

SENATE GIVEN FISKE LETTER Warns That Navy Is Unprepared For War; at One Time Short 19,600 Men

Washington, April 22.—Secretary Daniels transmitted to the Senate today his response to the Lodge resolution adopted April 12 calling upon the navy to submit a letter from the navy general board dated August 3, 1914, and a communication from Rear Admiral Bradley A. Fiske, then aid for operations, dated November 9, 1914.

Admiral Fiske's letter is a lengthy document beginning with the statement that the writer urgently requests "the attention of the secretary to the fact that the United States Navy is unprepared for war."

Search of the files of the Navy Department and the General Board failed to disclose, however, any such letter from the general board as that mentioned in the resolution.

Department Inefficient "Admiral Fiske's letter is a careful analysis of the situation of the navy in the early days of the European war and contains the statement that of this country avoids war during the next five years, it will be accomplished only by a happy combination of high diplomatic skill and rare good fortune."

Secretary Daniels in his communication to the Senate says: "This communication was not furnished to me and I do not know of its existence until long after it was written."

The secretary adds that the first search of the files of his department had failed to disclose the letter as it had been withdrawn by an officer who "looked it up several times but could not find it."

FRONT STREET OWNERS WIN PAVING BATTLE

case of several years ago, in which the city paid for the Reservoir Park Contage.

Judgment Against City In deciding against the city the plaintiffs are awarded judgment in the amount of \$40,000, \$23,500 and \$61,513, with interest in each case, since dating from November 12, 1914.

The opinion of the court is as follows: "At the time the paving and curbing of Front street was completed, the assessment to pay the cost thereof was made, the strip of land lying between the low water mark of the Susquehanna river and the western line of the park, the cost of paving was held and owned by the city for public park purposes."

Nonassessable Property "The character of the property is expressly excepted out of the assessment which was authorized to be made to pay the cost of paving and curbing the street."

Hundreds of Complaints This order relieved the situation, and it is believed now that the regular schedule will be followed out for the first time in weeks.

Former Resident Dead Pottstown, Pa., April 22.—George P. Deacon, treasurer of the North Coventry school district, died yesterday.

Posse Searches For Lone Bandit course of an hour the man drew two revolvers and compelled the guard to pass his hat before the passengers who stood with hands in the air.

At the entrance to the second sleeping car, a brakeman and James Sherlock, conductor, faced the robber.

As the train slackened speed for the crossing, the man dropped to the ground and ran in the direction of the "Robber's Roost" country in the Elk Mountain region.

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RAILROAD RUMBLE'S RAILROAD HEADS SHOP LEAGUE TO MEET MEN STAR COMMON DAY

Will Discuss Recent Demands at Chicago With Four Brotherhoods City Commissioner E. Z. Gross Presents Silver Cup; Will Throw Out First Ball

Cleveland, Ohio, April 22.—Representatives of the railroads in the United States and of the four railroad employers' brotherhoods will meet at Chicago, April 27, to discuss the recent demands of the brotherhoods for an eight-hour day.

At the Chicago meeting arrangements will be made for a later conference at which time the brotherhoods' demands will be considered in detail.

The April 27 meeting was suggested to the brotherhoods by the representatives of the railroads in a letter received today. Acceptance of the proposition was decided upon at once.

In addition to the eight-hour day the brotherhoods are demanding time and a half for overtime in freight and yard service.

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LOOK FOR REPLY BY NEXT WEEK

(Continued from First Page) ambassador, is away on a brief trip. It is known that he has advised his government to modify its submarine views to meet America's demands.

Washington, D. C., April 22.—Chairman Stone of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee has an appointment to go over the situation with President Wilson on Monday.

At Monday night's conference the President probably will confer with Senator Stone with his plans for the next step so that the chairman may turn information to the Senate.

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WILL DETERMINE IF TROOPS ARE RECALLED

(Continued from First Page) shing will be prepared for any situation. Discuss Developments

Until late last night General Scott and Funston discussed the developments of the pursuit of Villa that began with promised co-operation by Carranza troops and ended, or practically ended, with a warning to Colonel W. C. Brown, at Santa Cruz, by a Carranza official that he must not advance south of that point.

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Advance Sale For Schumann-Heink Is Larger Than McCormick's

The advance sale, particularly from surrounding towns, for the concert to be given by Madam Schumann-Heink in Chestnut Street Auditorium, on the evening of May 9, far exceeds the record-breaking demand for tickets that marked the appearance of John McCormack, Irish tenor, here more than a year ago.

