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BIG GUNS ARE STILL ACTIVE

Germans Pound Another Verdun Salient.

NO INFANTRY ATTACK

In Coastal Region of the Caucasus Russians Continue to Drive the Turks Before Them.

Switching their activity from the east to the northwest of Verdun, the Germans again are hammering at the salient of LeMonte Homme and the region of the Bois Bourrus, in an endeavor to bring their line farther south on the western flank of the fortress.

To the east of the Meuse and in the Woerwe district there has been a noticeable let-up in the bombardment on both sides. The infantry everywhere on the Verdun front has been inactive.

In line with the bombardment of LeMonte Homme and the Bois Bourrus, the Germans are assembling men in the region between Forges and the Bois des Corbeaux, probably with the intention of throwing them into the fray should the intense bombardment meet with success. The French artillerymen, however, have had this assembling point under the fire of their guns. No advantage is claimed by either side in the latest fighting around the fortress.

Back of the German line to the north of Verdun a French air squadron dropped 130 bombs on the station at Brioules, and at numerous points around Verdun French and German aviators have met in combats in the air with the advantage incontestably in favor of the French, according to Paris. At least three German aeroplanes are declared to have been brought down, while others were seen by the French observers to be in distress.

In the region of Seppois, Upper Alsace, the Germans essayed an attack on trenches which the French had captured, but were repulsed with considerable losses. The French guns have done damage to German positions north of the Aisne, in Champagne, and in the eastern portion of the forest of the Argonne.

In Northwest Russia, around Riga, in the Ikult district and on the Jacobstadt sector, there have been violent artillery duels. In Galicia, southeast of Kolki, and along the middle Stripa River, the Russians have been successful in small engagements with the Teutons.

In the coastal region of the Caucasus front the Russians still are driving the Turks before them.

Lieut. Gen. Jan Christian Smutz, the former defense minister of the Union of South Africa, and now commanding the British expedition against German East Africa, has had a stiff engagement with the Germans in the mountainous region west of Taveta, along the frontier. The Germans were driven back, although the fighting was of the most obstinate character. The British are endeavoring to cut off the retreat of the Germans, who are withdrawing to the south.

Unofficial advices are that Admiral Von Tirpitz, the German minister of marine, is ill, and that the ministry is in charge of another official.

PRICE ON VILLA'S HEAD

Iowa Citizens Would Raise Big Reward.

Humbolt, Iowa, March 12.—A movement is on foot here to raise a fund of from \$5,000 to \$10,000 for information leading to the capture of Gen. Francisco Villa. The reward is being urged to avenge the death of James Dean at Columbus, N. M., in the Villa raid. Dean formerly lived here.

Will Support Manning

Columbia, March 8.—Special: John G. Clinkscapes, of Spartanburg, over the long distance telephone to-night from his home, announced that he would support Governor Manning for re-election when asked if he intended running for Governor. Mr. Clinkscapes said: "I am not a candidate for governor. The administration of Governor Manning has my full endorsement and I am with him in his race for re-election. He stands for education and for law and order, and deserves the support of the loyal Democrats of South Carolina. I shall support him with all my might." W. F. C.

NOTICEABLE PROGRESS IN GATHERING TROOPS

Caranza Leaders and Americans Along Border Getting Ready for Man Hunt.

El Paso, March 12.—Sunday passed without movement of any American punitive expedition into Mexico. On both sides of the border, however, American and Carranza armies made noticeable progress toward concentrating their forces for the hunt for Francisco Villa in northern Chihuahua. The plight of 500 Mormons, colonists at Casas Grandes, who fear an attack by Villa, was reported better to-night.

John Churchill of El Paso, who arrived in Juarez to-day from Chihuahua City, said that while he and five other Americans were waiting for their train in Chihuahua a Mexican threatened him, saying that all six Americans would be hanged before they reached the border. The Americans made the trip in safety.

The horse races in Juarez had a larger crowd of Americans than usual to-day, apparently attracted by some purse races. Mexicans for the most part remained silent about the American expeditionary force. Some expressed the hope that Carranza soldiers would catch Villa before United States troops entered Mexico.

Activity of the Carranza soldiers about some ditches back of the race track attracted attention of Americans. It was said that the soldiers were cleaning up rubbish.

Reports that peril to the Mormons has decreased came from Gen. Gabriel Gavira, Juarez commander. He felt that the American colonists were perfectly safe under the protection of the troops of Col. Samuel Gonzales. Gavira said he had not received any instructions from Gen. Carranza.

Two trains that were expected in Juarez from Chihuahua City carrying the 600 soldiers of Gen. Benjamin Garza and Gen. Luis Gutierrez, did not appear. It was said the trains stopped at Laguna, near Chihuahua. The officers at Juarez thought the trains would arrive tomorrow.

