

AND the persistency of the north winds is annoying to the man with a dwindling coal pile.

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ONLY a few more days and spring will be here officially, regardless of what the weather may be.

HOME EDITION

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DELRIOS FEARS ATTACK

Band of 150 Mexicans Reported Marching on Town.

U. S. Troops Rushed to Scene; Guard Redoubled.

ENTRENCH TO FIGHT VILLA Carranza Force Fortifies Trap for Bandits.

Expect to Capture Entire Number at Bayispe.

Delrio, Tex., March 17.—One hundred and fifty Mexicans who organized across the border from Pinto, 20 miles east of here yesterday, have moved inland according to word reaching here today.

American guards have been redoubled along that section of the border. A detachment of United States troops was sent to the scene.

Douglas, March 17.—Carranza troops of General F. Elias Calles, military governor of Sonora, were making every effort today to co-operate with the soldiers composing the punitive expedition from the United States in the pursuit of Francisco Villa, according to reports received here.

Persons arriving here during the night from Bayispe valley in eastern Sonora, stated that on Carranza troops, commanded by Lieutenant Colonel J. M. Aguirre, were strongly entrenching themselves near Bayispe in a position commanding two passes through which Villa bandits could march, should they make a sortie against the towns of El Tiper, San Miguel, La Guasca and El Tiper.

To Join United States Troops. Several hundred Mexican troops, commanded by Lieut. Col. Dato Campbell, are reported to have passed through Culpieto Pass into Chihuahua, and were expected to give active support to the United States soldiers. Colonel Campbell, who is Calles' chief lieutenant, is a resident of Douglas. Persons living here say that he has been one of the most active Sonora officials in advancing American sentiment among the Mexican troops and civilians in Sonora.

Entrenchment are being dug today by the forces of Calles held in reserve at Cabullona, a short distance south of Agua Prieta, but officials here of the able fact that they explained that this was to "keep the men occupied and prevent dissatisfaction."

Americans Fleeing. El Paso, March 17.—Rapidly growing uncertainty among Americans throughout Mexico, especially in the north and west, was evidenced today by reports from various sections that United States citizens were either on their way to the border or were preparing to leave. At practically every point of entry along the northern and northwestern frontier Americans arrived today from the interior.

In the instances where they were leaving Mexico as a matter of precaution and not because of any overt acts of hostility, they were reported to make a report was received from Durango, where the American vice-consul advised that his wife and child be sent out of the country. This followed closely on the arrival last night on the border of the American consul from Torreon with a large number of Americans.

Don't Want to Talk. Americans brought numerous disquieting stories about the attitude of the Mexicans in the interior, especially in Chihuahua, Durango and Coahuila, but invariably they told these stories privately and when asked to make a statement for publication insisted that everything was quiet in the sector, from which they expected to return to Mexico when things became more settled and they did not wish to say anything which might arouse the resentment of the Mexicans.

An American who arrived today from the city of Chihuahua reported that was quiet there yesterday. The Mexican consulate here received a telegram from General Calles, military governor of Sonora, saying a Villa spy, E. Pausobon, had been arrested at Dos Cabezas. It is alleged this man was in Columbus on the night of the raid. He said Villa had fled after the raid and he had been ordered several cowboys and seized a number of horses. He then started for Galeana by way of Puerto Chico.

SEND A WARSHIP

Battleship Kentucky Dispatched to Mexican Port.

New Orleans, March 17.—The battleship Kentucky sailed from here shortly after 10 o'clock yesterday for Vera Cruz, where she was ordered by the navy department yesterday. Capt. D. E. Dismukes said the warship carried her full complement of officers, blue jackets and marines.

Some doubt was expressed in shipping circles whether the Kentucky would be able to get through South-west Pass without delay as mud lumps have formed there owing to the heavy water in the Mississippi, causing some obstruction of the channel.

Reports from the Pass said there was about 27 feet of water in the channel. The Kentucky draws 24 feet.

