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MEXICO HOLDS UP U.S. ON USE OF RAILROADS

Villa Hunt Handicapped in Carranza Refusal to Open Lines

RAID ON RANCH DENIED

Outlaws Reported Fleeing to Southwest, With Americans on Trail

General Carranza, head of the Mexican de facto Government, has refused to allow the United States to use the Mexican railway lines for transportation of supplies to the Perching expedition, now far within the border searching for Pancho Villa and his outlaws.

Use of the telegraph lines also was refused, according to El Paso reports. It is probable the refusal is only temporary, pending agreement on terms of the protocol under consideration at Washington.

Washington is without news concerning the El Paso reports of Carranza's action.

As the chase lengthens, the supply transportation problem grows more serious, and the Government probably will be forced to double its details of motortrucks, plying between the border and American bases at Casas Grandes and El Valle.

Villa and his bands are fleeing farther to the southwest from El Oso, where General Bertani, Carranza commander, yesterday reported them. His course is toward the Sierra Madre.

An attack on the ranch of the ex-Mayor of El Paso, at Fabens, was reported by the owner, but denied by the El Paso Sheriff. Villistas are reported to have captured the town of Viesca, near Torreón.

U. S. FORCES HANDICAPPED WITHOUT USE OF RAILWAY

EL PASO, TEXAS, March 28.—General Carranza has refused to grant the request of the United States Government that American troops sent into Mexico should be permitted to use the Mexican Northwestern Railway for the transportation of supplies.

The First Chief has also notified General Gaviira, military commander at Juarez, that he must not permit the passage over the line of any shipment of food, ammunition, or equipment for the American troops. Carranza has further barred the United States authorities and General Pershing from using the Mexican telegraph lines to and from Juarez.

This development shows that the American troops must depend upon their own lines of communication for food and ammunition. As they proceed farther into Mexico in pursuit of Villa, it is becoming increasingly difficult for them to get these supplies.

It is believed here that the de facto Government's refusal to use of the lines is temporary, and that an adjustment and agreement between Carranza and the American Government on the terms of the protocol now under consideration will take a week or more. Meanwhile the problem of transportation of supplies for the expeditionary force is growing serious, and the long and tedious Mexican routes are continued on page four, column two.



THE REV. HAZEN B. BAIRD

"MISSING" PREACHER IN NEW YORK; WRITES LETTER TO HIS WIFE

Rev. H. B. Baird, of Swarthmore, for Whom Police Searched, Says He Will Return Tomorrow

LECTURED LAST NIGHT

A letter from New York this afternoon suddenly cleared up the mystery in the disappearance of the Rev. Hazen Baird, of 16 Oberlin avenue, Swarthmore, ending the police search for traces of him and setting at rest the anxiety of his family and friends.

Ignorant of the alarm which his disappearance caused here, the clergyman wrote his wife a letter, received today, saying that he would return home tomorrow. He was filling lecture engagements while theories of foul play or a fatal accident were being tested by searches for him along a lonely road between Media and Swarthmore and in the neighborhood of the 69th Street Terminal. It is believed that a message sent to his wife before the clergyman was last seen here Saturday night never reached its destination.

CHANGED HIS PLANS

The Rev. Mr. Baird evidently changed his mind after leaving Swarthmore Saturday night, and instead of starting homeward by way of 69th street and Media went to Haddonfield, N. J., where he lectured last night, according to William H. Richmond, an associate.

In the meantime nothing was known of his whereabouts, causing great anxiety to his wife, who said she believed he had met foul play or an accident, as he had never stayed away without notifying her. Clergymen in the Philadelphia Annual Conference, of which he has been a member 15 years, were aroused over the "mystery."

The disappearance of the minister was not reported to the police until last night, as Mrs. Baird, although uneasy because he had not returned home, supposed that her husband was busy with lecture engagements.