This is not remarkable when it is considered that the world today scarcely more than a half dozen musical celebrities whose names are familiar to everyone, and that of these the name of Schumann-Heink is second to none.

It is understood that the establishment of other bases and new lines of communication were talked of, but the details of the fighting at Parral and the abrupt halt in operations that came as a result of the Carranza troops' advance.

General Pershing's reports, which are said to contain recommendations that radical changes be authorized, probably will be gone over carefully to-day.

Still Marking Time Overnight dispatches from the front indicated no renewed offensive activity. The pursuit of the bandit chieftain remained practically at a standstill and the impression is gaining strength at departmental headquarters that the Carranza troops would be withdrawn.

High army officials here remained almost indifferent to the suggestions that the manifest hostility of Carranza's troops might be due to work by agents of Felix Diaz or those of any other aspiring enemy of the de facto government.

Department of Justice officials here failed to discover any tangible evidence that would make headway along the frontier and all reports to army headquarters indicate that the officers of the Carranza garrison who are showing so marked an antagonism toward the Americans are wholly loyal to the chief.

Red Cross Nurse Declares She Saw Villa Enter Auto in Los Angeles

Los Angeles, April 22.—Mrs. Rose Cohn, a nurse who performed Red Cross work in Mexico during 1913 and 1914, reported to the Federal authorities here yesterday, that she was confident that she saw Francisco Villa, the Mexican bandit leader, on the street here last Wednesday afternoon.

Officers are investigating the report and Mrs. Cohn expressed the opinion that the nurse probably saw a man who resembled Villa.

Mrs. Cohn said that she was standing on a corner near the business district when she saw the man believed to have been Villa enter an automobile with two Mexican women.

They drove away toward the residence district, she said, and could be pointed out to any one by the street.

"I don't know where they came from," Mrs. Cohn said. "They walked to the curb and seated themselves in a car. I saw them enter the car, of which was a Mexican. Before I had time to act they drove away."

Constant Movement of Carranza Troops Are Due to Activities of Diaz

El Paso, Texas, April 22.—A troop train left Juarez to-day with several hundred members of the Juarez garrison, according to reports received by Casas Grandes. According to military officials, these troops are not intended as a reinforcement of the Casas Grandes garrison, but will replace the soldiers now there who will be sent to Madera.

Villa has become a minor figure in the situation as far as El Paso is concerned. Those who do not believe he is a factor in the situation are of the opinion that his prestige is gone and that he has ceased to be a factor in Mexican affairs.

From the question of withdrawal of a large force of troops, there is directed to stories received from Mexican sources dealing with the alleged spread of the Felix Diaz movement in northern Mexico.

It seems certain that the constant movement of Carranza troops, no doubt being aimed at removing the Diaz influence from a few weeks at a time, is believed to have a close relation to the activities of Diaz and his followers.

Federal military officials are satisfied that attempts are being made on a fairly large and apparently organized scale to tamper with the commanders of the Carranza commands, but so far there has been no definite evidence that attempts have succeeded in any instance.

Concentration of Troops at Columbus Is Being Pushed Forward Rapidly

Columbus, Mexico, April 22.—The new concentration of troops at Columbus rapidly was being pushed forward to-day, with 2,500 men ordered here from other border points to be held subject to the orders of General Pershing, expeditionary commander, the Seventeenth Infantry had arrived to-day from El Paso.

The first battalion of the Twenty-fourth Infantry, which until recently had been stationed at Del Rio, Texas, the Sixth Cavalry is to be sent to Columbus, and other Texas stations to-morrow or Monday.

The troops will be held here at least until General Scott, chief of staff, makes a report to the Secretary of War on his conference with General Funston.

Supplies are being rushed to the front that General Pershing may complete the reorganization of his command during the lull in the Mexican operations, which, according to reports here to-day, continued all along the 500-mile American line of communication.

The body of Albert Hartman, Troop K, Thirteenth Cavalry, was brought here to-day. It was the first case of a soldier dying at the front to be sent to Columbus.

Preparations were made at camp to-day to observe Easter Sunday. It was arranged that five regimental bands should play at the Easter service. Women of Columbus have sent several large Easter boxes of cakes and candies to the troops in the field.

AGAINST WATER COMPANY Equity Proceedings to Take Over Plant

Equity proceedings to restrain the Hummelstown Consolidated Water Company from interfering with the water utility affairs of the Commonwealth Trust Company, trustee for the bondholders of the water company, were begun in the Dauphin County Court to-day.

