

WEATHER.

Partly cloudy tonight and Sunday; not much change in temperature; light variable breeze.

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MARINE REGIMENT IS OFF FOR HAITI

500 Men Aboard Connecticut to Reinforce Admiral Caperton's Expedition.

TWO BLUEJACKETS KILLED BY SNIPERS IN CAPITAL

U. S. Forces to Remain in Island Indefinitely, Secretary Lansing Announces.



WILLIAM GOMPERS.

The battleship Connecticut today left the Philadelphia navy yard for Haiti, carrying a regiment of 500 marines, under command of Col. Ely K. Cole, U. S. M. C., as reinforcements for Rear Admiral Caperton, U. S. N., who is at Port au Prince on the cruiser Washington, and who has already landed in the Haitian capital 400 marines and seamen to preserve life and property.

The Navy Department today also decided to send the hospital ship Solace to the island republic, and the transport Hancock, which is now being overhauled at Philadelphia, will also go to Haiti, it is said, although it is not yet settled what forces that vessel will take south.

Two Bluejackets Slain.

These developments in the Haitian situation complicated with anarchy and revolution, in which President Guillaume and 160 political prisoners have been assassinated during the week, followed the receipt of a report last night from Admiral Caperton that two United States seamen were slain by the Haitians during the first day's military occupation of the Haitian capital.

Two bluejackets, who were shot from ambush by snipers, were: William Gompers, seaman, of Brooklyn, N. Y., and Cason S. Whitehurst, ordinary seaman, of Norfolk, Va.

Further Trouble Feared.

Admiral Caperton, in reports to the department, forecasts further trouble between the factions on the island. He says that the revolutionary committee of officers, after having received declarations from nearly a dozen persons sought to be nominated as candidates for the presidency to succeed the slain executive, President Guillaume, had these two elements, as well as prospects of sniping against the United States forces.

Unemployed Men a Menace.

At the Navy Department today it was said: "Another dangerous element in the situation may result from the presence of a large number of unemployed men in and around Port au Prince. The Haitian Construction Company, an American concern, has a contract for public work, which has been stopped for lack of funds. Under normal conditions this firm would employ 1,200 men."

U. S. Forces to Remain.

Secretary Lansing said today that nothing will be done in regard to settlement of Haiti's internal affairs until complete order is restored, but it is understood that the United States forces will remain indefinitely. Officials have come to the conclusion that the occupation of the island by the United States will continue for some time.

DETERMINED POSSE HUNTS HIGHWAYMEN

Residents of Prince Georges County, Md., Aroused by Brazen Hold-Up.

PHILIP T. SWEENEY PUTS UP STRENUOUS FIGHT

Assailants, Beaten Off, Fire Two Shots—District Sends Detective Boyle to Aid in Search.

Armed with shotguns, revolvers, clubs and weapons of every description, residents of the section of Prince Georges county, Md., lying between the District line and Forestville, today are engaged in a hunt for three highwaymen who held up Philip T. Sweeney, a farmer of the vicinity of Forestville, and his wife, shortly before 4 o'clock this morning. Mr. Sweeney was assaulted with a blunt instrument and his head was cut. Each of the highwaymen fired a shot at him, one bullet tearing a hole through the shoulder of his coat and the other going wild.

It is believed by the police that the young men are the individuals who have held up three other persons during the past week, and who some time ago displayed weapons in lunchrooms in Washington, and took the contents of the cash drawer at one place. Residents of Prince Georges county are excited over this morning's affair, and will do everything in their power to bring about capture of the men.

Detective Hurries to Scene.

Detective Boyle, who was on duty at headquarters when the hold-up was reported, was hurried to the scene of the affair in an automobile. He found a number of residents of the county engaged in the hunt for the two highwaymen. The affair happened in Maryland, but the police in this city are in charge of the detective office at night, did not hesitate to send Boyle out in this direction, realizing that the district residents are as much interested in the capture of the robbers as are the people of Maryland.

Sweeney Put Up Fight.

