

WEATHER REPORT

OKLAHOMA—Friday rain; Saturday cloudy, rain in east portion. TULSA, April 8.—The temperature: Maximum 56, minimum 45; north winds and cloudy and trace of rain.

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PROSPERITY TALK

With bank clearings this week showing a gain of 12.5 per cent over the corresponding week of one year ago is another indication of the positive prosperity here.

Funston Outlines His Plans for Carrying the Villa Chase to Finish

Hears With Gratification That the War Office Will Not Recall American Troops

DOES NOT REGARD TASK ACCOMPLISHED

With Villa on Stretcher and in Flight Believes the End Is Near; Reyes May Surrender

SAN ANTONIO, Texas, April 8.—Frank surprise was displayed at General Funston's headquarters today that serious consideration had been given the unofficial suggestion that the American troops be withdrawn from Mexico, and corresponding gratification was manifested when it was learned that Secretary Lansing and Secretary Baker flatly denied that the government was contemplating such action. General Funston does not regard the task set him of breaking up "Villa's band or bands" as accomplished. The only question of doubt created under the terms of his orders rests in that part of the orders that provides for the removal of the troops whenever the troops of the de facto government "are able to relieve them of this work." That is a phase of the situation army officers here do not discuss.

Killed 150 Men.

The net result of the three weeks campaign against Villa is a killing of a few more than one hundred and fifty of Villa's men and the extension of a line of American troops approximately four hundred miles into Mexico. Villa's organization remains intact so far as army officers here know. He has divided it into smaller units and one of these was attacked and defeated at Guerrero, but there is evidence that the fugitive chieftain, although perhaps wounded and possibly traveling on a stretcher as stated in some reports that have reached here, is yet directing in a general way their movements. General Pershing's reports, infrequent to headquarters, continued throughout the week to indicate the optimism of himself and his officers that they soon would overtake Villa or

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"U. S. OFFICERS ARE CARRYING OUT INSTRUCTIONS IN MEXICO"—BAKER

WASHINGTON, April 8.—Secretary Baker, informally denying today that immediate withdrawal from Mexico of the American expeditionary force was contemplated, indicated that the war department had information that the United States troops were close upon Villa's trail and that the expedition might soon accomplish its purpose. The object of the expedition was stated when it was undertaken, said Secretary Baker. "It never has been changed. No other orders have been given and the expedition is busily pursuing it now with what I hope is a fair chance of early success."

Reports that preparations for withdrawal were under way were declared by Mr. Baker to have "absolutely no basis of any kind." All the war department's plans for pursuing the chase were progressing actively, he declared, an order being placed only today for fifteen gasoline-carrying motor trucks for General Pershing's campaign. The American forces were "pushing ahead," he said, but gave no details of the operations. Break Up Band. Publication today of the text of the original army order to cross the border a month ago revealed that no specific direction to capture or kill Villa was included. The order, made public by Major General Scott chief of staff, stated that the work of the United States would "be regarded

finished as soon as Villa's band or bands are known to be broken up" and that the Americans would withdraw "as soon as the de facto government of Mexico is able to relieve them of this work." Secretary Baker and General Scott said the order was unchanged; that no new or supplemental order had been given, and that General Funston had not yet reported that the American expedition's object had been attained. It was recalled that on the day the troops crossed Secretary Baker said their object was to "capture or disperse" the bandits who raided Columbus. No Withdrawing. Secretary Lansing also issued a statement today saying he knew of no intention to withdraw the troops. He also said no intimation had come from the Carranza government that de facto government officials thought General Pershing had accomplished his mission and should return to United States territory. It was stated officially today that General Funston's orders were broad enough to include dealing personally with Villa in case he should be encountered. Satisfaction with the transportation situation was indicated at the war and state department today. With private shippers getting supplies through on the Mexican railways, ultimately available to the American troops, Secretary Lansing believes the railway situation has ceased to be a factor.

Carranza's Refusal to Allow the U. S. Use of the Mexican Rails Means Nothing

Army Officers Say Commercial Privileges Have Been Granted American Business Concerns.

If New Base Is Established Motor Trucks Will Convey Military Supplies.

