

Shall We Submit To This Robbery?

Gifford Pinchot writes: The Shields bill gives to the water power interests, without compensation, the use of water power on navigable streams, "a supply of power" larger by far than all the power of every kind now in use in the United States. Private corporations are authorized to seize upon any land, public or private, which they choose to condemn.

Another water power bill, the Ferris bill, *** as reported to the Senate, encourages monopoly by permitting a corporation to take as many water power sites as it may please. Under it the corporations could not even be kept from fastening upon the Grand Canyon, the greatest natural wonder on the continent.

Under the Shields bill the people can take back the power sites after fifty years, but would have to pay for the fifty year's increase in value of property which it now gives away for nothing, and will have to take over the lighting and power system of cities supplied by these water powers. This bill is now pending in the House, the Ferris bill is before the Senate.

Let the people make their voice heard in their Congress.

"The Kingdom of Heaven is Within You"

Sermon by Rev. Wm. E. Barton, D.D., at the College Chapel Sunday Night, March 26, 1916

Text: "And when he was demanded of the Pharisees, when the kingdom of God should come, he answered them and said, The kingdom of God cometh not with observation; Neither shall they say, Lo here! or to there! for, behold, the kingdom of God is within you." Luke 17:20-21.

These were the last words which Jesus spoke to this particular group of people. He was on His way to Jerusalem for the last time and while His immediate disciples heard other lessons from His lips, the ministry of Jesus closes so far as these men were concerned with this particular message. For them, His final word concerning the kingdom was "The kingdom of Heaven is within you."

We cannot wonder that they asked Him when the kingdom was to come. Our only wonder is that some one had not asked him sooner for he had

been using a word with which they were familiar, and which had definite associations in their minds. Ever since the downfall of the Davidic throne in 586 B.C., they had been dreaming, hoping and praying for the coming of the kingdom and as yet it had not come. John had said it was coming, Jesus declared it was at hand, but His ministry had gone on for some time and there were no apparent signs of it. When, if ever, was the kingdom coming? The world today is asking the same question. Persecuted Armenians, dying for their faith, cry out, "How long, Lord, oh, how long!" The world, bleeding in the anguish of an awful war, cries out in anguish that it may know when, if ever, the kingdom of God is to come on earth. We need to hear again the word of Jesus assuring us that whatever changes (Continued on Page Five)

The Knoxville Trade Trip

Only a few days remain until the big all-steel special of the Knoxville Trade Trip party will pull out from Knoxville laden with more than one hundred of Knoxville's representative business men, on their first big "ret acquainted" tour, and then it will be but a matter of hours until they arrive here.

This is a splendid opportunity for our commercial organization to extend the hand of fellowship to the enterprising business men of the East Tennessee metropolis, and welcome them with such hospitality as is befitting Berea.

Every business man in town should be on hand, and every organization should volunteer to march in a body to the depot to meet these distinguished visitors, exhibiting thereby an appreciation of the enterprise manifested by these business men of a city whose products find a market wherever civilization extends. An object lesson in publicity will be furnished our business men, which cannot but redound to their benefit, as the spirit of cordiality and co-operation which will be displayed is sure to find lodgment in the breasts of our own business men, inspiring them to solid-

ify their efforts for the promotion of the interests of Berea, which we hold to possess as keen business acumen as any town in the State, and capable of producing amazing results when directed in the right channels.

Then, too, there are other phases which should be considered: the social side of the meeting will no doubt result in untold good, and the motion pictures which are to be taken will prove an advertisement for Berea which will live long after the trade trip has been forgotten. Everyone possible should make an effort to appear in these pictures, as they are to be shown in Knoxville and all of the other towns and cities to be visited by the special, and the better crowd we have the better showing will be made, and the good that will be accomplished will in a large part depend on this showing. Then too, the pictures will be shown here within a few weeks after they are made, and of course each of us has often wished to see ourselves as others see us.

Let us go out and meet these people and make them glad that they included Berea in their itinerary, and want to return here again next year.

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Next Wednesday morning is the time for you to get into that moving picture that the Knoxville Business Men are going to take. Read about their coming on page 5.

Read Doctor Barton's sermon on this page. You who heard him recently at the Sunday night's service will be benefited by refreshing your memory.

The thing for every interested Berea citizen to do Saturday night is to attend the Civic League meeting at the Graded School chapel at 7:00 o'clock. If you read this it surely means you.

