

VOLUME FORTY-TWO

## TWO SOUTHERN CITIES SWEEP BY FLAMES

### Augusta, Ga., and East Nashville, Tenn., Prey to Fires.

## THOUSANDS HOMELESS IN BOTH TOWNS

Five Million Dollar Loss at Augusta and 3,000 People Left Without Shelter—Six Hundred Residences in East Nashville Destroyed and 5,000 Are Homeless—Large Quantities of Stored Cotton Burned.

Augusta, Ga., March 23.—One of a series of fires which have caused millions of dollars' worth of damage the past few days in the south and southwest swept through ten business blocks and twenty adjoining residence blocks of Augusta last night and early today, causing damage estimated at \$5,000,000.

No lives were reported lost, although there were scores of narrow escapes. The flame-swept area included the city's largest office and business buildings on the north side of Broad street, warehouses on historic "cotton row," containing thousands of bales of cotton, some 400 homes, many of them in the city's most exclusive residence section, and St. Paul's Episcopal church, built 126 years ago.

Today local mill companies were on duty. Three thousand homeless. Hotels and homes in the sections of the city not reached by the fire were thrown open to those whose residences were burned, and steps were being taken by local authorities to give relief to the 3,000 persons who lost their homes.

Shortly before midnight the flames were carried by the wind into the residential section, where a new conflagration was making rapid headway. The outbreak was a distance of four blocks from the blaze in the business section.

An area of about one and a quarter square miles was reached by the flames, which were driven by a heavy gale. Fire apparatus from Columbia, Charleston, Atlanta, Macon, Savannah and Waynesboro was sent to the aid of the local firemen. The wind subsided just after 1 o'clock this morning and it was not until the next day that the firemen could gain in their fight.

The fire started yesterday evening at 6:15 o'clock in the Kelly dry goods store in the Dyer building. From there it spread rapidly to Cotton Row and destroyed block after block on Broad street.

Newspaper Offices Burned. The twelve story building owned by the Augusta Chronicle was practically destroyed. The Herald building also was burned. The Chronicle established an office in a job printing plant and sent out editions this morning.

It was estimated today that the fire destroyed about \$2,000,000 worth of cotton stored in warehouses along the river front.

W. T. Elrod, an automobile driver, rescued two young girls from the Dyer building. He made two trips to the fifth floor and was painfully burned.

Three companies of the national guard patrolled the streets during the night and a strict watch was kept today on the burned district. Fifty Augusta citizens today organized a commission of public safety.

## EAST NASHVILLE RAVAGED.

Six Hundred Houses Burned and 5,000 People Made Homeless. Nashville, Tenn., March 23.—Citizens, civic and church organizations of Nashville today were caring for 5,000 persons made homeless by the fire that swept East Nashville last night, destroying 600 residences, causing one death and property loss of \$1,500,000.

National guardsmen patrolled the burned area today. The blaze started from a lighted ball of yarn thrown into a grassy vacant lot by a boy. A planing mill first was destroyed. The flames quickly spread to an extensive negro settlement, fanned by a high wind, every house was consumed. The conflagration then broke into two distinct blazes, one flowing east of Seventh street and the other down Fifth avenue.

An area of thirty blocks was swept clean, including many of the most costly residences and churches. After parading each other on separate streets for several blocks the fire again joined.

Green and Forest Fires. Kansas City, March 23.—Fire which early Wednesday ravaged the prairies of western Kansas and parts of the wooded sections of Missouri, south of here, was believed to be extinguished under control Wednesday night.

Dodge City, Kan., which was threatened by fire, was reported out of all danger. The flames were not subdued, however, before dozens of farm houses and many miles of valuable pasture were reduced to ashes.

Wear Pliers, Kan., a stretch forty miles long and ranging from five and twelve miles wide, was fire-swept. The loss is estimated at more than \$100,000.

But one fatality in any of the fires was reported.