The Rev. Mr. Baird, who is an unattached Methodist Episcopal clergyman, with offices in 416 Fuller Building, 19 South 4th street, in this city, left home Friday morning, going to his office. After preparing a lecture he left for Gloucester, where he spoke that night. He spent the night there and returned to Philadelphia Saturday morning.

Saturday night Mr. Baird spoke at St. Luke's Methodist Episcopal Church, Broad and Jackson streets, and after the meeting rode on a trolley car to Broad Street station with several members of

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U. S. TO QUESTION GERMANY DIRECT ON SUSSEX ISSUE

Lansing Announces Query to Berlin Concerning Nationality of U-Boat

CABINET FOR POLICY

Speedy Reply Expected to Reduce Tension Throughout Country

QUEENSTOWN, Ireland, March 28.—Two Americans were on board the British steamship Manchester Engineer when it was torpedoed by a German submarine on Monday. The men are Arthur McKenzie, of Savannah, Ga., and Thomas Fifer, a resident of Delaware. Both made affidavit here today before the American consul that the steamship was sunk without warning.

The United States will ask Germany whether Teuton submarines were responsible for the recent attacks upon two ships with Americans aboard.

Secretary Lansing announced this afternoon that inquiry would be made of Germany regarding both the Sussex and the Englishman.

WASHINGTON, March 28.

The United States will ask Germany the direct question whether it was a German submarine which sank the steamship Englishman and attacked the Channel liner Sussex.

This was decided on at today's Cabinet meeting. Secretary Lansing explained that, while the evidence so far obtained was fragmentary in character, it indicated that the survivors of the Sussex saw the "wake" of a torpedo just before the explosion which shattered the vessel.

Because of this fact, the Cabinet decided that it would be proper to question to propound to Berlin as to whether Germany accepted the responsibility. Already the State Department and the White House have indicated that if a submarine was responsible there could be no doubt of its nationality.

It is expected that the orders to make an official inquiry will be sent to Ambassador Gerard this afternoon. He will be told that because of the Sussex throughout this country a speedy reply is needed.

At the same time, he will ask regarding the sinking of the Englishman.

Suggestions that Germany will disavow the attack on the Sussex, should it be proved that a submarine was responsible, and will offer reparation in the form of indemnities and punishment of the submarine commander, found no responsive reception at the Cabinet meeting.

The reports that the State Department already had been assured by the German Embassy that Germany will make reparation if it is proved that a submarine was responsible were denied by Secretary of State Lansing.

It is explained that certain sources in Washington for the dissemination of "propaganda" suggestions had intimated that there could be no question that such action would be taken, but no single official word, either from the Embassy here or from Ambassador Gerard at Berlin, has so far reached either the White House or the State Department.

DISAVOWAL IN DOUBT

Even though a disavowal shall come, officials say there exists grave doubt that the United States would be satisfied. It is positively known that President Wilson believes that if it shall be shown that the German promises, solemnly made, have been violated, then the entire question of how much weight shall be given to promises of this character should be considered both by the Executive and the legislative branches of the Government.

The President, officials say, will welcome an opportunity to receive a candid and frank report on the matter, and will do so as soon as all of the mystery surrounding the alleged re-

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SENATOR W. J. STONE

Chief congressional adviser of President as to course to be followed in new crisis caused by sinking of steamships Sussex and Englishman.

WIFE SHOTS HUSBAND IN QUARREL; JEALOUSY ALLEGED BY POLICE

"Other Woman" Given as Cause of Act—Dispute With Neighbor Recalled—Man in Hospital

WAS UNDER \$800 BAIL

Mrs. Charles Smith today shot her husband, Charles Smith, a tinsmith, at his place of business, 5523 Chester avenue, according to the police, because of jealousy.

The husband, in dying condition, was rushed to the University Hospital. He was shot once, the bullet taking effect in the back. Mrs. Smith was arrested. Magistrate Harris went to the hospital at once to take a statement from the wounded man.

The shooting was done with a shotgun, according to the police, and followed a quarrel between the couple. The police say it is the outcome of trouble involving the husband and wife and another woman, a neighbor.

