

LADIES and Gentlemen: Meet Mr. Dandelion, the most prominent of the April flowers.

HOME EDITION

The Topeka State Journal

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WEATHER FORECAST for Kansas: Fair and cooler, with frost in the acts tonight; Friday, fair and warmer.

THIS EDITION 2 CENTS

GERMANY HAS FOUR DAYS FOR A REPLY

With Grave Expectancy Washington Awaits Answer.

If Kaiser Is Silent, Diplomatic Relations Will Be Cut.

AMBASSADOR IS HOPEFUL

Von Bernstorff Wires Germany Urging Settlement.

To Restrict U-Boat Warfare to Warships Only.

Washington, April 20.—The United States today said its last word to Germany in the submarine controversy, today turned with grave expectancy to Berlin, where rests the decision whether the imperial government shall abandon its submarine warfare, or sever diplomatic relations with Washington.

President Wilson probably will wait until the end of the week for Germany to reply to his virtual ultimatum, which declares the intention of the United States to sever diplomatic relations unless the German government gives up the use of submarines against commerce and squares her submarine policy with the principles of humanity and international law. No time limit was set in the communication but the president is of the opinion that three or four days would be reasonable length of time for Germany to reach a decision.

If no reply is forthcoming in a reasonable time, a step toward severing relations, with all its grave possibilities, is expected.

WILSON WILL STAY

Superintendent of Schools Not Going to Salt Lake City.

Four Votes Cast for Him at Meeting Last Night.

Ernest A. Smith, professor of history, economics and political science at Allegheny college, Meadville, Pa., received the majority of the votes cast at the meeting of the school board last night, for the position of superintendent of schools of Salt Lake City, Utah. Smith received six votes against four cast for H. B. Wilson, superintendent of Topeka schools. According to the Salt Lake City papers Wilson had many warm admirers and supporters among the public teachers of the Salt Lake schools and it was believed at one time that he was almost certain of election.

Wilson was not a definite applicant for the position and had taken no steps toward securing the appointment.

Today Superintendent Wilson expressed himself to the State Journal as being thoroughly satisfied with the opportunities and the work of the Topeka school system. "I have never been so satisfactorily situated," he said, "as I am here in Topeka. The opportunity for independent work, the school board and the citizens of Topeka have made my work here the most pleasant that I have enjoyed since I have been in any school work. I am not an applicant for any position elsewhere, and as long as my work is satisfactory here, I hope to remain."

QUAKE ROCKS ISLAND

Population Terrified by Land Rumbling and Earth Trembling.

Puerto-Ricans, Canaries, April 15 (Via Press) April 20.—An earth shock lasting 12 seconds rocked the houses of this island today. The shock was accompanied by loud rumblings and terrified the population. The damage was small.

CLEAR SKIES COMING

Light Showers Were General Over Kansas Last Night.

Hourly temperature readings furnished by the weather bureau:

7 o'clock ... 50.11 1 o'clock ... 50.8
8 o'clock ... 50.12 2 o'clock ... 48.8
9 o'clock ... 50.1 3 o'clock ... 48.9
10 o'clock ... 51.1 4 o'clock ... 49.9

STATE GOES DRY—NOW FOR NEW STYLE WAIST BANDS

Portland, Ore., April 20.—A Portland tailor declared today that he has taken \$50 worth of tucks from the waistbands of drinking men's trousers since January 1, when statewide prohibition became effective.

NOTHING TO IT

State Journal Has Not Organized Roosevelt Propaganda

As Charged in Article in Morning Capital.

The following special dispatch appeared in this morning's Topeka Capital under a Hiawatha date with a head line over it saying that "Cussin' Tom Smith is Opposed to Roosevelt." The item is wholly and absolutely untrue so far as its reflections on the publisher of the State Journal are concerned, and no other publisher could have been in the mind of the correspondent.