A demand was made upon the couple for their cash, but Sweeney had no idea of surrendering his money to the robbers, and when he made known to them that he would not accede to their demands, he told Detective Boyle, he was assaulted with a blunt instrument, possibly a shotgun, and his head cut. Realizing the men probably would commit murder in order to get what little money he was taking to market for his purpose, Sweeney put up as good a fight as he could with his whip, beating the men who had the strength he possessed and finally driving them off.

Highwaymen Hid at Roadside.

Mr. and Mrs. Sweeney told the police that they were seated in an automobile, when they were stopped by the robbers, and that they appeared so suddenly that the husband did not have time to make proper preparations to repel them. It was suggested that the robbers probably had an automobile, but that thing was not clear. The police are not entirely satisfied that the robbers did not have an automobile, however, although the statement of Bradley would suggest that they had no such vehicle. No automobile was taken from this city last night, but a car was held up near the west end of Pennsylvania Avenue bridge, it is still missing.

Two Farmers Held Up.

Two farmers residing near Pumpkin-town, not far from Forestville, were held up last Sunday morning near where Mr. and Mrs. Sweeney were held up. The police are not entirely satisfied that the robbers did not have an automobile, however, although the statement of Bradley would suggest that they had no such vehicle. No automobile was taken from this city last night, but a car was held up near the west end of Pennsylvania Avenue bridge, it is still missing.

BARGE EXETER SUNK.

Run Down by the Colonial Line Steamer Concord in a Fog. PROVIDENCE, R. I., July 31.—The Colonial line passenger steamer Concord, from New York for Providence, collided with the barge Exeter in Narragansett bay during a thick fog early today, sinking the barge. No one was injured, and after taking aboard the crew of the Exeter the Concord, which was not damaged, completed her journey.

CARRANZA SOON TO SEEK RECOGNITION

His Agents in This City Preparing for Conference With U. S. Officials.

EXPECTS TO REOCCUPY THE CAPITAL, IT IS SAID

Charles A. Douglas, Returning From Strife-Ridden Country, Thinks Conditions Make It Necessary.

While the State Department today still awaited replies to its messages to Gens. Carranza, Villa and Zapata insisting that the railroad between Vera Cruz and Mexico City be kept open to trains bearing foodstuffs to the starving people there, Charles A. Douglas, legal representative here of the Carranza government, who returned last night from Mexico, indicated in an interview today that the Carranza government would ask the United States for recognition at an early date.

The fact that the agents of Carranza in this city are preparing for a conference with administration officials to give assurance that Carranza forces will again occupy Mexico City and endeavor to keep the railroad open was taken here as a hopeful sign in the situation.

To Seek Recognition Soon.

In reply to a question regarding the probable request of the Carranzistas (Continued on Fifth Page.)



AMERICANS HELD IN MEXICO CITY

Paul Hudson With Family and Staff of His Newspaper. Face Court-Martial.

MEXICO CITY, Saturday July 24, by wireless telegraph from S. City of Tampico to Galveston, July 31.—Paul Hudson, president of the Herald Publishing Company of Mexico City, a American citizen, together with members of his family, and the staff of his newspaper are prisoners in Mexico City and threatened with court-martial.

Zapata Calls Americans Fools.

Zapata personally destroyed the correspondence taken from Mr. Mallory. He broke the legation seals, saying at the same time that the Americans were fools.

People Eating Cats and Dogs.

The food situation in Mexico City is desperate. Starvation is abroad and the people are eating cats and dogs. Even some of the foreign residents are starving.

JURY REFUSES TO CONVICT.

Thinks Statute Penalty Too Severe, Though Offense Is Admitted. CLARKSBURG, W. Va., July 31.—On the ground that it would be cruel and unusual punishment in the meaning of the national Constitution, to fine a man \$100 and put him in jail for two months for carrying whiskey in his pockets, a jury in a magistrate's court here acquitted Andrew Tillman of the charge.

ORDUNA AT LIVERPOOL.

