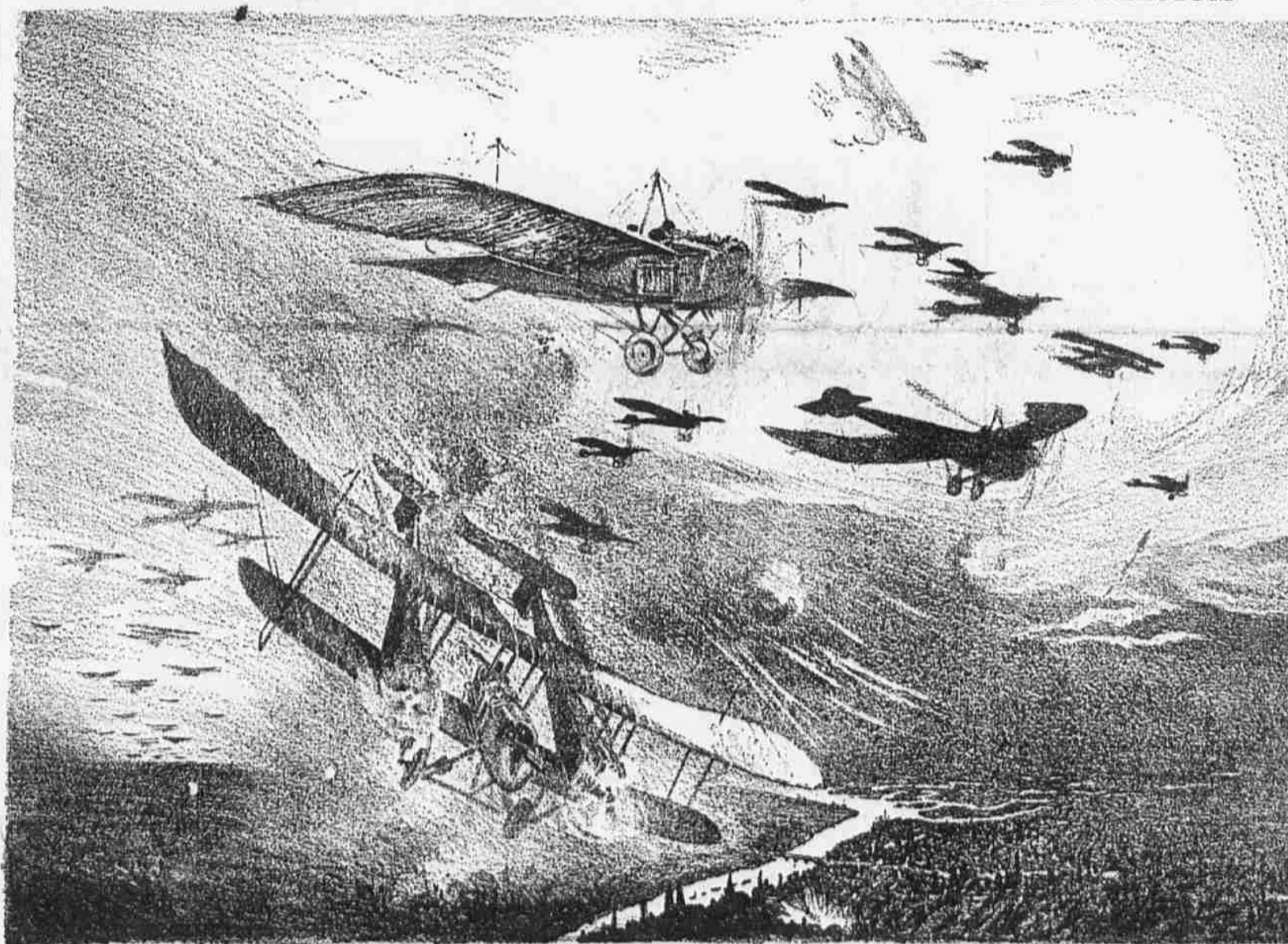
Unconfirmed reports from Laredo, Tex., are to the effect that the American troops, sent into Mexico to hunt down Francisco Villa, had clashed with the outlaw bands. Movement of the expeditionary forces indicated that Villa and his bands were surrounded in the Guerrero Mountain regions, Galeana district, Chihuahua State.

