

ALLIES TO INSIST ON DEFINITE REPLY

Gen. Blanquet Shot During Skirmish With Government Troops

Recently Landed in Vera Cruz For Purpose of Starting Revolution Against Carranza—Band Small and Poorly Equipped.

Mexico City, April 17.—(By the Associated Press)—General Aureliano Blanquet, war minister in President Huerta's cabinet, who recently was reported to have landed in the Vera Cruz region for the purpose of starting a revolution against the Carranza government, was killed yesterday in a fight near Chavaxtla village, according to press reports from Vera Cruz, which quote a report from General Francisco U. Urquiza, chief of military operations in the region of Cordova and Orizaba.

According to telegrams given out by General Urquiza, the commander in the region of Chavaxtla, General Guadalupe Sanchez, met a party of rebels under Blanquet late yesterday afternoon, defeating them. The body of General Blanquet was found later. General Sanchez telegraphed that he was bringing General Blanquet's head to Vera Cruz to establish the identification.

General Francisco Alvarez was taken prisoner, together with the family of Pedro Gavay, one of the most active lieutenants of Felix Diaz. Vera Cruz papers have recently been printing numerous stories regarding General Blanquet's proposed revolt. These stories have been published in the United States, but General Blanquet's claim that he had 40,000 men, with artillery and an airplane, and that he was allied with other factions, has been scolded off. The band which General Blanquet was leading when he was killed, was small and was poorly equipped it is reported.

General Aureliano Blanquet, called from New York for a port in the West-Indies on January 8 last. He was provided with passports and credentials but the fact of his departure was known only to a few of his intimate friends. He was accompanied by General Juan Montano and Brigadier General Enrique Gonzales, with communication officers. The party landed at an unfrequented Mexican port late in March and was met by a guard sent by Felix Diaz and was escorted to Tuxtla, the headquarters of the Diaz forces. Since that time there have been reports of operations by General Blanquet and his chief, Senor Diaz. General Blanquet was 71 years old.

Ex-Crown Princess Cecile Intends To Divorce Husband

Alleges That Frederick William Has Been Grossly Cruel—That On Various Occasions He Beat Her Badly.

Zurich, April 17.—The former German Crown Princess Cecile has taken steps to divorce her husband, Frederick William, according to a statement given to Swiss newspapers by the former Grand Duchess Anastasia of Mecklenburg-Schwerin, mother of the former Crown Princess. The statement says that it long has been the desire of Cecile to divorce her husband, but that the pressure of the Hohenzollern family up to this time had prevented her from carrying it out.

The statement of the Grand Duchess charges Frederick William with cruelty to his wife, saying: "On one occasion some time ago the situation became so unbearable that my daughter actually fled from her home. She almost succeeded in reaching Switzerland. Orders were sent from Berlin to intercept her and she was captured at the German frontier. She was taken to a hotel and taken to their line under arrest. My daughter will be able to place before the German court overwhelming evidence against her husband and will be able to prove against him many instances of the grossest cruelty. His infidelities were numerous and there is abundant proof of them. His brutality was atrocious. On one more than occasion my daughter was treated with actual violence. She was bruised and her face was disfigured by her husband's blows."

Berlin despatches by way of Zurich on February 3 said that Frederick William had instituted proceedings for a divorce, but there have been no further reports on the case. The former Crown Prince and Princess Cecile were married in June, 1905. The pair have five children, the youngest having been born in 1915. The former Crown Prince is now in exile in Holland. His family has remained at Potsdam.

The former Grand Duchess Anastasia was a grand duchess of Russia before her marriage. Since the war she has been living in Switzerland. She renounced her German nationality and renewed her allegiance to Russia late in 1914.

ENJOIN SALE OF SMITH SILVER CO.

U. S. District Court Issues Writ Against Receiver John T. King.

An injunction restraining Receiver John T. King from holding a public sale of the E. H. H. Smith Silver Co. plant was granted yesterday by Judge Thomas in the United States District Court. It was announced in the Superior Court this afternoon when there was a hearing on the affairs of the Smith Co. The sale was to have been held at the plant next Monday. The injunction was asked for by counsel representing non-resident stockholders, who said they have chances to sell the business to persons who are willing to pay the debts. They object to the idea of selling the plant at auction. It is said that the only offer received so far was one of \$125,000 made by Harry Barth of New York. When this bid was mentioned last week at a hearing some of the stockholders claimed the offer was too small for serious consideration.

HUNS TO CLAIM INDEMNITY.

