

WEATHER.  
Snow or rain this afternoon and to-  
night. Tomorrow cloudy; fresh north  
winds.  
Temperature for twenty-four hours  
ending 2 p.m.: Highest, 51, at 4 p.m.  
yesterday lowest, 33, at 7 a.m. today.  
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# GERMANY AND U. S. MAY BE FRIENDS, SAYS VON JAGOW

## Kaiser Always Has Worked to Better Relations, Foreign Minister Declares.

### CONDITIONS REQUIRE CONTINUED GOOD WILL.

#### Reports of Teutonic Anti-American Policy Consequently Held Absurd.

#### ADMITS BITTER FEELING Resentment Toward U. S. Has Grown Among Masses as Result of Alleged Sympathy With the Entente.

BERLIN, April 7, via London, April 8.—Recent press dispatches have brought word of statements in the Canadian parliament and Canadian newspapers that Germany was planning after this war to plunge upon the American continent, and particularly to demand cession to Germany of the Dominion of Canada. In a conversation with Herr von Jagow, minister of foreign affairs, the Associated Press correspondent referred to these rumors. The foreign minister's first reply was an outburst of laughter.

"How can people invent or believe such stories?" he asked. "To any one not entirely blinded by passion it is evident beyond doubt that Germany never pursued such senseless aims and never contemplated doing so."

#### Refers to Conquest of U. S.

"Can one imagine a state of affairs in Europe after the war when we should have the leisure or a free enough hand to divert our strength and efforts to such a task on the American continent?"

"Equally ridiculous, though unfortunately this phase has a serious side, are rumors which I understand here and there are current in the United States that Germany after the war will take revenge on the United States by pursuing an anti-American policy. It is even reported to me that some apprehensive souls in America foresee from victorious Germany an attempt to break down the Monroe doctrine, to plant the flag in Central America, or even a design to leap upon the United States, and crush them in order to attain world dominion."

#### Left U. S. With Free Hand.

"Again I would ask American doubters to remember the attitude of Germany during the Mexican crisis. Although extensive German commercial interests were involved, and although there was a strong demand for independent action to protect those interests during the Mexican crisis, the imperial government at all times stood for leaving the United States a free hand in its policy toward Mexico. The Washington government was not at any time left in doubt as to the attitude of Germany."

#### Foolish Talk of Revenge.

"Unfortunately, too, there are foolish persons among us who talk darkly and foolishly of 'taking revenge' upon the United States after the war for that attitude, but no responsible official takes or can take such a view. We shall have quite enough to do at home to safeguard our own position in Europe, heal the wounds of the war, restore our industry and business life at home and regain and build up our foreign trade, and after the war we shall be in a position to consider our traditional policy in regard to the American continent and taking on a new and powerful enemy across the Atlantic."

#### Interests Do Not Run Counter.

"The policy of a state cannot be dictated by sentiment, cannot afford to allow itself to be guided or swayed in its permanent form by temporary feelings of bitterness or resentment, but only by the permanent interests of the state."  
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# BITTER CLASHES IN RIGGS BANK CASE

## Motion for Bill of Particulars and Advance of Trial Argued.

### JUSTICE TAKES QUESTION UNDER ADVISEMENT

#### Court Promises Decision at the Earliest Possible Moment.

Clashes between counsel enlivened the presentation of arguments on a motion for a bill of particulars and for advance of trial the Riggs Bank case at the hearing today before Justice Sissons in Criminal Court No. 1. After nearly four hours of argument the case was taken under advisement by Justice Sissons, who said he would announce his decision as early as possible.

There were several sharp and bitter exchanges between Attorneys George P. Hoover, arguing for the motion in behalf of the defendants, and District Attorney Laskey, and between Frank J. Hogan of the counsel for the defendants and the Assistant District Attorney James B. Archer.

#### Called Baseless Lie.

Mr. Hogan defined this as an absolute and baseless lie, and stated that the affidavit was drawn by him, and that no more deliberate act was ever done by human hand.

In response Mr. Archer expressed regret at not being permitted in court to present what he characterized as "this billingsgate" in the usual way.

#### Had to Wait Month.

Mr. Hoover argued that when the attorneys for the defendants had asked for a bill of particulars, in order that the time of the court and counsel might be saved, they were given what was, in fact, a copy of records on the books of Lewis Johnson & Co., containing 322 items of transactions.