From the north he is pressed by the forces of Colonel Dodd, in the lead, and General Pershing, closely following.

On the west, the passes into Sonora, through the Sierra Madre, are said to be guarded by Carranza troops, while to the south and east Carranza garrisons at Madera and Namiquiza are said to bar escape. However, the net is thinly drawn and Villa may

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65 ALLIED AEROPLANES PLUNGE DOWN ON GERMAN BASE IN BELGIUM



Zeebrugge, on the Belgian coast, has been visited by a great fleet of aircraft, all of which returned safely.

TWO YOUNG MEN FIGHT SAVAGELY WITH BARE KNUCKLES FOR PURSE

Pair Battle Fiercely in Locked Stable Until One Falls Helpless After Blow to Heart

FANS WAIT OUTSIDE

Two young men, one of them an amateur boxer, locked themselves in the hayloft of a stable at 510 Pine street yesterday and after the manner of the famous Sullivan-Kilrain bout of old fight days, fought a terrific battle to a finish with bare knuckles for a purse of \$420. It is estimated that \$5000 changed hands as a result of the fight.

The agreement was that the man who was first to leave the battle arena in the stable would be declared the winner of the contest. The two men fought it out alone. Standing on the curb on Pine street, near the stable, were 40 or more "fight fans" who waited breathlessly for the winner to stagger forth from the stable.

The thud of hard knuckles falling on naked bodies and the shuffling of swiftly moving feet occasionally reached the ears of the fans as unsuspecting churchgoers passed by them on their way to the Old Pine Street Presbyterian Church, 4th and Pine streets. The 34 and De Lancey streets station house is only four squares away from the stable, but the police knew nothing of the primitive battle which was being waged in the building.

The contestants were Charles Schwartz, of the Sherman Hotel, 218 Walnut street, and Mike Berkowitz, of 10th street near Dickinson, known in amateur circles as "Berkie."

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U. OF P. TUITION FEES MAY BE INCREASED

Provost Smith Says Growth in Expenditures May Cause Raise

The tuition for all courses at the University of Pennsylvania will be raised unless the income of the college is increased, it was announced today by authorities. The cost of maintaining the college has increased noticeably of late, according to Provost Smith, and unless the appropriation from the State and donations from private sources are increased the increase in tuition will have to come, the provost said.

The advance in rates would affect 7000 students. The college course is now \$150, as is the Wharton School course. The architectural school course is \$200. Provost Smith said he did not know how large the increase would be, but that he would have to figure it out to meet the increasing expenses.

"Something must be done soon," said the provost. "Expenses are increasing and professors are demanding higher salaries. We must grant them, too, if we hope to hold our place among the foremost American institutions of learning. I am afraid that we are gradually coming to a point where an increase in the tuition rate will be necessary."

Man Kills Himself With Gas

Jacob Spaffert, 59 years old, of 330 West Diamond street, committed suicide by inhaling gas. His body was found in his bedroom this morning by his housekeeper. A hose attached to a gas jet led to his mouth. Friends of Spaffert state that he had been dependent for several months, owing to business worries. He was the proprietor of a cigar saloon. Recently he inserted advertisements in several newspapers for employment as a laborer. It is said he received no replies.

PLAN TO ADJOURN CONGRESS BY JULY 1

Special Rules Will Limit Debate on Routine Bills—Many Likely to Fail

WASHINGTON, March 20.—Special rules to force through all routine legislation with minimum debate are to be reported by the House Rules Committee in an effort to bring about adjournment of Congress by July 1. That plan was announced today by Acting Chairman Puck of the Rules Committee. He expects to get Speaker Clark, Democratic leader Kitchin and other prominent Democratic members to support the plan.

Chairman Puck said he did not propose to "pass the House on new legislation, but on routine measures, such as the annual appropriation bills, which are much the same each year, it is proposed to cut 'general debate' to the limit. Ordinarily many hours are given to general debate, and as a result the members who get time then do not use it in discussing the measure under consideration, but devote it to the delivery of 'home consumption' speeches.

