

PRESIDENT WILSON READY TO WITHDRAW TROOPS FROM MEXICAN SOIL

GOVERNMENT WILL NEGOTIATE WITH CARRANZA

Administration Is Prepared to Abandon Pursuit Upon Certain Conditions.

MEANWHILE, STATUS REMAINS SAME

No Official Reports Have Been Received of the Parral Fracas.

Washington, April 15.—President Wilson has decided to inform General Carranza in response to his request for withdrawal of the American troops from Mexico that the United States will negotiate for an agreement along these lines:

"The United States government is willing to agree to fix a limit on the distance the American troops now in pursuit of Villa shall proceed into Mexico, and to make that limit not much further south than the troops already have proceeded."

Within Reasonable Time. The United States government is willing to give assurances that the American troops will be withdrawn "within a reasonable time," or as soon as it is definitely established that Villa has reached a point where he can be dealt with better by the Carranza forces.

Cabinet Considers Matter. The points, it became known tonight, were discussed fully at yesterday's cabinet meeting. The president's advisers are said to have agreed on such a course in the belief that it would make stronger the chances of capturing Villa. The report of General Carranza is said to be virtually completed and is expected to go forward in a very short time.

Meantime, the pursuit of Villa by the American troops will continue. Secretary Baker sharply outlined this today in a formal statement. "The status of the expedition into Mexico is as it was at the beginning in cordial co-operation with the de facto government of Mexico," he said. "That co-operation continues, and the expedition continues. There has been no change in the orders and no is a contemplation."

Need Carranza Troops. Secretary Baker and other officials laid stress on the fact that co-operation of the Carranza troops was regarded as an important element in the negotiations for an agreement with the de facto government will be conducted with the idea that such an agreement would strengthen Carranza at home, and at the same time make the task of capturing Villa easier.

An unconfirmed report today of a second attack on the Americans near Parral caused uneasiness in some quarters. Secretary Baker shares the hope that failure to receive an official report thus far indicates that the American commander considered the incident to be without any broad significance.

Reports Exaggerated. "I still hope," Secretary Baker said, "that reports of the Parral incident are exaggerated; that it will prove to have been local and accidental and that there will be no further consequences of any kind."

There are indications that the American note will contend that the present expedition is necessarily outside any such proposal as that suggested by General Carranza, since it had for its purpose the crushing of an organized and numerous force of bandits, not the pursuit and punishment of a marauding band of cattle thieves.

It is possible also that the American reply will lay stress on the fact that General Carranza himself has ascribed to Villa no other purpose in his border operations than to precipitate a clash between the United States and the de facto government.

PROTECTING LINE OF COMMUNICATIONS

Columbus, N. M., April 15.—Military reports reaching Columbus tonight tell of quiet prevailing along the American line of communication between here and Casas Grandes. Gen. Arnulfo Gomez command, the whereabouts of which have puzzled officers, was located today but nothing was revealed other than the Mexican forces are advancing in such a way as might menace the supply route. It was admitted here that all precautionary steps ordered by Gen. Funston to guard the line and meet any eventualities have been taken and detachments

SEAMEN READY TO STRIKE FOR WAR BONUSES

Owners Forced to Grant Salary Increases by the Union.

TEMPORARY SCHEDULE WAS FORMULATED

New York, April 15.—Action which was believed to be the forerunner of an effort to cause a general strike among seamen of all classes on ocean going steamships resulted here today in one vessel, the American liner, Mongolia, being delayed several hours in sailing, and another, the New York and Porto Rico liner, Brazos, being forced to anchor down the bay after leaving her pier.

When the vessels finally sailed, it was explained that a "truce had been offered," and that some of the demands of the strikers had been granted.

The demands of the seamen were printed in four languages: English, Spanish, Italian and Portuguese, and posted by the strikers on the Mongolia and Brazos. They were signed by the Atlantic division of the International Seamen's Union of America, an organization at the head of which is said to be Andrew Pureseth, who collaborated with United States Senator LaFollette of Wisconsin in drafting the new seaman's act.

In addition to a 25 per cent increase in wages, to be known as "a war risk bonus," applicable to all classes of seamen aboard vessels, demands of further increases in monthly pay were made.

