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BIG GUN BATTLE NEAR BORDER FORCES CRISIS WITH MEXICO

Funston Warns Villa and Carranza to Keep Shells on Own Side, But Has No Authority.

Fatalities in Brownsville Believed Unavoidable If Matamoros Is Stormed—Appeal Sent Villa.

General Funston reported to the War Department today that both Villistas and Carranzistas were ready for an artillery fight for Matamoros.

They have been warned to allow no shells to fall on American territory, but it was said this was almost impossible to prevent if big guns were used.

The Brownsville situation is admittedly most serious.

The Villistas have sixteen field and many machine guns.

The Carranzistas have mounted twelve or fifteen field guns and thirty or more machine guns.

The United States is represented, on the American side, by the first squadron of the Third Cavalry, a machine gun troop and a field artillery battery, under Colonel Blockson's personal command.

APPEAL TO VILLA.

Acting Chief of Staff Bliss and Secretary Bryan conferred, and, while no news was given out, it was understood that representations had been sent to Villa to direct his attack on Matamoros from the west, so as to protect Brownsville.

His hands tied by lack of authority to enforce his warnings, General Funston today transmitted to the War Department a report showing that already two persons have been wounded in the streets of Brownsville, Tex., by stray shots from across the border.

General Funston has been instructed to warn both Mexican commanders that they must not fire across the boundary line. He so warned them before the fighting at Matamoros started on Saturday. He was not, however, authorized to make any threats if the warnings were disregarded.

"We do not deal in threats," said Assistant Secretary of War Breckinridge today.

Man and Woman Shot.

Hardly had the fighting started across the line, than a Mexican man and a Mexican woman in Brownsville were killed by rifle bullets.

All that Funston has been instructed to do is to stand by his warnings. Similar warnings were used at Nacozari last fall, but it was not until fifty-three persons in the Arizona town had been wounded, eight of them fatally, some of them American troops, and the American commander had been permitted to train his guns on the Mexicans and threaten to fire, did the Mexicans consent to respect United States territory.

Secretary Bryan has made no arrangements for a similar agreement. He said today that the situation at Brownsville was not as serious as that at Nacozari. He said he had sent some more warnings to the Mexican commanders today.

Incidentally, the Secretary has received a report from an American consular officer in Brownsville which he is apparently inclined to credit. It is the report that there had been no firing from Mexican territory in American, but had been from Brownsville into Mexico. His report mentioned two persons wounded, and Mr. Bryan inferred that they were wounded in Mexican territory by the bullets from Brownsville.

No Reports.

Secretary Bryan denied today that he had received from the international relief committee at Mexico City a report regarding atrocities committed against Americans and other foreigners—including women—by the Zapatistas. He said he thought the international relief board had only reported regarding the food situation, which he said Provisional President Garza has promised to relieve. He would not make this report public, however. On the other hand, he admitted receiving a report from "certain persons" in Mexico City warning him that a certain other committee, made up of Americans, was about to report to Washington on certain alleged atrocities which were not authentic.

Dispatches from El Paso, referring to the international relief board report, purported to quote extracts showing where a Republican woman had been violated in the presence of her husband, who had been bound, and quoting an alleged affidavit by Mrs. Clara Moran Mariscal, daughter-in-law of a former ambassador from Mexico to the United States, in which she tells of a desperate struggle with Zapatista soldiers to protect her honor and that of her niece. A report, supposed to be the secretary of United States Consul John R. Sullivan.

Naval Court Will Make Prompt Probe of Loss Of U. S. Submarine F-4

Inefficiency in Rescue Work Rumored as Hope for Safety of Victims Is Given Up.

MAY NEVER BE RECOVERED

Acting Secretary Blue Cables For Details of Position of Wreck at Honolulu.

The Navy Department will order a court of inquiry in the case of the submarine F-4 which was lost off Honolulu harbor with Lieut. Alfred L. Ede and crew of twenty men.

The department will sift to the bottom various reports as to cause of the disaster and various stories that there has been inefficiency in the direction of the work of recovering the missing craft.

The court of inquiry will not be ordered until either the F-4 has been recovered or the effort to recover her has definitely proven futile.

Rear Admiral Blue, acting Secretary of the Navy Department, cabled Rear Admiral Moore today for information as to just where the submarine is and in what depth of water.

Recovery Is Doubtful.