Paris, April 17.—Germany intends to claim an indemnity from the Allies, according to the Frankfurt Gazette. It says the German negotiators at Versailles will ask payment for damages sustained from aerial attacks from the occupation of German territory by the Allied troops and for the delay in concluding peace, causing a prolongation of the Bolshevik and Spartan trouble.

AMBUSH BOLSHIEVİK PATROL.

Archangel, Wednesday, April 16.—(By The Associated Press)—A small American scouting party operating in front of the Allied positions along the railway front yesterday surprised and ambushed a Bolshevik patrol in the forest four miles east of the railway, wounding many of the enemy. The situation during the last few days has been generally quiet. Roads which had been three feet deep in snow now are covered with ice slush and traveling is rapid. That transportation is virtually stopped.

ACCUSED BANDIT OUT ON BOND

William H. Haggerty and Daniel Lydickson, 3000 Broadway, the members of "Secret Order of the Red and Black Armadillo, Black Handers," who made an attempt to blackmail Walter B. Lashar out of \$5,000, are both released from custody under \$1,000 bonds each. The case is continued by the city court and the men will probably be bound over to the superior court. They both protest the charge against them and insinuate that their arrest was a "frame-up."

Milan, Italy, April 17.—Four persons were killed and several wounded during disorders here Wednesday incident to clashes between Socialists and anti-Socialist groups. The offices of the newspaper Avanti were wrecked by the Socialists. The workmen of Milan, Bologna, Turin and Genoa, the principal manufacturing cities of northern Italy, began a twenty-four hour strike today.

WINFREDIAN IS NEARING BOSTON; 102 M. G. HOME

Wire From Boston Says Transport Will Arrive Tonight or Friday.

PATRICIA DOCKED WITH 26TH VETS

Big Welcome for Machine Gun Unit When They Reached Boston.

Boston, April 17.—More units of the Yankee division reached here today. They arrived on the naval transport Patricia in a driving rain storm. The Patricia had hardly poked her nose through the fog at the entrance of the harbor at noon before she was surrounded by a fleet of small boats bearing relatives and friends and members of official greeting committees.

The units aboard the Patricia included the 102nd and 103rd Machine Gun Battalions, composed largely of former members of the old First Vermont Infantry regiment; the 101st Field Signal Battalion, a Boston organization, and several smaller detachments. Also on board were casual companies from Massachusetts and regular army, besides a special casual company composed of men from various branches of the service, making a total of 2,812 officers and men.

Members of the Massachusetts and Boston welcoming committees were there to greet the men from this state. A particularly warm welcome was extended by the Vermont delegation to members of Company D of the 103rd Machine Gun Battalion, for 50 per cent of the Vermont men cited for bravery during the war were members of this company, made up largely of votes of St. Albans. The 103rd had its hardest fighting in the Xivray sector in June, 1918.

Colonel William J. Keville of Boston, commander of the 102nd Ammunition Train, was in charge of the troops returning on the Patricia, although his own organization was not on board.

The Winfredian with others of the 26th Division was following the Patricia and if not delayed by weather conditions was expected to reach here tonight or early tomorrow. The arrival of the Patricia today was unlooked for, army officials had expected the Winfredian to get to port first. Both sailed from Brest on April 6.

CALLED MICROBE SO KENNY SUES

Local Man Wants \$10,000 Damages For Alleged Slanderous Remark.

"You have injected a microbe into the concern," a remark which is the basis of a slander suit brought by Henry Kenny of this city against W. B. Jolly of Seymour for \$10,000 damages. Papers in the action were filed today in the superior court and are returnable to the May term. Kenny says Jolly made this remark about him in the presence of two men with whom Kenny was about to enter into a business contract. At the same time Kenny claims Jolly said, "Kenny is a crook." As a result of these statements Kenny alleges the two men refused to sign the contract, thereby causing him a financial loss. He declares Jolly's remarks were false and malicious.

Played With Iodine Child May Be Blind

Louise, the four-year-old daughter of Mrs. May Whalen of 52 Broad street is in a serious condition and will probably lose her sight as the result of iodine burns. The little girl found a bottle of iodine in the home this morning and accidentally emptied the liquid into her eyes. Dr. Burns of the Emergency hospital was called. First aid was administered and an eye specialist recommended.

Workman Almost Beheaded Pinned By Falling Rack

At 8:50 this morning Dr. Burks of the Emergency hospital was called to the Hawthorne Manufacturing Co. Fairfield, where Frank Perkowsky of 183 Pine street was found dead. Perkowsky was employed as a polisher at the factory. As he was walking between a steel rack and the wall the rack collapsed and pinned Perkowsky against the wall. One of the iron girders caught the man on the neck and almost decapitated him.