JUDGE HANLEY'S DAUGHTER HURT

Boy Riding Bicycle Collided With Child and Injured the Little Girl.

Mandan, N. D., April 15.—Lewista, seven-year-old daughter of Judge J. M. Hanley, was seriously injured late Friday afternoon, when a boy speeding on the sidewalk near the Hanley home with his bicycle crashed into the little girl.

The boy was thrown from his bicycle and both boy and bike landed on top of the child. She was carried into the house and a physician called. No bones were broken, but the girl was badly bruised and a small cut was inflicted above the ear. She was taken violently ill after the accident. This morning, however, she had apparently recovered.

The police department of the city as a result of the accident, this morning issued an edict that bicycles must be kept off the sidewalks. "There have been numerous complaints of near accidents," said Police Commissioner M. S. Lang this morning, "and many riders have been warned personally. However, this seems to have done but little good and from now on the city ordinance will be strictly enforced."

"The police officers have been instructed to arrest any bicycle riders caught on the sidewalks.

"This law enforcement is also to be extended to the automobile drivers. In the past the city officials have been comparatively lenient with the motor car owners, but with the increased number of cars, the increased business and traffic occasioned by the growth of the city and country, we must enforce the laws." Mr. Lang continued: "Speeding on the streets of the city must be stopped, all automobiles must bear the state license number, and the use of the blinding headlights must also be done away with in the city. There is hardly a car which is not equipped with both glare headlights and dimmers, and to avoid accidents dimmers must be used in the city."

GROWING. Well, say subscription list is adding to itself every day. There isn't a day passes but what the number becomes larger. Look here: New Subscribers. January \$2 February 53 March 52 We can afford to lose a few. Can't we?

FORTY MEXICANS, TWO AMERICANS ARE KILLED

Soldiers Had Gone to Parral to Purchase Badly Needed Supplies.

ATTACK ON TROOPS WAS UNPROVOKED

Washington Relieved as Details of Fracas Become Available.

Washington, April 15.—The first official reports on the clash Wednesday at Parral reaching the war department late tonight from General Funston said two American troopers and 40 Mexicans were killed.

Secretary Baker made this announcement: "Telegrams from General Funston quoted a telegram from General Pershing to the effect that he had just received information of an unprovoked attack on American soldiers, who had entered Parral to buy supplies. His information is that two American soldiers and 40 Mexicans were killed, but no further details had been reported at the time."

General Pershing also reports that he had given full information to General Huerrero as to the position, direction and general destination of our troops pursuing Villa. He has sent by aeroplane for full particulars.

General Pershing's message, giving virtually the same information regarding the fight as previously had come from unofficial circles was regarded at the war department as dispelling sensational rumors magnifying the incident. The reference to General Huerrero, commander at Chihuahua was accepted as further demonstrating the extent to which the American and the de facto forces were co-operating. Although the message did not say so specifically, officials took it for granted that the attack on the Americans was made by civilians, since any hostile move by Carranza troops would have called for a definite statement from General Pershing to that effect.

ASHES OF R. H. DAVIS BURIED BESIDE PARENTS

Philadelphia, April 15.—The ashes of Richard Harding Davis, who died at his home in Mont Kisco, N. Y., last Thursday night, were buried in a cemetery here today, beside the graves of his parents. The services were conducted by an Episcopal clergyman, Charles Davis, a brother of the author, and his wife, and Dr. William H. Furness, of New York, accompanied the body to the grave. The body of Mr. Davis was cremated yesterday.

MEXICAN STATEMENT SAYS TROOPS WILL BE WITHDRAWN

Mexico City, April 15.—A statement is published here and is given credit by the Mexican people that the United States has announced its intention of withdrawing the troops now pursuing Villa. High officials of the government today expressed great pleasure at this, but neither General Carranza nor any members of his cabinet would discuss the matter officially. They desired to await official advices, they say, from the Mexican ambassador at Washington, Elias Arredondo.