The last named recently caused Mrs. Smith's arrest, accusing her of breach of peace, the police say, and when Constable Delman was serving a warrant on Mrs. Smith she attacked the other woman. As a result she was held in \$800 bail.

IOWA PASTOR COMING HERE

Rev. D. W. Wylie Accepts St. Paul's Presbyterian Call

The Rev. Dr. Dwight W. Wylie, of Iowa City, Ia., has notified the officials of St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, 50th street and Baltimore avenue, that he will accept the call extended to him two weeks ago to become pastor of that church. He will arrive in Philadelphia on April 28 and on Sunday, April 30, will preach his first sermon as the head of the congregation.

Dr. Wylie will come to Philadelphia from the First Presbyterian Church of Iowa City, which he has pastored for many years. He will be accompanied by his wife and the various members of the church are planning to give him an elaborate reception soon after his arrival.

The pulpit of the church will be supplied on Easter Sunday by the Rev. Dr. Charles E. Erdman, of Princeton Theological Seminary.

Hears Big Whistle; Gives Fire Alarm

The loud shrill of a factory whistle at the plant of Henry H. Ship & Co., 10th and Market streets, at the northeast corner of 8th street and Columbia avenue, today caused a man to turn in an alarm of fire. When several engines had been called to the scene, it was found that the whistle was still blowing. Firemen who answered the call went to the engine in the factory and requested him to repair the mechanism controlling the whistle, which was out of order.

BILL INTRODUCED TO STOP BOXING IN N. Y.

Senator Jones Says Willard-Moran Bout Was Blight on Good Name of State

ALBANY, March 28.—A bill abolishing the State Athletic Commission and stopping prize fighting in the State was introduced today by Senator Jones.

"My bill would repeal the entire law which permits boxing or prize fighting exhibitions in New York State," said Senator Jones. "It is plain to me that there is no way to prevent a recurrence of the shameful scenes attending the Willard-Moran bout except to make it impossible by statute for prize fights to be held in this State."

Senator Jones decried the presence of women at the ringside, and characterized the championship match as disgraceful and a blight upon the good name of New York State.

The bill as introduced reads: "Chapter 779 of the laws of 1911, entitled 'an act establishing a State Athletic Commission and regulating boxing and sparring in the State of New York' and all acts amendatory thereof are hereby repealed. 'This act shall take effect immediately.'"

GIRL SETS FIRE TO ROOM AND TWO PERSONS PERISH

Waitress, Denies Own Story That Masked Man Started Blaze

CLEVELAND, O., March 28.—J. P. Lewis, of New York, a canvasser, and Mrs. Anna Sippins were killed early today in a fire in the Foster Apartments, 2225 E. 12th street, in this city.

Bessie Reimers, a waitress, is in a hospital, badly burned.

When admitted to the hospital the waitress said a masked man, whose attention she had rejected, entered her room, bound her to a bed, gagged her and set fire to the furniture in her room.

According to Chief of Detectives Rabbshaw, she confessed later that she set fire to the apartments in an attempt to commit suicide.

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BRITISH ATTACKS ON ST. ELOI LINE GROW STRONGER

Germans Believe Assaults Are Opening of Big Offensive in Flanders

BATTLE FRONT GROWS

French Blow Up Teuton Trenches in Parroy Forest. Capture Occupants

BERLIN, March 28.—The fighting around St. Eloi, where the British launched heavy attacks against the German lines, is developing into what may prove to be a strong enemy offensive, the German War Office reported this afternoon.

The British are continuing their attacks, though they have made no further important gains. It is thought possible here that British troops, taking advantage of improved weather conditions on their side, may be planning a drive aiming to force the withdrawal of German troops from Verdun. The situation around Verdun and in the whole region between the Meuse and the Moselle remains unchanged. The battle at St. Eloi has also extended to the lines adjacent to the point where the British launched their attack.

