

WEATHER. Fair and slightly cooler tonight. Tomorrow, fair; moderate west to north-west winds, becoming variable.

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GERMANS DRIVING HARDER THAN EVER ON VERDUN FRONT

Following Success at Hill 304. They Launch Attack in Early Morning.

MET A SEVERE REPULSE. IS CLAIM MADE BY PARIS

Artillery Preparation Described as Most Terrible Yet Experienced in the War.

BOTH SUFFERING SEVERELY

Belief Expressed That Crown Prince Is Making a Supreme Effort to Break Through to Verdun.

LONDON, May 9.—What seems to be the most determined effort yet made by the crown prince's army to break through and capture Verdun, is now in progress.

After their initial success at Hill 304, and between Douaumont and Haudremont, however, the Germans have failed to make progress, according to Paris, which announces the complete repulse on Hill 304 at 3 o'clock this morning.

More French Trenches Taken.

BERLIN, May 9, via London, 3:27 p.m.—The capture of several French trenches on the Verdun front south of Haucourt was announced by the war office today.

Reports Repulse of Germans.

PARIS, May 9, 12:15 p.m.—After a violent bombardment of the French positions on Hill 304 on the Verdun front the Germans attempted an advance at 3 o'clock this morning.

French Machine Guns Deadly.

The latest assaults of the Germans on the defenses of Verdun have served to demonstrate the high pitch of efficiency to which the French have brought the use of the machine guns.

Losses Over 30 Per Cent.

It is said that a Prussian division, which was engaged on Sunday on the Haudremont-Thuillot farm—Douaumont fort line, lost more than 30 per cent of its effectives.

proceeding foreshadows fresh attacks on both banks of the Meuse.

The fighting may even be extended to the Woivre plateau as the German artillery was redoubting its fire there last night.

RIGGS BANK CASE HEARING BEGINS

U. S. Attorney Presents Government's Charges Against the Indicted Officials.

STATEMENT FOR DEFENSE BY J. B. STANCHFIELD

Number of Changes Made in the Jury Before Panel Is Completed.

Surprise Sprung as Jury in Riggs Case Is Locked Up

The jury in the Riggs Bank case has been locked up. This was a big surprise at the closing of the morning session of court.

The deputy marshals were sworn to take charge of the jury during the pendency of the trial, and they obligated themselves to see that no outside influences were allowed to reach the jury.

John B. Stanchfield, former Governor of New York, this afternoon is making the opening statement for the defense.

The opening statement for the defense of officials of the Riggs National Bank, indicted individually and jointly on the charge of perjury.

U. S. Attorney's Statement.

United States Attorney John E. Lasky immediately began the opening address for the government, which he closed shortly before noon.

HOW IS YOUR BABY?

In a recently completed survey throughout the United States, a section of an American city was visited by the census taker.

BAN ON "AMERICAN LEGION"

Order by Canadian Government Based on Request from Washington.

THE EVENING STAR INFORMATION BUREAU.

Washington, D. C.

WANTING TO HEAR FROM BERLIN NOW

Administration Officials Standing on the Last Note to Germany.

SINKING OF THE CYMRIC IS NOT TO BE NOTICED

Attack on White Star Liner Without Jurisdiction of U. S.—Secretary Lansing Explains.

Officials of the administration, although not disposed to discuss the questions of the relations between the United States and Germany, in its present aspect, are awaiting today with considerable interest to hear how the latest note of President Wilson's reply will be received.

Secretary Lansing Explains.

In making public the note to Germany Secretary Lansing issued the following statement on the subject:

Standing for Treaty Rights.

"While our differences with Great Britain cannot form a subject of discussion, it is our policy to stand for the rights of treaty-making nations.

DU PONTS MAKE DENIAL.

Not Interested in Gold Mining Activities Near Great Falls, Is Claim.

That the du Pont Powder Company of Wilmington, Del., is not back of the development that has been in progress for several months at Great Falls and that the company is not interested in any way in the gold mining activities on the Maryland side of the falls are statements contained in a communication from the company's publicity department to The Star.

50 TO 100 MEN REPORTED KILLED IN EXPLOSION

LAKE HOPATCONG, N. H., May 9.—It is reported that three buildings of the Atlas Powder Company of this place were destroyed by an explosion at noon.

MAY CONTROL SPEED LAWS.

Bill Proposes Commissioners Have Complete Authority.

A bill to put the control of automobile speed in the hands of the Commissioners of the District of Columbia was reported today from the House District committee.

BAN ON "AMERICAN LEGION"

Order by Canadian Government Based on Request from Washington.

TORONTO, Ont., May 9.—Americans who have enlisted for army service in Europe are denied the use of the name "American Legion" under instructions received here from the dominion government authorities at Ottawa.

Venezolas Wins in Greek Election.

ATHENS, via London, May 9.—Candidate Premier Venizelos, who was a contender for the chamber of deputies for Mytilene, headed the poll by a large majority in the elections held Sunday.

Swiss Want Suessex Indemnity.

BERN, Switzerland, via Paris, May 9.—The Swiss government has decided to demand indemnities from Germany for the Swiss victims of the Sussex, two persons of Swiss nationality were killed, while others lost all their baggage.

British Schooner Is Sunk.

BREST, France, May 9.—The British four-masted Galette of Liverpool was sunk by a submarine Saturday night.



Eight Americans Overpower Captors and Take Prisoners

Men Are on Way Back to Border, Bringing With Them Three Mexican Bandits Participating in Raid at Glenn Springs.