Rear Admiral Blue said that if the submarine were in over 200 feet of water, it would probably be impossible to raise her. The diving record for the navy experts thus far, and this with a new type of apparatus which is being experimented with, is 274 feet. Three hundred feet might be reached, but if the vessel is farther down than that recovery is doubtful.

Thus, there is brought up the question whether the F-4 and the dead within her walls will ever be brought to the surface.

Under the Navy Department does find the truth about the disaster, the House and Senate Naval Committees are not likely to pass the matter without some strict inquiries at the next session.

Reports that there was a previous explosion on the F-4, and that she was not in fit shape to be sent on a submerged run have been heard. Navy officials at Honolulu deny that. That there was a previous explosion of some sort is admitted.

Cause of Disaster.

Coming on the heels of information which went to Congress last session concerning the utter unpreparedness of the submarines of the United States for duty, the disaster at Honolulu is giving Navy Department officials much concern.

Hope for saving the crew was abandoned three days ago. The most that is hoped for is to recover the vessel to learn as much as possible of the cause of her loss.

One unofficial report today said that there had been undue delay in getting the crane in readiness for the recovery of the submarine. This is without confirmation.

It is admitted at the Navy Department that the diving apparatus in use at Honolulu is not of the most modern type.

Rescue Fleet Renews Attempt to Salvage Sunken Submarine F-4

HONOLULU, March 29.—A small fleet of naval tugs, wrecking vessels of private salvage companies, and barges is participating in today's attempt to raise the sunken submarine F-4. All hope of saving lives of the twenty-one men aboard has been abandoned.

Naval experts refuse to predict how long it will take to raise the vessel, even far enough to recover the bodies. They declare untold engineering obstacles must be overcome. Some doubt if the vessel can be hoisted before tomorrow.

Certainty that the submarine has been located just outside the harbor, more than 200 feet below the surface, after almost three days had been spent on a false clue, spurred the rescue corps to renewed effort.

Passage of four days since the F-4 made her death plunge precludes hope of rescuing any survivors.

Parts of the submarine's conning tower and super-structure, raised by grappling hooks late yesterday afternoon, made it definitely known that the vessel had really been located.

CORONER TO HOLD "LOVE" CULT HEAD

Apostle's Wife Also Summoned to Appear in Inquiry Into Tanner Girl's Death.

ALLIANCE, Ohio, March 29.—Plans to release P. A. George, "Kingdom of God" cult leader, held in connection with the death of Amy G. Tanner, a convert, were stopped today when Coroner A. R. Douds ordered George held.

Douds issued a summons for the apostle's wife to appear today at Canton to testify at the inquest.

Douds today insisted that investigation into the girl's death shortly after her removal from the "brotherhood home" cult headquarters, be pushed to completion.

Chief of Police France had planned to release George today.



REAR ADMIRAL VICTOR BLUE.

NEW MAN SOUGHT IN CUMBERLAND CRIME

Mute's Testimony at Inquest Over Girl Would Be Interesting, Say Police.

CUMBERLAND, March 29.—The coroner's inquest into the death of Miss Margaret Mullan, aged thirty, daughter of William T. Mullan, retired line manufacturer, whose body was found in the back yard of a neighbor near her home yesterday, will be held tonight. Officers are looking for John Scherr, a traveling salesman from Baltimore, whose testimony might prove interesting.

Scherr, a mute, met the girl at the State institution for deaf and dumb at Frederick, Md., where both were pupils. There the girl learned to talk in sign language. Scherr called on her here several times, and wanted to meet her Saturday night, but she preferred to make no engagement, it is said.

In an envelope found with the girl's body were four film negatives. The envelope was one in which a communication had been addressed to Scherr from Baltimore. Miss Mullan's funeral will be held Wednesday morning.

Leroy Harden, the last known person seen with the girl Saturday night, has been locked up. The authorities are not satisfied with Harden's account of his movements after the murder, and he said he left the girl, nearly a mile from her home.

The girl probably was dead eighteen hours, and her body, the authorities believe, was tossed over the fence. Her shoes were badly torn. The heels of her shoes had been sunk deep in mud. One arm was squeezed into jelly. Her neck was broken and lungs congested.

It is thought that Harden himself was strangled and then tossed over the fence. Members of the Mullan family stated this afternoon that they wanted a full investigation of the movements of Harden, who is divorced. He had been forbidden the house. Harden is slightly deaf.