### Tomorrow

#### "THE 'MEXICAN DIVISION' OF THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE."

#### "THE GIRL WHO DIDN'T KNOW," a worth-while story, by ALICE MACGOWAN.

#### "SWISS MILITIA SYSTEM FURNISHES PREPAREDNESS WITHOUT A BIG STANDING ARMY," by STERLING HELIG.

#### "WHAT DUST MAY DO TO US," by H. ADDINGTON BRUCE.

#### "VETERANS OF THE MEXICAN WAR TELL OF BATTLES SOUTH OF THE RIO GRANDE."

#### "THE RAMBLER" writes of "THE OLD CABBERY HOUSE."

#### "WHAT THESE DANCES MEAN TO US"—a two-page spread of photographs.

#### "BORN A PEON, FRANCISCO VILLA CAME WITHIN A STEP OF CONQUERING MEXICO."

#### "TRAINING OFFICERS, TO COMMAND OUR FLEETS, AT THE NAVAL WAR COLLEGE."

#### "THE ONLY ORIGINAL SEWELL FORD," by WALT MASON.

#### "TEACHING TEN MILLION AMERICAN WOMEN THE VALUE OF PURE FOOD PRODUCTS."

#### "INDIVIDUALITY REIGNS SUPREME IN THE NEW SPRING FASHIONS FOR WOMEN."

#### "SHAKESPEARE'S NATIVE TOWN IS PREPARING TO CELEBRATE THE BIRTH OF ITS IMMORTAL SON."

#### "HOUSE-CLEANING," by DR. EDWIN F. BOWERS.

#### "SEWARD, 'THE NEW YORK OF ALASKA,' SELECTED AS TERMINUS OF NEW RAILROAD," by FRANK G. CARPENTER.

#### "JEFFERSON'S COLLECTION OF BOOKS IN THE LIBRARY OF CONGRESS."

#### "NEXT THURSDAY THE 173D ANNIVERSARY OF THE BIRTH OF THOMAS JEFFERSON."

### In The Sunday Star

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# HIGH FINANCE AND STRUGGLE FOR TRADE AFTER THE WAR.

International banking will play a large part in the economic alliances formed when the European war is over, writes Charles M. Pepper, and South America will be the field of battle for commercial supremacy. Read this article tomorrow in The Sunday Star.

# BACK ROOT FOR PURPOSE SOPER IS FOUND GUILTY

## New York Republicans Aim to Make Convention Delegation Factor in Conservatism.

According to information reaching republicans at the Capitol today, the credibility of which cannot be questioned, the action of prominent republicans in New York entering in the presidential race the name of Elihu Root has one purpose, namely:

#### Do Not Expect Root's Nomination.

It is not understood that the movers in this enterprise expect the nomination of Mr. Root. That they are sincere in wishing his nomination is undoubted, but the signers of the declaration are not men likely to cheat themselves playing solitaire, and while they would be ever so glad to see him nominated if they thought he could win at the polls, the understanding here is that they will first be intent upon tightening up the New York delegation to the end of nominating a man who may reunite the factions of the republican party.

#### ATTEMPTS TO SELL PASSPORT.

## Henry J. Gillis, Engineer, Arrested on Charges in New Orleans.

NEW ORLEANS, April 8.—Government agents last night arrested Henry J. Gillis, an engineer and saw filer, and are holding him pending further investigation of the attempted sale of an American passport to Russia issued to Gillis in April, 1914, for a period of two years.

#### President Abandons River Trip and Will Return Late This Afternoon.

President Wilson, who left last night on the naval yacht Mayflower for a week-end cruise, will return to Washington at once, arriving about 4:30 p.m. today. Snow and sleet were given officially as the cause for his return.

#### STILL WALKING IN TOLEDO.

## Street Walk and Union Officials Break Off Negotiations.

TOLEDO, April 8.—With prospects of settlement of the street car tie-up more remote than ever, thousands of persons walked to work this morning in a driving snowstorm. The final break in the conference between officials of the traction company and union officials came at 1 o'clock this morning. The company refused to concede three important points—the closed-shop policy, the right of the men to wear their union buttons while on duty and the privilege which the union demanded of reinstatement of men discharged by the company.

#### Sunday's Picture Section.

There will be another beautifully illustrated planographic section in Sunday Star. Views of the Soldiers' Home will be reproduced with surprising accuracy.

# U. S. MAILED TIED UP BY PROBLEMS OF STRIKE

## None Dispatched Over Blue- mont Division of Old Do- minion Road.

### TWO CARS IN COLLISION ON FALLS CHURCH LINE

#### Sympathizers of Striking Trainmen Suspected of Having Greased the Rails.

Solution of problems involving the transportation of Uncle Sam's mails was the feature of the complicated conditions caused by yesterday's strike of the unionized employees of the Washington and Old Dominion railway, which has resulted in an almost complete tie-up of the system.

