

### U. S. TROOPS TAKE MEXICAN RAILWAY IN MOVE TO STRIKE BANDITS FROM TWO ANGLES

#### Forces Already on Way From Casas Grandes to Madera Region for Blow at Villa Bands, Say El Paso Reports

#### Reported Desertions of 5000 Carranzistas to Outlaws Rouses Border and Guards Rapidly Shifted to Block Possible Attacks—Herrera's Brother Arrested at El Paso

WASHINGTON, March 23.—Secretary of War Baker this afternoon sent to Congress estimates of more than \$8,000,000 needed to cover the costs of the Mexican expedition and the recruiting of the army up to full strength, as authorized last week.

EL PASO, March 23.—Police Captain Hall today said he was in possession of facts showing a plot by 200 Mexicans in El Paso to loot and burn the city. Eleven men were arrested, including a brother of General Luis Herrera.

General John J. Pershing, commanding the American expedition into Mexico to get Francisco Villa, has taken over the Mexican Northwestern Railway south of Casas Grandes in order to cut off the outlaw bands and direct an attack from both north and south, according to El Paso dispatches.

Reports of the action show that it was with the consent of the Carranza Government and that Carranza soldiers also have left for the south, 200 having entrained at Casas Grandes for Madera.

The exact whereabouts of the Villa bands are not known, neither are the positions of the American troops stated. But today's moves indicate that the Villistas are in the region about Madera, northwest of Namiquipa, and that the U. S. troops are east of that position, with other detachments to the north, probably still at Casas Grandes, from where the attack will be aimed.

Movement of the troops already has begun, according to El Paso advices. Reported desertions of Carranzistas to the Villa standard gave the border situation a more menacing aspect. General Herrera, deposed commander at Chihuahua, is said to have left his post, taking with him 2000 well-armed men ready to unite with the outlaw chieftain. General Cano, from Namiquipa, also is said to have deserted.

A total of 5000 former Villistas, recruited into the Carranza forces, are believed to have joined the bandits. Official confirmation is lacking. Carranza Consul Garcia at Juarez officially denies the rebellions, but Americans on the border doubt the statement.

Rapid movement of troops along the border towns facing Mexican posts guarded by Carranzistas indicates that too much faith is not being placed in de facto government troops.

Reinforcements have been sent to Brownsville, Tex., directly across from Matamoros, a strong Carranza garrison.

Washington advices say that the entire United States Army has been placed at the call of General Funston, if needed, and if intervention became a necessity. Forces continue to be rushed to the border. An infantry detachment from Wyoming, just back from the Philippines, left today by way of Denver for the front. Other details are also en route.

No confirmation has been received of the reported engagement of American forces with the Villistas south of Casas Grandes, where it was said two American scouts had been killed.

The State Department was concerned over the silence of Consul Letcher at Chihuahua, reported seat of the Carranzista rebellions.

### PERSHING TAKES RAILWAY TO MOVE TROOPS TO SOUTH

EL PASO, Tex., March 23.—American troops have taken over the Mexican railroads to speed up their pursuit of Pancho Villa. It was stated here today.

News of an impending rebellion among Carranzista troops against co-operation in the campaign against Villa, their old leader, were overshadowed by this new step.

Indications that the step was taken with the consent of the de facto Government were seen in the report that Carranza General Bertani with 200 men left Casas Grandes today on a military train for Madera.

Brigadier General Pershing took charge of the Mexican Northwestern from Casas Grandes to Madera three days ago. It was said. His action had been kept a secret.

If American infantry were moved to Madera, as reported, the troops may now be south of Villa, although the absence of any information as to his whereabouts

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### THE WEATHER

**FORECAST**  
For Philadelphia and vicinity—Fair tonight, with lowest temperature about 32 degrees; Friday fair and warmer; gentle northwest winds becoming variable.

### LOST AND FOUND

WATCH—Lost, gold-filled, gentleman's watch, open face, with initials R. C. H., between 21st and Center sts. and 17th & Hesperoad sts. Station, going from Broad St. Station in a cab to 13th St. toward 15th St. returned to E. C. Harris, 2001 Francis st., Camden, N. J.