Conard Liner Reaches Port Safely With War Munitions. NEW YORK, July 31.—The Conard liner Orduna, which sailed from New York July 22, arrived at Liverpool today, according to cable advices. The Orduna on her last outward trip from England was fired upon by a German submarine and narrowly escaped being torpedoed. On her voyage which terminated today she carried in addition to passengers, among whom were seven Americans, large consignments of war munitions.

INSPECTING STEAMBOATS INCLUDING THE EASTLAND

The Chicago tragedy focused the eyes of the country on our system of steamboat inspection. Its headquarters are in Washington. Read the story of how it operates in The Sunday Star.

GEN. BENJAMIN F. TRACY REPORTED SERIOUSLY ILL

Secretary of Navy in President Harrison's Administration Was Injured on Memorial Day.

NEW YORK, July 31.—Gen. Benjamin Franklin Tracy, who was Secretary of the Navy in President Harrison's administration, was today reported as seriously ill at his home here.

Reviewed Veterans Memorial Day.

With an effort he sat through most of the parade, saluting the veterans as they passed, but he was finally overcome with weakness and had to be taken to his home in Manhattan.

MACHADO MAY BE NEXT PORTUGUESE PRESIDENT

LISBON, Portugal, July 31.—The number of candidates for the presidency of the republic in the election to be held August 6 now has been reduced virtually to two, Dr. Duarte Leite, former premier and minister of the interior, and Dr. Bernardino Machado, minister to Brazil, and also a former premier. It is generally believed the latter will be successful.

TO DISCUSS LABOR PROBLEMS.

Secretary Wilson and Others Gather in San Francisco. SAN FRANCISCO, July 31.—Secretary W. E. Wilson of the Department of Labor is here today to attend a conference Monday of municipal state and federal labor officials from all parts of the country to consider plans for closer co-operation between the various government branches dealing with labor problems.

FOUR AMERICANS REPORTED KILLED

British Liner Iberian Is Shelled, Then Sunk, by German Submarine.

U. S. CONSUL SAYS BUT ONE U. S. SUBJECT DIED

Ship Was Once Before Chased. Known That U. S. Citizens Sailed on Vessels.

LONDON, July 31.—The Leyland liner Iberian has been sunk by a German submarine. Five members of the crew were killed, two died aboard a rescue boat and sixty-one were landed safely. Four of the seven men meeting death when the Iberian was torpedoed and sunk by a German submarine are said to have been Americans.

Sailed From Boston.

The Iberian, a steamer of 5,223 tons gross, sailed from Boston July 7 for Manchester and Liverpool. It was reported to have arrived July 20. She was 437 feet long with a beam of 48 feet and was built at Sunderland in 1909. F. Leyland & Co., Limited, of Liverpool were the owners.

Says One American Is Dead.

Only one American, a mulatto named Whyley, was killed when the British steamer Iberian was shelled and sunk by a German submarine. American Consul Frost at Queenstown reported today that the Iberian disregarded the British warning to stop, after the German commander gave the crew time to take to the boats before firing a torpedo. Whyley died of shock and wounds from shelling.

Carried Eighty Horsemen.

BOSTON, July 31.—About eighty horsemen and hostlers, many of them from Boston and vicinity, sailed on the Iberian when she left Boston for Manchester and Liverpool July 7. The steamer carried 600 horse and a general cargo, but, according to advices received at the Boston office, was bringing back only a small consignment of baled goods.

Norwegian and Belgian Steamers Meet Doom; British Hold Two Ships

LONDON, July 31.—The Norwegian steamship Trondhjemfjord was torpedoed and sunk yesterday by a German submarine. The Belgian steamer Prince also was sunk by striking a mine. The crews of both vessels were saved.

Sunk by Torpedo Boat.

The crew of the steamer Norgill testified before the maritime court at Copenhagen that the steamer was sunk by a German torpedo boat and not by a submarine. The torpedo boat was one of a flotilla of eight ships of a new type, 327 feet long and mounting four 8.5 centimeter guns. The Norgill's sailors said they were told by the German crew that they were returning from a day's cruise in the North sea, and that they had no fear of an enemy fleet because of their speed and unusually heavy armament.