## No Truth in Reported Revolt of Gen. Herrera

Galveston, Tex., March 23.—Gen. Luis Herrera is conducting active military operations against the Villa forces and has not gone over to the bandit leader, according to a cablegram from Mexico City, received by the Mexican consulate here today.

This message says that the Herrera Campaign against the Villa forces is being waged in Southern Chihuahua and that on Tuesday night part of Herrera's forces under Colonel Gaitanero fought a battle with a band led by Villa himself.

Another message to the consulate says that the oil fields in Mexico are not in rebel hands.

El Paso, March 23.—Ignacio Enriquez, chief governor of the State of Chihuahua sent a telegram to Consul Garcia at El Paso today declaring that Gen. Luis Herrera, commanding the garrison at Chihuahua city, still was loyal to the first chief, and not to credit reports of his defection to Villa.

Consul Garcia made public a message from Governor Enriquez which reads:

"Your message referring to press reports regarding General Herrera received. Have just shaken hands with General Herrera and he is loyal to the government. Do not give credit to reports in this matter."

Whether or not the report of Herrera's defection was correct it was obvious that in military circles much apprehension was felt over the situation at Chihuahua.

General Bell said every precaution had been taken to meet any possibility of an uprising in Juarez.

General Bell said he had no information regarding a vague report that General Pershing's army would be sent from Columbus to El Paso, but that the transfer could be quickly effected.

mons, a farmer of Fairplay, Mo., who suffered fatal burns in attempting to remove stock from his burning barn.

RELIEF FOR PARIS SUFFERERS. Money Distributed by Committee Headed by Mayor.

Paris, Tex., March 23.—Work of relieving the suffering of the homeless in Paris after the fire of Tuesday night was going on today. Thousands of dollars raised here was distributed by a committee headed by Mayor McCullough.

The fire homes spent last night in the homes of friends and relatives, on lawns and in church buildings. Rooms were turned into dormitories for the women and children.

The greatest task today was clearing the business district of the debris. Of the five banks in Paris, three were razed to the ground. Three expected to make attempts at opening their vaults today and believed they would find the contents unharmed.

The death list remained today at three, with one person missing.

WOMEN ANXIOUS TO SEE FIGHT

Stand in Line For Hours in Order to Obtain Tickets to Willard-Moran Battle—Demand Exceeds Supply—Tickets Selling at \$3 and \$5.

New York, March 23.—Women stood in line for hours early today waiting for tickets to be placed on sale for the Willard-Moran fight Saturday night. When the box office was opened it was besieged by hundreds of persons to purchase the \$3 and \$5 tickets which were placed on sale. Many had been standing in line since midnight.

The ticket sellers had 2,000 of the lower price seats to sell but could have disposed of 20,000. Only two tickets were sold to a person in an effort to keep them out of hands of speculators.

CHINA ABANDONS MONARCHY. Revolution Forces Agreement to Restore Republic—Uprising Ends.

Peking, March 23.—A state department mandate issued Wednesday night announces the abandonment of the monarchy and restoration of the republic.

The mandate says the revolution shows the demand for a monarchical form of government is not unanimous and therefore Yuan Shi Kai rejects the emperorship and assumes the presidency.

The imperial documents, the mandate adds, will be returned by Yuan Shi Kai to the state council, which will convene as the senate preparatory to the resumption of the republic.

Hau Shi Chang, who left the cabinet because of the monarchical movement, signed the mandate as secretary of state, having re-entered the cabinet.

Ends Revolution. San Francisco, March 23.—Officials of the Chinese Republic Association, which has been actively financing the revolution against Yuan Shi Kai, said here Wednesday that the announcement from Peking means that the revolution is at an end. The association has a membership in the Americas of about 400,000.

## PREPARING FOR RUMORED CRISIS

### General Funston Making Plans to Meet Reported Revolt in Mexico.

## VILLA REPORTED AS REORGANIZING

Bandit Said to Have Established New Base and to Be Recruiting Forces—Reported to Have Sent Agents Among Populace in Mountain Districts Urging Them to Fight Americans—Has Large Amount of Supplies.