This paper cannot believe that Mr. Smith should have authorized any such statements for they are wholly false, so far as reference to Mr. MacLennan is concerned, with the one minor exception, that Mr. Smith did receive a letter from him. Here is the false piece of news circulated by the Hiawatha correspondent, whoever he is:

"Hiawatha, April 19.—Today Cussin' Tom Smith, of Hiawatha, one of the delegates-at-large to the Republican National convention, received a letter from a Topeka publisher who had recently organized a Roosevelt propaganda. The letter requested that Smith support Roosevelt at the coming convention and stated that a similar request had been made to all the other delegates. Smith's reply was that Roosevelt's own utterances during the past four years would make him a possible candidate for the nomination.

In the first place the publisher of this paper has not "recently organized Roosevelt Propaganda." We have absolutely no authority, directly or indirectly, from Colonel Roosevelt or any of his friends to do anything of the sort. Colonel Roosevelt and one of his friends knew anything about the editorial until after it appeared or the writing was planned. The article was written as an independent, honest expression that the writer felt should be made at that particular time, last Friday, April 14.

In the next place, the letter did not "request that Mr. Smith support Roosevelt at the coming convention." The letter absolutely did nothing of the sort. It did the letter state, as the Capital item says:

"That a similar request had been made to all the other delegates." Now here is the letter, word for word, just as it was written, and the reader can see the injustice done the editor of this paper by the effort to compromise him or his friends, by the publication of such an item:

"Topeka, April 17, 1916.
"Mr. T. D. Smith, Hiawatha, Kansas.
"I am enclosing a section of the State Journal of Friday last, containing an editorial which you may not agree with me, I hope you will go over the article carefully. It is entitled 'Food for thought.'
"If the spirit moves you to write me a note, I will be glad to receive it, whether favorable or not. I would appreciate it if you would reply by the publication of such an item."

The State Journal people are fairly well acquainted with Mr. Tom Smith, and have not been unfriendly to him; in fact, we knew that at one time Mr. Smith, just like the editor of this paper was at one time favorable to Colonel Roosevelt for the Presidency.

The State Journal regretted that the colonel ran for the office in 1912, but it did not lose its admiration, nor its proprietor's friendship, for him, nor hold other views than that he was and is today our greatest American, the biggest statesman and the best editor of his party whom the country has produced.

Now, the writer was under the impression that it was perfectly proper to submit to Mr. Smith any new light there might be upon the subject, or that might call to his notice the wonderful trend and tide that is setting in, in Kansas and all over this country, toward Col. Theodore Roosevelt as the man of the hour. It was thought that possibly even Mr. Smith, like the writer, might have a change of heart, in view of changing conditions. Mr. Smith is an unattached delegate and presumably has an open mind on the subject, and will cast his vote at the proper time, in the way in which he believes he may best serve his country and his party when the Republican convention meets in Chicago in June.

The editor of the State Journal has not heard from Colonel Roosevelt personally, directly or indirectly, since his return from the West Indies.

So far as the State Journal knows Colonel Roosevelt may favor the nomination of Justice Hughes. Were conditions normal in this country, were diplomatic relations satisfactory, were our relations with Mexico and foreign countries not in a strained condition extending over a long period of time, were the Brandeis incident not to the fore, and other new lately developed situations presented, Hughes might be ideal. We think Roosevelt the man now. That's an opinion not an incident to any propaganda.

Up to a short time ago, the State Journal confesses, it believed Justice Hughes the man; not now, however, good as he is.

CARRANZA'S OPPOSITION STOPS MEX EXPEDITION

Moving De Facto Troops to Parral Intensifies Situation.

Now See in Parral Fight Plot to Wipe Out Force.

MEXICO BELIEVES VILLA DEAD

U. S. Mining Companies Get Reports From Agents.

No Recent Indication of Bands' Activities Found.

SCOTT'S DECISION IN 10 DAYS

Developments Await Version of War Dep't Envoy.

Futile to Press Campaign Without More Facilities.

Washington, April 20.—Official advice to the state department today noting recent movements of Carranza troops from Chihuahua to the Parral region, caused some concern among administration officials. The dispatches expressed the opinion the movement was intended as a hint to the American forces that they might expect at least a show of opposition if they sought to penetrate further into Mexico than their present position. It was added, however, that there was every indication the movement was made without the knowledge or consent of General Carranza or his war minister, General Obregon.