Ft. Sam Houston Poet Writes The First War Song

San Antonio, Texas, March 17.—Soldiers of Fort Sam Houston have a new war song. It is sung to the tune of "I'm On My Way to Mandalay" and the chorus of it is as follows:

I've got to go
To Mexico
For fighting Freddie says it's so;
I've got to fight
With all my might
The first and stripes may blow;
Look out, Villa, for I wouldn't be yer
When us boys see yer.
That's way
I've got to go
To Mexico,
I'm going to say good-bye."

The song was composed by a poet in the engineers.

TO MARCH NIGHTS

Pershing Believes Troop Moves Can Be Concealed.

All U. S. Regiments Left Military Bands Behind.

San Antonio, Texas, March 17.—Night marches probably will be made by General John J. Pershing's expeditionary forces in their search for Francisco Villa, it was indicated at Camp Sam Houston today. Night marches would help to mystify Villa as to the movements of the American columns and would be easy of accomplishment, it is said, because there is sufficient light for the purpose. Also, they would keep the men and horses fresh. Days could be used for reconnaissance.

Daylight marches make it impossible to hide troop movements. Huge clouds of smoke indicate the progress and are visible at great distances.

Don't March to Music. There will be no music for the soldiers of either General Pershing's or Colonel Dadd's commands to enjoy, while on the march or in camp, it has become known. The only musical instrument band has been taken with the expedition. This is because it was decided not to handicap the expedition with an unnecessary appendage, not because the absence of martial music was expected to aid in secrecy regarding troops movement.

Word was received today that C. A. Williams, American consul, who quit Torreon when trouble with Villa broke out, is on his way here from Laredo, where he was yesterday. It is the army post nothing was known of Williams' coming. It was said he had not been asked to make any report to army officials.

A FLYING SQUAD

Believe Dadd's Men Crossed Before Pershing Did.

Constituted for Speed—Two to Meet in Casas Grandes.

El Paso, March 17.—Reports that American troops under command of Brigadier General John J. Pershing had been fired upon by snipers as they searched for "hot spots" for Francisco Villa, remained unconfirmed today. Sniping and even the possible killing or wounding of a few American soldiers by the snipers, however, was not regarded here as an indication of the American army's march into Mexico up to date was otherwise than a peaceful expedition so far as the majority of the Mexicans are concerned.

A few definite facts about the American expedition today stood out with particular prominence. They are: official published reports and the news brought here by Americans who have been in touch with some portion of the American movement.

Started 50 Miles Apart. It seemed certain that of the two columns which are "somewhere in Mexico," one was constituted for speed while the other apparently was moving more slowly. The swift-footed column was the auxiliary army, seemingly mostly cavalry, which went into Mexico fifty miles west of the main army of General Pershing when his forces crossed at Columbus, N. M. The second column was made up of the movement of the main column has been slight compared with the record of this western force led by Colonel Dadd. There is reason to believe, from the official announcements, that the western column may have gone into Mexico earlier than the main body. Every report arriving here asserts the western wing has traveled the farther. By these same reports the two columns will form a junction near the threatened American Mormon colonies, possibly in the Casas Grandes region.

BRITISH IN RETREAT

Forces Near Kut-el-Amara in Mesopotamia, Give Up Drive.

Berlin, March 17.—The British forces on the Tigris below Kut-el-Amara began a general retreat after the capture of the British on March 8, with the Turks in pursuit, according to today's headquarters report from Constantinople, received here.

FOR LASSING TEACHER

Two Mexican Youths Sentenced to 5 Years in Prison for Frank.

Brownsville, Texas, March 17.—Two Mexicans, who two weeks ago tried to lasso Miss Hattie McClintock, a school teacher, in Hidalgo county were given penitentiary sentences of five years each in criminal court here today.

A third Mexican, who turned states evidence, gained his liberty. None of the three is more than nineteen years old.

REPULSE FIVE NIGHT CHARGES BEFORE VERDUN

Repeated Onslaughts Delivered by Teuton Infantry.

Revive Battle Along Austro-Russian Front.

HOT TIME IN PARLIAMENT Heated Words Fly Over Call for Married Men.

Benedict's Champion Charges Crown With Over-Recruiting.