El Paso, Tex., March 23.—Panocho Villa has established a base to the westward of Namiquipa to reorganize his command and recruit new men for his army, it is reported here today.

At this new base it was said Villa would lay his plans to operate with the force of Gen. Luis Herrera, who is understood to have renounced the defacto government.

The American army base at Columbus had no news of Villa for two days. So far General Pershing's command has not come in contact with Villa, and his band is reported to be in the mountains of the state.

Gen. Luis Herrera, until a few days ago in command of the Carranza garrison, is said to be moving northward to effect a junction with Villa, and this, in connection with the report that the Carranza garrison at Torreon had revolted, has occasioned great concern among the army officers in El Paso.

Cause For Worry. Villa's men, augmented by Herrera's command, said to number 2,000 men, might be in a position to threaten the General Pershing's army and seriously interrupt communication with the advanced base at Casas Grandes and the main base at Columbus.

An early agreement with Carranza to use Mexican railroad lines is greatly desired. The main line from Torreon to El Paso, which has been used to ship men and supplies to Casas Grandes.

Villa Agents Active. Villa is said to have sent agents among the populace in the mountain districts urging to support him. The outlaw is reported to be equipping his men with arms and ammunition which he had hoarded for some time. He has plenty of good mounts and once his command is ready, Villa will be in a position to start a guerrilla campaign.

There is no confirmation of a report that Colonel Cano, of Carranza's army, has joined forces with Villa.

All was quiet at Juarez early today and street car service, which was suspended last night for fear of trouble in that city, was resumed this morning.

PREPARING FOR POSSIBLE CRISIS Activity Along Border Has in Mind Herrera Report—Border Rumors.

San Antonio, Tex., March 23.—Orders from Fort Sam Houston today are going along the border, preparing forces for operations in case of a new rebellion in Mexico.

It was not certain today where General Herrera had entered the field with Villa against the United States, but the reports that the army had different places caused General Funston and his staff to regard the story as probably true.

Staff officers of General Funston studied a more extended area of territory in northern Mexico today. Herrera and his 2,000 men were considered and the points on the border where he might cause disturbances were noted, that troops may be hurried to such points if necessary.

It was feared that one of Herrera's earlier moves would be the cutting of the Mexican Northwestern railroad, over which General Funston hopes to send supplies to the expeditionary force. To prevent this move General Funston is powerless.

Reports at headquarters that General Carranza's garrison at Juarez was about to revolt, and that the troops at Torreon were manifesting disaffection, were regarded with apprehension. The Mexican consulate here denied the reports and declared Herrera had not taken the field.

Early reports that Fort Sam Houston did not indicate any marked development in the campaign against Villa.

RUMORS PERSIST. Reports of Mishaps to Motor Trucks and Guards Rife at Columbus.

Columbus, N. M., March 23.—Communication between the military base here and Brig. Gen. J. J. Pershing's command was again interrupted by intermittent rains during the night. However, it was expected conditions would be normal by today.

A quantity of wire arrived during the night and work of repairing the field telegraph was begun this morning.

Altho officials denied them as an "unfounded falsehood," reports persist in camp here that some of the motor trucks carrying supplies from here to the Mexican field are missing, together with their drivers and guards. Two trucks which left Aconalco last Monday have not been seen since. It is reported, and the two drivers and four guards are missing.

Another has it that a driver reported to the advanced base without his truck. Heavy sand is proving a serious handicap to motorcycles in the field, according to unofficial information reaching here. Couriers arriving here say that few Mexicans are seen in the districts occupied by the troops.

It is reported that General Carranza's former military governor of Chihuahua, between the San Pedro river and the foothills of the Sierra Madre just north of the line of the Mexican Northwestern railway in central Chihuahua.