This is the season to advertise your wares. Tell the other fellow what you have and see what happens. We sell the space and carry the message. What more would you have us do?

IN OUR OWN STATE

Students studying for the ministry who use tobacco will be denied all scholarship privileges, according to announcement made by the faculty of the College of the Bible of Transylvania College.

New evidence, said to strengthen the murder theory as explanation of the disappearance of S. W. Bedford, has been found, investigators at Lexington report, but the new facts on which some action is promised have not been divulged.

Destructive Fire in London

About 7:00 Sunday night fire was discovered in the residence of Robt. Baker, on Sublimity Street, which destroyed the house and caused the Methodist Church at the side of it to be burned also.

Most of the furniture of Mr. Baker was saved, but Bill Ridings, who had moved part of his furniture from upstairs to the cottage by it, lost some household goods. The house was partly covered by insurance.

All the furniture of the Church was saved, but some of the seats, windows and doors were damaged some.

Desperate fire fighting was done in an effort to save the Church, but the heat from the burning dwelling, and a high wind blowing the flames in the direction of the Church, made all their efforts of no avail. The Church cost over \$12,000 and \$5,000 insurance was carried.

The Rev. F. M. Firestone, Pastor, was in Indiana at the time of the fire, to attend his grandmother's funeral.—Mountain Echo.

U. S. NEWS

A vote on the Army Reorganization Bill is expected within two weeks by the Senate.

After the present season clothing merchants will be unable to guarantee the color of woollens, according to an announcement sent out the first by the National Association of Clothiers.

Government agencies investigating the spectacular rise in the price of gasoline have virtually concluded the preliminary phases of their work and will report to Congress this week.

FOOD RIOTS AT TORREON

One Thousand Women and Children Parade Streets Crying For Corn.

Juarez, Mex., April 4.—Serious food riots, in which at least 1,000 women and children participated, took place in Torreon recently, according to information reaching here. Crowds rushed through the streets crying for corn. The cornmeal was only obtainable at fabulous prices. From the demonstration the riot grew into general looting. Soldiers were called out, but they refused to shoot into the crowds of women and children.

No one was killed during the rioting, but many buildings were badly damaged. The government took steps to distribute corn and has ordered several carloads sent to Torreon and vicinity.

Army Men Were Considerably Disturbed By the Numerous Confidential Warnings.

Western Newspaper Union News Service. Columbus, N. M.—Army men here were considerably disturbed by numerous warnings from confidential sources that adherents of Francisco Villa were gathering in the Chihuahua desert, both north and south of Ascension and near the motor trail leading from Columbus to Casas Grandes, for the purpose of attempting to cut the line of communication of the American punitive expedition in Mexico. An extra heavy guard of infantrymen, with specific instructions, in the event of an attack, was placed on a truck train, which left here for the front. Isolated camps of soldiers guarding the line were reached by the field telegraph and ordered to watch closely for signs of hostile forces. Lieutenant A. W. Gullier, Twentieth Infantry, of Lexington, Ky., adjutant of the base, left on the train for Colonia Dublan, where he will attempt to co-ordinate more closely the work of the expeditionary force and that of the base camp.

Beat Up Villa Aide.

New Orleans, La., April 4.—Decoyed from his hotel by a woman General Eduardo De Bequer, formerly Francisco Villa's commander of cavalry, was badly beaten by three men. The assailants escaped.

VILLA SEEKS SECRET CAVERNS

Wounded Bandit Eludes U. S. Troopers.

OUTLAW BANDS DEMORALIZED

Indications Point to Three Separate Villa Bands Operating in Mexico—Little Probability Seven Foreigners Escaped Capture by Cavazos.

El Paso, Tex., April 4.—Advices received by local mining men confirmed Carranza advices that American troops arrived at San Antonio, ten miles north of Cusuhirachic, and that Villa had gone south and was wounded in the knee. The news that Villa was wounded was brought into Cusi by wood gatherers, who supply the mine plants.

Another new fact that private telegraph dispatches disclose is that Gen. Jose Cavazos reached Cusuhirachic following the battle at Guerrero and that he had with him some forty men. The dispatches state that Cavazos came into Cusi on the run and that the information that Pancho has at any time been near Cusi is an error. The fact that Cavazos escaped from Guerrero with forty men confirms Carranza claims that Villa only killed a few Carranzistas when he captured Guerrero whose garrison only totaled between fifty and seventy men, according to General Gaxira of Juarez.