There was still uncertainty in the Juarez headquarters as to which Corralitos General Villa was reported to be near. One is a ranch about 15 miles from the railway station named Corralitos. Possession of this station would give Villa control of the line. The fact that the train from Chihuahua came through this morning theory that he was at the ranch theory that he was at the ranch Corralitos.

MR. COOPER ENTERS

RACE FOR GOVERNOR

Makes Announcement After Conference With Friends.

Greenwood, March 8.—Special: To the Charleston News & Courier: The Hon. Robert A. Cooper, of Laurens, announced here to-night that he would be a candidate for governor in the Democratic primary this summer. Mr. Cooper's announcement was made after a conference with friends from many sections of the state, who had come to Greenwood for the purpose of considering his duty in the coming campaign. Mr. Cooper has been here all the week attending court as solicitor of this circuit, and Greenwood is easily accessible, hence his selection as a meeting place for his friends.

In making the announcement Mr. Cooper stated that his platform would be given in due time. Those close to Mr. Cooper say that he makes the announcement now so that his position will be known. He has been urged, it is claimed, by men in all sections of the state for the past six months to offer as a candidate for governor this summer. Although missing the nomination for governor or two years ago by a very close margin, around two hundred votes, it was not Mr. Cooper's intention to thrust himself into the political situation in South Carolina this year. He at first declined all suggestions to this effect, but it is said that the requests for him to offer as a candidate have become so frequent and so insistent that he feels it a duty to yield to the judgment of his friends in this matter. It is stated that he has never sought public office on anything other than his own merit and does not intend to deviate from this principle now.

FIGHTING IN VERDUN CEASES FOR MOMENT

Only Artillery Action Seen in War-battered Region.

INFANTRY IDLE AS GUNS ROAR

Tremendous Shelling Kept Up By Both Sides on Banks of Meuse.

Except for artillery action the fighting in the Verdun region virtually has ceased for the moment. To the north and east of the fortress there has been no infantry engagement since Saturday afternoon when the Germans succeeded in entering a small French trench to the north of Elix.

On both sides of the Meuse from the northwest of Verdun, along the entire sector around the southeast of the fortress, the artillery of both sides has continued the tremendous shelling which has been in progress for days.

The Germans claim to have captured in the fighting around Verdun thus far 26,472 unwounded French officers and men, and 189 guns and 232 machine guns.

To the south of the Somme river, in the Argonne forest and in the Bande Sapt sector of the Vosges the French guns have heavily bombarded German entrenchments.

The Russians have captured trenches from the Germans in the Dniester region of East Galicia and have made additional progress against the Turks in Persia by taking the town of Kirind. The Russians admit the sinking of a Russian torpedo boat destroyer by a submarine of the central powers in the Black Sea off the Bulgarian port of Varna. Part of the crew of the destroyer was rescued.

Despite the unfavorable weather conditions in the mountains the Italians are continuing their operations against the Austro-Hungarians. They also are intensely bombarding the Isonzo front. The town of Gorizia has had to sustain another hail of Italian shells.

The British fleet auxiliary Fauvette, a vessel of 2,644 tons, has been lost together with 14 members of her crew by striking a mine off the coast of England.

A Paris dispatch says that testimony given the American consul at Havre by the seven Americans on board and members of the crew of the Norwegian bark Silius which was sunk off the coast of France, is that the boat was torpedoed by a submarine, and without warning.

BLOOD OF SOLDIERS

IN GRIFFIN'S VEINS

Native of South Carolina Killed on Border Son and Grandson of Veterans.

Special to the State:

Pickens, March 12.—Fred A. Griffin killed Thursday at Columbus, N. M., when the town was attacked, by Mexican bandits led by Villa, was the third soldier of his family. His father, Ambrose Griffin, was a volunteer in the United States army in the Spanish-American war and saw service in Cuba. His grandfather, Cat. J. A. Griffin, is a well known Confederate veteran of Pickens county.

Fred Griffin's parents moved to Brookwood, Ala., shortly after the close of the Spanish-American war, where they now reside.

Mrs. Craig Baker and Mrs. Welborn of Pickens are aunts of Fred Griffin.

H. G. DAVIS DIED SATURDAY

Former Senator and Once Democratic Candidate for the Vice Presidency.

Washington, March 11.—Former United States Senator Henry Gassaway Davis died here this morning of grippe, aged 93. He was visiting his daughter, Mrs. Stephen B. Elkins. The funeral will occur at Elkins, W. Va.

Mr. Davis was a former senator from West Virginia and democratic candidate for the vice presidency in 1904. His nomination by the St. Louis convention as running mate for Alton B. Parker took the country by surprise, for he has been out of the senate for twenty-one years. Mr. Davis was born November 16, 1828. The late Senator Stephen B. Elkins was his son-in-law.

