

DEMAND OF CARRANZA FOR RIGHT TO CROSS LINE MAY BE ACCEPTED; DANGEROUS SITUATION IS EASED

Acceptance Will Probably Be Made on Ground That Mexicans May Cross Border in Pursuit of Bandits Any Time U. S. Forces Are Not in Sufficient Numbers to Repel Invaders

RELIEVES SITUATION OF MENACING DANGER

Attitude of Mexican People Causes Considerable Concern, but Developments, It Is Believed, Will Clear Things; Preparations at Border Being Pushed For Capture of Villa

By Associated Press

Washington, March 13.—The Mexican situation showed no outward change to-day, with the army steadily preparing to carry out President Wilson's orders to pursue the Villa bandits.

No movements of troops across the border were reported to the War Department although they were hourly expected.

General Carranza's proposal for a reciprocal arrangement by which either his forces or American troops may pursue bandits on either side of the line probably will be accepted by the United States.

In practice it will have no effect because American troops will be kept in sufficient numbers on the border to make incursions of Mexican troops unnecessary, but at the same time it will avoid a controversy with General Carranza at this stage.

President Wilson and Secretary Lansing at a conference this afternoon were understood to have concluded to give an immediate reply to General Carranza's note accepting his suggestion for a reciprocal agreement.

The acceptance probably will be made on the ground that Carranza troops may cross into American territory in pursuit of bands at any time that American forces are not present in sufficient numbers. It will be pointed out that the inability of Carranza troops to handle the situation in Northern Mexico is the sole ground for entry of American soldiers.

In that way American officials expected the situation to be relieved of its chief menacing feature. They expressed the view to-day that a great deal of unnecessary pessimism exists as to General Carranza's attitude. As to the attitude of the Mexican people, themselves, however, there is some concern, but it is realized that only the developments of the next few days can clear up that phase of the situation.

Push Preparations There was no indication at the War Department that negotiations for reciprocal arrangements had in any way altered the situation on the border. Publication of Carranza's manifesto declaring that armed invasion of Mexico in pursuit of Villa would not be tolerated except on a reciprocal basis, apparently has not resulted in any change.

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SHOTS LYING GROUNDHOG

Special to the Telegraph

Berlin, Mass., March 13.—Winfield Larkin followed the tracks of a groundhog yesterday and shot it. He declares he did it with a feeling of elation in taking revenge on a faithful weather prophet. Winfield is a farmer, and, when the hog could not see his shadow on Candlemas Day, preparations were made for early plowing on Winfield's farm. The snowstorms of the last six weeks have made the farmer considerably peeved, so at the first opportunity he gave a traitor's end to the supper.

The animal was sleek and fat despite its iniquity. It was displayed in the street railway station at West Berlin yesterday as a famer's tyrannus warning to prognosticators.

THE WEATHER

For Harrisburg and vicinity: Generally fair to-night and Tuesday; moderate temperature, lowest tonight about 35 degrees.

For Eastern Pennsylvania: Partly cloudy to-night and Tuesday; probably rain in southwest portion; moderate northwest to northeast winds.

River The main river will fall slowly or remain nearly stationary. The tributaries will rise slightly or remain about stationary. A stage of about 4.7 feet is indicated for Harrisburg Tuesday morning.

General Conditions A disturbance of moderate energy that was centered over the Canadian Northwest, Saturday morning, has moved rapidly eastward to New England. It has caused local snows in the Lake Region and light to moderate rains and snows thence eastward to the Atlantic coast in the last twenty-four hours.

There has been a general rise of 2 to 32 degrees in temperature over the greater part of the Plains States and thence eastward to the Atlantic coast since Saturday morning.

Temperature: 8 a. m., 44. Sun: Rises, 6:19 a. m.; sets, 6:10 p. m. Moon: Full moon, March 19, 12:27 a. m. River Stage: 4.5 feet above low-water mark.

Highest temperature, 45. Lowest temperature, 22. Mean temperature, 34. Normal temperature, 6.



KING BABY

PASSENGER TRAIN RUNS DOWN TEAM AT MIDDLETOWN

Kills Mule and Demolishes Wagon on Ann Street Grade-Crossing

Elmer Reigle, son of Aaron Reigle, tenant on the Charles Kunkel farm west of Middletown, had a narrow escape from death early this morning when his team was struck by an east-bound Pennsylvania passenger train at the Ann street grade crossing, Middletown. He saved his life by jumping from his wagon an instant before the big engine crashed into it. The mule drawing the vehicle was impaled on the cow-catcher and carried a distance of over a hundred feet before it rolled off dead. The wagon was smashed to shreds, the only piece of any size left intact being one of the wheels.

