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CURIOUS FEELING EXISTS NOW

SOMETHING IMPORTANT IS EXPECTED TO TAKE PLACE

At Once in the Mexican Situation but What No One Really Knows.

ALL IS AT A STANDSTILL All is Mere Speculation on the Border as to What Pershing is Doing.

EL PASO, April 7.—Two Americans, the first to arrive from the interior for several days, reached El Paso Friday on a train from Chihuahua City. They said that there was absolutely quiet in the state capital when they left, but that everywhere there was apparent a curious feeling of expectancy that important developments were imminent.

As had been the case for a week the whole Mexican situation seems at a standstill pending the outcome of the negotiations between Washington and General Carranza regarding the use of the Mexican railroads by the American expeditionary force.

Repeated intimations that the supply situation had reached an acute stage have received strong support by the statements made by soldiers returning from the front.

The question of adequate clothing for the American soldiers appears to be as urgent as that of food. Stories from the front of the expeditions adopted by the troopers to repair worn-out garments, especially shoes, gives sharp points to this problem.

In the absence of any definite news from General Pershing the border has again been reduced to mere speculation as to the whereabouts of Villa and the status of the pursuit. What is regarded as the most hopeful sign is that no news has come from Parral regarding the bandit. If he has not reached that town by this time, it is urged that there is still a chance of the American troops cutting in between him and the South.

It is also argued that the absence of any news of his movements favors the still persistent story that he is wounded and hiding in the hills.

Advanced guards of the American expedition hunting Villa are operating near Satevo and news that Colonel Dodd's cavalry has again come into contact with the Villa forces is expected.

The region between Satevo and Parral, where Villa is reported to be heading, is infested with several hands of Villa brigands.

American refugees from the Bonito-Juarez district say that if Villa should succeed in uniting these men he would have a force of at least 1,000 men and would be in a position to give the advanced American troops a hard battle before re-enforcements arrived.

The latest official information from the front showed that American cavalry had penetrated south of San Antonio, Chihuahua, and was still moving southward hard on the trail of the bandits. It is believed that more frequent reports will now be obtained from Colonel Dodd, inasmuch as it is now possible for him to relay his messages by courier to Chihuahua City and thence by Mexican telegraph lines to El Paso for re-transmission to Major General Funston at San Antonio.

CONSUL LETCHER SENDS REPORT OF CONDITIONS

WASHINGTON, April 7.—Consul Letcher at Chihuahua in a despatch received at the war department Friday through Major General Funston told of some of the results of the clashes between American troops and Villa forces at Aguas Calientes on April 1, and the fight between the bandits and Carranza troops near Olenegulla, three days later.

Letcher reported a persistent rumor in Chihuahua that Villa had been wounded. He said the fight at Aguas Calientes resulted in the killing of thirty or forty bandits by troopers of the Tenth cavalry under Colonel Brown. Brown's troops were reported as living for two weeks on beef and corn with supplies almost exhausted. A mining company had relieved the shortage by sending a special train with supplies and forage.

VESSEL CAPTURED

By a French Torpedo Boat and the Swedish Government Makes a Protest.

LONDON, April 7.—Capture by a French torpedo boat of the Swedish steamship Vega from Stockholm for Copenhagen is reported in an Exchange Telegraph dispatch from Copenhagen.

The message says the Swedish government protested against the capture and demanded release of the steamship.

W. H. Warner, of Parkersburg, who had been visiting his son, Charles S. Warner, here for several days, returned to his home Friday.

OPENING GAME OF SEASON TO BE PLAYED HERE

Saturday Afternoon When the Washington Irving Team Meets Shinnston High.

If weather conditions permit the first baseball game of the 1916 season will be played at the Norwood Park diamond Saturday afternoon, when Coach Frank Arnett's Washington Irving high school baseball team will clash with the strong Shinnston team. The game will be called at 3 o'clock.

The local boys are in fine shape after two weeks of hard work and they look like a pennant winning team in mid-season form. The entire team is looking much better than last year and are showing double the amount of pep. Coach Arnett has discovered a couple of stars and Saturday will be the first chance for the local boosters of the team to see them in action, so be sure and attend the game.

REVIVAL SERVICES

Are to Be Conducted in Central Christian Church by an Evangelist of Note.

It is announced that revival meetings are to be held in the Central Christian church, beginning Sunday April 16. The pastor of the church, the Rev. P. M. Baber, will be assisted in conducting the revival meetings by the Rev. Samuel R. Hawkins, of Portland, Ore.

Mr. Hawkins is an evangelist who has gained national fame. He has conducted evangelistic meetings in many towns and cities in different states and has met with great success. Mr. Hawkins is expected to be here in time to open the campaign with a sermon on the opening day.