AMERICANS MUST GRANT SAME RIGHT

Carranza Says Hunt for Villa Must Be Purely Mutual Affair.

MUST BE RECIPROCITY

If Mexico Is Dragged Into War It Will Be One United States Can Never Justify.

Mexico City, March 12.—General Carranza to-night issued a manifesto to the Nation declaring that under no circumstances would the Mexican Government grant to right to the United States to violate Mexican territory by sending in an armed force in pursuit of Villa without consent and the reciprocal privilege being first obtained and admitted. Word was sent to the confidential agent of the Mexican government in Washington to make immediate representations to this effect.

General Carranza says in his manifesto:

"I am sure that I interpret in this matter the National sentiment and that the Mexican people will comply in a dignified manner with their duty and the sacrifices that they may, to sustain their rights and sovereignty if, unfortunately, this drags us into war—a war which the United States can never justify. We will not be responsible for the disastrous consequences. Upon the heads of the traitorous Mexicans who within and without this country have labored to produce this result, will fall the inexorable justice of the people."

UNDER SEA HAND

STRUCK SILIUS

Norwegian Bark Sunk by Submarine.

Paris, March 12.—J. B. Osborn, American consul, in his report to Washington on the sinking of the Norwegian bark Silius, is understood to bring out clearly the Silius was torpedoed by a submarine. The seven Americans on board the bark were looking after a cargo of oats consigned to the French government. These men and the members of the crew have been questioned by the consul, who has cabled a summary of their testimony to Washington. Their testimony, it is said to leave no doubt that the Silius was torpedoed without warning. A full report on the sinking of the vessel will be mailed to Washington. Four German submarines are reported to be in the English channel, prepared to enforce rigidly Germany's warfare.

The French press is engrossed with the battle of Verdun, and publishes without comment the latest German memorandum regarding submarine warfare and the news of the sinking of the Silius. The Temps, however, remarks that the torpedoing of the Silius can not fail to reopen the entire conflict between the United States and Germany.

Incidentally, it remarks that the incursion of Mexican bandits into American territory bears the stamp of German complicity.

W. M. U. Program

Quarterly meeting W. M. U. auxiliary to Moriah association, division No. 1, to be held with Fork Hill church, Saturday March 25.

10:30—Devotional exercises. Enrollment of delegates with verbal reports.

Words of Welcome—Miss Myrtle Baker.

Response—Mrs. W. L. Criminger.

How Can We Enlist Every Church Member to Become a W. M. U. Member—Mrs. T. A. Dabney, Mrs. John Neal.

Does An Active W. M. S. Stimulate Membership? How?—Mrs. B. F. Carson.

Reading—Miss Julia Hinson.

Our Duty to the Younger Organizations—Miss Annette Stover.

12:00—Social hour.

1:00—Devotional—Mrs. Allie Catoe.

Reading—Miss Sallie Hendrix.

Mission Study—Mrs. D. R. Fletcher.

Plans for Leaders—Mrs. Nellie Small.

Offering.

Churches are urged to send delegates.

Visitors from Division No. 2 are cordially invited.

Mrs. Will Ellis, Pres. Division No. 1.

DRUMBAUGH OPENLY ASKS FOR PRESIDENCY

Governor of Pennsylvania Tells National Committeeman Wasson That He's Candidate.

Philadelphia, March 12.—Governor Martin G. Brumbaugh, in response to a letter from Henry G. Wasson, Republican National Committeeman from Pennsylvania, has announced he will be a candidate for the presidential nomination and his name will be placed on the Presidential preferential ballot to be voted in the primary election on May 16. Mr. Wasson, who was elected to the National Committee by the followers of Theodore Roosevelt in 1912, urged the governor to assume the leadership in a movement to secure a delegation to the Republican National Convention which would be acceptable to the Progressives as well as the Republicans.

Political leaders believe that the Governor's announcement presages a fight in the Republican primary between Governor Brumbaugh and Senator Penrose for the control of the delegation from this state.

Heavy Shipments Freight to Russia.

Seattle, Wash., March 13.—Large quantities of freight destined for Russia is being shipped by rail from the eastern coast to Pacific ports because, it is said, ships cannot be found in the Atlantic to carry the goods to their destination. Five thousand loaded cars are to-day in the railroad yards in and near Seattle awaiting steamers for Vladivostok. Even larger quantities of freight are stalled at Vancouver, B. C.

Every available steamer is being chartered, but the cars arrive faster than they can be emptied. Cotton, wire and knockdown cars are the principal articles.

CARRANZISTAS ON BORDER.

To Guard Mining Camps in Eastern Sonora.