TURKISH SITUATION SERIOUS

London, April 17.—It is learned here that the situation in Turkey is causing grave anxiety. Internal disorder is rife, according to reports from Rear Admiral Webb, R. N., at Constantinople. It is feared there will shortly be outbreaks and massacres of the Armenian population on a large scale.

LAUNCHING OF THE "SERIES."

"Hope" there won't be a bad omen as there was at the last one," was remarked in the crowd that came to witness the launching of the fifth ship, the Housatonic shipyard, Stratford, this afternoon.

"You know the last ship when she struck the water, turned her bow up stream. That's a bad sign. The sailors say she'll never get far from home when she turns her nose towards land the first time she hits water. At the first launching they didn't pull the cord hard enough to break the bottle, and so the ship did not get her taste of wine as she left the ways. The men below grabbed the bottle and drank the wine, but that did not take the curse off the ship. There was no hard luck this time. Mrs. Ethyl Munson, wife of George W. Munson, superintendent of the shipyard, was sponsor, and she saw to it that the bottle broke and the ship turned seaward when she struck the waters of the Housatonic. The "Series" is 281 feet long and has 46 feet beam, she was taken to Norwalk prior to going to Providence where she is to be fitted with machinery.

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NO CHANGE; PRICES WILL TAKE EFFECT

Harry Walker Not Much Disturbed by Idea Mayor May Build Ice Plant.

Harry Walker of the Bridgeport Ice Delivery Company, Naugatuck Valley Ice Co., etc., said today that there was no change in the situation in this city and that the prices announced would go in effect according to schedule.

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SUPPLY ROOMS FOR PARENTS

Gov. Holcomb Notifies Mayor of Boston's Plans to Aid Travellers.

That Boston will not only be the kind host to all New Englanders during the parade of the Twenty-Sixth Division to be held there on April 25th, but that private organizations in that city will do all in their power to provide for the visiting relatives of soldiers, was made known in a letter to Mayor Clifford B. Wilson from Governor Marcus H. Holcomb today.

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HOPE TO END STRIKE SOON

Miss Sullivan Doesn't Think There Will Be Strike Here.

Boston, April 17.—The expected arrival here today of John C. Koon, first assistant postmaster, general and chairman of the wire control board, gave some hope of a speedy adjustment of the strike of telephone workers which started Tuesday when young women operators in all the New England states except Connecticut walked out. Yesterday the cable splicers joined the operators and today a strike of electricians which leaders claimed involved 12,000 men in 23 unions became effective.

Miss Teresa Sullivan, Eastern organizer of the Telephone operators said this noon that there would be no strike in the Connecticut exchanges unless there was an attempt to take operators from this state to act as strike breakers in other states where the girls are out. The local union will hold a meeting to take a vote on the strike proposition tonight and if it is favorable to a strike the demands of the operators will be formally presented to the officials of the company before a strike is declared.

"NEW BOURGEOISIE"

Copenhagen, April 17.—Bolshevism in Russia is giving way to a "new bourgeoisie," according to the director of the Moscow Red Cross committee who has arrived here. Premier Lenin and War Minister Trotsky are trying to reach an understanding with the moderate elements in Russia.

KILL PROHIBITION RESOLUTION.

The resolution providing for the submission to the people by referendum on state right prohibition was defeated in the House at Hartford yesterday by a vote of 145 to 89.

PLAN TO WELCOME BRIDGEPORT BOYS WITH BRASS BAND

Aldermen and Citizens Will Leave for Boston on 12:49 Train Tonight.

"WINFREDIAN" TO DOCK FRIDAY

Many Park City Residents in Hub and Will Join Late Comers.

Determined to be on hand when the transport "Winfredian" docks in Boston tomorrow with the 102nd Ambulance Train, Bridgeport's own company of the 26th Division aboard, a host of public officials and citizens will leave this city on the 12:49 train for Boston tonight.

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Germany Must Accept Or Reject Terms Of Entente By May 15

No Reply Expected Before May 6—Disposed to Give German Government Ample Time to Digest Terms and Frame Reply.

(By the Associated Press) Germany will be forced either to accept or reject the Allied peace terms by May 15, according to reports printed in Paris. It is indicated that no reply is expected before May 6, the peace conference being disposed to give the German government what it considers ample time in which to digest the terms and frame its reply.

