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TWO CENTS.

NEW NOTE ON SUSSEX CASE

It is Believed German Government Now Admits Attack on Steamer

COMMANDER HAS BEEN PUNISHED

It is Indicated That Germany is Ready to Make Reparation — Supposition That Torpedo Was Fired in Belief Sussex Was a Warship.

WASHINGTON, May 10.—Secretary Lansing received a message from Ambassador Gerard today giving notice that a new note on the Sussex case had been handed him and was on the way to Washington. It has been indicated that the German government now admits attacking the Sussex, gives notice that the submarine commander responsible has been punished and promises to make reparation.

AMSTERDAM, May 10, via London.—A semi-official despatch from Berlin says that as the result of the German government's investigation concerning the explosion that damaged the steamship Sussex it can no longer be doubted that the vessel torpedoed by a German submarine on supposition that it was a warship was in fact the Sussex. The despatch says the German government has acquiesced the United States government with this fact, adding that in accordance with the note of last month Germany will draw its conclusions from the evidence which has now been deduced.

LESS ACTIVITY.

Drive along the Verdun Lacks Its Usual Intensity Today.

PARIS, May 10.—Activity on the Verdun front has decreased, according to the statement given out by the war office this afternoon. Artillery action west of the Meuse was less pronounced and east of the river there was only intermittent firing. An attack on the French trenches between the Oise and the Aisne was repulsed.

FRENCH ARE PLEASED.

American Note to Germany Called a Masterpiece of Diplomacy.

PARIS, May 10.—Great prominence is given by the newspapers of Paris this morning to the latest American note to Germany, replying to the communication respecting submarine warfare. The American note is spoken of as a masterpiece of diplomacy.

LANDED IN GERMANY.

Two French Balloons Broke from Their Moorings Saturday.

BERLIN, May 10, via London.—Two of the French balloons which broke from their moorings in the French lines in France Saturday landed near Hanover. One of them was manned by a crew of soldiers, apparently officers, who have not yet been captured.

LIVELY TIMES AT COLUMBUS.

Renewed Military Activity Noted in Almost Every Department.

COLUMBUS, N. M., May 10.—Renewed activity in almost every department of the expeditionary base was apparent here today. Men are being sent forward to the field, preparations are being made for the mobilization of the New Mexico National Guard and supply motor truck trains carrying ammunition, supplies and equipment are being sent to the front.

First Baptist Church

The regular meeting of the Christian Endeavor society will be held in the chapel this evening at 7:30. Topic, "Consecration of Talents." Matt. 25:14-29. Leader, Miss Ruth E. Chase. Consecration meeting. All young people are invited.

Centre Congregational Church

Friday, May 12, 7:30 p. m.—Service in the chapel. Mr. F. J. Woodward will tell of work in the Miconesian Islands.

Safety First Quality Next

in the Shop of Sanitation
The Brooks House Sanitary Barber Shop
5 EXPERT WORKMEN and Some Shine Artist

CYMRIC SURVIVORS LANDED AT BANTRY

Saved by a Sloop Which Heard Calls for Help—Known Definitely That No Americans Were on Board.

BANTRY ISLAND, May 10.—Details of the sinking of the White Star liner Cymric were given today by members of the crew who were landed here. They say that the torpedo which destroyed the ship struck the engine room. The explosion blew off the skylights and extinguished the lights. Four men were killed by the explosion and the chief steward was drowned while trying to reach a boat when the crew abandoned the ship. One hundred and seven members of the crew took to the boats shortly after the liner was torpedoed, but returned when it was seen that the steamer was not in immediate danger of sinking. They remained on board two hours, when a sloop which had heard the Cymric's wireless call for help arrived and took them off. The sloop stood by the stricken liner until she sank at 5:30 in the morning. All of the crew were British subjects, except one Russian and two Belgians. The officers say the Cymric was unarmed.

LONDON, May 10.—American Consul Frost at Queenstown sent a telegram today from Bantry to the American embassy here announcing definitely that there were no Americans on board the Cymric. Mr. Frost said no warning was given, but that the wake of the torpedo was seen.