No estimate as to the number of men involved was communicated. Officials, however, basing their figures on previous reports as to the strength of various Carranza garrisons in the vicinity believe it could not have exceeded 1,500 men. According to the dispatch, the movement was the commander who ordered the move to establish the force south of the most advanced position of General Pershing's troops near Parral.

Carranza Can't Control Men.

The most important aspect in the official viewpoint here, it was indicated, is the indication that the de facto government has not full control over all its military forces. The war department has been without direct advice from the American troops in the Parral region for several days. Messages to the state department, however, have indicated there has been no addition of force for alarm as to the situation.

It was learned authoritatively today that the United States has already acknowledged through special agents Rodgers at Mexico City the receipt of General Carranza's note suggesting the withdrawal of the American troops. The instructions to Mr. Rodgers went some days ago. General Carranza was (Continued on Page 2)

EXECUTE FIFTEEN

Were Leaders in Plot to Capture Carranza Garrison.

General Herrera With Large Force Goes to Parral.

El Paso, Texas, April 20.—General Carranza's army today executed fifteen leaders in a plot to capture Carranza's garrison at Parral, Mexico. The plot was discovered by General Herrera, military governor of Chihuahua, starting that fifteen civilian citizens in a villa, near Parral, were executed by the firing squad late yesterday. Over sixty arrests were made last week in connection with the plot.

Another dispatch to General Gaviola stated that General Luis Herrera, with a large force, was proceeding to Parral to take charge of the situation there.

An American airplane circled Chihuahua City at an altitude of three thousand feet but made no landing. All is reported quiet there.

WILSON NOTE ARRIVES

U. S. Ambassador Gerard Will Deliver It This Afternoon.

Berlin, April 20.—President Wilson's note to Germany reached the American embassy at 11 o'clock this morning, though one section is still missing. Ambassador Gerard expects to deliver the note to Foreign Secretary von Jagow this afternoon.

SUES ON \$25,000,000 DUE DEC. 1, YEAR 2000

Dallas, Tex., April 20.—The suit of the Union Trust company of New York against the Texas & Pacific railroad for \$25,000,000 alleged to be due on notes given for foreclosed interest on \$25,000,000 second mortgage income bonds of the road, payable December 1, in the year 2000, began in district court here today. The Texas & Pacific claims the notes are valueless.

STATE VIOLATES OWN LAWS FOR MOVIE CENSORS

No Booths to Protect Occupants in Damp Room.

Sewer Pipe on One Side—Leaky Steam Pipe Above.

EXIT THRU MYSTERY PASSAGE

Far Beyond Trash and 300 Feet "as the Bat Flies."

Violation of Factory, Labor, Fire and Health Laws.

Outside of This, It's a Great Place to Delete Films.

The state is preparing to violate a few more sacred state laws in its establishment of the new film censorship room in the sub-basement of the state house. A room without fire exits without outside exits of any description and with picture machines unprotected by booths are some of the features of the new state picture show shop. In several ways the state will manage to violate its own laws.

Massive stone walls, heavy steel doors, concrete floors, unprotected by fire, and sewer pipes, a thin, sickly coat of whitewash, steel barred outside "exits," were featured of the new picture display room in the state house which tend to make the quarters as homelike and inviting as a deserted monastery. The quarters were established under order and direction of Superintendent Rose, in charge of the film censorship for the state. The censors—Mr. Ross not included—must work in the damp, dangerous room or quit their jobs.

Visitors may find the new state censorship quarters by use of a chart or diagram of the sub-basement. Today John McBee, state house guide, led a couple of visitors to the room. He took the visitors down a winding wooden stairs, along a rambling way that led past rubbish and scrap heaps which the state has accumulated and stored in the building without the knowledge of the ordinary visitor.

Sometimes They Leak.