COAT—Small leather slouching hat on Mar. 9. containing keys, money & tickets, between 21st and Center sts. and 17th & Hesperoad sts. Station, going from Broad St. Station in a cab to 13th St. toward 15th St. returned to E. C. Harris, 2001 Francis st., Camden, N. J.

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### EIGHTIETH ANNIVERSARY

SATURDAY NEXT, March 25th, the Public Ledger will celebrate its Eightieth Anniversary by issuing

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### PRESIDENT WILSON VISITS OCULIST IN THIS CITY

The country's chief executive and Mrs. Wilson are seen leaving the office of Dr. G. E. De Schweinitz, at 1705 Walnut which included Dr. Cary T. Grayson, arrived from Washington shortly before noon. In addition to the usual number of Secret Service men, the President was surrounded by a cordon of 20 mounted policemen, 20 reserve officers and a squad of detectives, forming the largest guard ever placed about a visitor to Philadelphia. The party returned to Washington early in the afternoon.



### SLAVS EXTEND DENT IN FRONT OF 200 MILES

#### Forces Almost as Large as at Verdun in Terrific Struggle

### GREAT CURVE FROM RIGA

#### Kuropatkin Attacks Railway Positions and Berlin Says He Has Been Repulsed

LONDON, March 23.—Von Hindenburg's front is being heavily assaulted by the Russians on a gradually widening front, now reaching nearly 200 miles in a southeasterly curve from Riga.

The German War Office this afternoon reported Russian assaults last night in the region of Jakobstadt and along the Mita-Jakobstadt Railway, north of Widen, and in the region of Lakes Narocz and Wisniev, south of Dvinsk. General Kuropatkin is rolling up heavy forces to the attack against the German railway positions, but the German War Office asserts that the attacks have been repulsed.

A further extension of the eastern front fighting is bringing into action forces almost as large as those engaged in the struggle for Verdun.

Official Russian report says: A series of actions is progressing along the entire front. In the Riga region, near the village of Delvinsk, (12 miles south of Riga) and south of Dahlen Island, our troops fought with strong enemy outposts.

In the Jakobstadt sector we captured, after a fight, a village and wood east of Augustow (about 3 miles west of Jakobstadt) and also a wood between the forest district of Dukerneck and village of Delvinsk, in the Buschhof region (7 miles southwest of Jakobstadt).

South of the Dvinsk region sharp artillery and infantry fighting continues. Our artillery successfully bombarded the region north of Ments.

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### PRESIDENT WILSON VISITS PHILADELPHIA TO CONSULT OCULIST

#### Crowd's Greeting to Nation's Chief Magistrate Marked by Respectful Silence Instead of Customary Cheers

### HEAVY GUARD HIS ESCORT

President Wilson, accompanied by Mrs. Wilson, arrived in this city shortly before noon today.

The heaviest guard which ever safeguarded a President of the United States in Philadelphia escorted him from Broad Street Station to the office of Dr. G. E. De Schweinitz, the President's oculist, at 1705 Walnut street, and later to the home of his sister, Mrs. Anne Wilson Howe, at the Madstone Apartments, 1327 Spruce street. Mrs. Wilson was attired in a blue tailored suit and a black hat trimmed with bird-of-paradise feathers.

There was no cheering from the throng of 6000 persons in the throng as the Chief Executive and his wife walked down the platform from the special train of two coaches which brought them here from Washington. A faint ripple of applause, as had raised here and there amid a respectful silence that suddenly fell upon the crowd—and the President and Mrs. Wilson were engulfed in a mass of blue, as the policemen and detectives under Captain Milk, of the reserves, formed an escort about them. The President carried Mrs. Wilson's violet silk-lined cloak. She wore a light blue brocade dress with a black hat trimmed with bird-of-paradise feathers.