American Steamer Held.

AMSTERDAM, July 30, via London. July 31.—The Colonge Gazette reports that the American steamer Portland has been brought into Swinemunde, Prussia.

Lightning Kills Militiaman.

NEWCASTLE, Del., July 31.—Lewis F. Wagner, a member of Company C of the 10th Cavalry, was struck and instantly killed by lightning during a severe storm which passed over the encampment of the organized militia of Delaware last night. Four other militiamen were badly shocked and a large number of tents were blown down. Wagner, who was a reporter for the Wilmington Morning News, had enlisted only a few days ago.

RUSS EVACUATION OF WARSAW IS ON, SAY TESTON FLIERS

800,000 Inhabitants of City Flee With Food and Household Articles.

SITUATION PERILOUS FOR THE CZAR'S FORCES

German Entrance of Lublin Cuts Off One Avenue of Retreat From Poland.

PETROGRAD ADMITS LOSSES

Front Pierced by Foe at Radomka on Vistula and Passage of the Vievprz Also Is Forced.

LONDON, July 31.—German aviators returning to their lines after a flight over Warsaw, reported that they clearly saw the Russian troops evacuating the Polish capital, marching toward the east, says a dispatch received today by the Geneva, Switzerland, Tribune, from Innsbruck.

Austro-German Cavalry Have Entered Lublin. Official Announcement to This Effect from Vienna, Supplementing German Claims of Last Night that the Russian Grip Along This Southern Front Had Been Broken, Indicates that the important Lublin-Chelm railway now is strongly held by the invaders, cutting off one line of retreat for the Russian forces in Southern Poland.

Meantime Gen. von Buelow continues his drive toward Vilna, seeking to cut the northern railway from Warsaw to Petrograd, and the predicament of the Russian armies seeking to withdraw intact from Warsaw, unless the main forces already are out of the district, becomes more perilous.

Warsaw's 800,000 inhabitants, laden with such household articles and supplies of food as they can carry, are fleeing the city toward the east, and every dispatch from Russia makes guarded reference, though quite colorless, to some phase of the evacuation of its abandonment, which even now may be a fact, has not been forthcoming, however.

Russian Lines Pierced.

While Austro-German assaults have been repulsed at several places along the Lublin line, quick action on the Russian official statement issued last night at the headquarters of the general staff that the Russian front has been pierced at important points. One is at Radomka, on the Vistula, where pontoons were in use in crossing. A second is at Vievprz, where the Russian front was pierced at the southwest end of the fortress of Kovno in the province of Kovno.

Problem Becomes Acute.

The problem for the Russians to hold their wings north and south of Warsaw is acute, the center retreats becomes more acute.

Difficult Retirement.

The military correspondent of the Times, discussing the possibilities of disaster to the Russian armies in retirement, says that "it will be a difficult retirement."

The security of the whole line, continues the Times report, "depends upon whether Gen. von Buelow can be prevented from forcing a passage of the Sventra river (Kovno province), or its forty-mile front and marching on Kovno and whether, at the same time his cavalry masses can be prevented from cutting up the communications farther afield. The natural course would be for Grand Duke Nicholas to reinforce the front at Vievprz and at the Sventra river and end the northern menace. If he does not Gen. von Buelow will throw a ring of steel around the east bank of the Nemen, pass the 10th German Army Corps across and establish himself at Vilna and across the Russian communications.

Fair Chance of Success.

"There is a fair chance that the retirement may be successfully carried out, but the moment it begins all German armies will throw themselves upon the Russian rear guards like packs of wolves."

Germans May Be Content.

The Chronicle believes Germany will be content to allow the Russians to retire to a new line, meanwhile occupying a ring of steel around the newly captured positions. "It is possible," says the Chronicle, "that the Germans will not try to break through the ring of steel."