#### Greased Rails Cause Crash.

Two cars on the Washington-Virginia railway, unionized trainmen on the Falls Church division of which struck Thursday, were involved at midnight last night in an accident at Nauck, Va. through the soaping of about a half mile of track at that point by unknown persons, and a motorman named Hollis was injured and taken to the Alexandria Hospital for treatment. It is thought that the greasing of the track was the work of sympathizers rather than of strikers themselves.

The soaped track was on a steep grade and allowed a car to run down and off the rails into a field and when another car went to try to pull it back they collided with some damage and the injury noted.

#### Trying to Get Men.

Service remains today as the strike left it yesterday, practically non-existent. Only one train came in today and none departed. Superintendent Emmert said today that the company is trying and will continue to try to get men to run its cars and to render such other service possible under present conditions.

#### Numbers Greatly Exaggerated.

Conditions on the Washington-Virginia road are about the same today as yesterday. The Alexandria division is unaffected by the strike and is running without a hitch; the other nearly so, with cars coming in a little behind time. Pickets wearing strike placards were on duty at every station of the Falls Church division last night and today. The number of men being employed by the road in order to offset the strike. One of the officials has stated that the company now has more men than it needs to maintain service.

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#### New Line of Communication.

SAN ANTONIO, Tex., April 8.—Faced by the apparent hopelessness of getting permission to ship stores over Mexican railroads to the troops in Mexico, and recognizing the inadequacy of the present system of supply, army officers at Maj. Gen. Funston's headquarters here virtually were convinced today that some alternative would have to be found.

Two or three times the number of troops now operating in Mexico are provided, the maintenance of the present line of communication that winds its circuitous length from Columbus to Satevo, some 800 miles, could be maintained, but unless the punitive force is

# PERSHING'S TROOPS ON A FRESH TRAIL OF FLEEING BANDIT

## News Is Brought to Headquar- ters of Expedition by an Aerial Scout.

### REPORT LOCATES OUTLAW IN ENVIRONS OF PARRAL

#### Villa Said to Have Sent Emissaries to Test Spirit of the Garrison.

#### TRANSPORT PROBLEM GROWS

#### Army Officers Discuss Possibility of New Motor Route From Pre- sido, Texas, Via Chi- huahua to Satevo.

#### EXPEDITIONARY FIELD HEADQUARTERS SOUTH OF NAMIQUIPA, April 5, by aro- plane and wireless to Columbus, N. M., April 8.—That the American troops are on a fresh trail of Villa is a report made by an army aviator and an observer who re- turned today from what may prove one of the most important scouting flights of the campaign.

The entering of new territory in the chase is the consummation of a plan which Gen. Pershing and his staff have had under way for several days, but for which more definite reports were necessary than those available. It was this information the aviators were sent to get.

Reports brought by the aviators showed that somewhere south of Satevo a cavalry column is riding a thrilling ride, which may equal in importance that upon Guerrero of Col. Dodd's command. The men are sparing neither themselves nor their horses.

#### Villa Reported at Parral.

EL PASO, Tex., April 8.—Information from Mexican sources today said that Villa had reached the environs of Parral and had sent emissaries into the town to test the spirit of the garrison and also to obtain provisions. No verification of the report was possible, but the fact that the bandit was reliably reported to have been only 150 miles from Parral two days ago gave color to the story.

This information served at least to act as a considerable damper on the hope of those who thought that the bandit's career might be ended by another brilliant dash on the part of the American troops who have pushed south to Satevo.

Army officers here say that a reputation of Col. Dodd's exploit was hardly likely in view of the great distance of the advance corps from the nearest supply base, unless Villa was within fifty or sixty miles of the Americans. If he has reached Parral it is said that the chase must settle down into a steady grind with the issue to be decided as an endurance test between the United States soldiers and the bandit.

#### Numbers Greatly Exaggerated.

While there is no question that there are considerable numbers of Carranza soldiers concentrated at various points within twenty miles of the Sonora and Chihuahua line, there is equally no doubt that their numbers have been greatly exaggerated by the alarmists.

No exact estimate is possible, as the troops are constantly shifting from town to town, but Americans who have passed through the Carranza lines and Chihuahua in the last two weeks are convinced that the total is not more than 10,000 men, possibly 8,000. Gen. Cles, in Sonora, has between 4,000 and 5,000 men, with some artillery. In northern Chihuahua there is apparently a slightly larger number, scattered over a very large district.

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A number of employees of the road are deputy sheriffs under the government of Virginia, and other such county officials are looking out for the interest of the road at various points along the line.