Would Punish Nations Who Break Laws

Philadelphia, April 15.—The punishment of international law breaking nations by making them outlaws and breaking off trade relations with them was suggested here today by Dr. David Jayne Hill, former ambassador to Germany, and a member of the Permanent Administration Council to the Hague Tribunal. Dr. Hill was one of the two former ambassadors to Germany who spoke before the American Philosophical society on international law. The other was Charlemagne Tower of this city. Mr. Tower said conviction of war's utility and renewed confidence in the precept of international law were the chief intellectual gains to be hoped for as the result of the war.

FRENCH START OFFENSIVE IN VERDUN SECTOR

Launch Vigorous Attack in Region of Dead Man's Hill.

BATTALIONS ARE MOWED DOWN

Italian and Austrian Armies Have Taken Offensive at Various Points.

London, April 15.—That the French troops defending the fortress of Verdun have launched a vigorous attack in the region of Dead Man's Hill, on the west bank of the Meuse, was disclosed by the official report issued Saturday afternoon from the German army headquarters.

The attack followed violent artillery preparations and was directed against the German positions south of Corbeaux wood, in the Cumieres wood and on Dead Man's hill.

Mowed Down. Though line after line of French troops were mowed down, the German statement said, by the concentrated artillery and machine gun fire of the Germans, some French battalions succeeded in penetrating the Teutons position on Dead Man's hill. In gaining a footing there, however, Berlin declares, they were slain in bayonet fighting. Paris officially is silent regarding this battle.

Sharp Fighting

On the eastern front, sharp fighting is going on between Austrian and Russian forces, for position on the lower Strippa and the Diester river, in Galicia, and for others northeast of Czernowitz in Bukovina.

In the Italian theatre, the Italian and Austrian armies have respectively taken the offensive at various points on that front. Austrian troops straggled Italian positions at Mrzlivrh and claim to have beaten back several counter attacks, in which the Italians are said to have suffered heavy losses.

Captured by Submarine

The Austrians admit they were forced to evacuate a defenseless position south of Sperone, but claimed to have repulsed the Italian attacks in other sectors. In the operations on the water, four vessels figure in the news. The British steamship, Shenandoah, of 3,886 tons gross, and the German steamship, Hispania, have been sunk by mines. The Danish schooner, Proven, has been sunk by a German submarine at a point south of Stockholm, and the Danish steamer, Kasan, has been captured in the Cattegat by a large German submarine.

SEVENTIES AND EIGHTIES HAVE BIG TIME

Permanent Pioneer Association of 200 Charter Members Organized.

REELS, JIGS AND FIREMEN'S DANCES

Most Enjoyable Affair That Has Been Staged Since Pioneer Days.

The most thoroughly enjoyed of all the many good times which the Commercial club rooms have played the stage for this season was the reunion of Bismarck and Burleigh county settlers of the seventies and eighties, which came to a most successful close at midnight, this morning.

Between three and four hundred people responded to the call sent out by the executive committee to the sons and daughters of the seventies. The attendance, while no larger than that at the successful function held under the same auspices last fall, was more representative, in that there was a much larger delegation from the country.

Old Folks' Night.

It was "old folks' night," and the people of the seventies and eighties and their sons and daughters joined with glad abandon in firemen's dances, Dan Tuckers, Turkeys in the Stray, reels, jigs, quadrilles and dances of the good old days, which, strangely enough were found just a trifle more enjoyable than any of the new steps of the present. Fred Carsten's stentorian voice never appeared to better advantage than in calling the various figures, and his giddy toes contended with Pat Kelley's for the terpsichorean honors of the evening. Mrs. Dan Falconer of south of town was Mr. Kelley's partner in a very graceful and well-executed jig of a generation or two ago.

Permanent Pioneer Organization.

The organization of a permanent Pioneer Association of Burleigh County, Dakota Territory, with 200 charter members, was the first order of the evening. The constitution and set of by-laws presented by the committee named at last November's meeting were adopted unanimously, and there was named for its first year, without a dissenting voice, the following officers:

President—General E. A. Williams. First vice president—Mrs. R. R. Marsh. Second vice president—Mrs. Austin Logan.

Secretary—Mrs. Mary McLean. Assistant secretary—J. L. McDonald.

Treasurer—Austin Logan. Historian—Mrs. M. H. Jewell.

