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AVENGERS CROSS MEXICAN BORDER

Six Hundred American Cowboys Off to Revenge Death of Three Associates.

El Paso, Feb. 18.—Six hundred cowboys are reported to have crossed into Mexico tonight to pursue Mexicans who killed Americans in the United States this week. The cowboys crossed at the Corner Ranch, the report said.

The report of two Americans having been killed at the Corner Ranch, fourteen miles west of Columbus, which reached El Paso last night, so far is unconfirmed.

Leaders of the 600 cowboys who are reported to have swept over the border are said to have included Gen. Pershing whether such action would be frowned upon by military authorities on the border. Pershing is said to have made the laconic reply:

"There's nothing to stop you, boys!"

Villa Moving Close.

Guadalupe, which was taken today, is the next step by Villistas in testing the attitude of the Washington government toward the Villistas approaching the border. Las Palomas Lakes, where Pershing made his last concentration camp before withdrawing his Mexican expedition, was taken by Villistas ten days ago, and the customs department announced that the port would be kept open.

It is now believed that Ojimaog will be the next port occupied by Villistas, following which Chihuahua City and Juarez will be taken.

The invasion of Mexico by cowboys tonight is said to be the result of action taken by Andrew Peterson, Sr., to avenge the death of his son, one of the three men slain by Mexicans recently. The murder of the three has aroused the entire southwest and with Peterson actively organizing expeditions, considerable trouble is feared.

Peterson came to El Paso with a request of Gen. Pershing and the State Department that he be allowed to take his own course in avenging his son.

SECRET SERVICE LISTS ALL ALIEN RESIDENTS

Prepare for General Round-up if War Comes.

All the aliens in Washington and other cities who have shown anti-American sentiments are being listed by Secret Service agents so that in the event of war with any foreign power they could be rounded up within a few hours if necessary, according to rumors current here last night from apparently reliable sources.

A. Bruce Bielaski, chief of the division of investigation, Department of Justice, refused to confirm or deny the rumors. He would not discuss anything, he said, which was of an international character.

The Secret Service men have been consulting a list of the names of the aliens. It is declared, but in other important cities of the country.

The precautionary move is declared necessary because the United States has never had a war in this country would act in the event of hostilities with a foreign foe.

WORTH \$20,000,000, 12 SHIPS LEAVE PORT

Nine Vessels Bound for War Zone. Others Risk Raider Attack.

New York, Feb. 18.—Twelve ships, carrying 6,000 tons of cargo, valued at more than \$20,000,000, left this port today. With three exceptions, they were bound to the submarine war zone. The other three are steaming to regions where the German raider Vindex has been active.

Of the twelve ships, two are American, two neutral, six British, one French and one Japanese. Three are passenger-carrying liners, armed for defense—the Iacona, Roma and Verdi.

The American vessels are the City of Puebla, bound for Havre with munitions, and the Medina, bound for the River Plate. The City of Lincoln cleared Saturday, anchored in the Narrows and did not actually leave until noon today.

GEN. J. R. O'BERNE DIES IN NEW YORK

Was Leader in Pursuit of John Wilkes Booth, Lincoln's Slayer.

New York, Feb. 18.—Brigadier General James Rowan O'Berne, U. S. A., retired, veteran of the civil war, and holder of many posts of national honor, died here tonight, after a three months' illness. He was 77 years old.

Brig. Gen. O'Berne was in command of the detachment sent to pursue John Wilkes Booth when the latter shot President Lincoln in Ford's old theater in Washington. He was also the military officer in charge at Lincoln's death bed. He held the posts of United States marshal, and register of wills of the District of Columbia, and for many years was the Washington correspondent of a New York newspaper.

During the Boer war he was commissioner extraordinary to the United States for President Kruger. Brig. Gen. O'Berne came to this city from Washington to take charge of the immigration station at Ellis Island.

WIFE GIVEN ONE DOLLAR.
New York, Feb. 18.—Oscar Stiegel, who died November 11, in St. Paul, Minn., gave \$1 to his wife, Katie Stiegel, in his will. It was filed yesterday in the Surrogate's Court. The estate amounts to about \$18,000. His father and mother divide the residue equally.

"WHITE PLAGUE" KILLS 50,000.
London, Feb. 18.—Tuberculosis causes 50,000 deaths each year in England, and in the same period 150,000 persons are disabled by the disease, says an official health report.