MORE TROOPS CALLED.

Coast and Field Artillery Companies to Go to Border.

WASHINGTON, May 10.—Eleven companies of coast artillery, comprising 1,000 men, and five batteries of field artillery were ordered last night by the war department to proceed to the Mexican border. Announcement of this order was made by Secretary Baker following a conference with Gen. Miles, acting chief of staff of the army.

The action was taken after the President had issued orders this morning calling out the National Guard of three states, Texas, Arizona and New Mexico, for border duty. Three additional regiments of regular infantry were also ordered to the border. The eleven companies of coast artillery will be taken from ports along the Gulf of Mexico and the south Atlantic coast from Galveston to Delaware, not all of the men at any one place being removed.

The five batteries of the Fifth Field artillery, now at Fort Sill, Okla., are included in the orders. The Sixth battery of that regiment being already on the border. Orders also went out tonight to a battalion of the Third Field Artillery, now at Tullahoma, Pa., to hold itself in readiness to proceed to the border if needed. The additional troops will report to southern department headquarters at San Antonio, Tex.

DESTROYER DAMAGED.

British Vessel Suffered from Artillery Fire, Berlin Reports.

BERLIN, May 10, by wireless to Sayville.—In an engagement off the Belgian coast Monday between the German and British torpedo craft a British destroyer was badly damaged by artillery fire, according to the official announcement made by the German admiralty under date of May 9. "Two German torpedo boats," says the official statement, "while reconnoitering on the morning of May 8 had a brief engagement north of Ostend with five British torpedo boat destroyers. One destroyer was badly damaged by artillery fire. The German torpedo boat returned to port undamaged."

KIND TO PRISONERS.

Turks Very Considerate of British Soldiers Who Surrendered.

LONDON, May 10.—According to a despatch Khalil Pasha, the Turkish general to whom the British forces under Townshend surrendered at Kut-el-Amara, showed the utmost consideration for his prisoners. The Turkish commander expressed admiration for the gallant defense of the garrison and showed anxiety that they should be well fed. He especially desired that every comfort and consideration should be shown to General Townshend.

FRENCH DRIVEN BACK.

Germans Report Making Further Progress on the Verdun Front.

BERLIN, May 10, by wireless to Sayville.—The Germans made further progress on Hill No. 304 on the Verdun front and have driven back the French detachments south-west of the hill, the war office statement of today says.

STUDENTS ENLIST.

Forty University of Texas Boys Ready for Duty with National Guard.

AUSTIN, Texas, May 10.—Forty students of the University of Texas had enlisted today for service in the Texas National Guard along the Mexican border and university authorities said many more were endeavoring to enlist.

TO DEMAND INDEMNITY.

Brazil to Insist That Germans Settle for Sinking of a Steamer.

RIO JANEIRO, May 10.—Brazil will demand an indemnity from Germany for the sinking by a submarine of the Brazilian steamer Rio Branco.

BAD MAN SHOT BY SOLDIERS

De la Garza Is Believed to Have Given Information to Villa Bandits

LONG KNOWN AS BORDER SMUGGLER

Mexican Outlaws Reported to Be Concentrating in Large Numbers at El Pino — Reports of Raid Plans Not Credited.

MARATHON, Texas, May 10.—Demetrio de la Garza, once known as the "bad man of the Big Bend country," met his death in a long rifle range duel with the American troopers on Monday in the hills near Boquillas. The cavalrymen not only killed in Garza but his Mexican companion as well. De la Garza kept a small trading store on the American side of the Rio Grande, but ranchers have long known him as a smuggler.

De la Garza resented the presence of American soldiers as a border patrol and is said to have given advance information to the Villa bandits before their raid.

Villa bandits in large numbers are reported to be concentrated at El Pino, 85 miles south of Boquillas. The two bodies of bandits separated their forces after the Glen Springs raid with the understanding that they would join their command at El Pino.