Closed With Song. The formal exercises closed with the singing of the following verses, composed by one of Bismarck's first white women, set to the tune of "Marching Through Georgia":

Here's to the good Old Timers, now they've come to join the band, Tried and true for forty years to this their chosen land, We are glad to get together, and we'll "stick" for evermore, With the Old Timers of Bismarck.

Chorus— Hurrah! Hurrah! Old Timers all are here, Hurrah! Hurrah! We bid you all good cheer, And may we meet together one and all of us next year, Here where we love to be in Bismarck. (Continued on Page Two)

WILSON STILL STUDYING HIS REPLY TO GERMANY ON SUBMARINE ISSUE

SENATE ADOPTS MEASURES TO AID GUARD

Two More Provisions to Federalize State Militia Win Out.

SENATOR BORAH IN BITTER ATTACK

Washington, April 15.—Two more provisions designed to strengthen the federal status of the National Guard were written into the senate army bill today. In the course of a debate, evidenced by charges that federal funds provided the National Guard in past years had been foolishly thrown away, and in some cases embezzled, the senate adopted amendments providing that all officers of the Guard above the rank of captain, be paid \$500 a year by the federal government, and that all guardsmen on enlistment be required to take an oath to obey orders from the president as well as the governor of their respective states.

The attack on guard officers for their use of federal funds was made by Senator Borah in a speech opposing the Reed amendment for federal pay. The Idaho senator declared the \$8,000,000 available annually for use of the Guard under Dick Militia law had been "shamefully" utilized by officers to the exclusion of enlisted men, and that some of it "had been embezzled." Senators Reed, Pomeroy and others defended the Guardsmen and the federal pay amendment was adopted 41 to 14.

To support his charge, Senator Borah cited the annual report of the war department on the expenditure of the militia fund.

Senator Reed introduced an amendment late today to provide schools to train young men as reserve officers for the army and navy.

ATKINSON ON ADVISORY BOARD

Daniels Makes Him a Member of Commission to Study Industrial Preparedness.

New York, April 15.—The names of 250 prominent engineers who are to organize state boards throughout the country to make a complete survey of American manufacturing and producing resources, as a first step toward industrial preparedness, were announced today by the committee on industrial preparedness of the naval consulting board.

The engineers have been appointed state directors by Josephus Daniels, secretary of the navy, after being chosen by five engineering societies, which have pledged their membership of thirty toward the movement.

The names in the northwestern states follow: North Dakota: T. R. Atkinson, Bismarck; Calvin H. McCrowth; John F. Stevens, University, Edwin F. Ladd, Fargo. Fifth unassigned. South Dakota: Bruce C. Yates, Allen J. Clark, William J. Sherwood, Leads; Wm. M. Davidson, Vermillion; B. B. Brackett, Brookings.

Other Crafts Are Sunk Without Warning by Submersible.

PRESIDENT AND LANSING CONFER

Interests of All Neutrals Are Held to Be Identical.

Washington, April 15.—While President Wilson and Secretary Lansing today were engaged in marshalling the accumulation of evidence that Germany, in her submarine warfare, had violated solemn pledges given to the United States, official word of two more shipping disasters, apparently due to illegal acts by German submarine commanders, was received at the state department. Consular dispatches indicated that the steamship, Margam Abbey, was attacked without warning on April 8, and that the Aberdeen was sunk by shell fire after the crew had been forced to the small boats, more than 100 miles from shore. Americans were aboard both ships and were endangered.

Cases Investigated. These two cases are being investigated and may be included in the American indictment of German methods of conducting submarine warfare, which it was understood tonight probably would be ready for transmission to Berlin early next week.

The president and Secretary Lansing devoted a large part of the day to the consideration of the submarine situation. It became known here tonight that the contemplated action of the United States, which is expected to bring the submarine controversy to a clear cut issue, is being watched closely by the diplomatic representatives of other neutral nations. The United States is taking into consideration the cases of many neutral vessels, which, while not carrying American citizens, have been sunk by German submarines. An investigation of these cases has been proceeding on the ground that it was only by chance American citizens were aboard the ship when disaster overcame them.