The finest men's furnishings
Edward E. Harding
1245 Pennsylvania Ave., N. W.
"Watch the Windows"

Second Commander Cripples His Ship

Seattle, Wash., Feb. 18.—Capt. Franz Helfer, the Austrian commander of the Hamburg-American freighter Saxonia, interned at Eagle Harbor, confessed today to the Federal authorities that he deliberately crippled certain parts and otherwise put the machinery of the vessel out of commission.

He said he acted in compliance with specific orders given him by Dr. Emil Ohr, former German Consul General here. The latter is now with Count von Bernstorff on his way to Germany.

FLAYS PACIFISTS

Cannot Be Patriots in Crisis, Charges Minister.

A smashing attack on Prussianism was delivered by Rev. James Shera Montgomery at the Calvary Methodist Church yesterday morning.

"A mad sea serpent is at this moment roaming the high seas with his poisonous fangs set for helpless prey," said Dr. Montgomery, "and for this country it means prepare or perish!"

Again and again has our President offered Germany bread and she has returned him a stone; he has extended fish, but he received a serpent. Our country shall not willingly forget the promise made him after the Sussex went down. Amid patience of a high and noble type Germany has waltzingly gone on with her countless crimes against American lives and property, and yet with earnest desire to keep away from this caldron of hate and hell we have moved on with no aim at retaliation.

Pacifists Not Patriots.
Dr. Montgomery ridiculed the idea that in this crisis pacifists can be consistent patriots.

"Our country is not willing to stoop and lick the boots of an arrogant tyrant. We do lay claim to some national honor and respect. And while war is a monstrous thing, yet a peace born of cowardice, timidity and reluctance will only stultify us in the eyes of the world, with no more might, power or resistance than a top of sand."

"Peace without reparation, restitution."
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CALLS BIBLE MIRACLES "MOSTLY FAIRY TALES"

Blue Pencil Scriptures, Advises Rev. Ulysses G. B. Pierce.

The Bible ought to be blue penciled by sensible people.

"That is what Rev. Ulysses G. B. Pierce told his congregation at All Souls' Episcopal Church, Fourteenth and L streets, last evening.

"You can go over the whole Bible, blue pencil every miracle in it and every story that looks like a miracle," said Mr. Pierce, "and then you can say that you have lost nothing essential. You will have everything left you need."

"It is quite true that even in this day there are many people gifted with the power of heal, and that there have been many cures, and so we cannot deny that Jesus had some power to heal, but the miracles are, ah—mostly fairy tales."

Rev. Mr. Pierce also denied the immaculate conception and the resurrection of Jesus.

GOTHAM'S PORT CLOSED AFTER SUNDOWN NOW

Vessels Must Await Daylight to Dock While Crisis Lasts.

New York, Feb. 18.—Beginning tomorrow night, the port of New York at quarantine will be closed to outward and inward-bound vessels after dark.

"Any vessel arriving at Ambrose Channel after sundown will be compelled to anchor in the lower bay, and outward-bound vessels will be held up either at the Statue of Liberty or off the Staten Island shore.

This condition will prevail, it was said, until after the dispute with Germany is definitely settled.

New England Paying More Than Berlin for "Spuds"

Boston, Feb. 18.—Potatoes have advanced to \$1 a peck, at Portland, Me., and Monday it is expected the same price will prevail in Boston. This is 25 cents a peck higher than was quoted in Berlin the day James W. Gerard left there. For a week the Boston retail price has been between 75 and 80 cents.

In Boston most of the big dealers refuse to sell more than ten pounds to one person. In Lowell dealers refused to sell sugar at any price, except to regular customers. One restaurant owner ordered 400 pounds, but the wholesale dealer could not supply him.

MAYOR NOW IN "MOVIES."

Los Angeles, Feb. 18.—Charles E. Sebastian, whose sensational career as policeman to mayor of Los Angeles, today is not only a "soda squirt," but a motion picture actor. Sebastian resigned from office several months ago, and after while he became manager of a "buffet-eteria" in a dance hall, where he mixes soft drinks and conducts patrons to their seats. He has now contracted to act in a feature film depicting his own life.

GREAT FIRE IN SIBERIA

Berlin, Feb. 18.—Supplementary reports of the great fire in the coal dealing of the Siberian railroad, according to the Overseas News Agency, state that the depots have been affire for a week. It is feared they will be a total loss which is estimated at 30,000,000 rubles.