London, March 17.—The German drive at the Verdun defenses has again shifted its direction. Strong assaults were made by the Germans on the lines east of Verdun during the night. Five successive assaults in the Vaux region were repulsed by the French, Paris announces today.

The German attacks were of the most violent character, but each was repulsed by the French. Both the fort and the village of Vaux were objectives of the Germans.

Launched Mass Attacks. The heavy fighting in the past few days has been to the northwest of the fortress, and only last night Paris reported massed attacks by the Germans, who drove at the French position at Dead Man's hill, only to be forced back eastward toward the Corbeux woods, suffering heavy losses.

Although a bombardment has been continued in this region, the infantry attacks have not been renewed.

Important operations may be developing along the southern part of the Russian front, as Vienna reports increased activity by the artillery on both sides. In Galicia the Russians have attacked along the Stripa but without success, the Austrian war office reports.

Paris, March 17.—Important infantry assaults on the French lines east of Verdun were made by the Germans today. The assaults were repulsed by the French.

Berlin, March 17.—Increased activity on the Russian front is reported in the official Austrian communication of yesterday as received today. The statement follows:

"On the front of armies of Generals Pflanzer, Balin and Boehm-Ermolli, (Continued on Page Six.)

STAYS ABOVE FREEZING

Lowest Temperature in 24 Hours Is 33 Degrees.

The mercury did not quite get down to the freezing mark this morning, and the lowest temperature was 33 degrees today. The wind was in the east this morning, but showed a tendency to back to the south this afternoon. Continued good weather is promised, with no prospect for cold weather within a few days.

The forecast calls for fair weather tonight and Saturday, warmer in the northeastern part of Kansas tonight. The highest temperature in the south will be above freezing, according to the shippers' forecast. In all other parts of the country the minimum temperature at Topeka tonight is expected to be near 32 degrees.

The lowest temperature recorded this morning was 33 degrees, following a day when the mercury reached 57. The highest temperature on record for this date is 82 degrees, established in 1894. The low record, 8 degrees, occurred in 1906.

The Kava river is stationary, the stage today being 6.8 feet. The wind is blowing at the rate of 10 miles an hour from the east.

Temperatures today averaged 9 degrees above normal. The wind is blowing at the rate of 20 miles an hour from the east. Shipments are hourly readings for the day furnished by the weather bureau:

7 o'clock	...	11 o'clock	...
9 o'clock	...	1 o'clock	...
5 o'clock	...	3 o'clock	...
10 o'clock	...	2 o'clock	...

ALL'S WELL ON FRONT

No Sniping, No Fighting; Mexican Message of Friendship.

San Antonio, March 17.—The American expeditionary force has had no casualties and has had no clashes with Villistas, according to reports received at Fort Sam Houston today.

There have been no instances of sniping reported.

The American consulate here today received a telegram from Gustavo Estimosa Mirles, governor of the state of Coahuila, Mexico, in which he said:

"I verily believe that this crisis will be solved satisfactorily by both nations. Mexico has absolute confidence of the sterling qualities of General Carranza.

"It is my opinion that acts of bandits ought never to cause friction between two neighboring republics."

TEN BURN TO DEATH

In Two Fires Nine Children Perish—One Mother Away at Time.

HOLIDAY WHEN TOPEKA TROOPS GO TO MEXICO

Immense Demonstration for the March of Battery A.

Unfurled Flags and Banners at Call of the Bugle.

EVERYTHING PACKED, READY Materials and Equipment Can Be Handed Out Quickly.

Sons of Veterans Will Be in Charge of Display.

Topeka will display her patriotism and declare a holiday when Kansas troops are called to the Mexican border. That is the plan agitated today by members of the Topeka order of the Sons of Veterans. Their program calls for a demonstration for Battery A, and it is probable that the plan for a patriotic display will be made state wide.

No word came to Topeka today from the war department in Washington. Failure to receive orders, however, did not delay the work, but officers of Charles I. Martin, adjutant general, and materials and equipment of the state troops are packed and ready for immediate response.

Kansas will answer at once any call from the federal government, officers of the national guard declared.