THIRTY DROWNED AS LAKE SHIP SINKS

Ore Steamer S. R. Kirby Breaks in Two During Storm on Superior.

SAULT STE. MARIE, Mich., May 9.—Twenty persons were drowned when the steamer S. R. Kirby of the Northwestern Transportation Company of Detroit and Cleveland broke in two during a storm on Lake Superior yesterday and sank.

German Submarine Takes British Sailors From Norwegian Branch.

BERLIN, via London, May 9.—A German submarine on April 22 held up the Norwegian bark Pestalozzi, which was then in charge of a British prize crew, made prisoners of the prize crew and after an examination released the bark to proceed to its destination.

PEACE TALK NOT TAKEN SERIOUSLY BY BRITISH

Allies Determined to Push War to Conclusion, London Press Declares.

LONDON, May 9.—The London newspapers refuse to accept seriously the peace talk which has followed publication of the German note to Washington.

STOPPANI GOES TO SING SING.

New York Broker Sentenced for Stealing Client's Money.

NEW YORK, May 9.—Joseph H. Stoppani, a broker and former member of the Consolidated Stock Exchange, has been sentenced by the supreme court to from two to four years in Sing Sing prison for grand larceny.

Denies Red Cross Flag Abuse.

LONDON, May 9.—The British admiralty denies that the British and French have transported Serbian troops on hospital ships in fear of submarines.

Americans on Casualty List.

OTTAWA, May 9.—James Crocker of Detroit, Mich., and Alvan S. Stanton of Flint, Mich., are reported killed in action in a casualty list of the Canadian overseas forces.

Bombs Dropped on Port Said.

LONDON, May 9.—A Reuter's dispatch from Cairo says that two hostile aeroplanes dropped eight bombs on Port Said Monday morning.

PRESIDENT CALLS OUT MILITIA AS RESULT OF CRISIS IN MEXICO

National Guard of Texas, Arizona and New Mexico Ordered to Patrol Border.

SCOTT AND FUNSTON REPORT BRINGS OUT 7,000 MORE MEN

Quick Action by War Department Taken Because Information From Army Men Indicates Return of Glenn Springs Raiders Is a Probability.

President Wilson has called out the militia of Texas, Arizona and New Mexico to deal with the border situation.

A message from Maj. Gen. Scott at El Paso reached the War Department early today and Secretary Baker dispatched a reply to it immediately.

Special Agent Rodgers at Mexico City today telegraphed the State Department that Gen. Carranza had indicated his approval of the tentative border protocol, which has practically been concluded by Gen. Scott and Gen. Obregon.

SECRETARY BAKER'S STATEMENT.

Secretary Baker today issued the following statement regarding the use of the militia:

"The outbreak in the Big Bend district of the Rio Grande has so far further emphasized the danger of similar occurrences along our long border that the President has called out the militia of Arizona, New Mexico and Texas, and directed them to report to Gen. Funston, who will assign them to stations along the border, for patrol duty."

Secretary Baker said the militia of the three border states would make available about 4,000 men.

THREE MORE REGIMENTS OF REGULARS.

In addition, three regiments of regular infantry were today ordered to the border. These regiments were the 30th Infantry, now at duty at Plattsburg, N. Y.; the 3d Infantry, at Madison barracks, divided between Watertown and Oswego, N. Y.; the 21st Infantry, one located at Fort Lawton, near Seattle, Wash., and one at Spokane, Wash.

The total additional force sent to the border under these orders, including both regulars and militia, is approximately 7,000 men.

Secretary Baker announced also that published reports that the raid upon Glenn Springs had been organized on the American side of the line, according to Mexican reports, had been telegraphed to Gen. Funston, that he might investigate.

Both Asked for More Troops.

Secretary Baker said the orders sending more troops to the border were made upon the joint recommendation of both Gen. Scott and Gen. Funston and were of great significance in connection with the Scott-Funston conferences. Regarding the Obregon conferences Secretary Baker said that Gen. Scott was awaiting a communication from Gen. Obregon further details of the conferences.

Almost Entire Mobile Army Out.

With the dispatch of the four additional regular regiments to the border, practically the entire mobile army of the United States, with the exception of five troops of cavalry and a battalion of engineers, is either mobilized upon the border in Mexico or en route there or in Mexico. The remainder of the infantry and cavalry is on foreign service in Alaska.

Acted Under Dick Law.

The National Guard is ordered out under the Dick law, authorizing their use anywhere in the United States, but not beyond the border. Under that law every man enrolled in the regiments who are beyond the border was contentedly in the federal service as volunteers and service would be optional with the men.

Senators Pleaded for Action.

President Wilson's action in calling for the National Guard of Mexican border states and ordering further regular troops to reinforce the border protection came as gratifying news to the border states. It is just the assurance for the enforcement of the administration's Mexican policy.

Militia Called Totals 4,989.

The grand total enrollment of this force in October, 1915, according to these figures, was 295 officers and 4,670 men, all subject to compulsory service within the borders of the United States under their commissions and enlistment contracts.

Militia Has Been Preparing.

Senator Catron of New Mexico also expressed approval of the action of the administration. His colleague, Senator Fall, who recently has returned from the border, is out of the border and is am earnestly recruiting for several weeks in anticipation of the excitement incident to the ordering out of the regiments for active service.

The disposition of the militia and of the young men from Texas, writing to a