OBJECTS TO ANY CHANGE IN RULE 45

Mrs. Ellen Spencer Mussey Says She Will Oppose Allowing Mothers to Teach.

Advocates of the movement to throw open the doors of the public schools of Washington to married teachers struck an unexpected snag today in the opposition of a group of women who assert that such a stand will mean a set-back of the efforts here to obtain mothers' pensions.

Mrs. Ellen S. Mussey, lawyer, suffragist, and for six years a member of the Board of Education, sounded this warning, and gave that as one reason why she would oppose any change in "Rule 45."

Other prominent suffragists, it is understood, also oppose the effort on this ground, and, it was learned today, a knowledge of this opposition was the reason for the failure of the District Federation of Women's Clubs to take up the matter, as they were expected to do, on Saturday evening.

"It seems to me that we cannot consistently plead that the married woman should be allowed to teach and then go before Congress with another plea that she should be allowed to be freed of all work because her home and children require her entire attention," Mrs. Mussey explained.

While she always has been a defender of women's right to work, Mrs. Mussey said she believed that certain sorts of work, such as school teaching, demanded so much time that women cannot attend to that properly and also give proper attention to her home duties.

RAE TANZER, IN "CONFESSION," FREES OSBORNE

Young Woman Admits to District Attorney She Was Mistaken in Her Suit.

"OLIVER" STILL MISSING

Sudden Turn in Case After Accuser Appears With New Counsel.

NEW YORK, March 29.—A statement completely exonerating former District Attorney James W. Osborne, from charges that he promised to marry her, was made today, according to U. S. District Attorney Marshall, by Miss Rae Tanzer, plaintiff in the \$50,000 damage suit against Osborne.

She is said to have admitted that she was mistaken in identifying Attorney Osborne as the "Oliver Osborne" in her heart affair.

Miss Tanzer signed a waiver of immunity of criminal prosecution. She was closeted in Assistant District Attorney Wood's office to make a formal statement under oath.

A significant feature was that Miss Tanzer appeared with a new lawyer, Harold Spielberg, whom she says she had met since last Friday. Slide & Slide formerly handled her case.

It was understood that Miss Tanzer would immediately dismiss her damage suit against Attorney Osborne, but a new crop of criminal prosecutions were threatened by her change of front.

In preparation for the presentation of evidence, described as "new and startling," before the grand jury tomorrow, Assistant District Attorney Herberstein today ordered postoffice inspectors to remove the baggage of the elusive "Oliver Osborne" from his supposed boarding house.

The baggage, it was said, will be taken to the United States District Attorney's office. Several articles of wearing apparel, said to be contained in the trunks of the missing witness, will be presented before the grand jury in an effort to prove that "Dear Oliver" is not myth.

Will View Oliver's Duds.

Among these exhibits, it is said, will be the silver-headed cane and the gray suit which figured in the description given of "Oliver Osborne" by witnesses who appeared for Rae Tanzer at her hearing on the charge of using the hummingbird dye.

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H. M. CANTER NAMED PRESIDING ELDER

Appointment of Preachers for Washington Churches Announced at Conference.

The Rev. H. M. Canter, of Harrisonburg, Va., was appointed presiding elder of the Washington district for the M. E. Church, South, at the Baltimore Conference before its adjournment this afternoon.

He succeeds the Rev. E. V. Egester, of Alexandria, who resigned last week on account of ill health.

Two changes were made in local pastorates. The Rev. R. V. Switzer will succeed the Rev. R. L. Pultz at Epworth, and the Rev. E. L. Blakemore will succeed the Rev. W. P. Johnston at St. Paul.

ASKS POLICE ESCORT TO THE WHITE HOUSE

Alabamian Making Unusual Request at First Precinct Station Is Held for Observation.

"I'd like an officer to go to see President Wilson with me. I want to get a job," said a man who describes himself as Charles Brooke, forty years old, of Albertville, Ala., as he entered the first precinct police station on noon.

"I'm not going to the White House by myself," he declared.

Desk Sergeant earns interrogated the stranger, who asserted he had walked from his Alabama home to this city to see the President about a Government position.

Brooke was detained and sent to the Washington Asylum Hospital for observation. The police will communicate with the man's relatives.