## INTERFERENCE WITH WIRELESS. Local Stations on Border Reported to Be Intercepting Messages.

Douglas, Ariz., March 23.—On the report that amateur stations on the border had been taking up radio messages from General Pershing's headquarters, the government has started an investigation. The operation of these stations is given as a reason why the wireless outfit has been working improperly. Whether any of the army messages have been caught and interpreted by Mexican operators is not known.

Rumors that General Calles has been recruiting a large force at Cabañon, sixteen miles south of here, at other points in northeastern Sonora, are pronounced baseless both by Mexican and American authorities.

Not more than 800 Carranza forces are located there, while the total number stationed in eastern Sonora does not exceed 2,000.

Trooper Robert Kettle, who attempted suicide two days ago, is improving slightly with a chance of recovery.

Bandit Bands in Field. Torreon, March 23.—Captured Villistas report that two bands are operating south of Laguna, one under Lozano, who killed his partner Perez, near Matamoros last Friday and the other under Canuto Reyes.

Lozano's band, poorly armed and short of ammunition, is said to be operating south of Matamoros. Reyes retreated to Sierra Prieta almost due south of Torreon after his last flight.

[The foregoing dispatch from Torreon received today makes no mention of the widespread report that the Carranza garrison has revolted.]

SMUGGLING ARMS TO VILLA. Schooner La Providencia's Supposed Owner Under Arrest.

New York, March 23.—The schooner La Providencia, which went ashore on the coast of Mexico last week, was smuggling arms and ammunition for Francisco Villa, according to word received here today by Juan T. Burns, counsel general for the de facto government from the Mexican ministry of war and marine.

Alfredo Ricot, supposed owner of the schooner, and several other persons on board were arrested by constitutional authorities.

## HAY ARMY BILL NEARLY FINISHED

House Takes Up Two Remaining Sections—Passage of Measure Seems Assured—Chamberlain Bill Goes to House.

Washington, March 23.—Consideration of the Hay army increase bill continued in the house today with only two important sections of the measure awaiting disposition. One was the military pay provision under which the bill is expected to produce a force of 425,000 national guardsmen within five years and the other was that providing for the construction of a nitrate plant. Passage of the bill virtually was assured.

The Chamberlain bill, doubling the number of cadets at West Point military academy, passed by the senate yesterday, went to the house today.

To support the contention of private manufacturers that a government armor plate plant can not be successful, Vice President Barba, of the Midvale Steel Company, told the house committee today that his plant with all its facilities and technical equipment had already lost \$300,000 on a contract to make armor plating shells for the navy.

"And when we make delivery," he said, "we are thru for all time with great specifications of testing at a ten degree angle. Every naval officer we have talked to has said he hoped he would be assigned to armor making."

SWEDISH SOCIALISTS ARRESTED. Threatened Revolution in Case Nation Decided to Enter War.

Stockholm, March 23.—Three socialist editors, Messrs. Hoeglund, Ojeldund, and Hedon, have been arrested on a charge of high treason, in consequence of the passing of a resolution at a congress of the Swedish socialist organizations, that a general strike and a revolution be started in case Sweden enters the war.

A sensation has been aroused by the incident, as Mr. Hoeglund is one of the most prominent members of the Swedish parliament.

PRIVILEGE IS ABUSED. Congressmen Accused of Franking Private Enterprises With Privilege.

Washington, March 23.—Abuse of congressional franking privilege is denounced in a report of the house printing committee, which has included a provision in the pending revision of the printing laws designed to stop the practice. The report charges that congressmen furnish franked envelopes to individuals, committees and organizations interested in promoting a particular propaganda at public expense.

Awarded \$2,500 Damages. Des Moines, March 23.—Mary Leighton, former janitress in a local theater, in the district court for alleged false arrest.

The plaintiff declared she was accused of theft and kept in jail all night because the janitor of the theater failed to turn in articles found in the theater.

Seven Take Examinations. Fort Dodge, March 23.—Seven young men on Wednesday took examinations here for entrance to the United States naval academy at Annapolis.