The party went through the 15th street exit, where the President raised his hat several times to the crowd there. He walked to the carriage of the Pennsylvania Railroad, which was waiting for him at 17th and Arch streets. Here the ceremony of silent respect was repeated. Not a word was spoken save a few low exclamations: "There's the President!" Mr. Wilson again helped Mrs. Wilson into the machine and the

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### DOCTOR, ACCUSED OF MURDER, HELD IN DEATH OF TWO

#### Son-in-Law of Wealthy Couple Arrested in Poison Mystery

### BIG FORTUNE INVOLVED

#### Famous Poison Mystery Recalled by Peck Case

Carlyle W. Harris was convicted in February, 1892, after a trial of three weeks, of the murder of Helen Potts Harris. She had died of morphia poisoning after taking capsules prescribed by him.

Roland Burnham Molineux was charged with the murder of Mrs. Adams. She died on December 28, 1898, after drinking from a bottle of bromo seltzer, alleged to have been sent by Molineux. He contained cyanide of mercury. Molineux was convicted at his first trial, but a second jury acquitted him. He is now in an insane asylum.

Albert T. Patrick, a lawyer, was charged with having chloroformed and killed William Marsh Rice, an aged multimillionaire, who was found dead on September 23, 1900. Patrick was convicted. Governor Dix pardoned him in 1912.

Doctor Buchanan died in the electric chair on July 2, 1895, for the murder of his wife, whom he had poisoned with morphia. He had murdered her cold-bloodedly for her property. He was convicted on April 26, 1893.

NEW YORK, March 23.—Dr. Arthur Warren Yoak, of the Coliseum Apartments, Riverside Drive and 118th street, was today arrested by order of District Attorney Swann on the charge of murder in the death of Mr. and Mrs. John E.

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### MAYOR'S BUTLER NOT AN ELEVATOR EXPERT

#### Citizens' Republican League Denies H. J. Smith's Qualification for New Job

A flat denial of statements concerning the record of Herman J. Smith, former butler to Mayor Smith, who recently was appointed an elevator inspector, made at the time of the butler's appointment, when his qualifications for the position were questioned, was issued today by the Porter-Winstons Citizens' Republican League.

The league, in a statement quoted authorities for the assertion that the butler, instead of having been employed for four and a half years in the construction department of the Otis Elevator Company of Pittsburgh, was caretaker of boys in the Northern Home for Friendless Children, 23d and Brown streets, and that if he was employed at all by the elevator company, it was only for a short time.

The league's statement, summarized, asserts that despite Smith's claim that he worked four and a half years for the Otis Company, his name cannot be found on the records of the company for 19 years back, or on any elevator concern in Pittsburgh. Furthermore, the Elevator Constructors' Union, according to the league, knows of no name of Herman J. Smith on its books. The last statement, the league says, completely refutes Smith's claim, for the Otis concern has long agreed to employ none but union hands.

### Brakeman Killed by Train

A brakeman on the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad was mangled when he jumped from a freight train at 35th and Wharton streets this afternoon and was ground to death beneath the wheels of a second train. The body of the man, who was E. B. Schneider, of 1121 Kensington avenue, was taken to the Polyclinic Hospital and pronounced dead.

### SEVEN MORE ARRESTED IN TOBACCO FRAUDS

#### Total of 27 Taken Here in Alleged Nation-Wide Revenue Violations

Seven more arrests were made today in the alleged nation-wide tobacco fraud, when another raid was made by Government officials on cigar-makers. This brings the total arrests to 27, including two for interference with arrests.

Two of the men surrendered. They are T. G. Ganagan, of 806 South 7th street, and N. Waschafsky, of 128 South 3d street. Charges of violating the internal revenue laws by refilling empty cigar boxes and otherwise failing to comply with the law were entered against them, and they were released in \$1000 bail.

An automobile was used by United States Deputy Marshals McCaffrey and Kenney in rounding up several of the prisoners. The men arrested by McCaffrey and Kenney are B. Biederman, of 250 Monroe street; William Speersman, of 725 South 4d street; Samuel Granofsky, of 630 Porter street; J. Pinkelstein, of 841 North 2d street; and George Markinson, of 2137 South 7th street. They will have hearings this afternoon.

E. C. Johnson, of Washington, solicitor of the Internal Revenue Department, announced today that the situation here does not appear as serious as in New York, where an investigation beginning Monday revealed not only fraud on the part of many dealers, but collusion by Federal officers. The investigation in this city will be completed in two more days, he said. Months were required to gather the evidence, he added.