The Commonwealth Trust Company also wants a receiver appointed to conduct the water utility affairs. The company must also pay the Commonwealth Trust Company \$125,000 in 1916 and give a mortgage to the trust company for that sum that it failed to pay its interest on State taxes, and that in accordance with the provisions of the mortgage it is to pay at Easter service.

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CITY ARGUMENT IS ON TUESDAY

"Hardscrabble" Viewers' Report Listed For April Term; State Test Case

"Hardscrabble" viewers' exceptions and the legal phase of the act which precludes anyone to interfere with the State cattle quarantines, were argued in the Philadelphia City Court for argument on Tuesday.

Motions for new trials, Henry vs. Annie, executrix of John C. Harman; Anast Belehias vs. Charles McCull company; Charles F. Sheffer vs. E. W. Kappner; Catharine Marshall vs. Central Trust Company, administrator for Catharine Finn's estate; State vs. I. W. Dill; rule to open judgment, Harry N. Wasenhein vs. Janko and Merl Vuocari; H. A. Garman vs. Annie Isaacman; Frederick E. Ray for Charles Boas vs. Rollin J. Church; rule to vacate order, State vs. William H. Shuey; rule to set aside judgment, James H. Neely vs. James H. Neely, executor of the estate of James H. Neely, deceased; motion for judgment notwithstanding verdict, Harvey H. Gordon vs. Grace H. Neely, executrix for estate of James H. Neely, deceased; questions of violation of act of July 22, 1913, State vs. Harvey S. Bomberger and John Funk; exceptions to "Hardscrabble" viewers' report, to show cause why return of exemption should not be set aside in assigned estate of Phares R. Hollman; judgment for want of sufficient defense, Toledo Scales Company vs. George Fetter, Charles C. Ferranto, State vs. following utility companies, Lackawanna Electric, Pittston Electric, Plittstown Electric, Power and Light, Piedmont Electric, Gardenville Electric, Democratic Citizens Light, Heat and Power company.

19th St. Bridge Finished.—The Ferro Concrete company officially notified the county commissioners to-day that the bridge over the Schuylkill river at Nineteenth street is finished. Viewers will be asked to pay Monday.

To-day's Petitions.—County and city officers nominating petitions filed to-day included the following: County committee, Republicans, Leroy J. Holler, First precinct, Hummelstown; John S. Tranyan, second precinct, seventh ward; Democratic Howards; H. Holstein, first precinct, Sixth ward; Adam E. Moeslein, fifth precinct, Second ward; Joseph J. Sanson, fourth precinct, Seventh ward; John W. Ferley, first precinct, First ward, Middletown; A. F. White, Penbrook; W. H. McAlister, first precinct, Eleventh ward; City committee, Republicans, Dr. C. H. Crampton, first precinct, Seventh ward; Democratic Howards; Osborn and John H. Shaner, second precinct, Seventh ward; L. H. Lickel, second precinct, Thirteenth ward.

SWEARING OVER PARTY LINE Because, it is alleged, he swore over a party telephone line with Mrs. E. C. Cocklin, 1671 Basina street, Essex, sending her his grocery order, Mr. R. J. Carpenter was arrested on a warrant sworn out before Alderman Kramme, by C. A. Hoke, 1217 North Sixth street, who was receiving Mr. Cocklin's order. When Hoke returned he found Carpenter and several others in a heated argument, and a short time later Officer Larsen served the warrant. Neighbors, however, heard the row, and sent in a riot call. The police then arrested the crowd, charging them with inciting a riot.

FREE EGGS FOR YOUNGSTERS Alderman Kramme will distribute a large number of chocolate eggs to the children of the city at 10 o'clock Easter morning in front of his home at 415 Verbeke street. Alderman Kramme for several years has been giving little gifts to the youngsters, usually in the West End, and has extended an invitation to all of them to turn out to-morrow morning.

GOVERNOR PLANS TO SPEND EASTER HERE

Governor Brumbaugh was not returning to Harrisburg from Washington to-day. As his office it was known whether he would arrive before night. Reports from Washington to-day were to the effect that the Governor had decided to leave for Harrisburg later in the day.

Present plans are for the Governor to keep his engagements to speak at Boston next week and if he is able he will leave for Harrisburg to-day. No information regarding the Governor's stumping tour has been given out from his headquarters.

KNIGHTS TO ATTEND ST. FRANCIS