Oil is burned in nearly all localities in Asiatic countries.

## REVOLT RUMOR NOT CONFIRMED

### Report That General Herrera and 2,000 Men Go to Villa Unverified.

## EMPATHIC DENIAL FROM ONE SOURCE

Carranza's Ambassador at Washington Says Report of Revolt is Unfounded—Secretary Baker Refuses to Admit or Deny Funston Has Asked For Reinforcements—Request Made For Additional Aeroplanes.

Washington, March 23.—Confirmation of the report that the Carranza garrison of 2,000 under Luis Herrera, at Chihuahua, had revolted and joined Villa, was still lacking today at the war department, altho a dispatch to that effect was passed last night by the censor at Columbus. The war department insisted that General Funston's message merely stated that "it is reported that a revolt has occurred," and added there was no confirmation.

General Funston's problem is to dispose the troops at his command in such fashion as to insure the line of communication behind the force in Mexico.

Motor Trains Solve Supply Problem. Secretary Lansing when asked today if General Funston has asked for reinforcements since the Fifth cavalry and Twenty-fourth infantry were ordered to join him, said:

"I think I will not answer that question. A message from General Funston last night said the motor truck trains had sufficiently solved the problem of getting supplies to the advanced column."

The navy department was without advice from Campobello where a disquieting situation had been indicated in unofficial reports. A message from Admiral Winslow on the west coast said quiet prevailed at Ensenada, Lower California.

Report is Denied. Secretary Lansing, returning from a week's vacation, took personal charge of the situation so far as it concerns the state department. He conferred with Eliso Arredondo, General Carranza's ambassador, who presented a dispatch from Consul Garcia, at El Paso, denying entirely that General Herrera had revolted with the Chihuahua garrison and joined Villa.

Councillor Polk and Mr. Arredondo discussed with Secretary Lansing the proposed protocol for joint action in the pursuit of Villa.

Mr. Arredondo said he found Mr. Lansing in accord with the protocol as it has been drawn and forwarded to General Carranza and that he expected some word from General Carranza to go ahead and complete the agreement late today.

General Funston today asked for eight more aeroplanes. He wants four to go to Columbus to fly with General Pershing's column and four others to be sent to his headquarters to be held for emergency work.

President in Philadelphia. Philadelphia, March 23.—President Wilson paid a brief visit to Philadelphia today to consult his oculist. He was accompanied by Mrs. Wilson. The president's arrival here was delayed thirty minutes by a hot box on the ending of his special train.

While the president's plans were surrounded with secrecy a fair-sized crowd recognized him at the Broad street station and applauded as he stepped into his automobile.

He went to the office of his oculist, where he spent a few minutes. Following an automobile ride, Mr. and Mrs. Wilson planned to leave for Washington, where they will arrive in time for dinner.

The president brought with him dispatches concerning the situation in Mexico sent to the White House just before his departure.

ROAD TRAIN HAS BIG DAY. To Cover Towns Between Sioux City and Lake City.

Sioux City, March 23.—Leaving here this morning at 8 o'clock, the train bearing the Iowa good roads boosters set out on what promised to be the most strenuous day of the trip so far. By tonight when the train reaches Lake City, 120 miles will have been covered.

Today's itinerary includes Onawa, Mapleton, Ida Grove, Odebolt and Lake City.

The boosters will spend tomorrow night at Ames and will spend Sunday at Cedar Rapids.

The commercial clubs of Council Bluffs and Sioux City turned out 300 strong at each place to greet the good roads special train on Tuesday and Wednesday evenings and enjoyed the pictures of hard roads which abound in every state east of the Mississippi river. Newspapers all along the line of travel have given generous space to the road exhibit and at every small town there has been an interested crowd to see what the United States government had to show.

The idea is fast spreading that bond issues by vote of the people of localities will not confiscate farms or increase road taxes.