AIRSHIP GOES WILD

After Breaking Its Moorings but Plans Are Made to Pursue and Capture It.

MOBILE, Ala., April 7.—A telephone message from Pensacola, Fla., early Friday said the navy's new dirigible airship broke from its moorings at the naval station there Friday morning and is being driven westward by a high wind.

Plans are being made to pursue and capture the runaway airship with aeroplanes. The dirigible, the largest ever sent to the gulf coast, was to have been used for military observation purposes. It is said to be worth between \$50,000 and \$60,000.

HUNT FOR ROBBERS

Is Continued by Washington and Allegheny Detectives and Many Farmers.

CANNONBURG, Pa., April 7.—Washington and Allegheny county detectives and scores of farmers Friday continued the hunt for the two robbers who Thursday stole \$15,000 from the First National Bank, of Houston, near here, and escaped in an automobile. Persons in the vicinity of the bank when the robbery occurred were convinced that the men had confederates in the person of the woman and another man who remained in the street while the money was being stolen. The country near Houston is being carefully searched by power and all roads are being watched but the impression prevails here that the members of the gang have made their way to Pittsburg.

VESSEL TORPEDOED

LONDON, April 7.—Lloyd's announces that the French sailing vessel St. Hubert has been torpedoed and may become a derelict. Its crew was rescued.

PRESIDENT POINCARÉ NOW WEARS UNIFORM WHILE AT THE FRONT



President Poincaré (arrow) visiting French trenches at Verdun, and map showing present location of battle line.

PARIS, April 7.—The visits of President Poincaré to the front are only "almost unexpected," if the Cri de Paris is to be believed. Two or three days before he arrives the polls are astonished at seeing certain chiefs, whose headgear is decorated by two or three small golden stars, indicating their high rank, crowding about the front lines much more frequently than usual. Fresh straw and new sleeping bags are served out with unusual freedom, but at the same time the non-commissioned officers earn a certain amount of unpopularity by their insistence on having all the mud scraped up.

COFFEE IS SCARCE IN GERMANY NOW.

BERLIN, April 7.—The government Friday expropriated coffee, tea and chicory and appointed a commission to regulate their distribution. The regulation applies to persons having in their possession ten kilograms of unroasted coffee or five kilograms of tea. It is announced there is a supply of coffee sufficient for about six weeks; that the army needs are covered for about four weeks and that there is enough tea for about a year.

PAIGE-DETROIT

Motor Car Company Breaks March Production Record of 1915.

The month of March showed the best record for manufacture and shipment of cars in the history of the Paige-Detroit Motor Car Company. The fact that during this month more cars were produced than at any other time is significant in view of the rapid development and growth of this company and the fact that in total volume of business it has made some phenomenal strides toward the top.

LESS TENSE

LONDON, April 7.—The situation in Holland apparently is becoming less tense. Reuter's Amsterdam correspondent says an indication of the change is that officers of the military transportation staff of the railways will again be granted leave.

DUFFY ACQUITTED.

John W. Duffy was acquitted in the criminal court Thursday afternoon. The jury in the case declared he was not guilty of having stored liquor in a public place. Much of the evidence offered by the state was thrown out as not credible.

CARRANZA FORCES NOW CONCENTRATING TO HELP

VERDUN



The president's costume since he began his trips to the front has become more and more military. He frequently wears a democratic cap of a naval touch, as an ordinary derby has a tendency to fly off in the wind. When he goes where he is in danger of receiving fragments of projectiles he wears the regulation steel helmet.

LABOR RALLY

Will Be Held in Palace Theater Here the Coming Sunday Afternoon and Night.

There will be a labor rally here Sunday, when mass meetings will be held in the Palace theater. The first meeting will be at 2 o'clock in the afternoon and the second at 7:30 o'clock at night. There will be a parade at 1:30 o'clock in the afternoon. The columns will form at the corner of North Fourth and West Pike streets and the line of march will be east to South Second street, thence to West Main, thence to North Fourth and thence to West Pike.

DRIVEN BACK

Are German Forces by the French in a Counter Attack at Verdun.

PARIS, April 7.—German forces have penetrated a French trench of the first line between Bethincourt and Chattancourt, according to announcement made Friday by the French war office. This locality is in the Verdun region west of the Meuse. A French counter attack at once drove them back from a large proportion of the position thus seized.

MR. BURKE DEAD.

Patrick Burke, father of Thomas H. Burke, a former resident of Parkersburg, is dead at his home in Parkersburg. The son mentioned herein resides in Cumberland now.

HARRY GREEN ILL.

Harry Green, colored transfer man, is ill at his home. He has a bad case of laryngitis.