GERMAN SUBMARINE TORPEDOES BIG LINER WITH 140 PASSENGERS

GUNS' ROAR SHAKES CONSTANTINOPLE AS RUSS ATTACK FORTS

Czar's Aeroplanes Drop Bombs on Moslem Capital as Fleet Bombards Bosphorus.

ALLIED SHIPS MAKE GAINS

Silence Batteries of Kalia Bahr, Guarding Narrows, and Shell Kilid Bahr.

LONDON, March 29.—The roar of hostile guns is shaking Constantinople. Russian shells are falling within twelve miles of the Sultan's palace. For the first time in history Islam's capital has been bombarded from the air.

Dispatches from Petrograd and Balkan points today report the Russian fleet again hurling shells against the Bosphorus defenses. The bombardment was resumed last evening. Russian aviators sped along the Bosphorus and dropped several bombs upon Pera, the residential section of the Ottoman capital. Part of the population is reported to have fled to the interior in panic.

An official statement from Constantinople, delayed in transmission, reached here today. It was filed yesterday afternoon and dealt only with the morning operations.

Russ Claim Hits.

"Early Sunday Russian warships shelled our guard ships at the Bosphorus at long range without doing any extensive damage," said the Turkish war office. "The bombardment lasted but a short time, and the enemy's squadron then steamed out of sight."

A semi-official statement from Petrograd today says: "Further aerial reconnaissances show that our guns did considerable damage in Sunday morning's bombardment of the outer forts and batteries of the strait our gunners scored hits. Our aviators have dropped bombs in the suburbs of Constantinople. The action is continuing."

A four-masted Turkish ship, which fled toward the Bosphorus when the Russian fleet approached, was sunk four miles from the Black Sea entrance, the Russian admiralty announced. Several Russian shells struck her almost instantaneously and she caught fire.

Turk War Vessels Retire.

While shells were still raining at her, she was shaken by an explosion, heeled over and went down. Her crew could be seen struggling in the water. Several boats put out from a Russian cruiser, but were subjected to a terrific fire from the Bosphorus batteries and were forced to withdraw, leaving the Turkish sailors to perish.

Turkish torpedo boats emerged from the Bosphorus when the Black Sea fleet (Continued on Second Page.)

U. S. AND ALEXANDRIA AT ODDS ON ARREST

Charges Against Officer at Fort Myer Cause War Department Action.

Because an Alexandria county constable arrested Second Lieut. Philip Thurber, of the Third Field Artillery, for alleged violation of a local ordinance, the Departments of War and Justice have set legal machinery in motion not only to procure the officer's release, but to test the rights of the State courts to arrest him.

Lieutenant Thurber, while commanding a battery of the Third Field Artillery in maneuvers on the country roads, was arrested on the charge of driving his horse on a sidewalk between Alexandria court house and Fort Myer.

In attempting to effect his release the point was raised that there was no sidewalk along the road, but that the county authorities had arbitrarily attempted to designate part of a country road as a sidewalk. Judge Cloth, before whom the case was heard, overruled this point.

The War Department then appealed to the Department of Justice and Special Attorney Herron was designated by Attorney General Gregory to fight the case, carrying to the United States Court of Appeals if necessary the question of the jurisdiction of State court authorities over United States army officers when in the performance of their duties.

Army officers not only at Fort Myer, but at other forts have been subjected to annoyance by coming in conflict with local ordinances, Attorney Herron said today, and the matter has never been taken to a higher court for decision. The case will be heard by Judge Cloth at Alexandria tomorrow.

Roumania Firmly Neutral.

BREITLIN (The Hague), March 29.—Roumania has officially announced that she will maintain her neutrality, the Eucharist correspondent of the Frankfurter Zeitung wired today.

"Think and Will Peace" To End the War Urged

MONTCLAIR, N. J., March 29.—By thinking peace and willing peace the Montclair Peace Committee believes the people of the United States can bring about the end of war. The committee in an official pronouncement today says:

If we can all get into the habit of thinking peace and willing peace we shall hasten the end of war. Slavery entered on its last phase when literature began to bring home to men its horrors.

It may be significant that in the last two years a group of noteworthy peace dramas has been published by leading men of letters of the English-speaking world and by newcomers in the field of letters.

We commend these notable new dramas to the reading and consideration of individuals and organizations who in time of war desire to plan for peace.

VON KLUCK WOUNDED; STRUCK BY SHRAPNEL

Commander of German Operations Near Soissons Slightly Hurt by Splinters.

