



WILL GET FIRST HAND DATA ON MEXICAN FEELING

Consuls Being Summoned to Discuss Conditions With Gen. Funston

SITUATION IS IMPROVED

Punitive Expedition Has Affairs in Excellent Control

By Associated Press
Washington, D. C., May 18.—The State Department is determined to secure information at first hand on the attitude of Mexican citizens toward the American punitive expedition and on other conditions in Northern Mexico. It became evident today that Consul Marion Letcher, stationed at Chihuahua, arrived at El Paso last night on orders to discuss with General Funston conditions in the State of Chihuahua and to make a similar report by telegraph to Washington. The department announced that other consuls would be ordered from their posts temporarily for similar conferences during the next few weeks. Mr. Letcher and other consuls may be called to Washington if the telegraphic reports prove inadequate. It was explained that means of communication in Mexico are unsatisfactory and that was the sole reason for the action planned. Secretary Baker was in New York today attending a meeting of officers of the National Consumers' League, of which he is president. The Mexican situation was reported as improving.

Carranzistas Moving Along American Lines

By Associated Press
Columbus, N. M., May 18.—The Carranza garrison at Aconito, under Colonel Sanez, is moving south along the American line of communication, ostensibly to El Paso, but it is assigned here today for the movement. Reports from the field indicated that General J. J. Pershing's expeditionary command is experiencing a shortage of soap, but otherwise is well rationed and re-equipped.

Italy Is Shaken by Series of Earthquakes

By Associated Press
Rome, May 17.—An earthquake of particular violence has occurred along the Adriatic coast between Rimini and Cesena. At the latter town a dozen people were injured by the fall of cornices.

Father Alfani, director of the observatory at Florence, predicts a repetition of the earthquake which extended to the Venetian provinces.

The entire central section of Italy was shaken by repeated earthquakes which lasted through Tuesday and Wednesday. Only the most meager details have as yet been received in this country and it is not known what loss of life occurred, if any.

SEIZE DUTCH MAIL

By Associated Press
Berlin, May 17.—(By wireless).—A dispatch from The Hague to the Overseas News Agency says that all the first-class mail on board the Dutch steamship Bandoeng, bound from Rotterdam for Batavia, has been taken off by the British authorities.

VESSELS STAY BY STEAMER

By Associated Press
Sydney, N. S. W., May 18.—The steamship Innisbrook shore near Table Head, Glace Bay, was still hard aground to-night. Seven vessels are at the scene.

MAY FREE MISS BLAKELOCK

By Associated Press
Poughkeepsie, N. Y., May 18.—Miss Marion Blakelock, daughter of R. A. Blakelock, the painter, herself an artist, may soon be released from the Hudson River State Hospital in Poughkeepsie. A movement similar to that which won freedom for her father from the Middletown Asylum is under way among art patrons in Chicago. Within a few days a committee will be chosen by the local court and habeas corpus proceedings to procure her freedom will follow.

PRESBYTERIANS ARE BALLOTING FOR MODERATOR

General Assembly Expected to Set Precedent by Electing Eastern Man

SESSION IMPORTANT

To Consider Expulsion of New York Presbytery; May Consolidate Boards

Atlantic City, N. J., May 18.—Interest in the first day's sessions of the Presbyterian general assembly which began its 123rd annual meeting here today, centered in the election of a moderator to succeed the Rev. J. Ross Stevenson, president of Princeton Theological Seminary. There were a number of candidates but leaders among the 2,000 delegates predicted that the assembly would set a precedent by selecting the Rev. W. L. McEwan, of Pittsburgh. It is customary to alternate between the East and West in filling the highest office in the gift of the church. Other candidates prominently mentioned include the Rev. Dr. John A. Marquis, Cedar Rapids, Iowa; the Rev. Dr. George L.

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Local Engineers to Draw Plans For York Haven Dam

The firm of Farley Gannett, Theodore E. Seelye and Samuel W. Fleming, Jr., consulting engineers, Telegraph building, has been retained by the York Haven Water and Power Company to prepare plans for a dam across the east channel of the Susquehanna river near York Haven, Pa., to be 800 feet long with a maximum height of seven feet. The cost will approximate \$15,000.