Reigle himself escaped with a few bruises and was able to return to his home. The Ann street crossing has always been regarded as dangerous and only recently the town authorities requested the railroad company to place a watchman there. This was promptly done and chances of any more accidents seemed slight.

The train which struck Reigle is the local that leaves Harrisburg at 7 a. m. and arrives at Middletown at 7:15.

27 Carloads of Catalogs to Be Distributed Here

Harrisburg as a catalog distribution point promises a new record this year. Between this date and May 1, 300,000 catalogs from mail order houses in the West will be handled by Montgomery and Company, at their warehouses, 627 Walnut street.

Most of these catalogs will be mailed through the Harrisburg post office to points within a radius of 150 miles. Some will be stamped and labeled here, and shipped in bulk to other points for distribution. The present order is for annual Spring delivery. The catalogs come to Harrisburg in bulk, and require 27 cars for shipment. The average number of catalogs to each car is 7,500. One car had 11,000. There are twelve more cars to come. The catalogs are mailed at parcel post rates. Last fall Montgomery and Company handled 250,000 mail packages.

Commander Loses Life When Series of Explosions Causes Steamer to Sink

St. John, N. B., March 13.—The British steamer Matatus, after being on fire for more than 24 hours, was sunk at her dock to-day soon after a series of explosions during which her commander and designer, Captain L. B. Gilham, was killed. Captain Gilham's body was recovered. It is expected the hull of the vessel may be raised and refitted. The cargo which was destined for New Zealand, probably was destroyed.

By Associated Press

BABY WILL BE KING PIN DURING WELFARE SHOW

Finishing Touches Being Put On and Plans Complete For Biggest "Baby Week"

Four o'clock every afternoon during the baby welfare exhibit on Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday of this week is the hour which the executive committee wishes to emphasize as the time when the attendant physicians will examine the babies and when improvement and perfection points will be scored, the later totaling up of which will decide what babies have won the many attractive and useful premiums which merchants of the city have offered. Among these will be a baby's cap, a silver baby spoon, a baby's bib, one dollar's worth of baby food, to be selected by the parent, and other prizes which have been offered but the nature of which has not been specifically determined.

Dr. J. M. J. Raunick, chief of the City Health Department, has completed his program with the exception of a speaker on Saturday night, at which time the hour from 7.30 to 8.30 will be devoted exclusively to fathers, and the speaker will address them on the subject "Responsibility of Children." Arthur D. Bacon, president of the Rotary Club; Joseph Claster, representative of the Hebrew Associated Aid Society; Headmaster Arthur E. Brown, of the Harrisburg Academy, and Dr. Frederick E. Downes, superintendent of the Harrisburg schools, have been secured as presiding officers during the four days of the exhibit, on the fourth floor of Bowman's store.

"The Backward Child," "Our Community's Work for Children," "The Girl in the Home," "The Boy in the Home," "Modification of Milk" and "Tuberculosis in Children" are more of the subjects that will be discussed. A certified milk exhibit will be held every day instead of on Wednesday only, as previously announced.

Thursday to be "Flower Day" On Thursday, to be known as "flower day," each mother who attends the exhibit will be presented with a flower, probably a red carnation, and all others who attend are urged to wear flowers. The reception committee will be on hand that day and music will be provided.

W. Walley Davis Becomes Manager Chicago Plants

W. Walley Davis, superintendent of the Pennsylvania district plants of the Semet-Solvay Company, has been appointed superintendent of the Chicago district plants and manager of the By-Products Coke Corporation with headquarters in Chicago.

Mr. Davis, who has been in charge of the plants at Steelton, Lebanon and Dunbar, Pa., since 1907, came here in charge of coke plants. He is a Lafayette graduate.

Since residing here Mr. Davis has advertising expert, died at his home at Lansdowne, near here, to-day, from heart disease. Mr. Eaton was the founder of the Booklovers' and Tabard Inn library in the United States and Great Britain. He is survived by a widow and three sons.