AUDIENCE IS QUITE LARGE AT MEETING

And the Interest in the Revival at St. Paul's Church is Increasing Now.

The revival meeting at the St. Paul Methodist Episcopal church, South, continues with increasing interest, and the audience last night was one of the largest that has been present this week.

The preaching service was preceded by a short testimony meeting conducted by the pastor, the Rev. W. H. Fogleson, in which quite a number of people participated.

The lesson for the evening was taken from the fifteenth chapter of the Gospel of Saint John and the very intimate relation which exists between Christ and His Church was portrayed by the Rev. Mr. Jackson in a way to make every one present feel his utter helplessness without the abiding presence of the "True Vine."

WRIT

Of Error is Granted a Slot Machine Operator by the State Supreme Court.

CHARLESTON, April 7.—A writ of error has been granted by the supreme court of appeals in the case from Fayette county of the state against Perry. Perry was convicted of operating slot machines and sent to jail. He appealed from the circuit court.

GUNNERY PRACTICE

By the Germans on Danish Island is the Cause of a False Alarm.

LONDON, April 7.—The heavy firing heard on several evenings in Kell bay, west of Bankop, on the Danish island of Langeland, which has given rise to rumors of a naval battle, is explained by Reuter's Copenhagen correspondent as having been due merely to German naval gunnery practice of unusual proportions. Many ships have been out each evening firing at targets towed by fast cruisers. This practice always takes place after dark by the use of searchlights.

FALLS INTO AMBUSH.

PARIS, April 7.—A Havas despatch from Saloniki, dated April 6, says that a German patrol fell into an ambush on the Macedonian front and that several officers and men were taken prisoners.

DEWITT ON TRIAL.

Lee DeWitt was placed on trial Friday morning in the criminal court, charged with having operated a house of bad repute at Point Comfort. All jurors not engaged in the case were excused until Tuesday morning.

SEAMEN ARE DROWNED.

LONDON, April 7.—The British steamship Simla, of 5,884 tons, has been sunk. Eleven members of the crew were drowned.

MILK ADVANCES.

CHICAGO, April 7.—Milk will be advanced to nine cents, a quarter increase of one cent, by one of the three leading distributing companies in Chicago, it was announced Friday, as the result of the strike of 10,000 milk producers.

In the Pursuit of Villa Who is Now Travelling South beyond Chihuahua.

GARBLED REPORT COMES

Exact Position of the American Forces is Still Unknown at Headquarters.

SAN ANTONIO, April 7.—Carranza troops were reported Friday by American Consul Letcher to be concentrating in the vicinity of Chihuahua City. The reason for such concentration was unexplained but officers at Major General Funston's headquarters assume that it was part of the defunct government's plans of co-operation in the pursuit of Villa who, according to reports, is traveling south beyond Chihuahua.

The exact position of the American forces was still unknown at headquarters here early Friday. A report from General Pershing had reached Columbus but its garbled condition made it necessary to repeat it. General Funston and his staff awaited it with some concern.

CONSIDER SITUATION.

WASHINGTON, April 7.—President Wilson and the cabinet considered the submarine situation again Friday without deciding on action at this time. It was understood the situation still waits on Germany's answer to the inquiries on the recent destruction of the Sussex and other vessels.

DR. CLARK TO SPEAK.

Dr. C. B. Clark, president of Salem college, will address the teachers of Clay district at Shinnston, Saturday at 10 o'clock a. m., at the high school auditorium. This will be the last meeting of the season.

WRIT DISMISSED.

Judge James W. Robinson of the criminal court has dismissed the habeas corpus action brought by Virginia Conley against Joseph Hartman and awarded the custody of his little child to him.

HARDING CHOSEN.

CHICAGO, April 7.—Senator Warren G. Harding, of Ohio, was elected temporary chairman of the Republican national convention by unanimous vote of the sub-committee on arrangements of the Republican committee Friday on the first ballot.

TO GIVE A TTA.

Saturday being set apart as Belgian Flag Day, a tea will be given in the home of Mrs. W. Brent Maxwell, regent of the Daniel Davidson Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution. An offering to go toward the relief fund is asked as a part of the work of the Clarksville Chapter for the suffering Belgians. A minimum of seven cents (the cost of one day's ration for one Belgian) has been placed upon contributions to the fund. Every one who is interested in this charitable work is cordially invited to attend.

ONE KITTEN IS THE OTHER'S UNDERSTUDY



Lenore Ulrich and her two kittens. Lenore Ulrich, the actress, is unworried to nine cents, a quarter increase of one cent, by one of the three leading distributing companies in Chicago, it was announced Friday, as the result of the strike of 10,000 milk producers.