BERLIN (via wireless to Sayville), March 29.—General Von Kluck, noted German army commander, has been slightly wounded, while inspecting the advanced position of his army.

He was struck by bits of shrapnel, the war office announces this afternoon, but his condition is satisfactory.

Since the retreat from Paris, General Von Kluck has been in command of the German operations on the north bank of the Aisne near Soissons.

The German official statement did not state at what spot on the battle front he was wounded.

EITEL LIMIT THOUGHT TO BE DRAWING NEAR

It Is Believed Next Few Hours Will See Important Move by German Cruiser.

Intimations were strong today that the next few days will see an important move by the German converted cruiser Prinz Eitel Friedrich. It is accepted here that the time limit given her in which to leave or intern is rapidly approaching. But under orders direct from President Wilson officials refuse to discuss the situation in any way.

The battleship Alabama is expected off the cape late today. Her duty will be to enforce neutrality. While officials profess not to fear an invasion of American waters by British and French warships in an attack on the Eitel, they frankly state that this government is taking no chances. The presence of the Alabama with her battery of 12-inch guns, is expected to be more of an obstacle than all the diplomatic notes that might be framed.

Secretary Daniels before leaving for Annapolis today, said: "We will maintain the strictest neutrality at Newport News and will protect the Eitel so long as she remains within our territorial waters. So far as her present status is concerned, there is nothing to be made public at this time."

Egg-Rolling Regulations Announced for Monday

The same regulations obtaining last year will govern the annual egg rolling on the White House lawn next Monday. In making the announcement today the War Department gave notice that the egg rolling will also be allowed at Rock Creek park as usual.

Families with children will be permitted to use the south lawn of the White House and during the period of the egg rolling the children will be given first consideration in all police regulation. The usual band music will be furnished.

French Win Fresh Battle in Alsace; Admit German Gain

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EIGHT PERISH AS SHIP GOES TO BOTTOM NEAR PORT

British Admiralty Reports Loss of African Liner Falaba Off Milford Haven.

SECOND STEAMER IS HIT

Aquilla Attacked, and Captain and Crew Landed at Fishguard.

LONDON, March 29.—The African liner Falaba, carrying 140 passengers, was torpedoed off Milford Haven yesterday afternoon, the admiralty announced today.

CAPTAIN REPORTED DEAD.

She is the first big passenger-carrying liner to fall victim to German submarine attacks. Eight of her passengers and crew were drowned.

The others were landed at Cardiff today.

Captain Toft, of the Falaba, and an unnamed lieutenant, are reported among the dead in a message to the Elder company, owners of the Falaba, this afternoon, though a message signed "Toft" had been received earlier.

A steward and stewardess were also drowned.

Confirmation of the report of the torpedoing of the Falaba reached the admiralty a few minutes after the word that the British steamer Aquilla had been torpedoed off the southwest coast of Wales.

SUBMARINE WAS BUSY.

The Aquilla was attacked within fifty miles of the spot where the submarine shot her torpedo against the big liner. Her captain and twenty-two men of her crew were landed at Fishguard.

The admiralty believes that the same submarine torpedoed the Aquilla and Falaba and sent the Vosges to the bottom on Saturday by shell fire.

BOATS ARE SWAMPED.

The Falaba, owned by the Elder line of London, was bound for the west coast of Africa. Shortly after noon Sunday, Captain Toft sighted the periscope of a submarine off Milford Haven. Almost immediately the submarine heaved above the surface and signaled the Falaba to lower her boats.

"The passengers, or most of them, were in the dining room," said one of the survivors. "Orders were given for the boats to be lowered, but before this could be done the submarine shot a torpedo against the ship, striking near the engine room."

"A heavy sea was running and three of the first boats put over were swamped and their occupants thrown into the water. The other boats, in spite of the danger of their being capsized, rowed to the aid of those struggling in the water."

"Meanwhile the submarine was circling around the spot without making any effort to aid. I saw part of the submarine's crew actually laughing at us. The submarine finally dived and disappeared."

"Within an hour or more other boats came to our aid, among them the steamer Dunedea. Aside from the eight bodies picked up, I do not know any other casualties, but it is possible that others lost their lives."

The Falaba was a 4,000-ton liner, 380 feet in length, and was built in 1906. She was one of the largest of a fleet of liners engaged in the African service.

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