

GREAT GERMAN FLEET OUT IN CHALLENGE TO BRITISH; KAISER WARS ON PORTUGAL

ANOTHER NATION IS DRAWN INTO GREAT CONFLICT

Teuton Declaration Follows Requisitioning of Ships in Portuguese Ports

CROWN PRINCE IN WRONG

Military Observers Say He Has Doomed Success of Verdun Flank Attack

Kaiser Declares War on Portugal

Berlin, by Wireless. — Germany to-day declared war against Portugal. Formal notice to this effect was handed to the Portuguese government at Lisbon by the German minister and by the foreign minister in Berlin to the Portuguese minister accredited to the German court.

Germany took this action because of the recent seizures of German ships in Portuguese ports, which the German government declares the gravest breach of neutrality and of special treaties. "Germany is therefore obliged to give up its former forbearing attitude, which had been maintained on account of Portugal's awkward situation," says the official notification.

The declaration of war commences a long series of alleged breaches of neutrality, such as granting free passage to British troops through Mozambique, the use of Portuguese ports by English warships for a longer length of time than that permitted to neutrals, the use of Madeira as a base for the British and attacks made by Portuguese troops on German forces at the frontier of German South Africa, German West Africa and Angola. It also cites insults directed at the German nation and the Kaiser.

Mistake of Crown Prince Has Doomed Success of Verdun Flank Attack

Paris, March 9. — The official statement published last night has done much to relieve the tension which had been caused in public mind by the expectation of a great onslaught on the main French defenses on the west bank of the Meuse. Press and public are now more than ever convinced that the Germans will not be able to take Verdun.

Military observers express the belief that the Germans originally intended a frontier attack on Verdun, which was to be accompanied by two flank attacks, one in the Woevre not meant to be pushed home, and the other on the west bank of the Meuse which might develop into the main attack. Desiring, however, to justify a premature announcement of the capture of Douaumont, the Crown Prince kept 200,000 men on the right

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THE WEATHER

For Harrisburg and vicinity: Fair, continued cold to-night, with lowest temperature about 20 degrees; Friday fair and warmer. For Eastern Pennsylvania: Fair, continued cold to-night; Friday fair and warmer; moderate westerly winds.

KAISER'S CHIEF NAVAL ADVISER



Chief naval adviser of the Kaiser, originator of commerce "raider" and submarine policies, and the founder of the grand fleet in preparation for "The Day."

Zeppelins and Big Flotilla of Submarines Are Accompanying Sea Force of Kaiser

London, March 9. — The morning newspapers publish their correspondents in Holland such details as are available there regarding the recent activity of the German fleet in the North Sea. According to these accounts the fleet included about fifty craft of all descriptions from the most modern dreadnoughts down to old-fashioned torpedo boats.

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TEN PROPERTIES TO GET FOR STATE PARK EXTENSION

Capitol Park Commission Has Almost Completed Its Noteworthy Operation

Only ten properties remain to be acquired by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania out of the 537 in the whole Capitol Park Extension district. These properties and twenty-six which are under option or condemnation will pass to the State within a few months and it will then be up to the State Board of Public Grounds and Buildings to determine upon the treatment of the Park Extension. The opinion prevails that it will be considered with relation to the whole park system of Greater Harrisburg and that the Third street front will be improved when the properties in the extension are removed and the landscaping undertaken.

Miners Sign Agreement For \$20,000,000 Raise

New York, March 9. — The soft coal agreement, which will add from \$15,000,000 to \$20,000,000 to the incomes of the mine workers of Western Pennsylvania, Ohio, Indiana and Illinois, was signed here to-day, subject to a referendum vote of all the bituminous miners in the United States.

British and German Battle Strength at Sea

Table with columns for British and German battle strength at sea, listing various ship types and their counts.

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"REFORM" POOR BOARD BRANDED COUNTY PAUPERS?

President Loudermilk Tells How Former Directorate Labeled Inmates

"Under the 'reform' policies of the former poor board, the unfortunate at the county almshouse were never allowed to forget for a moment that they were paupers—that is, if they didn't want to go trouserless."

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\$30,300 VERDICT FOR MINER

Man Injured in Gas Explosion Wins Suit Against Lackawanna Company. New York, March 9. — A verdict of \$30,300 in favor of Walter Lawry, a miner, who was burned in a gas explosion in the Auchincloss colliery, near Nanticoke, Pa., was rendered in the Supreme Court here against the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western Railroad Company, which operates the colliery.

ROOSEVELT WILL NOT ENTER FIGHT FOR NOMINATION

Emphatically Declines to Be Candidate in Any of the Primaries

SITUATION HOPELESS

Choice of Degrees of Hypocrisy and Infamy; Must Have Firm Hand at the Helm

By Associated Press. New York, March 9. — Colonel Theodore Roosevelt, who is now at Trinidad, British West Indies, in a statement given out to-day through the New York Evening Mail, emphatically declines to be a candidate in the primaries of Massachusetts or of any other state.

"I will not enter into any fight for the nomination," the Colonel says, "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 was in its mood something of the heroic, unless it feels not only like devoting itself to ideals, but to the purpose measurably to realize those ideals."

"This is one of those rare times which come only at long intervals in a nation's history, when the action taken determines the life of the generations that follow. Such times were those from 1776 to 1789, in the days of Washington, and from 1858 to 1865, in the days of Lincoln."

"It is for us of to-day to grapple with the tremendous national and international problems of our own hour in the spirit and with the ability shown by those who upheld the hands of Washington and Lincoln."

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READING TO PUT BIG YARDS SOUTH OF CITY LINE?