The York Haven Company which supplies power to the Harrisburg Light and Power Company, Edison Light and Power Company of York, Pa., Middletown and Bainbridge, Pa., already has a dam across the west channel of the Susquehanna, extending from the shore to a large island in the river, which is 6,000 feet long with a maximum height of twenty-two feet. In order to conserve the water wasted away through the east channel of the stream and to increase the flow of water over the main dam in low water stages, the company has retained the Harrisburg firm to build the low dam from the island to the east shore of the Susquehanna.

This same firm has been retained by the borough of Curwensville, Clearfield county, Pa., to make a report on its water system and to prepare preliminary plans for its improvement.

Malone and Palmer Will Speak Here at Dinner

The Central Democratic Club of Harrisburg will give its annual Jefferson banquet to-night at 8 o'clock at the Masonic Temple. These annual dinners are highly successful and prominent Democrats from all over Pennsylvania and are very pleasant affairs. Simplicity in decorations as befitting a Jeffersonian function will mark the affair. Dudley Field Malone, collector of the port of New York, and a polished orator, will speak. A. Mitchell Palmer, who was re-elected national commander of the primaries on Tuesday, will also make an address.

Mice Inoculated With Tumor Germs Flee Zeps

New York, May 18.—Four mice, whose ancestors had been inoculated with tumor germs for fifteen years, took up their residence today in the Crocker Cancer Research Laboratory at Columbia University. They were sent here from London to escape the danger of Zeppelin raids. In the last Zeppelin air raid over London a bomb was dropped near the laboratory where the mice were being kept and it was decided to send them to the United States for fear that another bomb might destroy the work of years.

Cost Just \$51.20 For Four Men to Cast Vote

Rush township's primary election officers were paid off to-day by the county commissioners. They all worked right hard Tuesday. "Nevertheless John Gehres, the judge of the board, handed in the expense bill half-apologetically. "We didn't get out such a big vote," he explained to Ed H. Fisher, chief clerk. "Didn't even the board vote?" "Well, three members did," admitted Judge Gehres. "And how big a vote was polled?" "Well, only two—two Republicans and two Democrats." The bill of expenses, including pay of officers, transportation of boxes, etc., totaled \$51.20—just \$12.50 per vote.

574 Loads of Rubbish and Garbage Removed

More than five hundred loads of ashes, rubbish and refuse, 74 loads of garbage and eleven dead animals were removed from one-half of the city in the first three days of the annual "Spring clean-up week" campaign. Ten thousand circulars are being circulated by the Civic Club giving suggestions to housewives and property owners on clean-up work so that little or no rubbish will litter back yards and alleys.