EL PASO, April 8.—Army officials here do not regard with apprehension the announcement from Queretaro that the Mexican government had not granted the American war department permission to ship supplies over the Mexican railways. It was pointed out this privilege has not been denied by the de facto government to private parties. As a result of the liberty extended to American business concerns enough hay and oats have been shipped out of Juarez to Casas Grandes this week to feed the horses and mules of the expeditionary force an entire week. Enough coffee and sugar has been freighted to last the American troops ten days and other supplies have been forwarded in preparation. It is known that there is no ban

Six Members of One Australian Family En Route to Enlist Under the Banner of Entente Allies



HUGHES FAMILY

Six members of the Hughes family, one of the most prominent in Australia, are now on their way to England to enlist for service at the front. Left to right they are Godfrey Hughes and Brennan Lane-Mullen, nephews of Sir Thomas Hughes, the Australian commissioner; their aunt, Mrs. J. R. Hughes; her two daughters, Cecily and Mary, and her son, Morris. The two girls and their mother will engage in war nursing. Godfrey Hughes and Morris Hughes are expert aviators and will enter the flying corps, while Lane-Mullen is an experienced artillery officer.

HARRIS CROWD BOLT REPUBLICAN MEET

Name Second Delegation to Congressional Meeting at Guthrie.

ACTION OCCURS EARLY

Hold Session in Separate Room Claiming Their Action Legal.

McGraw Controls Fifth.

Special to The World. OKLAHOMA CITY, Okla., April 8.—James J. McGraw will control the district Republican convention to be held in Guthrie next Tuesday, according to returns received tonight from every county in the Fifth district. The counties that instructed for McGraw and the number of delegates each will have in the convention are as follows: Oklahoma, sixty-five; Payne, fourteen; Garvin, eight; McClain, six. Logan county with twenty-six delegates instructed for Harris, who will also have seven of the twelve delegates from Cleveland county, the other five being for McGraw. Murray county, with five delegates, is uninstructed. This makes the lineup ninety-eight for McGraw and thirty-three for Harris, with five uninstructed but probably for McGraw.

OKLAHOMA CITY, April 8.—Two contesting delegations were selected here this afternoon to the convention of the Fifth congressional district to be held at Guthrie April 11. One delegation was instructed for James J. McGraw, for national committeeman, the other for James A. Harris. The two conventions were held in the courthouse, in different rooms. A complete record was made by the McGraw convention, which

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ROOT IS APPRECIATIVE AND IS ALSO RETICENT

WASHINGTON, April 8.—"I am much obliged to the gentlemen and I am grateful for their good opinion," was the only comment Elihu Root would make today upon the address issued in New York last night by prominent citizens favoring his nomination for president. Mr. Root, here for a meeting of the executive committee of the American Bar association, said he would not attend the Chicago convention.

TO OFFER FOR LEASE OIL AND GAS LANDS

OKLAHOMA CITY, Okla., April 8. Approximately 200,000 acres of segregated school land in Cimarron county, the extreme northwest county of the state, has been ordered oil and gas leases by the commissioner of the school office. The leases will be advertised sixty days. In leasing this land the commissioner will require the lessees to furnish a bond of \$10,000 each that they will begin actual drilling operations within six months and that, if practical, the well shall be drilled to a depth of not less than three thousand feet. In addition, the lessees will be awarded on a bonus basis with the twelve and one-half per cent royalty to the state. For some time geologists have said that the formation in Cimarron county was favorable for oil and gas, but there has been no prospecting in that county, due entirely, it is said, to the absence of adequate transportation facilities.

FORMER DEMOCRAT NOW AGAINST PARTY

It Stands for Perjury Politics and Plunder, Says Judge Shive.

Special to The World. OKLAHOMA CITY, April 8.—"Let me look after Judge Shive of Arapaho," is the word that has come to the administration. Judge Shive has been one of the leading Democrats in Custer county and in a recent speech announced that he had flopped to the Republicans. Shive has been twice elected county attorney in Custer on the Democratic ticket. "I hate to testify against the party of which I have been a member," Shive said in his speech, "but candor compels me to tell the truth. I am no longer a Democrat. There was a time when the party stood for justice and equality, but today it stands for perjury, politics and plunder. I don't mean to say that the rank and file of the party stand for that, but I do say that Governor Williams and the members of the legislature stand for just such things. They held up their hands and swore they would support the constitution of the United States and the state of Oklahoma, yet from the moment they went into office they have been scheming, planning and conspiring, trying to frame up a way in which they can nullify the constitution of the United States. I am through with the Democratic party. It has no respect for platform promises and no consideration for the people who placed it in power." Judge Shive said he hoped to live to fight the Democrats as hard in the future as he had fought against the Republicans in the past. His criticism of the party was on account of the election law passed at the special session, and he may be able to lead other Democrats with him.