Not one of the big annual appropriation bills has been enacted into law, and Congress has been in session since the first week of December. With 14 annual appropriation measures before it in addition to the national defense legislation and such measures as the immigration bill and rural credits bill, it is realized 'speeding-up' methods must be resorted to if Congress is to adjourn before fall.

The special rules will not apply only to appropriation measures. The general debate on the immigration bill will be cut, because that bill has passed both houses of Congress in the Taft and Wilson administrations, but failed to become a law because of presidential vetoes.

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SUDDEN RICHES, FAST LIVING, TRAGIC END OF YOUNG WIDOWER

Story of Suicide of a Former Railroad Brakeman Who Married Wealthy Woman in 1914 WAS RAISED ON A FARM

The tragedy of a country boy, who came into sudden wealth at the suicide of a wealthy widow he had married, and then took his own life at the end of what the police say was a red trail of wine, women and races, was revealed today in a telegram to the father of the youth.

"William Murphy," it said, "suicide in Arlington Hotel, Hot Springs, Ark. Pennsylvania. Body on way to Philadelphia." The father, John C. Murphy, is an invalid and critically ill at his home, 452 North 56th street.

"Poor Billy," he said. "Poor Billy. But maybe it was for the best."

In October, 1914, young Murphy, a brakeman on the Pennsylvania Railroad, married a wealthy widow several years his senior, Mrs. Marion Barker, of Wayne, Pa. Murphy gave up his job on the railroad and took a palatial home at 1515 Columbia avenue. Just nine months after the marriage, on June 4, 1915, his bride shot herself through the brain. Nervous prostration is thought to have been the reason. All her fortune was willed to her husband.

The sudden riches within the grasp of the youth who had been born and raised on a farm in Farmington, Del. were too much for Murphy, who, according to his sister, Miss Florence Murphy, had never until then really known the meaning of "plenty." "The lure of riches to spend on

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QUICK NEWS

FOUR ANNAPOLIS MEN DISMISSED

ANNAPOLIS, Md., March 20.—Dismissal of four midshipmen from the Naval Academy was announced today. C. H. Lyle, of Tennessee, first class, and Thomas H. Davis, of South Carolina, and Francis Kelly, of New York, third class, were dismissed by order of Secretary Daniels for drinking. James E. Betts of Iowa, was expelled for gross disobedience.

ATTEMPT TO ASSASSINATE BULGAR PREMIER

ROME, March 20.—A Bulgarian postal employe attempted to assassinate Premier Radoslavoff in Sofia, yesterday, according to dispatches received here today. He fired twice at Radoslavoff while the Premier was riding in an open carriage. One of the bullets struck the Prime Minister's coachman, but the Prime Minister escaped injury.

NORWAY WOULD AID IN PEACE MOVEMENT

CHRISTIANIA, March 20.—Norway stands ready to help the United States bring about peace in Europe, Doctor Ihlen, the Foreign Minister, in addressing a deputation of the Ford peace delegates, headed by Dr. Charles F. Akef, said that Norway is desirous in assisting peace efforts.

MEAT PRICES RISE TWO CENTS A POUND

An increase of about 2 cents a pound on meats was made today in butcher shops because "America is feeding the world in wartime." Meats are usually high at this season, but this year the increase is greater. Retailers explain that they are following the packers in "boosting" prices, and the packers, in turn, say the large exports are responsible. No decrease may be expected until the Texas range cattle are available for the trade, a dealer said. In some shops lamb and pork have gradually risen in prices until they are now 6 and 7 cents a pound above normal.

SLAYER OF TWO DETECTIVES MUST DIE

The Supreme Court today confirmed the judgment of the lower court in finding Jacob Miller, slayer of two detectives, guilty of murder of the first degree. The crime was committed March 25th last when Miller was arrested for a minor offense. A few minutes after his arrest he shot Detectives James Manely, killing him instantly, and Harry E. Tucker, who died several weeks later in the Episcopal Hospital. Counsel for Miller averred there had been a technical error in the trial. Miller is now under sentence of death, and will be executed unless the Board of Pardons intervenes in his behalf.