The management of the Cusi Mining company says there is little probability that any of the seven foreigners whose names have been cited as killed by Villa have escaped with the possible exception of Heimple. General Gutierrez, commander of the Constitutional forces in Chihuahua, in a message to General Gaxira, of the Juarez garrison also positively confirmed the reports reaching the border from many sources that Villa was wounded in an engagement with the Carranza troops at Guerrero on Monday, March 27. He states in his message to General Gaxira that his advices from General Cavazos, who survived the sudden Villista attack led him to believe that Villa has been conveyed into secret caverns and ravines of the San Andres mountains, and that he will be found there eventually.

The message from General Gutierrez also states that the Villista troops in the Guerrero district are badly demoralized. How General Cavazos escaped or the number of his losses, was not learned.

General Gaxira was asked again regarding the continuous rumor current in the United States of the defection of General Luis Herrera and Colonel Cano, and he denied vigorously that there had been any defection or that there was any probability of the American troops having attacked a column under Cano at Guerrero instead of a band of Villistas.

"From every source comes the affirmation," he said, "that Villa has been engaged in the Guerrero district and that he was wounded. The trouble with lots of newspaper correspondents in El Paso is that they are smoking Marihuana, and just because a number of them were mistaken at first about Herrera they seek every chance to place that general in a bad light."

An unusual rumor which is going the rounds among the mining men in El Paso, is that General Herrera was in Cusi recently and that he had but one or two men with him. When asked what he proposed to do he is said to have replied: "I don't know whether to fight Villa or the Americans."

Americans arriving from Chihuahua, however, reported seeing Herrera and his command at Laguna, north of Chihuahua City at a point where the trail crosses from Guerrero to Coyala.

Many things point to the theory that Villa has three or more bands all working in different directions at the same time. The attacks upon Minaca and Guerrero are supposedly the work of two distinct bands and the presence of bandits near Cusuhirachic on the day following the engagement of the Seventh cavalry with the Villistas at Guerrero suggests that this is a third band.

Repeated rumors from Chihuahua that a raid by Villistas is expected led many persons on the border to believe that the same band that visited Cusuhirachic, augmented by new recruits from the Guerrero and Minaca massacre, are now but a short distance of Chihuahua.

Passengers from Chihuahua assert that the Spanish residents of Chihuahua City, the only ones who were alarmed over the reports of Villa's progress to Chihuahua City with a force of men.

WORLD NEWS

The attack on Verdun by the Germans grows in severity. Some outlying towns and lines of road have been taken, according to reports, but the French still keep the Fort. The Germans are trying to destroy the town by causing fires in various parts which threaten to burn some of the famous old buildings with their historic associations.

Germany has made moves during the week to bring about a closer union, economically and politically, with Austria-Hungary. There are, however, many difficulties in the way. Hungary, especially, is very jealous of her rights and many parts of the Austrian Empire will have to be reckoned with.

England has shown during the week a disposition to enter upon a campaign for a tariff policy in place of one for free trade which has now become traditional. Even in Manchester and other cities of the north and west of England, where the free trade idea originated, there have been large majorities for tariff, when it has been tested in boards of trade and similar places. This is a move toward cementing the British Empire more closely together against other countries.

Turkey is experiencing considerable trouble as a result of her part in the war. Her military defeats have been quite severe and now the blockade of the allies is making prices high and food supplies scarce. She has been forced to accept help from outside nations.

Holland is finding her position far from pleasant. Her finance minister recently resigned, she has suffered from the German policy of submarines and the allies' policy of blockade as well. There are some indications that she is looking forward to a more aggressive attitude in the future.

The United States has received word from Germany that she has not, as yet, any official knowledge in regard to the torpedoing of the Sussex, but that she is investigating the affair. The United States, in the meantime, is making some inquiries of her own. Should they not agree the situation would be a difficult one.

Rumors still persist of an understanding between Germany and Japan. It is that the latter nation would not be pleased with too great a victory on the part of England although she is bound to her by a treaty of alliance. Nor could she be expected to look on with much favor should her recent enemy, Russia, be victorious.