HOLD CONFERENCE ABOUT OIL LANDS

Tulsa Attorney and Oil Man Visit Indian Commissioner Sells.

IMPORTANT MATTERS

Discuss Question of Government Supply of Oil in Case of War.

WASHINGTON, April 8.—W. L. A. M. Vandergracht of The Hague, connected with the Royal Dutch Shell Oil company and the Roxana Petroleum company, accompanied by Ben F. Rice of Tulsa, local attorney for the Roxana, held a long conference with Indian Commissioner Sells today upon the oil situation in Oklahoma. It is understood that matters of importance dealing with the question of an adequate supply of oil for government use in the event of war, were discussed. Although Mr. Rice refused to discuss the object of today's conference with Commissioner Sells, the Osage council is due to arrive in Washington, Sunday and from present indications, the Indians will insist upon putting up to the highest bidder the oil leases now held by the Indian Territory Illuminating Oil company, under an extension of the blanket lease, ordered by Secretary Lane which expires April 16. The department will probably insist upon the execution of new oil leases to the present subspecies in the Osage nation in conformity with the resolution adopted by the tribal council last June, but from rumors that have proceeded the members of the council, the Osages will continue to oppose the wishes of the department and ignore the June 17 resolution.

No Lease Yet.

From departmental sources it is learned that no plan is in contemplation for the leasing of the unleased portion of the Osage nation at this time, although it is understood several tentative propositions have been submitted to the department for its approval. It is probable that today's conference between Commissioner Sells, Mr. Rice and Mr. Vandergracht may have had something to do with the leasing of the western portion of the Osage nation for oil purposes, although confirmation of this rumor is lacking.

Vote on Bond Issue.

Special to The World. McALESTER, April 8.—The people of McAlester will vote Tuesday on the question of issuing bonds in the sum of \$25,000 for the erection of additional schools for the ward, school buildings and the purchase of an additional half block of ground for the high school.

Burman Is Killed in Car Wreck

Mechanic and Track Guard Also Met Death When Car Overturns.

MANY SPECTATORS ARE BADLY HURT

Accident Occurred in Corona Road Race; Mrs. Burman With Husband.

CORONA, Cal., April 8.—Bob Burman of Detroit, noted automobile racer, his mechanic Eric Schroeder of Chicago, and a track guard are dead tonight as a result of the overturning of Burman's car in the Corona road race here today. Five spectators were injured, several seriously. The race was won by Eddie O'Donnell, who covered the 501 miles in three hours, 29 minutes, 52 seconds. Joe Thomas was second with a time of 3:36:01, and Eddie Pullen third with 3:48:36 2-5. Teddy Tetzlaff and L. C. Durant finished fourth and fifth respectively. Burman died in the city hospital at Riverside, 12 miles away, where he was taken from a temporary race track hospital. Mrs. Burman was with her husband soon after the accident and remained with him until he died. As she stood beside him in the council chamber of the Corona city hall, where Burman was taken after the accident, a woman came beside the cot. When she left Mrs. Burman accused her of taking from the clothing of the injured driver a diamond pin which Mrs. Burman alleged was taken from her husband. The woman was held.

The accident happened on the back stretch of the ninety-seventh lap. A wheel flew off Burman's car and the machine crashed through the fence into the crowd. Schroeder was hurled eighty feet. The guard, W. H. Spier, was struck by the catapulting car and killed almost instantly.

RIDE PREPAREDNESS AGITATION TO DEATH

Many Sins Are Committed in Its Name, Says Senator Kenyon.

WASHINGTON, April 8.—Legislators who seek to cloak all sorts of proposals under a plea of preparedness were denounced in the senate today by Senator Kenyon. In a speech opposing a proposal to provide in the army bill for a government owned fertilizer plant the Iowa senator read a letter from a former constituent urging support for a postoffice and public building "round like a tort" and with ornamental turrets and peaks for lookouts so that when the men are at the front fighting an invader the women and children can take refuge in the postoffice. "Of course if you side against your country and are untrue to the flag," said the letter, "you will oppose this building." "First we passed the Shields dam bill," said Senator Kenyon, "because it was a 'preparedness' bill. Then came along another dam bill which we were urged to pass as a part of the national defense. The child labor bill and the rural credits bill certainly are included as means of securing us against foes, and I suppose when the rivers and harbors appropriation bill comes along every supporter of every sand bottom and mud creek will insist that the safety of the nation requires an appropriation for its particular county seat."