As soon as the call for Kansas troops is received from Washington, public announcement will be made. John W. Fisher of the Sons of Veterans today urged the Topeka leaders to organize their homes and office buildings with national colors. Under the plan advanced by the Sons of Veterans, thousands of flags will probably be displayed in Topeka, whistles will mark the calling of the Kansas troops.

Would Like to Go Himself. "I wish I were 25 years younger that I might go too," sadly remarked Fisher, "but you can bet I will do my best to show Battery A, that I am with them. I think all Topeka feels the same. The same spirit is in every section of the state and the demonstration ought to be state wide."

Notice will be sent to Kansas towns as soon as the call is received. Patriotic demonstrations will be made in many of the towns where companies of the national guard are organized.

When Memorial Hall was dedicated, more than 1,500 4x7 feet American flags were distributed among Topeka citizens. Veterans in Topeka want the flags unfurled in tribute to state troops as soon as the call is issued.

The plan for today's demonstration is business and professional men. Governor Capper will be asked to urge officially a demonstration. The plan calls for the unfurling of flags at homes and business houses in Topeka.

General Charles I. Martin, who has been in Washington for a week, will probably arrive in Topeka today. He is ready for immediate response.

TEN HOUR DEBATE

Increase Army Bill Has Right of Way in House.

Night Sessions to Follow President's Speed Order.

Washington, March 17.—The army increase bill was up for consideration in the house with indications of its passage before tomorrow night. It is part of the administration's national defense program and was prepared by the house military committee. The house had paved the way for consideration of the bill by the adoption of a special rule under which ten hours of general debate will be allowed after which it will come to a vote on its passage.

House leaders were prepared to press for prompt action although a vote may not be reached before next week, because five minute speeches probably will be made under the standing rule after general debate is concluded. Night sessions will be held.

A special rule was brought in the house and passed in a hurry after President Wilson had urged the leaders to speed up action on the defense program. The army bill was given the right of way over the immigration bill which will be taken up next for consideration.

While the house was debating the bill senate leaders were taking action for prompt consideration of the army bill.

CONSUL A SURVIVOR

Richard Schilling and Family Reach London—Were on Doomed Ship.

London, March 17.—A Reuter dispatch from Amsterdam says: "Richard Schilling, the American consul who with his wife and daughter arrived here yesterday, after surviving the torpedo attack on the liner struck a mine. The steamer, he said, soon came to a standstill after being struck and almost immediately heeled over. The passengers and crew rushed on deck, leaving all their belongings behind."

"Mr. Schilling had heard some persons on board had lost their lives, but the correspondent was unable to obtain any confirmation of this."

SCENE IN REICHSTAG

London, March 17.—There were turbulent scenes during yesterday's sitting of the reichstag, says a Copenhagen dispatch to the Exchange Telegraph company. Excitement was caused by a speech made by Dr. Karl Liebknecht, the socialist, who is quoted as having said that the assassination of Crown Prince Franz Ferdinand according to a report to the local United States customs house here today.

Hendricks asserted, are carrying on a campaign to defend the war loan. He referred to this country where paid agents spread rumors for the purpose of impairing the success of war loans.

The secretary reminded the reichstag of the battle now in progress at Verdun saying:

"Our troops have the right to expiate that we at home prove worthy of them and also every one shall contribute as he is able in the effort to bring about victory and peace."

Peace Tribunal Is Costing Ford \$10,000 a Week

Stockholm, March 17.—Henry Ford's permanent peace tribunal in session here will get in Sweden all the help Sweden can give. This aid will not be official but undoubtedly it will come from certain official as well as unofficial sources. The Swedes being pro-German and convinced Germany wants peace would like to see the Ford movement succeed, though the best informed Swedes do not believe it has any chance.

Incidentally, Stockholm is friendly to the tribunal because it is spending approximately \$10,000 weekly there. Except that they have delegates present who are well paid and supported in handsome style, Norway and Sweden regard the tribunal with strong disfavor. The Dutch are afraid the movement may do actual harm. Switzerland and Spain have never been heard from.

SINKS NEAR U. S.

Steamship From N. Y. Lost; Survivors Picked Up.

Kanawha Was Bound From New York to Rio Janeiro.