CONSUL'S BODY WASHED AWAY FROM SEASIDE GRAVE

WASHINGTON, March 20.—The body of Robert McNeely, the American Consul to Aden, Arabia, drowned when the Persia was sunk some weeks ago and later discovered washed up on the desert coast of Egypt, has again disappeared, according to a cablegram to the State Department from Consul Garrels, at Alexandria, Egypt.

The body when found was buried nearby to await word from McNeely's relatives in North Carolina. The cablegram reporting its burial was received at the department February 23. March 17 Garrels cabled that he had sent Vice Consul Tuck to the place of burial, when it was found that heavy storms had washed away the place of burial and the body.

WAGES OF 1300 SILK MILL EMPLOYES INCREASED

ALTOONA, Pa., March 20.—The 1300 operatives in the silk mill here today were notified of a 10 per cent. increase in wages.

BRAZIL'S MINISTER SILENT ON SHIP SEIZURE REPORT

RIO DE JANEIRO, March 20.—Dr. Lauro S. Mueller, Brazilian Minister of Foreign Affairs, today refused to deny or confirm Liverpool advices stating that many German ships interned in Brazilian ports had been seized. He said, however, that the Government had been working ever since the war began for a solution of the navigation problem, and that he hoped for united action by all the countries of America.

800,000 FRENCH CHILDREN FATHERLESS THROUGH WAR

PARIS, March 20.—Eight hundred thousand French children have been made fatherless by the war according to a statement made by Senator Jenouvrier in a debate in the Senate. This number exceeds by 10 per cent. the average total births in France. Half the childhood of France, he estimates, will be brought up without a paternal guide.

BRITISH SAILORS RESCUED FROM ARAB TRIBESMEN

LONDON, March 20.—Ninety members of the crew of the British armed steamship Tara, who were captured by Senussi tribesmen when the ship was sunk by a German submarine off the Egyptian coast last November, have been rescued by British forces, it was announced today by the Admiralty.

BERLIN'S FOOD ALLOWANCE INCREASED

BERLIN, March 20.—Increased food supplies are granted to the people of Berlin by regulations that went into effect today. The allowance of butter was increased to 135 grams a week and potatoes to ten pounds for 12 days. All purchases must be made by ticket. The Overseas News Agency states that this measure is only temporary, being adopted until general distribution plans can be formulated.

NAMUR AMMUNITION DEPOTS BLOWN UP

LONDON, March 20.—A Central News dispatch from Amsterdam reports that three ammunition depots were destroyed by a series of explosions in the German forts at Namur.

NURSE GETS \$4812 FOR CRIPPLED ARM

LANCASTER, Pa., March 20.—After 31 hours' deliberation, the jury today rendered a verdict for \$4812 against Dr. Newton Bitter in favor of Miss Rose Hergenrother, a professional nurse, who sued for damages on the ground that the defendant had treated improperly her broken arm, which left it crippled.

PRINCE OF WALES IN EGYPT

LONDON, March 20.—The Prince of Wales has arrived in Egypt on appointment as staff captain to the general officer commanding in chief the Mediterranean expeditionary force," says an official statement issued last night. The present commander-in-chief of the Mediterranean army is Lieutenant General Sir Archibald Murray, who was succeeded by Sir William Robertson as chief of the Imperial General Staff. His headquarters are in Cairo.

PRINTERS OF MERCIER'S LETTER ARRESTED

BERLIN, March 20.—German authorities in Brussels have arrested a printer and four employees, who returned the pastoral letter issued by Cardinal Mercier, Primate of Belgium, on his visit recently from Rome, as the initial step against that matter not submitted to the censor. In the pastoral letter Cardinal Mercier said that while at one time he doubted the prospects of final victory, his faith had been restored as a result of his conversations with North American and South American, who had inspired him with unshakable confidence in Belgium's victory.

FORMER ACADEMY STUDENT WINS PAINTING PRIZE

Miss Ella Laubach, former student of the Academy of the Fine Arts, now a resident of St. Paul, Minn., has been awarded the gold medal given each year by James J. Hill for the most noteworthy canvas displayed at the St. Paul Institute. It is considered a high honor. Miss Laubach received two European scholarships while a student at the academy in 1914 city.