### BIG RIOT OCCURS WHEN FIGHT TICKETS ARE SOLD

#### Twenty Thousand Fans Try to Purchase 2500 Seats for Saturday's Mill

NEW YORK, March 23.—Standing ankle deep in the mud and slush, 20,000 frantic men, women and children, battled before the gate of Madison Square Garden in a final, mad effort to purchase the 2500 \$2 and \$5 seats put on sale by the management at 9:30 o'clock this morning for the Willard-Moran fight Saturday night.

Hardly had the word been passed down the long, queuing line that the tickets were actually on sale, than riots began to break out. In spite of the many arrests that the "bulls" made, spectators edged their way into the four-ply line close to the ticket window and many of them succeeded in purchasing the precious tickets. So great was the human river that police officers were unable to maintain anything remotely resembling order. Time and again, a "top" would smash into the throng with his "billet" in a vain effort to prevent a band of speculators from pushing into the line.

All of the \$2, \$5, \$10 and \$15 seats have been sold. The only ones obtainable now are the \$20 and \$25 seats. It was officially announced today that the receipts to date amount to \$120,000.

This morning, after the theater seats were all sold, a big crowd still hung around the ticket window, hoping against hope that more tickets would be placed on sale. At noon Tex Rickard was recognized and was immediately importuned by a host of fans to let them have just a few more seats. Rickard merely shook his head.

Pig Sold for \$520 at Paoli  
A pig brought \$520 at a stock sale on the White Horse Farms of T. De Witt Cuyler at Paoli.

### QUICK NEWS

#### REICHSTAG MAY SIDETRACK U-BOAT DISCUSSION

BERLIN, March 23.—All resolutions bearing on the submarine policies of the Government were laid on the table by the standing committee for regulation of parliamentary business in the Reichstag today. This action, it is believed, will prevent open debate between the Heilweg and von Tirpitz factions.

#### ITALIAN SHIPS CAN CLEAR WITH GUNS MOUNTED

WASHINGTON, March 23.—The State Department ruled today that the armed Italian liners Regina D'Italia and Caserta may clear from New York with their guns mounted.

#### FOUR SHIPS SUNK BY U-BOATS OR MINES

LONDON, March 23.—The British steamship Sea Serpent has been torpedoed. The crew was saved. The Norwegian ship Kannish was sunk today by a German submarine or a mine. The crew was saved. The French steamship Bougainville, 7200 tons, has been sunk by a German submarine. Twenty-three members of the crew were picked up and landed today. The Bougainville hailed from Havre. The Norwegian bark Lindfield, 2276 tons, has been sunk off the Irish coast.

#### OMNIBUS REVENUE MEASURE DECIDED ON

WASHINGTON, March 23.—Definite decision to combine all of the tariff and revenue proposals now before Congress in a single measure to be rushed through the House under forced draft was reached today by Democratic members of the Ways and Means Committee.

#### NEGRO BOY PUNISHED FOR REFUSING TO SALUTE FLAG

DES MOINES, Ia., March 23.—Because he refused twice to salute the American flag, Hubert Eaves, 11-year-old negro boy, today was expelled from the public schools of Des Moines and sentenced to nine years in the El Dora Reformatory. The boy, in refusing to salute, informed his teacher that the Stars and Stripes waved only for the white race and that the negro has no flag.

#### TUBANTIA NOT SUNK BY U-BOAT, BERLIN SAYS

BERLIN, March 23.—The original denial by the German Admiralty that the Dutch liner Tubantia was sunk in the North Sea by a U-boat has been supplemented by the following announcement: "Investigation proves that the Tubantia was not torpedoed by a German submarine nor by any other kind of ship attached to the German navy. No mines have been seen by the German navy in the vicinity of the spot where the Tubantia was destroyed."

#### OUTPOSTS CLASH ON GREEK FRONTIER

BERLIN, March 23.—German troops, newly arrived at the Greek frontier, made their first capture of French prisoners in the recent skirmish between patrols, the Cologne Gazette's Balkan correspondent reports. The two scouting parties came upon each other unexpectedly and immediately clashed. After the infantry fighting artillery exchanged shots across the border.