Fighting at close quarters has developed south of St. Eloi, where the mine craters formed by the explosion of English mines. The action has extended to the adjacent line, but there has been nothing fresh to report on the Meuse.

PARIS, March 28.—French troops captured an enemy work in the Parroy woods, 15 miles east of Nancy, killing and capturing all the German occupants, the War Office announced this afternoon.

The French then withdrew after blowing up the position. The German line in the Verdun sector, the night was calm, but there was activity on the part of the artillery, says the French official communique. There was a change in the general situation on the Verdun front.

The text of the official communique follows: The night was quiet east of the Meuse. The artillery on both sides exchanged fire in the region of Malancourt, and also in the Woevre region in the sector at the base of the Meuse heights.

In Lorraine, in the forest of Parroy, we executed a surprise attack upon one of the enemy's works, the defenders of which were killed or made prisoner. On retiring we blew up the work.

No important event occurred on the rest of the front.

DR. WAITE'S STUDIO COMPANION SUMMONED FOR QUIZ BY SWANN

District Attorney Wants to Know Why She Retained Lawyer and Studied French with Dentist

ADMITTS HE KILLED PECK

NEW YORK, March 28.—Mrs. Margaret Horton, "studio" companion of Dr. Waite, self-confessed poisoner of his millionaire father-in-law, John E. Peck, of Grand Rapids, was this afternoon summoned to the office of District Attorney Swann for a conference. Her attorney accompanied her.

During the morning Swann had ordered a piercing investigation into her career. Swann intimated he would like to have answers to the following questions:

Why did Mrs. Horton retain an attorney if her relations with Doctor Waite were blameless, as she said?

Why did Mrs. Horton and Doctor Waite to rent a luxurious studio in which to "study French?"

The investigation of Mrs. Horton's career indicates a complete change of attitude toward her on the part of the District Attorney.

It was from Mrs. Horton that the District Attorney first learned that Doctor Waite purchased cultures of typhoid and tuberculosis.

Swann reiterated today that he had no evidence to point to the fact that Mrs. Horton was identified with any crime. Meantime Dr. Waite showed continued improvement in his quarters at the Bellevue Hospital, and late this afternoon was to repeat, in the presence of a stenographer, the confession that he administered poison to Peck with murderous intent. The confession was first made to his brother, Frank Waite.

As evidence has been added to the list of Dr. Waite's alleged crimes. Announcement was made by Swann today that evidence gathered outside of New York indicates Waite was married to more than one woman.

The investigation into the young dentist's career has been prosecuted in England, Scotland and South Africa. In addition to Waite's dealings in Michigan, Swann would not say who the other wives of Waite were or whether they were living. Waite is now known to have been a confidential friend of more than four wealthy New York women whose names have not yet been mentioned in the case.

One theory advanced concerning the case.

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QUICK NEWS

ENTIRE FIRE DEPARTMENT CALLED TO BALTIMORE FIRE

BALTIMORE, Md., March 28.—Virtually all the fire apparatus of the city was called out this afternoon to fight a blaze in the eplant of the Kridel Hardware Company, at 503 West German street, in the heart of the wholesale district. Seven alarms were sounded.

BRITISH STRIKERS HAMPER BIG GUN FACTORIES

LONDON, March 28.—Grave strikes among the machinists are holding up the manufacture of big guns, Christopher Addison, Under Secretary for Munitions, informed the House of Commons today.

SUFFRAGE AND PROHIBITION SET ASIDE IN CONGRESS

WASHINGTON, March 28.—Woman suffrage and nation-wide prohibition were set aside for the present session of Congress by the House Judiciary Committee today. The committee, after a stormy executive session, voted to postpone indefinitely consideration of the resolution providing Constitutional amendments for woman suffrage and prohibition.

BRITISH DENY TRUTH OF GERMAN REPORTS

LONDON, March 28.—The Admiralty today denied two official statements sent out by Germany. They were the announcement that the British claimed ten German patrol boats had been sunk in the recent air raid in Schleswig-Holstein and the statement that the commerce raider Greif had been blown up by its own crew.