"You will have to be careful down here," warned McBee, who had the interests of his charges at heart. "Watch those pipes. They leak sometimes and I got an awful scalding down here one day."
Then McBee piloted the visitors to a massive stone walled cellar in the southwest wing of the sub-basement. "That is it," McBee explained with a wave of his hand. McBee was right. That was "it."

N. Y. FOR DEFENSE

Legislature Gives Half Million for National Guards.

Also Adopts Woman Suffrage Bill and Censors Films.

Albany, April 20.—The passage of preparedness legislation and of financial reform measures have marked the session of the legislature which closes today. The preparedness measure provide for the adoption of a plan for physical and military training for the national guard or for the mobilization of the entire militia for field exercises this summer.

Among the constitutional amendments approved was one to provide for woman suffrage. This measure must be again passed by the next legislature before it can be submitted to the voters for a referendum.

One of the laws passed makes picture films subject to a state censorship and levies new taxes upon them. Taxes also were placed on motorcycles.

HOLIDAY IN JOE TOWN

Topeka and St. Joe Mayors in Parade Before Opening Game.

St. Joe, April 20.—Although the weather is cool and threatening the demonstration incident to the opening of the Western league baseball season here today is notable. The city has taken on a holiday appearance and the game between the St. Joe and Topeka teams will be preceded by a street parade with the ball players and the mayors of St. Joe.

GAMES POSTPONED

Lincoln, Neb., April 20.—Owing to the wet condition of the baseball park here the game scheduled for this afternoon with Sioux City was postponed.

REPORT OF TODAY'S GAMES IN STATE JOURNAL TONIGHT

A full report of the games for the opening of the Western league season will be given in the postscript edition of the State Journal on the streets at 5 o'clock.

GERMANY WILL NOT BOW TO U. S. LONDON VERSION

Teutons Consider U-Boat Most Effective Weapon.

Don't Believe Kaiser Can Afford to Yield Point.

NEED NOT BE A STATE OF WAR

But Fresh Atrocities Would Precipitate It.

No Action by Congress on Ultimatum Necessary.

BY ED L. KEENE.

London, April 20.—Well informed persons here do not believe that Germany will yield to the United States. The general opinion in London is that a diplomatic break is certain and that war is a strong possibility. This view is based on the fact that Germany has emphasized the submarine as the submarine is her most effective weapon in fighting England. For this reason, it is believed that Germany cannot afford to concede any essential points, though it is thought possible she will offer certain concessions to obtain some delay.

The British attitude toward President Wilson's message from quiet satisfaction to near jubilation. It is quite likely that it will have a salutary effect upon the cabinet crisis here and a most important influence on the Kaiser is now to decide whether he wants war with the United States or not, the Daily Chronicle holds.

It is difficult to suppose that Germany, stated by her submarine successes during the past six weeks, will accept President Wilson's terms, said the Chronicle. "Diplomatic relations between Berlin and Washington will again be broken."
"The resulting situation, of course, will not be a state of war, but it will be a state of tension. If Germany perpetrates fresh atrocities in which the victims include Americans."
"This is an attempt to divide the parties," President Wilson has counted the cost and presumably the Kaiser is counting it. If he decides that a compromise is worth a diplomatic breach with America, he will probably decide that it is worth war.

Congress Won't Discuss Issue.

The decision of the German foreign office is expected to be revealed within a few days. It is believed by the state department the reply should be received by Wednesday at the latest.

NO ACTION BY CONGRESS

Washington, April 20.—Senate Leader McNamara, an early caller at the White House today, said he thought there was no disposition on the part of congress to discuss the international situation in any way, but every disposition to leave the president unembarrassed in handling the crisis. He said that in as much as the president has already announced that talk in congress could do no good and might possibly do harm.

Ultimatum Benefits Occasion.

