

FRENCH GAINS REPULSE TEUTONS NEAR VERDUN

Germans Are Driven Eastward After Heavy Bombardment.

ARTILLERY DUEL STILL CONTINUES

British Navy Shells Vurla, Causing Greece to Enter a Protest.

WAR MINISTER RESIGNS.

Paris, March 16.—General Josef Simeon Gallieni, minister of war, has resigned because of ill-health and General Charles Rogue has been appointed to succeed him.

When a new French cabinet was formed, October 29, 1915, under Aristide Briand, General Gallieni became minister of war.

There has been considerable discussion of the war department in the French parliament, some of the deputies and senators aiming to limit the control of the war minister and General Joffre over military affairs.

London, March 16.—Repulse at the hands of the French again has been the net result of a German infantry attack launched after a heavy bombardment against French positions at Le Mort Homme, northwest of Verdun.

The attack at Le Mort Homme constituted the only infantry maneuver along the entire French front, but from Belgium to the Vosges, artillery on both sides has been active at numerous points.

Artillery Keeps Up Duel. In the Argonne forest, the French guns still are shelling the German positions northwest of the road from Varennes and German batteries near Mont Faucon.

The Italians continue strongly on the offensive against the Austrians on the Isonzo front, especially on the Podgora sector, and southwest of San Martino.

Both Austrians and Italians lay claims to successes around San Martino. The Austrians assert that an Italian attack in this sector failed, and that the Italians left numerous dead on the field.

Reports have been received from Athens that British warships have bombarded the open town of Vurla, near Smyrna, of which the inhabitants are nearly all Greeks.

ASIATIC CHOLERA IN BELGRADE. London, March 16.—Asiatic cholera has broken out at Belgrade, according to an Athens dispatch to the Exchange Telegraph company.

STOLE HUGE SUM. Stockholm, March 16.—Robbers today killed the cashier and a woman clerk at the branch of the Arbetarfinans bank, and escaped with 160,000 kroner.

RECALLED TO COLORS. London, March 16.—Portuguese soldiers on leave of absence have been recalled according to a dispatch from Laureno Marques, Portuguese East Africa.

NEW WIRELESS DEVICE. Washington, March 16.—The navy department, it was announced today, has installed a wireless direction finder at the naval radio station at North Truro, Mass.

Cummins Is Ahead of Estabrook

Pro- and Anti-Lynch Men Hold Center of Stage in Minnesota Election.

St. Paul, March 16.—The sensational close race for democratic delegates at large had the center of the state today in state political circles where returns were being gathered on Minnesota's primaries of Tuesday.

Cummins Leads Estabrook. The republican figures today from 892 outside precincts and Minneapolis and St. Paul, practically complete, show 23,240 votes for A. B. Cummins and 5,317 for Henry D. Estabrook.

ADMINISTRATION RESPONSIBLE FOR MEXICAN EMBROGGLIO

Senator Lodge Delivers Speech at City of Lynn, Massachusetts.

TAX AND TARIFF LEGISLATION BAD

Lynn, Mass., March 16.—The administration at Washington was criticized severely tonight by Senator Henry Lodge in an address during which he announced himself a candidate for re-election.

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Torpedo in 30 Feet of French Liner

American Consul Will Make Full Statement of Affair for United States.

New York, March 16.—The French steamer, Patria, of the Fabre Line, carrying among its passengers, 29 Americans, including one American consul, was attacked without warning by a submarine off the Algerian coast March 1.

BEARDED BANDIT IS ARRESTED

Minneapolis, Minn., March 16.—Local police today announced receipt of a message from the Los Angeles, Cal., police, telling of the arrest and conviction there of Clifford D. Weyre, who was known here as the "Bearded Bandit."

LINER SINKS; CAUSE NOT DISCLOSED

Believed Craft Was Torpedoed; Americans on Board Are Saved.

DISTRESS SIGNALS PROVE EFFECTIVE

Relief Craft Arrive in Time to Rescue Crew and Passengers.

London, March 16.—The Holland-Lloyd passenger steamer, Tubancia, sank early today off the Nord Hinder lightship, as the result of striking a mine or an attack by a submarine.

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TROOPS MOVE TO DESTINATION; NO OPPOSITION

All Border Town Are Scenes of Great Military Activity.

AEROPLANE SQUADRON PREPARES FOR FLIGHT

Some Americans, Alarmed Over Safety, Are Leaving Danger Zone.