SPANKED BY ORDER OF COURT

Harrisburg, Pa., Feb. 18.—A "good old-fashioned spanking" was the sentence of Judge Patterson in the case of Frank Thompson, 16, accused of stealing money from his employer.

The spanking was administered by the boy's father. Thompson stole \$500 from his employer.

EQUADOR INVITES WAR CONFERENCE

Urges Joint Pan-American Action to Guarantee the Rights of Neutrals.

A congress of all the American nations to "guarantee the rights of neutrality, and alleviate the rigors of war" was last night put forth as a definite suggestion by the Republic of Ecuador.

The Ecuadorian foreign minister proposed a joint congress to meet in Uruguay to take measure to combine the Pan-American nations for the protection of the entire American continent from the evil effects of the war. The suggestion was made in a note to First Chief Carranza's government in Mexico, in reply to the Carranza communication to the neutral nations, suggesting an embargo on all products bound for the warring nations as a means of ending the war.

State Department officials last night declined to comment on the Ecuadorian suggestion. It was said, however, that the United States has adhered to the policy of encouraging joint action by the American republics in every direction.

"That effect the present German crisis might have on this at issue, administration officials would not say. It was said that unless the Ecuadorian proposal was definitely laid before this country, it was probable no action would be taken.

Text of Proposal.
The Ecuadorian note, directed to Candido Aguilar, the Carranza minister of foreign relations, was received and made public here tonight by the Washington Herald last night, during a discourse on the possibility of an invasion of this city in the event of war.

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You will also remember how the American people were surprised when the submarine Deutschland struck her nose out of the water near New London, and how we were somewhat shocked when the U-53 began her operations off New York.

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"Our public does not appear to realize that there is absolutely nothing to prevent the arrival of a squadron of enemy aeroplanes, which would find our coast cities defenseless and leave them in ruins."

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\$100,000 FIRE DAMAGE IN BIG PAPER FACTORY

International's Plant Near Watertown, N. Y., Sustains Heavy Loss.

Watertown, N. Y., Feb. 18.—The plant on Sewall Island of the International Paper Company, was damaged early today to the extent of \$100,000 by a fire which destroyed the facilities of the local department. Aid was sent from the fire department of Carthage, N. Y.

The International Paper Company is the greatest concern of its kind in the world.

The finishing rooms and boilers were destroyed. The section of the building containing the sulphite mixing plant and the paper machines was saved. The fire was caused by sparks from the boilers.

Run Get Your Boots, John, It's Going to Snow Again

It is a short respite we are going to have from rain, snow, sleet and other unwholesome weather. The weather man says more snow for tomorrow, rain but more likely snow, as the mercury will take a slight tumble.

Today, although it will not be very much colder, the wind will be overcast, and threatening. Northeast winds, the kind that bring snow, will begin to blow tonight, and by tomorrow morning we will be all wearing galoshes again.

Same thing Wednesday.

PAID FARE AFTER TWO YEARS.

Portland, Ore., Feb. 18.—The Oregon Washington Railroad & Navigation Company's conscience fund is \$90 larger and the consciences of two parents who brought their child from Omaha to Portland two years ago without paying its fare have been stilled by a remittance received by the railroad company. The parents say they thought a child less than six years old could travel free, but since have learned the age limit was five years, and their child was more than five years old.

"INK DEVIL" GOT HIM.

New York, Feb. 18.—"Yes your honor, I did raise the checks, but I did it subconsciously. I was under the hypnotic spell of the Little Ink Devil. This was the defense made yesterday by Willard Ensign, Elizabeth N. J., when arraigned on a charge of forcing a nonpayment and desertion. He said:

"Once a year the Little Ink Devil poses itself on the point of my pen. He was committed

Four More Ships Sunk In "Ruthless Warfare"

London, Feb. 18.—Three British steamships of a total tonnage of 12,000, and the Italian steamship Biogeno of 2,250 tons, have been sunk, it was announced today. The sinking of the Italian vessel, which occurred January 12, was announced in Berlin. It was sunk in the Atlantic Ocean. Details are being reported the sinking of the British vessel, the Worcestershire of 7,175 tons gross was the biggest prize of the day.

The Valdes, one of the ships sunk, was torpedoed without warning, according to the announcement, and two members of crew were killed and nine are missing. The other ship sunk was the Biogeno, 2,254 tons gross. The fate of her crew was not indicated.

The total tonnage lost since February 1 now is given as 258,643.

CITY IS UNSAFE

May Soon Be in Ashes, Says Admiral Peary.