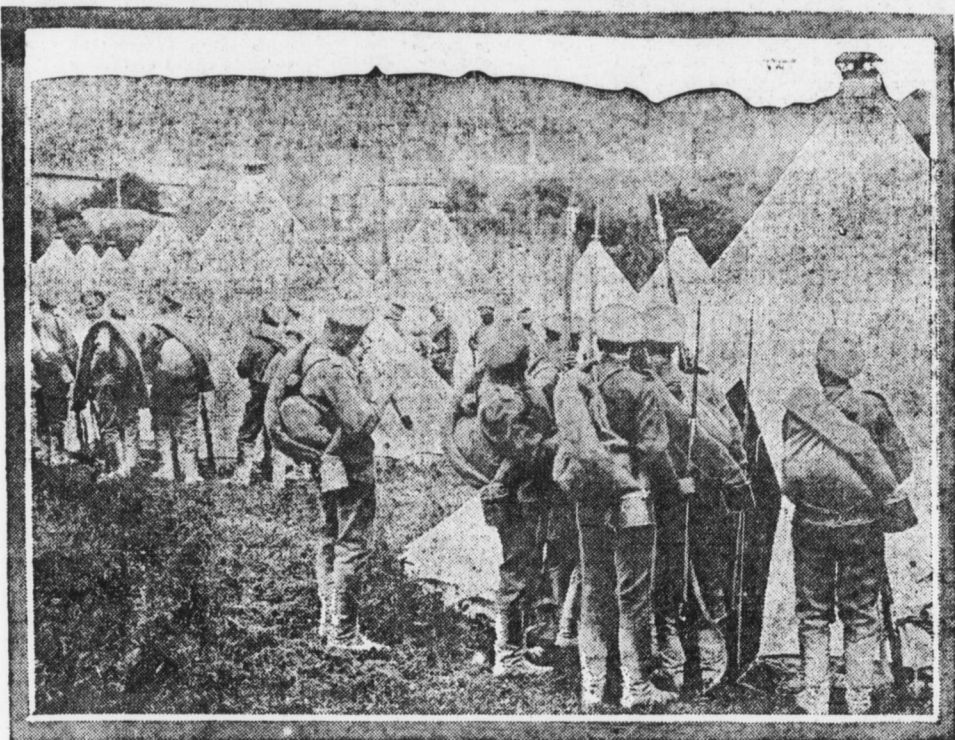
HURT TRYING TO ESCAPE

Attempting to escape the third time from Detective I. N. Durbaugh, Tuesday night, Ignatius Butar, aged 26, 254 Myers street, Steelton, tripped and fell. The detective also fell. Butar was picked up and taken to the Harrisburg Hospital where deep lacerations to his scalp were dressed. His head had struck the curb when he made a cushion for Durbaugh.

COOLEST MAY 18

To-day was the coolest May 18 in the history of the local Weather Bureau, according to E. R. Deman, local forecaster. The temperature will be 44 degrees to-night and the cool weather will probably last several days.

RUSSIAN SOLDIERS ON THE BATTLE LINE IN FRANCE



Russian soldiers have actually reached the battle line in France, as this picture shows. It was taken at the Mally military camp. The Russians are encamped here by the thousand, and all ready for battle.

HARMONY WITH HUGHES, BELIEF TO REORGANIZE ATLANTIC FLEET

Drift to Justice Seen in Elections; Moose to Be Invited Into Conference

Special to the Telegraph
Washington, D. C., May 18.—Republican leaders are going to try to get together in advance of the Chicago convention on a program that will assure harmony. The belief here is that preliminary conferences will tend toward the nomination of Charles E. Hughes as the party's candidate. Evidence is daily growing stronger in Washington that many leaders already have reached the conclusion that the convention must choose Mr. Hughes or some one Mr. Roosevelt possibly would not support. Under the circumstances the drift has set in strongly toward the jurist. Party leaders here believe that Mr.

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TO REORGANIZE ATLANTIC FLEET

Admiral Fletcher to Be Retired as Commander-in-chief; Mayo to Succeed Him

By Associated Press
Washington, D. C., May 18.—Plans for reorganization of the Atlantic fleet, which will be announced shortly by Secretary Daniels, include the retirement of Admiral Fletcher as commander-in-chief. Vice-Admiral Henry T. Mayo, now commander of the first division of the fleet, with his flag on the Arkansas, will succeed Admiral Fletcher as commander-in-chief. Admiral Fletcher automatically returns to his line rank of rear admiral and probably will be assigned to important strategic work. Rear Admiral Dewitt Coffman, one of the division commanders of the fleet, will become vice-admiral. All the changes become effective June 15. Admiral Fletcher has completed his term as commander-in-chief.

AUSTRIANS BEAT ITALIANS BACK

Give Way Before Vigorous Onset in Southern Tyrol; Ousting Teutons

By Associated Press
The Austrian offensive on the Italian front is being pushed vigorously, according to current official reports, and the Italians admittedly have fallen back in the Southern Tyrol before the Austrian onset. The course of the operations is being closely watched in capitals of both the belligerent and neutral powers. Military observers in Paris express confidence that the Italian defense will prevent Austrian penetration into the Vicenza plain, the apparent objective of the attacking forces.

Ousting Teutons
In the fighting about Verdun the French, who have been retreating under

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CHRISTIANITY HAS NOT ENDED WARS

Adequate Navy Only Safeguard Against Offensive Autocracy He Declares

A representative gathering of Harrisburgers to the number of 1,000 or more attended the informal debate on preparedness against war by Henry A. Wise Wood, chairman of the Conference Committee on National Preparedness, president of the American Society of Aeronautical Engineers, an inventor, manufacturer, and a convincing speaker. Professor Isaac Sharpless, president of Haverford College, expressed the views of the pacifist. The latter is of the Quaker faith, and Mr.