By Associated Press

\$765,000 SUIT IS FILED AGAINST YORK ENGINEER

Involves Reconstruction of Electrical Companies in and Around Atlanta, Ga.

Suit for the recovery of \$765,000—the largest sum that has ever figured in local court records since the civil actions in the capitol "graft" cases—was filed late Saturday in the Federal courts for the Middle district of Pennsylvania against W. H. Smith, a well-known electrical construction engineer of York, Pa., by W. A. Carlisle, of Atlanta, Ga.

Wickersham and Metzger, of this city, who have been retained by Carlisle to serve with an Atlanta firm as counsel in the case, filed the action with J. Clarence Funk, resident clerk to the Federal courts.

The suit dates back more than four years and involves the reconstruction of four or five of the electrical companies in and around Atlanta and the subsequent sale of the rehabilitated lines to the Atlanta Street Railway and Power Company.

According to the local counsel, Carlisle, together with Smith and John Yearlley, of New York, formed a company to reorganize, reform and re-equip and construct the various lines and companies operating electrically in and around Atlanta. The consolidation was effected and the Atlanta company eventually bought out the holdings of the three, for \$2,500,000.

Neither Smith nor Yearlley, according to Carlisle, divided a share of the proceeds with Carlisle and he accordingly brought the suit. Similar action it is understood, will be filed in New York State against Yearlley.

NO CALL MADE

National Guard headquarters to-day stated that nothing had come from the War Department relative to a call upon Pennsylvania for any units of its militia for service at the Mexican border. Adjutant General Stewart said that the Guard was ready to respond to any calls which might be made upon it by the national government.

WATRES TO ADDRESS MASONS

Announcement was made this morning of the coming to this city on March 21 of Louis A. Watres, former Lieutenant Governor of the State of Pennsylvania, and present Right Worshipful Grand Master of the Masonic Order. Mr. Watres will make an address before the Dauphin County Memorial Committee, and a mass meeting of all Masons will be held in the Masonic Temple, Third and State streets, at 8 o'clock that evening.

By Associated Press

PHILIPPINES CAN BE CHRISTIANIZED BY UNITED STATES

Rev. E. J. Pace Tells Laymen's Mission Convention of Islands' Possibilities

HANDS OFF IS HIS PLEA

Much Will Be Accomplished if Washington Will Let Work Go On

"If those fellows down in Washington keep their hands off the Philippines long enough, we will show those Britishers that we know something about Christianizing a country."

So said the Rev. E. J. Pace, for ten years a missionary in the islands and at present a member of the editorial staff of the Religious Telescope, at this morning's session of the Laymen's Missionary Movement of the National Missionary Campaign, held here to-day. Mr. Pace has the unique record, he says, of being a home, frontier and foreign missionary at the same time. First, because his labors in the Philippines were under the Stars and Stripes; second, because while in those islands he was as far on the frontier as it was possible to get; and third, because the islands are so far from this country that they can be called foreign.

A Missionary "And the United States has been a missionary nation since 1898, when Admiral Dewey defeated the Spanish fleet in the harbor at Manila and took the Philippines. Soon after that a"

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New High Water Mark For Book Distribution at Public Library

The Harrisburg Public Library on Saturday established a new high water mark for circulation of books among the school children of the city. There were 1,000 books taken out by youngsters who are school pupils, breaking the best previous record by over 40.

The total circulation at the Library on Saturday was 1,041, so that the proportion of reading among children runs high. The highest daily circulation ever known at the Library was over 1,100 a short time ago.

The story-telling hour at the Library on Saturday was attended by 142 children, three classes being necessary.

It is expected that the March circulation will go above February which was almost 12,700.

Penny Is Directed to Pay \$1,379,881.28 to Canal Bondholders

Philadelphia, March 13.—As the result of the failure of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company to maintain a sinking fund to meet bonds of the Pennsylvania Canal Company at maturity in July, 1916, and its action in cancelling bonds of the canal company purchased from monies that had been placed in the sinking fund, the railroad company by a decree of Judge Dickinson, filed in the United States District court to-day is directed to pay \$1,379,881.28 to the bondholders of the canal company.

It is directed that the money be paid by Emanuel Rea, president of the railroad who as trustee for the bondholders of the canal company, is ordered when he receives the money, to distribute it among them as the court shall direct. The award to the bondholders also carries interest from July 1, 1916, the date of the maturity of the bonds.