Going After Penna. Steel Shipment and Other Freight Business, Report

IMMENSE REALTY DEAL

May Be Joint Move With Development of Big Steel-ton Mills

Persistent rumors of an immense real estate deal said to involve the sale of many properties in the West Side of Steelton and a large tract of land between the borough and Harrisburg, were current this morning.

AFTER FREIGHT BUSINESS

It has been known for some time that the Reading is going after freight business from this section with renewed vigor and attention was called to the advertisements now being distributed hereabouts by the Reading Railroad, pointing out its facilities for shipping from Harrisburg to all large trade centers. That the reported deal is the forerunner of big railroad yard between Harrisburg and Steelton was intimated.

THE FUND SWELLS SLOWLY, SURELY FOR BATTLESHIP

Orpheum Benefit Tomorrow Evening Will Add Materially to the Contributions

The contributions to the battleship fund are growing in size. The dimes are expanding into quarters and half dollars. Here is a letter received this morning:

Strikers Dynamite House of Miner Who Went Back to Work; Women Riot

Scranton, Pa., March 9. — The front portion of the home of Michael Belasch, at Greenwood, was blown completely away early this morning by dynamite, the explosion being set off, it is alleged, by members of an industrial organization in revenge for Belasch, who is a United Mine Workers miner, going back to work in Greensburg, where members of the former organization have been on a strike three weeks.

New Secretary of War Gets Baptism of Fire

Washington, D. C., March 9. — Newton Diehl Baker to-day took up his duties as Secretary of War. He is inducted in office at 11 o'clock.

City to Insist on Adherence to Garbage Collection Schedules

Strict adherence to the regular garbage collection schedules will be insisted on beginning Monday, according to the action of the Bureau of Health and Sanitation last evening, and Dr. J. M. J. Raunick, health officer, will formally notify the Pennsylvania Reduction Company, the contractors, that the ruling must be obeyed.

VILLA BANDITS KILL MANY IN AMERICAN RAID

Shrieking Battle Yells, Mexicans Pour Over Border Into Town of Columbus at Daybreak; Awake Townspeople With Volley and Then Shoot Them Down; Attack Camp of the 13th U. S. Cavalry, but Are Beaten Off

Houses and Town Are Riddled; Women and Children Shot Down in Streets; Hastily Rallied Troopers Finally Beat Them Off as Villa Details Snipers and Soldiers to Fire Houses; Dead Dot Ground

Columbus, N. M., March 9. — More than 400 Mexican soldiers believed to have been led by Francisco Villa attacked this town early to-day, killed five American soldiers and fully a dozen civilians, men and women, set fire to the town and fought a pitched battle with United States troops on American soil.

The Mexicans were driven from the town after a struggle lasting more than an hour and the American soldiers pursuing them are said to have crossed into Mexico. More than fifty Mexicans were killed, according to reports received here just before noon.

Colonel Slocum, commander of the American troops at Columbus, had a narrow escape from death. A Mexican shot at him point blank, but the bullet hit the colonel's revolver and was deflected. The Mexican fell dead a second later, shot through the head by a trooper who had been pursuing him.

The invasion of the United States at Columbus is believed to have been a stroke by Villa to force intervention in Mexico. He has openly vowed to accomplish this.

Although they first attacked the camp of the 13th cavalry, it suffered little, though a number of American soldiers were killed and wounded and a number of cavalry horses stolen by the Mexicans as they fled back toward Mexico after daylight.

Complete Surprise. The attack was a complete surprise, Villa deceiving all the authorities by dispatching a telegram to

Another Soldier Dies. Columbus, March 9. — Thomas Butler, private of troop F, later died of his wounds, making total dead American soldiers seven.

AGED WOMAN DIES IN FIRE. Erie, Pa., March 9. — Mrs. Harriett Hawkins, aged 87, was suffocated in a fire that destroyed the home of her son at Edinboro last night.

DEAD FROM FALL. Joseph Kusant, aged 39, 108 Dock street, a laborer, who was seriously injured this morning at the Central Iron and Steel works when he fell from a trestle, died this afternoon in the Harrisburg Hospital.

TO SEND U. S. TROOPS TO MEXICO. Washington. — The State Department announced this afternoon that Carranza has been asked for permission to send United States troops into Mexico. A conference is being held by the President and Secretary of War Baker.

TUG CUT IN HALF. Newport News, Va., March 9. — The Old Dominion Line passenger steamer Madison, New York to Norfolk, and the tug Daniel F. Willard, collided in Hampton Roads at 10.30 a. m. to-day. The tug was cut in two and sank immediately. There was no loss of life.

DIABLO IN NEW ORLEANS. Washington, March 9. — State Department agents have information that Felix Diaz, the Mexican revolutionary leader, is hiding in New Orleans and upon their information they are satisfied that he has not landed in Mexico with an armed expedition as has been reported.

M'CUMBER WITHDRAWS RESOLUTION. Washington, March 9. — Senator McCumber, Republican, of North Dakota, to-day withdrew his resolution to warn American citizens off armed ships stating he thought that American citizens had been effectively warned and that the pendency of his resolution might embarrass diplomatic negotiations.

KILLS DAUGHTER FOR BURGLAR. Special to the Telegraph. Washington, Pa., March 9. — Mistaken for a burglar, Della Taylor, aged 7 years, was shot and killed yesterday by her foster-father, Arthur Gray, a farmer, at Zediker, three miles east of here. Gray was not arrested.

SLUSH ICE CUTS OFF POWER. Special to the Telegraph. Middletown, Pa., March 9. — Slush ice in the Susquehanna river put the big turbines of the York Haven Power Company out of commission early this morning and as a result Middletown was without electric light or power from 2 o'clock until 11 this morning.

MARRIAGE LICENSES. William D. Lebkueher and Florence E. Charles, Millersburg.