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KNEW OF REVOLT FAR IN ADVANCE

Shown at Royal Commission Hearing That British Were Aware of Uprising

By Associated Press
London, May 18.—From testimony developed to-day at the hearing opened by the royal commission to inquire into the Irish rebellion it appeared that the government had received advance information of preparations for an uprising with help from German sources. The testimony was given by Sir Matthew Nathan, who resigned as foreign secretary for Ireland after the rebellion.

BOY SCOUTS GAINING

By Associated Press
New York, May 18.—The Boy Scouts are gaining recruits at the rate of 15,000 a month, according to a report made public today at the general conference of scout executives of Eastern cities in session here. Thirty-two cities east of St. Louis and Chicago are represented at the conference. The scout executives are considering plans for the establishment of large permanent scout camps in various parts of the country as well as numerous week-end camps.

AMBULANCE IS BADLY NEEDED

City Far Behind Smaller Municipalities in Service Rendered Injured and Sick

The need of a new ambulance and police patrol and of a private ambulance for the Harrisburg hospital was pointed out to-day by Mayor E. S. Meals and William M. Condon, superintendent of the Harrisburg hospital. The Mayor yesterday issued orders to end the present police ambulance only for emergency cases and to haul prisoners for the department. Persons who cannot afford to pay for private ambulance service will be

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GERMANS URGED TO OBSERVE LAW

Fatherland Admonishes Teuton Citizens in U. S. to Stay Clear of Entanglements

By Associated Press
Washington, May 18.—Germany, through Count Von Bernstorff, has instructed all German consuls in the United States to admonish German citizens in their districts to observe American laws. This was done in an effort to end various alleged violations of American neutrality. The ambassador acted in instructions from the Berlin Foreign Office. The action was announced to-day in this

NEGOTIATIONS PROCEEDING

By Associated Press
Berlin, May 17.—(By wireless).—The negotiations between Rumania and Bulgaria for the interchange of goods, which were threatened with failure for a time, are now progressing satisfactorily. Dispatches to the Overseas News Agency quote the Bulgarian finance minister to the effect that negotiations have been made on both sides.

DEBATE USE OF ARMED FORCE TO STAMP OUT WARS

League's Plan Threshed Out at International Arbitration Conference

MUST FIGHT FOR PEACE

Speaker Declares Decision of Tribunals Powerless Without Backing

Mohonk Lake, N. Y., May 18.—The use of military compulsion by a group of nations to prevent war, which is the most radical feature of the plan advocated by the League to Enforce Peace, was debated to-day before the Lake Mohonk Conference on International Arbitration. The proposition was favored by Herbert S. Houston and Dr. George Haven Putnam, New York publishers, and opposed by Dr. James L. T. Brown, of Boston, director of the New England department of the American Peace Society, and A. H. Snow, a Washington, D. C., lawyer. "Peace between nations," said Mr. Houston, "just as does peace within nations, must rest on force. Peace must be put on a war footing and its advocates must quit the forum for the

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Abandon Daniels Program; to Build Warships Now

By Associated Press
Washington, D. C., May 18.—In deciding upon the increase of the navy the House naval committee today voted to abandon the five-year building program, recommended by Secretary Daniels, and to recommend that five battle cruisers, to cost \$20,422,524 each, four scout cruisers, ten torpedo boat destroyers, twenty submarines, one hospital ship, one oil supply ship and one ammunition supply ship be built during the 1917 fiscal year. The committee voted 13 to 8 on battle cruisers and submarines.

The committee unanimously adopted a resolution by Representative Hensley, of Missouri, authorizing the President, upon conclusion of the European war, to invite the world powers to a conference to frame a court of arbitration or other body for peaceful settlement of all disputes between nations and appropriating \$200,000 for the purpose.

BRUMBAUGH AND PENROSE LEADING DELEGATE RACE

Governor Ahead of Field With Senator Very Close Second

SNYDER BEATS AMBLER

Scott and Sobel Ahead For Congress-at-large; Big Vote For Kephart

With 4,787 districts out of 6,891 in the whole State heard from Governor Martin G. Brumbaugh is leading the field for Republican delegate-at-large with a vote of 145,611 and Senator Boies Penrose, his rival for the leadership, is second on the list with 139,207.