New York, March 17.—News was received in this city late today that the steamship Kanawha, bound from New York to Rio Janeiro by way of Norfolk, Va., had sunk at sea. A boat load of sailors from the Kanawha was picked up by the steamer Santa Marta.

Eight Men Missing. Another boatload of the Kanawha sailors, consisting of the third officer and seven men, still was missing when the Santa Marta reported.

DENIES HIS GUILT

Wabash Assistant Cashier Waives Preliminary.

He Refuses to Admit He Took \$18,000 From Road.

St. Louis, Mo., March 17.—Robert E. Rigby, who was arrested yesterday on an alleged confession that he was \$18,000 short in his accounts as assistant cashier in the office of the treasurer of the Wabash railroad, today refused to admit his guilt. He entered a plea of not guilty, but it is understood will plead guilty when a case comes to trial in the circuit court.

A copy of the alleged confession, as made to the treasurer of the Wabash, was presented to the lower court.

DODD 30 MILES IN

Flying Cavalry Squad at Ascension Today.

Soldiers Probably Have Gone on Their Way Today.

Douglas, Ariz., March 17.—Colonel Dodd's column of the American punitive expedition has reached Ascension, 30 miles from its nearest point on the American border.

Reinforcements here today report seeing United States cavalry en route to Ascension. Dr. Hefferich assisted upon the necessity of rigid economy in framing the budget, saying:

"I shall put on the brakes wherever I can. It is not red tape, it is nothing but duty and foresight for a coming day."

VILLA OFFICER CAUGHT

Colonel Who Took Part in Columbus Raid Under Arrest.

El Paso, Tex., March 17.—Miguel Vicente, a colonel in the Villa army, who admits having taken part in the Columbus massacre, was arrested near the El Paso Country club Thursday night and sent to jail. He will be formally charged with murder and turned over to the New Mexico authorities.

Vicente was wounded in the fighting at Columbus and said he was endeavoring to make his way to friends in El Paso, who he thought would protect him.

RIFLE CARGO WRECKED

Small Mexican Revolution on Rocks and Pilots Arrested.

Brownsville, Tex., March 17.—The schooner La Victoria, part of original cargo and with a Mexican crew, is aground and is being lashed by the high seas off the Mexican coast south of Brownsville, according to a report to the local United States customs house here today.

QUEEN TO THE IRISH

First Lady of England Decorates Irish Guards With Shamrocks.

London, March 17.—King George accompanied Queen Mary today to the headquarters of the Irish guards, where the queen presented shamrock medals to the regiment which was decorated by the queen's personal commendation of the heroism of the Irish regiments in the South African war.

"These reports are pure inventions as is stated by competent German authorities."

Weather Forecast for Kansas. Fair tonight and Saturday; warmer in the northeastern part of the state tonight.

TALKING IT OVER

Santa Fe Employees and Officers in Conference.

Frank Discussion of Problems at Auditorium.

KOUNS AND COPELAND SPEAK Mullin and Gibbons on Behalf of Employees.

Most Unique Gathering in Western Railway History.

A full account of the meeting this afternoon will be given in the postscript edition of the State Journal at 5 o'clock this evening.

For the first time in the history of American railways, it is said, representatives from every department of a system were called into a general meeting when the 4,000 employees of the Santa Fe in Topeka filed into the Auditorium this afternoon to hear from General Manager Kouns and others a frank discussion of an issue that is confronting every railway in the United States.

The meeting was unique in railway management, although several trainmen on every line in the country (Continued on Page Six.)

HE CAN HAVE REST

Wife Wants Child, Alimony, Costs and Her Maiden Name.

Otherwise Husband Is Welcome to What Is Left.

Amelia Effinger wants a divorce, the custody of her five-year-old child, the restoration of her maiden name of Amelia Zarker, alimony and the costs in the case she has instituted against Ralph C. Effinger in the district court. Otherwise she is willing that Ralph C. shall keep the child and operate Mrs. Effinger's business at Seabrook.