Washington-Gazette says: "President Wilson's message to congress is a serious, high toned document, which befits the occasion. The tone of the message forebodes more than the mechanical breach of diplomatic relations."
"President Wilson has mapped out for himself a line of action which admits no retreat."
The Pall Mall Gazette says: "The significance of the president's review is that he is unable any longer to withhold official countenance of the true character of German policy and of the insincerities wherewith his government has been countenanced. That Germany will fulfill the condition specified, there is no reason to expect, but upon the eventual consequences of the president's message, it will be fruitless to speculate. America at least may be congratulated upon having reached the point where she is no longer compelled to wear the fallacy of official neutrality as between man and beast."

WOULD NOT MEAN WAR

The Globe says: "Such a diplomatic relations with Germany would not mean that the United States would necessarily be in a state of war with Germany but it would mean that a repetition of Germany's action would mean war."
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SHOOTS DAUGHTER

U. S. Official Then Turns Revolver on Himself.

She May Recover; He Is Dead, Following Quarrel.

Binghamton, N. Y., April 20.—Alfred L. Sharpe, for several years collector of stamps at El Paso, is dead and his 18 year old daughter, Holland, is in a hospital today, seriously wounded, following a quarrel last night between father and daughter that ended when Sharpe seized a revolver and after shooting the girl twice in the back, sent a bullet through his heart.

LARGE RUSSIAN FORCE ARRIVES TO AID FRANCE

Disembark After Wide Detour From the North.

German Reinforce Verdun With Balkan Troops.

FRENCH GAIN IN OFFENSIVE

Launch Meuse Attack, Capture Positions and Prisoners.

Berlin Claims Victory Over British Force in Belgium.

London, April 20.—Russia has come to the aid of France and Great Britain in the great struggle in the western front sending a strong force of troops to fight with the entente allies there.

The Russians are believed to have disembarked at Archangel on the White sea the only port through which there is free communication between Russia and her allies in the west. It is considered probable the transports carrying the troops made a wide sweep out into the north Atlantic before reaching the Mediterranean to avoid the submarine danger zone in the vicinity of the British isles.

In this connection it is to be noted that word reached New York today through private cable advices that Russia had closed the port of Archangel to all except government traffic. This may indicate that other troop movements from Archangel to the western front are either under way or in contemplation. Several times during the past week.

BANKERS TO 'PEN'

Arkansas Financiers Get Six-Year Term Each.

Released on \$15,000 Bond to Appeal to Higher Court.

Little Rock, April 20.—W. H. Gardner, former president, and R. D. Duncan, former vice president, of the defunct State-National bank of Little Rock, were sentenced to six years each in the state penitentiary for conspiracy of the bank's funds and to two years each and a fine of \$1,000 for conspiracy.

The total sentences, thirty-two years for each man, were made concurrent with the first sentence, making the prison term actually six years.

Judge Frank A. Youmans, presiding in federal court, announced the sentence. The defendants were released on \$15,000 appeal bond each.

AVERT CABINET CRISIS

British Solons Reach an Agreement on Conscription Policy.

London, April 20.—The crisis in the British cabinet has been averted and the differences settled. It was announced this afternoon. An official statement is being prepared covering the agreement on conscription.

At today's meeting the cabinet agreed upon proposals the ministers will make to parliament on the subject of recruiting. Their proposals were submitted at a secret session of each house of parliament on Tuesday, says the official statement issued this afternoon.

It is understood a proposition advanced by Arthur Henderson, president of the board of education, and effect of reopening the voluntary enlistment scheme for a month or six weeks, and that this proposal was accepted in principle by the cabinet with a view to ascertaining whether sufficient men would come forward for military service without the introduction of general conscription. The labor members, however, demand that all facts and figures regarding the military situation be made available to the house of commons before the consent to any measure of universal conscription.

TOO HORRIBLE—GORE

Situation Not Surprising Says Senator From Oklahoma.

St. Louis, April 20.—"To think that 100,000,000 Americans should be forced into a war with Germany because a few rash reckless adventures of Americans insisted on traveling on armed vessels is too horrible to contemplate," said Senator Gore, who was in St. Louis Wednesday.

"The situation, grave as it is, does not surprise me. I forecast just this contingency when I introduced no bill to keep Americans off of battleships. If another American is lost at sea, we can take no other course than to keep Americans off of battleships. If my bill had only passed, all this might have been averted. It is awful what we may have to confront."