As many districts are not heard from there are many conflicting reports and the Brumbaugh people are not only adhering to their claim of 41 national delegates made yesterday, but are talking about 43. They assert that the Governor will have six delegates-at-large out of the twelve, and while not making any formal statement talk of eight district delegates in Philadelphia and six in Allegheny. They claim also some districts from which there are not complete reports.

The Penrose people are not making any claims, either, but they say that there is no foundation for the Brumbaugh headquarters claim. The Governor and one or two others on his list may land as delegates-at-large but they do not concede the six claimed by the Governor's partisans.

The State delegation will consist of seventy-six men, twelve to be delegates-at-large. Each congressional district has two delegates.

The Latest From the State

An Associated Press dispatch reports

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ARREST BAFF MURDERER

By Associated Press
New York, May 18.—Angelo Gaslano, a laundryman was arrested here last night charged with murder in the first degree in connection with the shooting two years ago of Barne Baff. Two others arrested in the case already have been convicted. The killing of Baff, a wholesale poultry dealer, was alleged to have been inspired by business rivals.

NEW YORKER COURT MARTIALED IN IRELAND

London, May 18.—Jeremiah C. Lynch, of New York, has been tried and convicted by court martial in Dublin on a charge of participating in the Irish rebellion. The sentence was to be promulgated to-day but no word has been received by the American embassy here as to what sentence was imposed.

WOMEN HELD FOR RECEIVING GOODS

Harrisburg.—Anna Corpenny charged with receiving silverware which it is alleged Arthur J. Davies stole from E. Z. Wallower, was held under \$500 bail for court by Alderman Hilton. Davies was arrested Sunday night in Williamsport.

SOLDIER CROSSES BORDER AND IS SHOT

El Paso, May 18.—An American soldier, who crossed the international boundary a mile and a half east of Juarez today was shot and killed by Mexican customs guards. General Gaxiera advised Gen. Bell that the soldier was intoxicated and fired on the Mexicans before they shot him.

FIRE IN PAPER WAREHOUSE

Harrisburg.—Fire of unknown origin caused more than \$100 damage to the wall paper and moulding stock in the Brady street warehouse of J. A. Gerlock.

CASEY NOMINATED FOR POSTMASTER

Washington, May 18.—President Wilson to-day nominated L. J. Casey for postmaster at Wilkes-Barre, Pa.

THREE SHOT IN STRIKE RIOT

Ansonia, Conn., May 18.—Three men were shot, one probably fatally, in a riot to-day at the plant of the Ansonia Manufacturing Company where between 150 and 200 men are on strike.

READING WINS FAST GAME

Reading won the first game of a wobbleheader at Island Park this afternoon. Score, 2 to 1. Hall pitched a good game but received rotten support. The score by innings—

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MARRIAGE LICENSES

Harry R. Wilber, Fisherville, and Eleanor A. Keister, Elizabethville. David F. Alvord, Williamstown, and Myrtle K. Zerby, Lykens. George W. Witman and Mary Anderson Brown, ety.

THE WEATHER

For Harrisburg and vicinity: Fair, continued cool to-night and Friday; lowest temperature to-night about 44 degrees.

For Eastern Pennsylvania: Fair, continued cool to-night and Friday; moderate winds, mostly northwest.

River
The Juniata, Chemung and the upper portions of the North and West branches will fall; the lower portions of the North and West branches will rise; this afternoon and to-night and fall Friday; the main river will rise this afternoon and to-night and begin to recede on Friday and Saturday; a stage of about 5.5 feet is indicated for Harrisburg Friday morning.

General Conditions
The Southern storm has passed off northeastward. It caused rain in the last twenty-four hours generally east of the Lake Region and in the Upper Ohio Valley, with gales along the Atlantic coast from New Jersey northward. A further fall of 2 to 3 degrees in temperature has occurred over nearly all the Eastern half of the country and in the South-west, while in the Lake Region and in the Plains States temperatures have risen 2 to 15 degrees.

Temperatures 8 p. m., 50.
Sun rises, 4:47 p. m.; sets, 7:16 p. m.
Moon rises, 9 p. m.; sets, 4:55 a. m.

Yesterday's Weather
Highest temperature, 58.
Lowest temperature, 47.
Mean temperature, 52.
Normal temperature, 62.