The success of the American expedition into Mexico is not yet assured. A battle of five hours duration took place when the regulars under Captain Dodd surprised Villa and his followers. A large number of the Mexicans were killed and the rest scattered in small bands in all directions. Villa was evidently wounded in the leg as a result of his savage attack on a settlement of Carranza's followers. It was thought that Villa would be taken in a short time but reports indicate that he has escaped.

Reports disclose a strong interest on the part of the German newspapers in the coming political conventions in the United States. The German American influence is strong and might count for considerable in a close contest. This vote has generally gone on the Republican side in an election and it would certainly be anti-Wilson at the present time.

To Make Gasoline and Chemicals.

Pittsburg, April 4.—The Rittman process corporation has purchased the plant of the Benzol Products company on Neville island, in the Ohio river. The plant will be enlarged and under Dr. Rittman's direction will at once begin the output of gasoline under the Rittman process from crude petroleum and of chemicals for dyestuffs. This is the first step of the new company, and it is said will be followed by the extension of the enterprise until it becomes an important factor in the country's supply of gasoline and chemicals.

Subway Men Strike.

New York, April 4.—Ten thousand laborers in the new subway struck for an increase of wages. The leaders also demand that the union, which is less than a year old, be recognized. The strikers are mostly timbermen and their helpers.

GERMANS LOSE GAINS AT VERDUN

French Counter Attack Retakes Part of Vaux.

TEUTON FRONT IS MENAGED

Battle For the Village of Vaux Is Still Raging—Crown Prince's Troops Are Swept From Advanced Positions Previously Captured by Them.

Paris, April 4.—The battle for the village of Vaux, a formidable obstacle in the crown prince's drive against Verdun, east of the Meuse, is still raging furiously, but when the night settled upon the battle field it saw the French victorious in a violent counter attack, the first one of a large scale thus far attempted and the most successful counter movement undertaken by the defenders as regards results.

The fighting of the most savage character, which lasted all the previous night and throughout the day, the French counter attack gained steadily until at night they had recaptured the western part of the village and besides, thrown the Germans back to the northern edge of the Callette wood and to the pond north of Vaux. All of these positions had been firmly held by the crown prince's infantry troops, after their latest drive on this sector during the two previous days. This, a vital part of the two-mile gain made by the Germans, was wrested from them by the French in the counter attack.

The French war office in their communique admitted that the Germans had succeeded the previous day to the extent of sending their front over an area of this length, adding that heavy losses were inflicted on the Teuton infantry columns as they came forward in successive waves. The gains netted by the French counter offensive not only reduces the German extension considerable, but also presents a great menace to the whole German front in the Douaumont-Vaux sector, if the spirit of the dash shown by the French troops, evidently a surprise to the Teutons, keeps up.

Good evidence that it will keep up is gained by military critics here from a perusal of the official communique. The first statement reported only that ground had been gained in the Callette wood and gave an outline of the French front in the Douaumont-Vaux sector. A late communique announced the recapture of the western part of the village of Vaux, which indicates that the counter attack gained in intensity and that the German resistance slackened considerably.

The report also tells about a vain and costly attack west of the Meuse, when German infantry was sent forth to engage the French on the northern bank of the Forges, a small stream in the Haucourt-Bethincourt sector. It develops from the French statement that the French had secretly evacuated the positions which former the German objective, and when the Teuton troops dashed forward they were met by a hail of fire from the southern bank of the riverlet to which the French had withdrawn. French flanking fire from Bethincourt also met the attackers, who found no infantry to attack.

Four German aeroplanes were brought down by the French in the Verdun region, according to the official statement which reports a number of other successes in aerial engagements, notably a raid by thirty-one allied machines on four German points in the German line in which eighty-three big calibre shells were thrown.

FIVE SHIPS ARE SENT TO DEPTHS

London.—Five steamers, three British and two Norwegian, were sunk, with a probable toll of 18 lives, according to reports to Lloyds. The vessels were the victims of either mines or submarines. The Norwegian steamer Peter Hamre was the heaviest sufferer. So far only one of her crew of 15 is reported to have been saved. When the British liner Achilles was sunk four members of her crew were killed. The captain and 62 other persons from the steamer have been landed.

SCOTLAND COAST IS ATTACKED.

London.—The coast of Scotland and the northern and southeastern counties of England were attacked by Zeppelins, according to an official announcement issued by the Secretary of War. The announcement says: "A Zeppelin raid took place when the coast of Scotland and the northern and southeastern counties of England were attacked. Bombs were dropped at various places. No details are available."