ANOTHER VILLA REPORT

El Paso, April 20.—Francisco Villa passed through Topeka about 25 miles east of Parral, two days before the engagement between Americans and Carranza troops, reports received here today said.

DEATH AND RUIN IN STORM PATH ACROSS KANSAS

20 Thought Dead; Hundreds Hurt in Tornado Series.

Property Loss Millions in Kansas and Missouri.

HOUSES IN HOYT DESTROYED

Four Injured in Small Town Near Topeka.

Wilson, Woodson and Bourbon Counties Were Struck.

THE KNOWN DEAD.

MRS. C. A. MILLER, Fort Scott. INFANT HIXON, Fort Scott. RICH FARMERS, Rich Hill, Mo. DR. C. P. BOWDEN, Rockville, Mo. ELMER PACKARD, Rockville. T. J. BALAH, Uniontown. INJURED: Mrs. J. M. Lee, Fort Scott. Mrs. Lucy Nagelbaugh, fatal. Hoyt. Mrs. Margaret Mangler, Hoyt. Miss Ellen Wittercraft, Holtton. Beatrice Melton, Hoyt. Harley Ericson, Elmore. Ed McPherson, Buxton. Mrs. George White, Larkinsburg.

Reports received up to noon today from the tornado-swept sections of Kansas and Missouri, indicated the death list in the storm that prevailed late yesterday afternoon and last night would reach twenty. Over one hundred persons were injured. Property damage probably will amount to \$750,000. Stover, Morgan county, Missouri, still was cut off from communication today and it was impossible to confirm reports that six persons were killed there.

The death list was added to by reports from Uniontown, Bourbon county, Kansas, which said four persons had been killed there. Glenn, Mo., reported the death of John Farris and wife who lost their lives when a tornado wrecked their home four miles from Orleans shortly before midnight. The storm swept through the northern part of Miller county, destroying a score of residences. Rich Hill estimated the property damage north of St. Louis, Mo., at \$500,000. Two deaths and thirty persons injured were reported from St. Louis. Because of poor wire communication details were not available.

Five Twisters in State.

TO GUARD CANAL

U. S. Sends Four Companies Kansas Artillery to Panama.

Patrol German Owned Wireless Station in New Jersey.

Galveston, Texas, April 20.—With four companies of coast artillerymen on board en route for the Panama canal zone, the United States army transport Kilpatrick arrived here this morning from Norfolk and Pensacola.

The transport will take on a quantity of feed and other military supplies and will sail for the canal zone in a day or two. A number of motor trucks will be included in the supplies loaded here.

Washington, April 20.—Marines have been ordered to guard the big German-owned wireless stations at Tuckerton, N. J., and Sayville, L. I. It was official word today.

The reason was not announced, but it was suggested the move was made both to protect the stations from anti-German demonstrations and to permit of America's seizure of them in case of a break with Germany.

General Goethals having every move of all suspicious persons on the isthmus watched. Soldiers at night snup automobiles and pedestrians anywhere near the locks.

WILSON OPENED GAME

President and Family Saw First Play of Season at Washington.

Washington, April 20.—President Wilson opened the local baseball season here today when he threw out the first ball in the game between Washington and New York. The president was accompanied by Mrs. Wilson, John E. Wilson, his cousin, and Mrs. W. H. Bolling, Mrs. Wilson's mother.

As the president entered the ball grounds a band played the Star Spangled Banner and the entire crowd stood and cheered. He immediately bought a score card and followed every play of the game.

Found Guilty of Murder.

El Paso, April 20.—The six Villa bandits placed on trial at Deming, N. M., yesterday charged with killing Charles D. Miller in the Colquhoun raid today were found guilty of murder in the first degree, according to word received here. The jury was out thirty minutes.

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Just as soon as the city and county get a square deal this serial stops. All readers who have subscribed and paid in advance, expecting to get a thrilling story and find the serial suddenly terminated may have their money refunded pro rata if they desire.