ELECT THREE P. R. R. DIRECTORS TODAY

An election for three directors of the Pennsylvania Railroad is being held today at the company's offices in Broad Street Station. The successful candidates will take the places on the board of Samuel Rca, President of the company; Charles E. Ingersoll, of Philadelphia, and Henry Clay Frick, of Pittsburgh, whose terms expire today. It is probable that the three directors mentioned will be re-elected to succeed themselves.

The polls have been open since 10 o'clock this morning, and the votes will be counted at 6 o'clock tonight.

BRITISH AIRMEN SHELL TURK CAMP EAST OF SUEZ

LONDON, March 28.—The advanced Turkish base at Bir-el-Hassanah, 100 miles east of the Suez Canal, was attacked by British airmen on March 24 and 40 bombs were dropped, says a Reuter dispatch from Suez today. The camp was badly damaged, and one of the aviators, descending to within 200 feet of the ground, put to flight a force of Turks with his machine guns. All the aeroplanes returned safely, having flown 200 miles.

QUEEN VICTORIA OF SWEDEN ILL

STOCKHOLM, March 28.—Queen Victoria of Sweden is ill. She will leave for Karlsruhe, Germany, in a few days for the benefit of the southern climate.

WRITER ADMITS SEPARATE PEACE FOR TURKS POSSIBLE

LONDON, March 28.—A Central News dispatch from Amsterdam says that George Bernhard, famous German publicist, writing in the Vossische Zeitung, points out that a separate peace for Turkey is possible.

Doctor Bernhard states that English statesmen ought to realize that even if Turkey did conclude a separate peace, the Central Empires would not be placed at a marked disadvantage.

SIX U. OF P. STUDENTS IN HOSPITAL WITH MEASLES

Six students of the University of Pennsylvania are in the isolated ward of the University Hospital today suffering from measles. The doctors are making a strong effort to check the disease which in a week has assumed the proportions of an epidemic. The sixth case, discovered yesterday, is that of Lisle Atwood Bratt, a freshman in the Veterinary School.

INDICTMENTS AGAINST STEEL COMPANIES QUASHED

YOUNGSTOWN, O., March 28.—Judge W. S. Anderson today sustained a motion to quash the indictments returned against five steel companies recently, charging alleged conspiracy to maintain prices and keep down the wages of common laborers. Judge Anderson quashed the indictments, on the ground that labor was not a commodity and therefore did not fall under the provisions of the Valentine anti-trust act.

BERLIN DENIES LOSS OF TWO SUBMARINES

BERLIN, March 28.—Recent reports published in London and Paris that two German submarines were sunk off the Moroccan coast while taking on supplies from neutral ships was denied by the official Overseas News Agency today.

ROCKEFELLER FOUNDATION AGENT CENSURES BRITISH

BERLIN, March 28.—The Vossische Zeitung quotes Frederick C. Walcott, of the Rockefeller Foundation, who has spent three weeks in Belgium, as frankly condemning England's refusal to allow importation of raw materials and victuals into Belgium.

Walcott said he expressly insisted that the Germans must use not the slightest part of the imported victuals. It was, therefore, incomprehensible, he said, that the English should block relief work on the ground that the Germans would appropriate the food supplies.

GERMAN SOCIALIST PARTY CONDEMNS "AGGRESSIVES"

BERLIN, March 28.—The factional dispute which has led to the formation of a new Socialist party in Germany was condemned and deplored at a meeting of the Ways and Means Committee of the old Socialist party today. Hugo Haase has resigned as president of the old party to lead the fight of the "aggressives," as the new Socialists are called. The new party is determined to make its power felt in the Government.

RELIEF TO BE RUSHED TO SHACKLETON

LONDON, March 28.—A meeting of the official representatives of Lieutenant Shackleton's expedition was held in London this afternoon. Lady Shackleton and Mrs. Mackintosh, wife of the commander of the Aurora, were present. It was decided that steps must be taken immediately to organize a relief expedition to be sent to Ross Sea to rescue the explorers left there. It was said that information was being collected as to the amount of stores left at Scott's old headquarters which would be available if it succeeded in reaching it.