"In 30 days from now Washington may be in ashes!"

This was the declaration made by Rear Admiral Robert E. Peary, U. S. N., to a representative of The Washington Herald last night, during a discourse on the possibility of an invasion of this city in the event of war.

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Telegraph Tips

Salt Lake City, Utah, Feb. 18.—Ten thousand Navajo braves have informed Gov. E. Bamberger they are ready to take the field in defense of the United States.

New York, Feb. 18.—Coffee and sandwiches for our soldiers? The young women of the Girls' National Honor Guard are going about in automobiles distributing lunches to the sentinels guarding the enormous bridges of this city.

Hartford, Conn., Feb. 18.—State policemen and officers of the New Haven Railroad were being guarding the Connecticut River stone highway bridge between this city and East Hartford for three days. It is understood the authorities had received a threat to blow up the bridge.

Amsterdam, Feb. 18.—Additional food rationing will begin in Holland tomorrow, the Amsterdam Handelsblad announces. Every ticket-holder in Amsterdam for the week of February 18-24 is entitled to 1,000 grams (a little more than two pounds) of potatoes, 50 grams of rice, 50 of fat and 100 of soap.

Omaha, Neb., Feb. 18.—Announcement has been made here of the acquirement of majority stock control in the Omaha Bee by Victor Rosewater, its editor, through purchase of the holdings of his brother, Charles C. Rosewater, who goes to take the management of the Los Angeles Examiner and Tribune.

Paris, Feb. 18.—The Havas correspondent at Geneva reports that the Berlin local government has ordered that in account of the lack of freight cars and impossibility of obtaining sufficient supplies of coal, heating plants must not have a temperature of more than 50 degrees Fahrenheit.

Annapolis, Md., Feb. 18.—The members of the class of 1905 of the Naval Academy will erect identical tablets of bronze in Memorial Hall, the Naval Academy and the State house at Frankfort, Ky., in memory of their classmate, Lieut. Richard C. Sauley, who was killed in an aeroplane accident at Pensacola, Fla., on June 9 last.

Paris, Feb. 18.—Hermann Webster, of Chicago, a well-known artist, who commands section 2 of the American Ambulance Field Service, has been cited in an order of division for "the greatest disregard of danger and for coolness in all circumstances."

ACTION AWAITED IN TARNOW CASE

Austria Speculates Freely on Possible Reception of Ambassador.

Berlin, Feb. 18.—Uppermost in the minds of officials here today is the question as to whether Count Tarnowski von Tarnow will be received at the White House to be officially recognized as Ambassador of Austria-Hungary to the United States.

Interest in the Austro-Austrian relations appears to exceed, in intensity, even that in the crisis between Germany and the United States. The role which Count von Tarnowski is playing promises to take a unique place in the annals of diplomacy's history. It is made the subject of columns of speculation in the newspapers here.

New impetus to the hope that the Austro-Hungarian Ambassador-designate will not be obliged to return to Vienna was given by the news today that Secretary Grew, of the American Embassy here, has been transferred to Vienna. It is believed that this change would not have been decided upon were Washington actually resolved to break with the dual monarchy.

The press here is laying stress upon the differences between the Austrian relations with America and those of Germany from Berlin and the detention of the Count von Tarnowski in Vienna. In American ports is small and that Vienna, therefore, has nothing to fear on that score.

Reports Caused Tension.
In this connection it can not be repeated too often that the whole recent tension, the delay in Mr. Gerard's departure from Berlin and the detention of the Count von Tarnowski, were due solely to the nation-wide hysteria caused by the Reuter dispatches, telling of alleged seizures of German ships by the United States.

Germany has more than 500,000 tons of her proudest ocean giants, like the Vaterland, the biggest merchant ship afloat; the Amerika and others, are at present in the hands of the United States. Admiral Peary explained, "That steamer could carry a squadron of twelve aeroplanes, which could form a file about a block apart, fly inland over Washington, drop explosives and return safely to their base without any interference."

But while Portugal's action was merely regarded as "high-handed" and finally dismissed as something that "could not hurt much," the steps which Reuter reported America had taken were viewed with more than resentment.

The Reuter creation of a "fear" that shortly the United States would send Germany's palatial liners to allied ports, laden with munitions and supplies for the entente, thus forcing the Kaiser's admiralty to give orders to the U-boat commanders to sink on sight vessels which have been the pride of German overseas enterprises in time of peace.

