

50 PERISH, SOME AMERICANS, IN CHANNEL PACKET ATTACK; 4 U. S. HORSEMEN LOST ON LINER

Three Philadelphians Among Passengers on Sussex; One, Miss Elizabeth Baldwin, Reported Badly Hurt. Torpedoed, Say Survivors

Dominion Liner Englishman, Bound to Portland, Me., Sunk Off British Coast—Consul Armstrong, at Bristol, Cables That Vessel Was Victim "Presumably of a Submarine"

Three Americans Assert They Saw Torpedo as They Stood on Deck of Sussex

Some of the survivors put the list of missing at considerably more than 50. The list include a number of women and children.

LIFEBOATS BLOWN OFF. The Sussex left Folkestone shortly after noon yesterday, under excellent weather conditions, and was nearing the French port of Dieppe when she was struck.

FEARED SHIP WOULD SINK. The Sussex listed badly immediately after the explosion, and it was feared for a few minutes that she was about to sink.

MANY WOUNDED. The explosion occurred forward of the ship, wounding many persons. The wireless house was shattered and for this reason it was impossible to summon help by wireless.

THE WEATHER FORECAST For Philadelphia and vicinity—Partly cloudy and warmer tonight; Sunday overcast but probably showers; gentle easterly winds.

GERMAN GUNS FIRE VERDUN, BERLIN SAYS

French Make Surprise Attack in Argonne, Enter Trench—Take Prisoners

BIG GUN DUELS CONTINUE Paris Believes Crown Prince Now Plans Flanking Move Against Verdun

BERLIN, March 25. Verdun has been set on fire by the German artillery, it was announced today by the War Office.

Elsewhere on the front there were no events of unusual importance. Many shells have been thrown into Verdun by the big guns of the Germans to prevent transportation of troops and ammunition to the firing line.

PARIS, March 25. Artillery duels were in progress all night in the Woëvre district, the French War Office announced today.

On the Verdun front, however, there was no attack on either side of the Meuse River.

The text of the communique follows: In the Argonne a surprise attack upon an enemy trench at Courtes Chausson enabled us to capture some prisoners and to inflict some losses on the enemy.

West and east of the Meuse the night passed quietly. In the Woëvre region there was an artillery duel in the region of Montainville.

No important development occurred on the rest of the front. Shifting the attack to the west of Verdun, the Germans struck at the French positions at Vauquois, in the Argonne, according to the official report issued in Paris last night.

Military writers recognize that these Argonne operations are as much a part of the general plan against Verdun as the more obvious movements further east, since the ability of the Germans to cut the French line here would mean a flanking movement against the fortress of Verdun itself.

MRS. KUGLER ASKS ALIMONY Petitions Court for Allowance and Counsel Fees

Congressman John R. K. Scott, on behalf of Mrs. Mattie H. Kugler, against whom divorce proceedings were instituted some time ago by William B. Kugler, presented a petition to Common Pleas Court, No. 2, asking for an allowance by Mr. Kugler for counsel fees and alimony for the wife, pending the proceedings.

Mrs. Kugler sets out in the petition that she needs the allowance to defend the case and that her husband, who holds a large interest in Kugler's Restaurant Company, is in prosperous circumstances, having an income of at least \$5500 a year. It is also stated that his holdings in the restaurant company amount to about \$20,000. On what grounds the libelous bases his plea for divorce has not been disclosed but it is understood that the charge is one of desertion.

CORONER WARNS PARENTS Admonition Attends Exonerated Couple Whose Child Died of Neglect

A warning to parents who, while under the influence of liquor, neglect their children was issued today by Coroner Knight when he exonerated Robert and Anna Lee from causing the death of their month-old baby as it was smothered to death while both father and mother were drunk.

TERRIERS "TREE" A NEGRO He Hangs to Rafter While Animals Watchfully Wait—Then He's Arrested

How long Joseph Jackson, a negro, hung to a rafter with three vicious terriers waiting below he does not know; but it seemed like a century.

He is thankful today he was finally discovered by a human being, even if it did result in his being arrested to face a charge of robbery. Jackson, who lives at 508 South Juniper street, was found in the feed stable of Charles Wilt & Son, 1266 S. South street, by the proprietor late last night.