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Injects "Dope" Regularly Into Arms of 30 Girls?

A husband, suspicious of his wife's peculiar actions, may lead to a formal accusation against William Phipps, of Bailey street, charging him with furnishing "dope" to residents of this city, mostly young girls.

Phipps was picked up under suspicion by Officer Carson, and brought to police headquarters this afternoon to be searched. It is said that at least thirty young girls from various parts of the city went to Phipps at intervals and had the "dope" injected by Phipps.

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Clifford Morton, of the Antler Hotel, a Western Union messenger boy, on a bicycle, collided at Front and Market streets, with an automobile driven by B. F. Hale, 210 Pine street, this afternoon. He sustained a few severe bruises and lacerations of the body and was treated at the Harrisburg Hospital.

STEELTON WOMAN MAY KNOW ABOUT MURDER IN WEST

Wisconsin Authorities Send Detective Here to See Mrs. Rosie Kabor

LEFT HER HUSBAND

Trace Guilty Man Through Shot Gun Found Three Miles From Dead Body

In an effort to get evidence which they believe will convict John Knoeg of the murder of Joseph Heller, both formerly of Steelton, Wisconsin authorities have sent a private detective to this city, to get evidence from Mrs. Rosie Kabor, of Steelton, who ran away from her husband with the two men, some time during December, 1914.

Mrs. Kabor returned to Steelton again in January, 1915. March 30, [Continued on Page 6.]

Shall Men Put to Jail Receive Compensation?

The question whether a person injured in an industrial plant who happens to get arrested for law-breaking during the period of partial disability can claim compensation and if so, to what extent, was raised to-day before the State Compensation Board. Earl Weaver, an employe of a steel company at Latrobe, was hurt on January 28 and treated in the Westmoreland county hospital. Before he was able to return to work he visited the Latrobe lockup, where there had been some jail breaking and during his visit was searched, hack saws being found on him. It was stated here that he had admitted intention to give them to prisoners who were friends. Weaver was arrested and given a prison term.

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TO REARGUE MINE WORKERS' CASE

Washington, March 13.—The Supreme Court to-day restored to its docket for reargument the case of the Hitchman Coal and Coke Company against John Mitchell, Secretary and Wilson and others, involving the question whether the United Mine Workers is organized in contravention of the Sherman antitrust law.

NO MOVEMENT ACROSS BORDER TO-DAY

San Antonio, Tex., March 13.—Major General Funston announced positively early this afternoon that there will be no movement of troops across the border to-day.

EMBARGO ON MUNITIONS SHIPMENTS

San Francisco, March 13.—An embargo on shipments of war munitions from this port to Mexican points was declared to-day by John O. Davis, collector of the port, in accordance with instructions from Washington.

BORAH URGES IMMEDIATE PREPAREDNESS

Washington, March 13.—Senator Borah, Republican, urged the Senate to-day to drop all other legislation and immediately consider the national preparedness program in view of the consequences that might arise from the decision to pursue General Villa in Mexico.

CARRANZA OFFERED REWARD FOR VILLA

Albuquerque, N. M., March 13.—A reward of 40,000 pesos for the body of Francisco Villa had been posted for sixty day in Carranza consulates, it was disclosed to-day through letters to a local Carranza official.

BIG GUNS ROAR AS INFANTRY AT VERDUN PAUSES

Crown Prince's Forces Stick to Trenches as French Bombard Position

AVIATORS ARE ACTIVE

Allies Bombard Railway Station; British Loss in Mesopotamia 5,000

A pronounced pause has come in the German offensive operations against Verdun, so far as the infantry is concerned, according to the official bulletins from Paris.

Sunday passed without infantry advance and the crown prince's troops did not leave their trenches for an attack at any point during last night. The French war office reports: "There has been no cessation of the artillery play, however, the bombardment continuing along much of the front. It was particularly severe in the Woivre district, where the French guns have been searching out hostile positions, indicating the probability that some move by the Germans to the east or southeast of the fortress on the French right flank is anticipated."

Aviators Active A small engagement occurred in Le Pretre forest, on the left bank of the Moselle, west of Pont-a-Mousson, to the east of the St. Mihiel salient, where the French report penetrating 200 yards of trenches and withdrawing after destroying the German saps.

French aviators bombarded the railroad station at Conflans, where fires were seen to break out.

Reports come from Dutch sources [Continued on Page 6.]

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