Furthermore, the interests of the United States and other neutrals are understood to be identical in some of the cases. Physician Dies From Self-Inflicted Wound. Philadelphia, April 15.—Dr. Downs, a retired physician and a widely known clubman of this city, died suddenly today from a bullet wound behind the ear, inflicted in the presence of his wife at their home near here. A member of the family denied a report that he had committed suicide, explaining that he met death accidentally while cleaning a revolver. He was said to have been in poor health, having recently returned from a health resort in the central west. Dr. Downs married Miss Phoebe McKean, widely known in social circles in New York and New England. He was about 50 years old, and was quite wealthy.

PARSHALL CLUB ADVERTISES TOWN

Sends Out Neat Folder With List of All the Many Business Enterprises There.

The Parshall Commercial club has been gathering statistical matter about that place and vicinity and have also prepared a neat bulletin, which is being mailed out to the various commercial clubs over the state, newspapers and to prospective settlers. The statistical matter covers a wide range and the way it is being tabulated makes the reader desirous of locating in so desirable a place as Parshall. One fact is that Parshall farmers marketed over 1,000,000 bushels of grain in 1915; it has three churches; has electric lights; is incorporated; has consolidated schools, and is a great livestock shipping center. Also, it is a point from which many of the homesteaders enter the reservation lands to make their entries on Uncle Sam's domain.

DICKINSON CHOICE OF TEACHERS

Glen Ullin, N. D., April 15.—Dickinson was selected by the Missouri Slope Education association as the place for the next annual meeting, at the convention just held here. Several cities were in competition for the meeting, but Dickinson had a handsome majority. P. S. Berg, superintendent of the Dickinson schools, was elected president of the association; H. K. Jensen of Mandan, vice president; C. E. Ward of Dickinson, secretary and treasurer, while Miss Lela Vail of Manning is the member of the executive board.

RUNAWAY TEAM HURTS CHILD

Four-Year-Old Daughter of Conrad Run Down in Streets.

Anamosse, April 15.—The little four-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Conrad Martin was quite seriously injured when knocked down and run over by a frightened runaway dray team Saturday noon. The little one is being cared for by Dr. Pressler at the local hospital and it is hoped the injuries will not prove fatal.

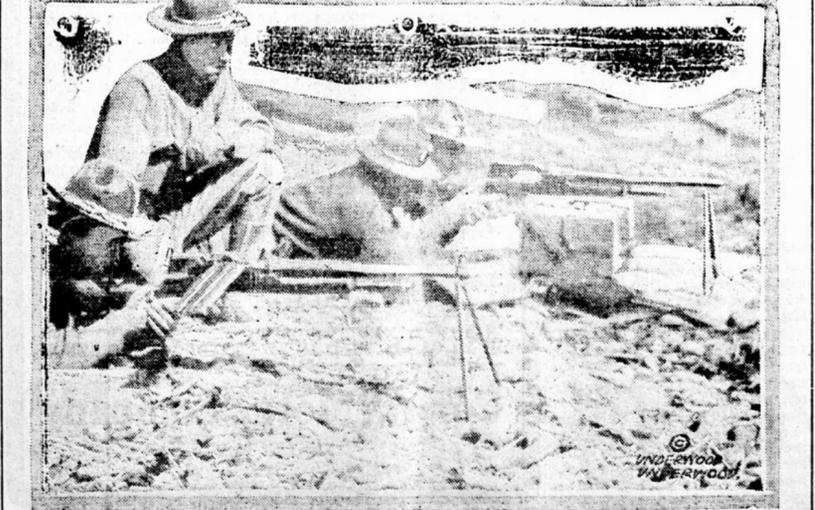
BARGES ARE WRECKED.

Seattle, Wash., April 15.—The Alaskan Engineer commission's tug, Crosby, and Anne W., with five barges, bound from Seattle to Steward for work on the government railroad, were wrecked off Cape Censor, Alaska, according to word received here today.

THE WEATHER.

North Dakota: Fair and cooler Sunday; Monday fair with rising temperature.

HOW UNCLE SAM'S MEN TURN THE MACHINE GUN ON THE VILLISTAS.



Here are shown the men of the Sixteenth United States Infantry, operating their machine gun in Mexico. The photograph was officially passed by the army censor.