Mrs. Effinger states that they were married at Independence August 5, 1909, and that within a short time she became pregnant and gave birth to a child. She states that he knocked her down and otherwise mistreated her October 1, 1914, and she has since been occupying a room in the city of Topeka. She states that he has failed to provide for her although he has a prosperous grocery business at Seabrook, a suburb of Topeka.

DEMAND MORE TAX

Imperial Chancellor Outlines War Finances.

Germany Has Year's Deficit of 480 Million Marks.

Berlin, March 17.—Dr. Karl Helfferich, secretary of the imperial treasury, introduced in the Reichstag yesterday the budget proposals and bills for new taxes. Dr. Helfferich insisted upon the necessity of rigid economy in framing the budget, saying:

"I shall put on the brakes wherever I can. It is not red tape, it is nothing but duty and foresight for a coming day."

Peace to Germany Awaited. The secretary pointed out that an increase in revenue by taxation was necessary, although he said every German expected peace would bring financial relief. He said that war expenses were not included in the budget, he referred to the fact that the influence of the war was noticeable in the increase in the interest on the public debt, which was 1,258,000 marks last year and is now 2,202,000 marks. He said the budget showed a deficit of 480,000,000 marks, which was to be covered by the war taxes.

Dr. Helfferich said new taxes should be avoided as long as the regular budget, together with requirements for providing for the public debt, balanced without them. The secretary also replied to criticisms that he had shown a lack of originality in devising new taxes, declared he cared more for money than for originality. Dr. Helfferich urged the reichstag to expedite the financial legislation saying that the new taxes would provide 10,000,000 marks each week for carrying on the war.

DR. COULTER IS DEAD

Would Have Been 83 if He Had Lived Until Next Wednesday.

The Rev. D. H. Coulter of the Reformed Presbyterian church died at 10 o'clock this morning at his home, 1410 West Eleventh street. He had been ill only a short time and expected to celebrate his eighty-third birthday anniversary next Wednesday.

Dr. Coulter was a prominent minister of his denomination. He held several churches in the middle west, his last being at Winchester, Kan. He resigned this charge a few years ago and retired from the active ministry.

Dr. Coulter is survived by his widow and five children. James of Minneapolis, Kan.; Mrs. Kiers of Oklawaha; Joseph E. of Billings, Okla.; Eugene of El Paso, Okla.; and Mrs. Frank Coulter, who lives with her parents.

The funeral will be held at 1:30 o'clock Saturday from the Reformed Presbyterian church, corner Perth and Clay streets. Burial will be in Mt. Hope cemetery.

QUEEN TO THE IRISH

Berlin Says Report Aero Raiders Bombed Factory Is Untrue.

Berlin, March 17.—(By Wireless to Sayville.)—"Foreign newspapers are spreading reports that Essen (the home of the Krupp works) had been damaged badly by an attack by enemy airplanes and that the railroad station at Essen has been attacked with bombs," says the Overseas News agency. "These reports are pure inventions as is stated by competent German authorities."

Weather Forecast for Kansas. Fair tonight and Saturday; warmer in the northeastern part of the state tonight.

U. S. Offers Job He Applied for 39 Years Ago

Dennison, Ok., March 17.—Thirty-nine years ago H. H. Fowler applied to the United States war department for a job as caretaker of a government cemetery. He got a form after saying his application had been filed with 50,000 others. He has just received a letter saying he now heads the list, and if he's still in the race for a place, please answer. He may do so.

VARY ON INCREASE

Some Would Add More Than 20,000 to Army.

Under Bill, President Could Order 170,000 Men.

Washington, March 17.—Under a rule making general debate on the bill—the most extensive proposal for increasing the military establishment ever laid before it in peace times. If possible a final vote will be reached tomorrow night.

So far as known, no committee member will favor reduction of the provisions for the regular army of the National Guard, although several are known to favor a large standing army.

Clark Will Advocate It. Speaker Clark, who will deliver an address in support of the measure, surrendered the chair to Representative Garrett of Tennessee at the beginning of the debate. Representative Garrett, Democrat of Ohio, led off for the bill. He had been listed as an opponent of the measure, but explained that his opposition was only to a great standing army.

Estimated Expense of Expedition into Mexico. Workmen in Irrigation Ditch Cause "T