#### RAILROADS WANT COAL RATE CASE REOPENED

WASHINGTON, March 23.—The New York Central and five other coal-carrying railroads today petitioned the Interstate Commerce Commission to reopen the anthracite carrying rate case, in so far as it affects Albany, Troy and Mechanicsville, N. Y., on coal from the Wyoming and Lehigh districts of Pennsylvania. The Commission recently reduced those rates.

#### BRITISH PRIZE COURT CONDEMNS GERMAN LINERS

LONDON, March 23.—The Hamburg-American liners Prinz Adalbert and Kronprinzessin Cecilie have been condemned by the Prize Court and taken over by the British Government. Both ships were detained by England in British ports when the war broke out. The Kronprinzessin Cecilie is a vessel of 13,503 tons and the Prinz Adalbert is 6920 tons in size.

#### BULGARS ARREST U. S. LEGATION OFFICIAL

PARIS, March 23.—The Chancellor of the American Legation at Sofia has been arrested by the Bulgarian authorities, according to a dispatch received here today. He was charged with bribing a police official to issue certain passports. The American Minister has demanded his release.

#### RUSSIAN LOSSES PUT AT 2,542,639

NEW YORK, March 23.—The losses of the Russians since the beginning of the war total 2,542,639, according to Boris Schumacher, who arrived from Petrograd today on the Scandinavian-American line United States. They are classified as follows: Killed in battle, 387,913; died from wounds, 192,300; died in hospitals, 274,175; total losses from death, 854,388; missing, 854,813; wounded 733,438.

#### BRITISH AIRMEN "MURDERED," M. P. CHARGES

LONDON, March 23.—In a debate in the House of Commons on the subject of aerial activity, Pemberton Billing, former member of the Royal Flying Corps, who recently was elected to the House on a platform calling for further developments in the air service, said that owing to defective aeroplanes British aviators were being "murdered." There was no reason, he said, why all the Zeppelins in Germany should not be blown up within the next half year. Harold J. Tennant, Parliamentary Under Secretary for War, replying on behalf of the Government, said that strong language was not necessary to awaken the Government to the importance of the subject.

#### J. W. CONVERSE WITH PERSHING IN MEXICO

John W. Converse, wealthy clubman and sportsman of this city, is with the Pershing expedition "somewhere in Mexico" in the role of a military observer, according to a dispatch from Silver City, N. M. He was attached to the command of Colonel H. J. Stocum, Thirteenth Cavalry, when the troops entered Mexico, the report says.

#### PENN STUDENT FLEES FROM QUARANTINE

John Bacon, a University of Pennsylvania student, is at his home at York, Pa., today, having fled from this city before a scarlet fever quarantine could be placed on his room. Bacon's case was diagnosed yesterday by Dr. Joseph C. Birdsall, of 3458 Chestnut street, who notified the Board of Health. Medical inspectors found Bacon's room in McKean House, Dormitories, empty and he was tracked to Lancaster, where he was arrested. He was taken to his home in York in an automobile, which later was disinfected.

#### BERLIN COMPLAINS OF U. S. PASSPORT SYSTEM

LONDON, March 23.—According to the Daily Mail, a writer in the Berliner Tageblatt complains that passports are not being issued to Americans who wish to go to Germany; that they are able to go to England as often as they please, but when they ask for special permission to visit Germany it is refused.

#### DUTCH PLAN CONVOYS FOR SHIPPING

AMSTERDAM, March 23.—The large shipping companies are considering combined steamings under convoy of a powerful tug provided with wireless installation, according to the Handelsblad. The possibility is also considered of such convoys being preceded by trawlers to do mine sweeping.

#### ITALY AGAIN PLEDGES NO SEPARATE PEACE

ROME, March 23.—Answering a question in the Chamber of Deputies concerning the pledges made by Italy to her Allies, the Under Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs said Italy was adhering to the London Convention concerning the agreement of her Allies not to make a separate peace. He added that she also had accepted all other conditions agreed upon by the Entente Powers, including the restoration of Belgium.