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DYING TRAIN ROBBER MAKES A CONFESSION

His Statement Expected to Lead to the Arrest of Notorious Band

GRAND RAPIDS, Mich., March 28.—Realizing that he has only a few months to live before a chronic ailment will end his career, Dick Harrison, alias John Evans, arrested here on a charge of being an accomplice to the gang which robbed a train some time ago at Stanton, Va., of \$150,000, has made a full confession. He admitted he was the brains of the organization and in said to have given information which will lead to the arrest of the greatest gang of train robbers since the days of Jesse James.

Harrison, in his confession, admits his wife distributed the money, but clears her of all blame, asserting she did it because of her love for him.

THE WEATHER

The weather conditions at this point in the year may be aptly summarized in this situation; namely, that one goes to bed under four blankets and gradually kicks them off until at dawn he is under only one blanket and is not sure that is not too much. Starting in here, indeed, mild and balmy as ever, but she goes about with a knife in her hair—a knife of chill that will get their bay in early. Weather forecasts tend toward the comic today; tomorrow probably fair and slightly warmer. If you can beat that the scientific "hedging" you are clever.

FORECAST

Philadelphia and vicinity—tonight; Wednesday generally cloudy and unsettled; not much change in temperature; moderate to fresh northerly winds.

For details see page 4.

SPRING'S COMIN' WET; SUMMER'LL BE HOT

You Doubt? Look at Caruso's and Melba's Web Feet, Then Take a Peek at Sky

Spring's comin' early an' wet an' summer's comin' soon an' hot an' good for hay, by heck. Caruso and Melba said so and no sooner had they done it than the cold rain began splashing down, like a regular Quaker mess showin' them a lesson.

In Pittsburgh the Allegheny River is rising rapidly and United States forecaster Pennypacker's prediction is that the river will have passed the 24-foot mark—two feet above flood stage—before noon tomorrow.

Heavy rains last night and today are melting the deep snows on the water sheds and causing volumes of water to pour into the rivers and their tributaries. River men are preparing for a great rush of waters. The present stage in the Allegheny River is 18 feet.

At Warren a six-foot rise was recorded with the Allegheny still going up a foot an hour and the rain is still falling.

At Olean, N. Y., just above, a five-foot rise occurred. Franklin reported a rise of seven feet during the night and Parkersburg with a stage of 16 feet, reported a six-foot rise.

COLUMBUS FLOOD DANGER PAST; RIVER RECEDING

COLUMBUS, O., March 28.—Flood danger was considered past here today. With a weather forecast of "fair" and the Scioto River a foot lower than its mid-night stage, the Weather Bureau was hopeful.

A slight drizzle and overcast sky, together with early reports that there had been heavy rains north of here in the night, still caused anxiety, however.

Columbus' West Side—the scene of devastation three years ago—was virtually deserted last night. Thousands of families spent the night with friends in other parts of the city. Three hundred West Side refugees slept on army cots at the City Hall, at schoolhouses and churches.

RIVERS RISE; WESTERN END OF STATE IN PERIL

Allegheny Above Flood Mark at Pittsburgh—Flood Alarm in Many Other Cities

PITTSBURGH, March 28.—From all parts of western Pennsylvania come reports today of rapid rises in streams and rivers and many cities and towns are threatened with the first floods of the season.

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ROBBERS WOUND DETECTIVES AND ESCAPE

BALTIMORE, Md., March 28.—L. F. Scott, a Northern Central Railway detective, was shot in the arm and leg in a fight with robbers, when the latter broke into Rogers Station, in the fashionable Green Spring Valley, about 4:30 this morning.

Ira M. Truitt, railroad detective, was hit with a blackjack and knocked unconscious. One of the robbers was shot in the back, but escaped.