Douglas, Ariz., March 12.—Eleven hundred Carranza troops from Hermosillo, hurrying to Agua Prieta on the Mexican side, reached the border at Naco to-day. It was said they are to be distributed along the Eastern Sonora border to guard mining camps.

Important Troop Movements Made.

El Paso, Texas, March 12.—Reports late to-night indicated important American troop movements on the Arizona-Sonora boundary line. Strong cavalry patrols were reported close to the boundary in the vicinity of San Bernardino. These movements led to persistent reports that small American forces were prepared for a quick dash across the international line in that region.

OFFICERS ON THE BORDER.

Carolians Who Will Aid in Pursuit of Villa.

Washington, March 12.—The following army officers from South Carolina are stationed along the Mexican border and will participate in the pursuit of Villa: Maj. Richard G. McMaster, 4th field artillery, Fort Bliss, Texas; Capt. George W. Kilpatrick, 8th cavalry, Fort Bliss, Texas; Capt. Benjamin J. Tillman, 11th infantry, Douglas, Ariz.; Capt. Geo. N. Bamford, 22d infantry, Douglas, Ariz.; 1st Lieut. G. C. Bowen, 26th infantry, Fort Bliss, Texas; 2d Lieut. Robert McG. Littlejohn, 8th cavalry, Fort Bliss, Texas.

Villa Generals Held.

El Paso, March 12.—Three former Villa generals were arrested by the police here tonight in a roundup of suspicious Mexicans. They are Julio Fabela, Samuel Rodriguez and Juan Rodriguez. They were charged with vagrancy.

Gives \$30,000 to Conscience Fund

Washington, March 11.—A thirty thousand dollar contribution to the treasury's conscience fund, the largest ever received, came by yesterday's mail in a registered package mailed in New York.

Under separate cover came a letter unsigned, dated Philadelphia but mailed in New York, which announced the sending of the \$30,000 and explaining that the sender had restored to the government \$80,000 in all.

MEXICAN TROOPS CROSS LINE

United States Enters Into Formal Agreement With Mexico.

TO CATCH BANDITS

American Government Expects Hearty Co-Operation of Carranza Forces in Hunt for Villa.

Washington, March 13.—The United States Government entered into a formal agreement with the de facto Government of Mexico to-day under which American troops will cross the border to hunt down Villa and his bandits with the expectation of hearty co-operation from the Carranza forces.

Secretary Lansing made public the text of a note, accepting General Carranza's proposal for a reciprocal arrangement between the two governments and announcing that the United States held this agreement to be now in force and binding upon both parties. General Funston will carry out his task under this agreement.

Official announcement was awaited to-night that the American forces had crossed the border. Plans of the troop movements have gone ahead without regard to the diplomatic exchanges. Mr. Lansing also made public a statement issued in the name of President Wilson, reiterating that every step being taken by the Administration was based in deliberate intention to preclude the possibility of armed intervention in Mexico. The statement follows:

"In order to remove any apprehension that may exist either in the United States or in Mexico, the President has authorized me to give in his name the public assurance that the military operations now in contemplation by this government will be scrupulously confined to the object already announced and that in no circumstances will they be suffered to intringe in any degree upon the sovereignty of Mexico or develop into intervention of any kind in the internal affairs of our sister Republic.

"On the contrary, what is now being done, is deliberately intended to preclude the possibility of intervention."

The note to Carranza defines the terms of the agreement beyond the possibility of misconception. In brief it provides that where conditions arise on the Mexican side of the border similar to those at Columbus which led to the orders to General Funston, to enter Mexico, the same privilege privilege will be accorded to the Mexican de facto Government without the necessity of a further exchange of views. It is clearly stated, however, that the bandits to be pursued on American soil by Mexican troops must have come from the American side, committed depredations on the Mexican side and fled back again to United States territory. There is no such instance on record in recent years.

Mayflower Leaves for Washington.

Old Point, Va., March 12.—The naval yacht Mayflower with the President and Mrs. Wilson aboard left here at 4:30 o'clock this afternoon and steamed up Chesapeake Bay for Washington. She is due there soon after daylight tomorrow.

MEXICANS PUT BAN ON AMERICAN NEWSPAPERS

Brownsville, Texas, March 12.—Mexican officers at Matamoros, opposite this city, issued an order to-day excluding American newspapers. Leno Garcia, a boatman on the international ferry, was arrested for carrying a bundle of papers to Matamoros residents and a carrier for a Brownsville newspaper was detained a short time and his papers confiscated.

No explanation was made for the issuance of the order.

Making Munitions for United States

Philadelphia, March 12.—Four of the largest munition plants in this section are working on rush orders for steel shells and rifles for the United States government, according to statements made here to-night by officials of the companies, who added that they are in a position to supply the additional needs of this country without interfering with their foreign orders.