Columbus, March 16.—While most of the reports reaching here unofficially today from the Mexican border indicate that the American troops in Mexico were unmolested in their advance, there also were reports that a few snipers had been encountered.

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Plow Way Over Desert Sand--Word

Only Report of Troops' Movements Given to Press by General Funston.

San Antonio, Texas, March 16.—Somewhere south of New Mexico, perhaps 20 miles, and possibly a greater distance, General Pershing and the divided forces he is commanding are in camp tonight.

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MORMON SCOUTS GUIDING PARTY THROUGH MEXICO

Our Cavalry May Engage Mexicans at Any Moment Now.

START MADE EARLY WEDNESDAY MORNING

Weather Conditions Ideal for an Expedition of This Kind.

El Paso, March 16.—The Seventh and Tenth cavalry, said to be advancing into Mexico by forced marches from Culbertson's ranch near Habita, N. M., were nearing the Villa territory in the Cazaz Grandes region today, according to the most reliable information that could be obtained here.

These troops are reported to be marching with the minimum of equipment and to be guided by Mormon scouts from the Mormon colony at Colonia Dublan and Colonia Morales.

Distance 85 Miles. From their point of departure the distance is 85 miles to Cazaz Grandes and the start was made early yesterday morning.

Definite information that the Mormon settlement with their 500 American men, women and children, were safe and unmolested was brought here today by Daniel Hurst, son of R. H. Hurst, the Mormon bishop-resident here.

According to Mr. Hurst, Villa has almost 400 men, some of whom are wounded. He said also that it was not believed in the Mormon colony that the bandit chief had more than 500 men with him when he raided Columbus.

Intentions A Mystery. What the intentions of Villa are remained a profound mystery today.

Andres Garcia, the Carranza consul here, asserted today that from information in his possession he was satisfied that Villa had disbanded most of his men and intended to take refuge in the heart of the Sierra Madras with only three or four trusted companions.

"Thousands of men are not wanted to pursue Villa," said Consul Garcia. "He has no intention of fighting anyone, but will take refuge in the mountains, which he knows so well. He will be captured, I believe, when a price is put on his head."

A flat denial that there were any Carranza troops with the American expedition was made today by General Gaviira, the Carranza commander at Juarez.

Fresh troops have arrived at Juarez but the Mexican authorities could give no estimate of the number of men in the garrison there.

EMBEZZLER OF \$200,000 CAUGHT IN TEXAS. San Antonio, Tex., March 16.—Joseph Parsons Brown, wanted at Regina, Sask., on a charge of having embezzled between \$150,000 and \$200,000, was arrested here today by Charles Augustus Mahoney, superintendent of the Canadian province police, assisted by local detectives.

A \$2,000 reward was offered for Brown's arrest. Supt. Mahoney left here tonight with the prisoner. Joseph Parsons Brown was formerly chief clerk in the Saskatchewan highway department and was wanted by the authorities in connection with alleged graft in provisional road work.

NOT ACT OF GERMAN CRAFT. Washington, March 16.—Count von Bernstorff, the German ambassador, under instructions from his government, officially notified the state department today that no German submarine was concerned in the sinking of the Norwegian bark, Sillius, from which seven Americans were rescued.

FISH BOAT WRECKED. Prince Rupert, March 16.—The Pacific American Canning company's tender, Alba, which left Bellinham on Sunday for Alaska, was swamped off Rachel Island near here this morning.

All on board, with the exception of a deck hand named Christensen, are believed to have perished.

OFFICERS ON THE TEXAS BORDER STUDY MAP OF MEXICO



Colonel Gaston (center) and officers of the Sixth U. S. cavalry studying map of Mexico. These troops form a part of the punitive expedition into Mexico, and are here shown studying a map of the country through which they are to go.

Consular Agent Is Maltreated

Cleanthe Vassardakis, Representative of Greek Government Is Aggrieved.

San Francisco, March 16.—Cleanthe Vassardakis, consul general of Greece at San Francisco, announced today that he had made a formal protest to the Greek ambassador at Washington against treatment received at the hands of local courts and deputy sheriffs.

Vassardakis was confined to his bed today under the care of a physician as a result of his efforts to prevent the execution of a judgment against him.

"The treaty between the United States and Greece has been violated; consular papers and consular property have been removed from my office; my consular dignity has been outraged, and my constitutional rights have been violated," he declared.