What action would follow rejection of the terms by the Germans has not been forecast in reports from the French capital.

The refusal of Stephen Pichon, the French foreign minister, to divulge the details of the provisions of the proposed treaty while speaking in the Chamber of Deputies yesterday, and the failure of Premier David Lloyd George to speak in more than general terms before the House of Commons would seem to indicate that no intimation of the terms will be made public at present.

It was announced at a meeting of the Council of Ten in Paris yesterday afternoon that various articles of the pact now are in the hands of the drafting committee and that the remaining articles would be disposed of today. It seems probable, therefore, that the treaty is in a fair way to be completed very soon.

Norway and Switzerland will act as agents of the Allied and associated governments in feeding Russia. It has been agreed at Paris, Representatives of France have made reservations on the subject and these will be considered today. The plan is opposed by Russian elements opposed to the Bolsheviks, but it is said they probably will acquiesce in the Allied decision.

The question of the United States becoming mandatory for Armenia and the ancient province of Cilicia, to the southwest, is again being considered at the Peace Conference. Several of the Entente Powers seem disposed also to ask this country for the control of Constantinople, a suggestion which is said to appeal to some members of the American commission.

Although has appealed to Premier Clemenceau, as president of the peace conference, asking for confirmation of the complete independence of that country. Here, too, there is a willingness that the United States would assume control of governmental affairs, at least until the little country has organized its political system. The communists are still in control of Munich but heavy forces of Russian troops are said to have been an advance on the Bavarian capital, according to Berlin advices. It is not known, however, whether a decisive battle has yet been fought. It is believed the city will not be attacked until the government has thrown a strong cordon of troops about it.

Ballard Denounces J. T. King; Robinson Issues Denial

County Commissioner Says He Was Asked to Resign—Statement Says King Has Concentrated All Political Powers in His Own Person—Robinson Says "I Never Asked Ballard to Resign."

That there is war to the knife between the state and the Bridgeport organization was proved today when County Commissioner Frank Ballard, one of the most powerful members of the Bridgeport organization, denounced National Committeeman John T. King, who has aspirations to be national chairman of the Republican party.

Mr. Ballard says that King "has succeeded in concentrating all political power in his own person."

Mr. Ballard remarks that he has been asked to resign from the Republican Town Committee. A. H. Robinson, city clerk, and usually representing King when he speaks, denies that he asked Ballard to resign, but apparently does not deny that something has asked for the resignation.

Mr. Ballard this afternoon issued the following statement: "It is true that I have been asked to resign as a member of the Republican Town Committee because I have dared to voice my sentiments regarding some things within the party. I understand that Mr. John T. King was the first to take exception to what was supposed to have been my remarks, and as he is the absolute boss of the Republican party in Bridgeport (for he has succeeded in concentrating all political power in his own person) it was suggested to me that I had better to square myself with Mr. King or get out."

"I have done neither one as yet. Things were different when I was made a member of the town committee. It was the governing body of the Republican party in this city and before being appointed a member of this body, one had to show his worth as a district worker and district leader, and it was necessary to devote time, skill and energy in order to roll up a large majority for the Republican candidates in his district. But now times have changed to the extent that one must be pliable, plausible and to be always ready to cry 'Hail to the Chief.'"

"I am ready to salute the chief when in my opinion, he acts like a chief, but Mr. King as Republican National Committeeman should be above other petty jealousies, spite or revenge, and should set an example of courage, loyalty and tact to his followers."

"The Republicans of Fairfield county have been practically ignored, and the Republican leaders of the state have refused, until this session of the Legislature, to consult with them or distribute patronage in Fairfield county because of the differences between Mr. King and the rest of the leaders of the Republican party in the state."

Mr. Robinson said today there was nothing of seriousness in the situation and the entire rumour had been created by followers of Ballard, who for some reasons of their own were intent on stirring up trouble in the G. O. P. ranks. Robinson did not use exactly these words in explaining his present view of the situation, but in denying he had requested Ballard's resignation, with the threat of throwing him out if he did not resign peacefully, the city clerk said he had no intention of asking the county commissioner to get out.

What will be the future developments and whether Ballard will at some near date be asked to relinquish his position, only the men on the inside of the King machine, having any knowledge of what is to be, or what is to happen.

Prominent Republicans of the Fifth district who have the interests of the party at heart, view the situation with uneasiness. Some even went as far as to say: "What will be the future developments and whether Ballard will at some near date be asked to relinquish his position, only the men on the inside of the King machine, having any knowledge of what is to be, or what is to happen."

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