MINNESOTA USES TULSA AS PATTERN

Lady from That State Saw Local Rest Room; Returned and Did Likewise.

According to a communication received by Mrs. Effie Condon, matron of the ladies' free public restroom on South Boston avenue, Mrs. T. T. White of Wells, Minn., has been able to establish and maintain two ladies' restrooms in that city, by following the suggestion she received when visiting in Tulsa two years ago. Mrs. White was also very complimentary in her letter regarding the treatment she received in Tulsa and the management of the local restroom.

Banquet Judge.

Special to The World. McALESTER, April 8.—Friends of Judge Jean P. Day, both Democrats and Republicans, joined in a banquet in his honor Friday night, celebrating his elevation to the supreme court bench.

A CRISIS WITH THE TEUTONS IS NOW IMMINENT

Disclaimer of Responsibility in Sussex Case Makes Situation Complex.

WHAT OF THE OTHER SHIPS IS QUESTION

If Drastic Action Is Decided Upon Congress Will Be Consulted.

BERLIN, April 8.—The Associated Press was authoritatively informed today that the investigation into the Sussex disaster has now been completed; that all the craft which might possibly have been involved in an attack on the Sussex have reported, and that from the report of their commanders it is absolutely certain that the boat was not destroyed by a German torpedo and that Germany is in no wise responsible for the disaster. From the material at hand it will also be possible to report to the American inquiries regarding the steamers Englishman, Manchester, Eastmore, Eagle Point and Herwindic and establish, according to the German contention, that no blame attaches to Germany.

WASHINGTON, April 8.—Germany's disclaimer of responsibility for the destruction of the channel liner Sussex surrounds the position of the United States in the present submarine situation with further difficulties and may turn action, if any is taken, from the Sussex case itself to the accumulation of ships destroyed without warning since Germany gave assurances governing the submarine campaign. Before the next step is taken, the collection of evidence intended to prove legally that the Sussex was destroyed by a German submarine, will have to proceed further. Additional evidence in the form of affidavits and statements gathered by the American embassy in Paris is arriving on the steamer St. Paul due in New York tomorrow and will be in President Wilson's hands Monday.

Will Discuss Situation.

The situation will be thoroughly discussed at Tuesday's cabinet meeting and soon afterward a decision on the next step is expected. The apparent difficulties of proving the Sussex case alone, leads many officials close to the president to believe the decision will hinge on consideration of cumulative evidence that Germany's promises of being regarded by her submarine commanders. Upon the strength of that evidence as it finally is judged by the president and the cabinet will depend what steps, if any, the United States will take at this time.

The United States was described officially tonight as being placed in the position of a judge in a court of law. Upon the evidence a decision will be reached and the United States will be absolutely sure that it stands upon firm ground before rendering one. The final decision will be rendered by President Wilson. It is likely that if drastic action is called for congress will be consulted.

To Question Faith?

While it will be difficult for the United States to question the good faith of Germany the administration is prepared to act upon circumstantial evidence of sufficient strength, should it be obtained. All the evidence thus far obtained indicates that the Sussex was torpedoed. There are two weaknesses in the case of the United States at this time, however. One is that an American citizen saw the wake of a torpedo before the bow of the channel steamer was torn off by an explosion. The other is that while American naval officers believe that the pieces of metal received from the bulk are parts of a German torpedo, there is as far as known no conclusive evidence at this time that the metal fragments actually were removed from the Sussex. Every effort is being made to secure evidence which will establish beyond all doubt the origin of the fragments.

Cable Reports.

Official reports regarding the announcement of the German government as cabled to the United States in press despatches from Berlin were lacking tonight. The press report was accepted as being true. The news despatches were laid before President Wilson upon his return from his trip down the Potomac. Should the United States fail to make out a case on the Sussex, there remains many other disasters to be explained by the Berlin government. President Wilson and Secretary Lansing have asked Ambassador Gerard regarding other ships recently meeting with disaster. Secretary Lansing has allowed it to become known that statements regarding the finding of the alleged torpedo fragments might be accepted by the United States should there be sufficient reliable corroboration.

Snow in April.

Special to The World. AFTON, Okla., April 8.—It snowed steadily for two hours here this morning. The ground was wet from a hard rain the night before, though, and so the snow melted as soon as it touched the ground. It was a real old winter white snow, though.