WILLARD 2 TO 1 FAVORITE OVER MORAN TONIGHT

Heavyweights Each Confident of "Bringing Home Bacon" in N. Y. Battle

By ROBERT W. MAXWELL NEW YORK, March 25.—Two perfect strangers will step into the ring at Madison Square Garden tonight, they will be called to the centre of the stage by Charlie White, master of ceremonies, and in full view of the audience, Mr. White will speak as follows:

"Mr. Jess Willard, it is my pleasure to introduce to you Mr. Frank Moran. Mr. Moran has questioned your right to the title of heavyweight champion of the world, and will endeavor to take it from you within the next 30 minutes. You have my permission to go as far as you like, but don't bite!"

Thereupon Mr. Willard will grin and extend a huge paw, take Moran by the hand, and say, "Pleasedta meetcha." And Mr. Moran will shake Mr. Willard's huge paw, and murmur: "Pleasedta meetcha."

They will not indulge in persiflage or inquire as to each other's locality. They will not discuss the weather. Instead, they will back off to their corners, still facing each other and Moran will turn to the referee and say:

"Ain't he an awful lookin' guy? He's the biggest bloke I have ever saw in my life. Hope he ain't as bad as he looks."

And Willard will pat Tom Jones on his bald head, and casually remark: "Tawn, whadyke think of that little runt, what has the nerve to fite ME for the championship? Guess I'll kill him, in a soon 's I kin."

This advance stuff is not the least bit overdrawn, for Frank Moran and Jess Willard never have seen each other. Each knows a little of the other's history, but they have never exchanged a word. Moran has been highly performed in the moving pictures, but Jess knows his opponent only from photographs that have appeared in the newspapers. Yet they have been training hard for weeks to get into perfect physical condition for their first meeting to mumble "pleasedta meetcha," and then try to batter the other to helplessness with their padded fists.

While they are doing this, some 15,000 ladies and gentlemen from every State in the Union, from Canada and Mexico, will pay approximately \$150,000 to witness the performance.

The city of New York has been laid low with the fight fever. The big battle tonight is the sole topic of conversation and, although language flows freely on the subject, Willard is a 2 to 1 favorite to win on points, but few bets have been

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U. S. BOLSTERS BORDER GUARD; VILLA ESCAPES

Fear of Marauders on Mexican Line Calls for Added Forces

OUTLAWS IN MOUNTAINS Villistas Reported to Have Fled to Sierra Madre From El Oso

DOUGLAS, March 25.—The story that three Americans were killed by bandits near Columbus recently was denounced as a canard by U. S. army officers here today.

Censorship is threatened in Douglas if the publication of such reports is not stopped.

Gen. Frederick Funston has dispatched stronger forces to guard the Mexican border. This was made necessary by the menacing advances of marauding bands along the frontier.

No information is made that raids are feared from Carranza troops. It is reported that Carranza troops plan to enter the United States in pursuit of cattle thieves who have fled to this side for safety.

Francisco Villa, hunted bandit leader, followed his "off again, on again" policy today and is now reported to have escaped the Carranza and American troops supposed to have had him trapped at El Oso, near Namiquipa.

El Paso dispatches say the outlaw chief fled to the Sierra Madre Mountains, taking with him only a small band and abandoning a detachment of 200 of his followers, now believed unable to get through the cordons of soldiers.

Army headquarters at San Antonio and Washington officials had no information of a reported battle between the Villistas and either the American or Carranza troops.

Wireless messages from General Pershing, who has two columns of forces in the region about Namiquipa, where Villa is said to have been surprised, fail to mention any clash.

Dispatches tell of the burning by bandits of the town of Janos, to the rear of General Pershing's forces, and the murder of three Americans on a ranch just south of the New Mexico border.

President Wilson is expected to take some step in an effort to stop the wild reports of Carranzista revolts, which the Administration regards as a plot to force the United States to intervene in Mexico. All official information from the border and the interior indicates that there is no up-

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QUICK NEWS

VON BUELOW TO REPLACE HOLLWEG, ITALY HEARS ROME, March 25.—The Idea Nazionale announces that the Kaiser has summoned Prince Von Buelow to headquarters and will offer the former German Ambassador to Italy the post of Imperial Chancellor, now held by Doctor Von Bethmann-Hollweg. According to this newspaper, the political crisis in Germany involves all members of the ministry, and few of them will be retained.

MRS. BALDWIN, OF PHILADELPHIA, REPORTED DEAD LONDON, March 25.—Mrs. Baldwin, of Philadelphia, an American woman, is reported to have died from wounds received when the Channel liner Sussex was damaged by an explosion off the French coast.

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