Use of Teakwood. Teakwood is used in India for general purposes in house and shipbuilding, for bridges, railway sleepers, furniture and shingles. It is also used much for carving. The Burmese carved teak being especially noted. Teak is strongly and characteristically scented, is of oily texture, and the surface

## T-R BULLETIN. NEWS OF THE DAY

The Weather. Sun rises March 24 at 6:58, sets at 6:16. Iowa — Rain tonight and Friday; warmer tonight and in eastern portion Friday.

PAGE ONE. Telegraphic News: No Revolt Among Mexican Troops. General Herrera Remains Loyal. Funston Prepares For Eventualities. Border Disturbed by Unverified Reports.

Fires Devastate Southern Cities. Germans Claim Strategy Wins. PAGES TWO, THREE AND FOUR. Iowa News: Life or Death Flight of Creamery Gift of \$25,000 For Wesleyan Co. Iowa Breeder Wins Success. Tri-City Centennial Celebration. Few Bryan Followers Politically. Fire Reveals Hidden Gold. PAGE SIX.

Editorial: What Would Your Wife Do? Send the Guard to the Border. Justice Not Sympathetic. Topics of the Times. Iowa Opinion and Notes. PAGES FIVE, SEVEN, NINE, TEN, AND ELEVEN.

City News: Grand For Government Road Meeting Saturday. U. S. Engineers to Give Lecture. Over Four Miles of Paving Scheduled. Interesting Point in Payette Case. Highway Club Holds Last Meeting. General and Bro. C. News. PAGE TWELVE.

Markets and General: Rains Southwest Pull Down Wheat. Corn Weakens in Symptom. Cattle Trade Strong. Hogs Sell Higher. Moores Plan Roosevelt Demonstration.

feels greasy to the touch. Teak logs when first cut will not float. The wood darkens with age, and after a number of years becomes almost black.

## SUIT TO ENJOIN CITY ELECTION

John B. Hammond Breaks Into Limelight in Effort to Stop Election in Des Moines — Claims Primary Was Illegal.

Des Moines, March 23.—The city of Des Moines, the mayor and clerk, are made defendants in a suit filed today by John B. Hammond, an attorney. The petition asks that the city be enjoined from holding the city municipal elections next Monday.

Attorney Hammond claims that the 5,000 unregistered voters cast at the primary are illegal, because the petition asserts election judges have no legal authority to accept votes sworn in by affidavit.

The petition also alleges that sufficient opportunity to register was not given voters.

In his petition, Mr. Hammond charged that many who were permitted to vote after they had made affidavit gave fictitious names and addresses.

The petition charges "misconduct, fraud and corruption" on the part of certain election judges.

FAVOR SHERMAN RESOLUTION. Senator Kenyon Advocates Support For Mexican Expedition.

Special to Times-Republican. Washington, March 23.—Senator Kenyon today declared he was for the Sherman resolution giving the president power to call out 50,000 volunteers for Mexican service.

"Steps should be taken to provide support for the expedition in Mexico to afford proper protection to the border," said Senator Kenyon.

WAYNE DYARS AT A SUICIDE. Son of Former Lieutenant-Governor of Cedar Rapids Ends Life.

Cedar Rapids, March 23.—Wayne J. Dyars, aged 61 years, son of ex-Lieutenant Governor Joseph Dyars, deceased, committed suicide at Dyars, sometime during the night, by hanging. The body was discovered this morning.

FATAL SCHOOLBOY FIGHT. Carl Johnson, of Centerville, Dies as Result of Injuries.

Centerville, March 23.—Carl Johnson, 14 years old, died today as the result of injuries sustained yesterday in a fight with John Jones, aged 15, a school mate. According to boys who saw the fight, young Jones struck Johnson on the head with a brick. The dead boy was an orphan.

Mrs. Copeland's Funeral. Special to Times-Republican. Searsboro, March 23.—Funeral services for Mrs. Lucretia Copeland, who died Sunday, were held Wednesday morning at the home of her daughter, Mrs. E. J. Davis. Mrs. Copeland was 99 years old and an old resident of the Searsboro neighborhood. She is survived by five children, twenty-nine grandchildren and forty-one great grandchildren.