CONGRESS EULOGIZES MEMORY OF SOLONS

Both Houses Meet to Hold Special Sunday Memorial Services.

Both Houses of Congress met yesterday in special Sunday sessions devoted to the paying of tribute to the statesmen who have died during the present session. Eulogies were delivered by colleagues, opponents of the deceased and partisan friends of the States.

At the Senate session the late Senators Burleigh, of Maine; Shively, of Indiana, and Clark, of Arkansas, were eulogized. In the House memorial orations were spoken upon the character and works of Representative Finley, of South Carolina, and Tribble, of Georgia. But in view of his long and faithful services in the House before his election to the Senate in 1915, Senator Shively was also eulogized by his former associates in the popular body.

YOUTHFUL BANDITS ROB VICTIM AT ZOO

Twelve-Year-Olds Stage Hold-up in Approved Style.

The desperate boy bandit supposed to live only between the covers of "Dead-end Dick" came to life here yesterday. In fact, he came to life four times.

Twelve-year-old Louis B. Phelan, son of Representative Michael P. Phelan, of Massachusetts, met all four of him yesterday afternoon while walking through the grounds of the Zoo.

"Who's with you, kid?" demanded the leader of the bandits, a desperado aged 12.

"There's nobody with me—and don't call me kid either," said Louis.

"Nobody with you," echoed the leader. "Fine! Come on, men."

Whereupon he and his three trusty followers, aged, according to a description given the police, about 12 years each, set upon the boy and robbed him of a scarf pin worth \$5 and 50 cents in cash.

Germany Already Counts On Indemnity from U. S.

Paris, Feb. 18.—The Gratz Post in an editorial says:

"If war with the United States were declared, it would be a gift of Providence to Germany and Austria, as after the war the United States would be the sole power capable of paying a big indemnity to the central empires. The result of the entry of the United States into the world war would be the payment by them of a cash indemnity, while the allies would indemnify us with territory."

MAY YET FREE STELOW.

Albany, N. Y., Feb. 18.—Gov. Whitman has asked the legislature to appropriate \$25,000 to determine the guilt or innocence of Charles SteLOW, serving a life sentence in Sing Sing prison for a double murder which numerous prominent persons who have interested themselves in his defense assert he did not commit.

THREE MEN SCALDED

Baltimore, Feb. 18.—Three trainmen of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad were severely scalded and burned early this morning when a crown plate of a freight locomotive gave way and flooded the cab with clouds of steam. The accident occurred several miles this side of Poplar Station, Md.

Bernstorff Carries Glycerine Stock Home

Count von Bernstorff and party took with them a quantity of glycerine, it has been learned. Before leaving Washington embassy attaches bought at local drug stores as much glycerine as they could conveniently carry individually.

This aroused considerable interest among druggists and the facts came to the knowledge of the authorities.

It was thought that the article purchased might have been intended for use in the manufacture of ammunition. It is believed, however, that the party could not have carried enough glycerine to have been of much value.

TO URGE REVENUE

Senate Finance Chairman Has Money Bill Ready.

Of paramount importance to any other measure now before Congress is the administration revenue bill, with its supplementary provisions for the issue of bonds and short-time certificates of indebtedness, according to Chairman Simmons, of the Finance Committee of the Senate.

Chairman Simmons is waiting for the Senate to take action on the pending "spy bills," after which he will press the revenue measure to passage.

"What's the use of appropriating all this money for preparedness and national defense if they haven't the money to do it?" was the question advanced by Simmons yesterday. For this reason and because of the needs of the government, a financial way, are becoming hourly more urgent, the Finance Committee will endeavor to rush the bill to speedy consideration.

The "spy bills" will occupy the attention of the Senate at the beginning of the new week. Sturdy progressive opposition has already been registered against these measures.

Other legislation which will be pressed for passage in the Senate is the Webb export bill. The railroad bills will be pressed by Senator Newlands, the Danish West Indies bill has the Foreign Relations Committee behind it, and the Interstate Commerce Commission is urging that the bill which will enlarge the body of the addition of two more commissioners be passed now.

A dull week is promised in the House, perhaps, by a removal of the so-called war in favor of peace, which Representative Moore, of Pennsylvania, and Gallaway, of Texas, are engineering. The House has before it the army appropriation bill and during the debate considerable consideration will be given to the so-called amendment providing for universal military service.

ARGUES FOR REDUCTION OF U. S. NAVAL FORCES

Jap Premier Believes Civilized World Is Facing Bankruptcy Through War.

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