Thomas Pardon Hearing. Des Moines, March 23.—The hearing on a petition for pardon for Charles Thomas, of Des Moines, serving a life sentence in prison for murder, was to be held today by the state board of parole. The hearing was postponed earlier in the week but was postponed on account of the illness of a member of the board.

Seventh Arrest For Bootlegging. Fort Dodge, March 23.—John Slader, arrested today, charged with bootlegging, is the seventh man to be taken into custody this month charged with illicit liquor selling.

It is estimated that those slain on the battle field represent about half the total deaths attributable to war.

## GERMANS CLAIM STRATEGY WINS

### Various Pauses in Verdun Operations Purposely Planned.

## CONFIRMED WITH RESULTS ATTAINED

Molt in Attacks Part of General Scheme of Campaign, Tending to Guarantee Success With Minimum Loss—Plan Misinterpreted by Other Countries as Indicating Break Down in Offensive.

Berlin, via London, March 23.—Attempts in other countries to interpret the various pauses in the operations at Verdun as indicative of the waning of the offensive or the exhaustion of German troops, denote failure to comprehend German strategy, according to the tenor of discussion in military circles here. Officers say these pauses are only part of the general scheme of operations.

The method had been to make preparations for every attack so thoroughly as to guarantee success with minimum losses. German commanders have purposely avoided a simultaneous attack on the whole Verdun front.

Neither do these officers admit that this fighting is to revive spirits of the people at home with only a forlorn hope of victory.

The results of the operations at Verdun thus far, in regard both to the positions gained and the losses sustained, have been fully in line with expectation, they declare.

SAILORS DEMAND PROTECTION. Provisions For Safety of Vessels Must Be Made Before They Sail.

The Hague, via London, March 23.—At a meeting in Amsterdam held under the auspices of the sailors' union, steamships, due to sail today, resolved not to join their ships until more definite arrangements had been made with the government for the safety of their vessels.

This decision also affected the Holland-American line whose steamship 'Nieuw Amsterdam' is scheduled to sail tonight.

[A dispatch from Rotterdam yesterday said officials of the Holland-American line had informed the Associated Press representative in that city that the line's ships would continue to sail as scheduled unless prevented from doing so by refusal of the crews to muster.]

The steamship Zeelandia, sister ship of the Tubantia, which recently was sunk by a mine or a torpedo, will not sail for Buenos Aires, March 29, as had been arranged. There is much discussion of the suggestion that Dutch steamships be conveyed by warships.

Nieuw Amsterdam to Sail. Rotterdam, via London, March 23.—The Holland-American line announced definitely today that the Nieuw Amsterdam would sail at 11 o'clock tonight. She will be accompanied as far as The Downs by tugs with life saving materials. These tugs also will escort the steamship Rotterdam incoming from New York from The Downs to this port.

Ambassador Page Protests. Rome, via Paris, March 23.—Thomas Nelson Page, American ambassador to Italy, today visited Baron Sannino, the Italian minister of foreign affairs, to make representations regarding cases of Americans who are complained of ill treatment in Italy.

Since the beginning of the war several Americans have been arrested on suspicion.

Baron Sannino promised that all the cases mentioned by the ambassador would be examined in the most friendly spirit.

Bombardment East of Meuse. Paris, March 23.—The French official statement today says that last night a violent bombardment took place east of the Meuse river. To the west of the Meuse the firing had diminished.

Steamer Sea Serpent Sunk. London, March 23.—The British steamship Sea Serpent has been sunk. The Norwegian steamship Kammik was sunk Wednesday night, according to a dispatch to Lloyds from Havre. Her crew was saved.

Russians Make No Advance. Berlin, via London, March 23.—The Russians, in spite of their great offensive on the eastern front, have made no advance.

NORWEGIAN