There were reports here today that the bandits contemplated further attacks on settlements near Presidio, but these are not credited, as army officers believe that the Villa band will retreat toward the interior and wait to see whether they are being pursued before beginning new depredations along the Rio Grande.

REFUGEES ON THEIR WAY FROM MEXICO

Steamer San Juan Has 68 from Manzanillo and 23 from Mazatlan Bound to California.

WASHINGTON, May 10.—Admiral Winslow, commanding on the west Mexican coast, reported to the navy department today that the steamer San Juan had taken 68 American refugees from Manzanillo and 23 from Mazatlan and was proceeding with them to San Diego, California. The admiral made no reference in his dispatch to new disturbances on the coast, but said there was a general feeling among Americans to leave Mexico.

STUNNED BY 40-FOOT PLUNGE.

John Perkins Drowned After Falling from Dam at Shelburne Falls.

SHELburne FALLS, Mass., May 10.—Stunned by a 40-foot fall from the No. 4 dam yesterday, John B. Perkins, an employee of the Connecticut River transmission company, drowned before rescue arrived. The accident happened at 9:45 o'clock and the body was not recovered until 3 o'clock in the afternoon. Mr. Perkins and Edward Morrissey were at work taking the dashboards off the dam. It is not known what caused Mr. Perkins to lose his balance and fall off the dam, as Mr. Morrissey's back was turned when Mr. Perkins fell.

Mr. Morrissey heard the splash when the falling man hit the water 40 feet below, and he shouted to Mr. Perkins to hang on and started for the nearest bank for a rope. Mr. Perkins was known to be a good swimmer, but he must have been stunned in the fall, for he sank within half a minute after he first came to the surface of the water. Mr. Morrissey was back with a rope within a few minutes of when the accident happened, but it was too late.

Ten or a dozen employees of the company immediately started grappling for the body, but owing to the depth of the water and its muddy condition their efforts were for a long time unsuccessful. The grapplers worked from the dam itself on both sides of the river. The body was caught once before Mr. Merriweather, superintendent of the company's outside work, finally brought the body up at 3 o'clock within a few feet of the dam.

Mr. Perkins was 43 years old and had always lived in Shelburne Falls. He had worked for the transmission company as outside man some time. He leaves a wife, daughter and four sons.

BIRTHS.

In West Halifax, May 5, a son to Mr. and Mrs. Lewis A. Sumner.

MARRIAGES.

In Brattleboro, May 9, by Carl S. Hopkins, Esq., David Duncanson Crawford, jr., and Miss Catherine Neil, both of Holyoke, Mass.

PLAINTIFF RESTS IN RYDER SUIT

Wife Tells of Selling Furniture on Account of Financial Condition—Defense Has Started.

The plaintiff in the case of Affra H. Ryder of Brattleboro against the Vermont Last Block Co., a suit for \$15,000, to recover for injuries received, which has been on trial since Monday afternoon in the county court at Newfane, rested this morning at the conclusion of the cross-examination of the wife of the plaintiff.

Dr. E. R. Lynch and Dr. Byron E. White, who attended Ryder when he was injured in 1914, testified. This morning several employees of the company told of the condition of the conveyor, which it is claimed by the plaintiff was out of order at the time of the accident, throwing a heavy block of wood off on to the head of the plaintiff.

Mrs. Ryder told of her husband being brought home injured and of his attempting to work after the accident before going to the hospital in Springfield, Mass., for an operation. She told of breaking up housekeeping and selling the furniture because of the financial condition of the family and of their five children. Two of them are married and the other three are aged 14, 12 and 8 respectively.

The defense was begun this afternoon.

MUSIC TEACHER LEAPS TO DEATH

Miss Pauline Cushing, Formerly of Northfield Seminary, Jumps from Window in San Francisco.

(Special to The Reformer.)

EAST NORTHFIELD, Mass., May 10.—Miss Pauline Cushing, who resigned her position on the faculty of the music department of Northfield seminary last January, committed suicide in San Francisco Sunday night. Miss Cushing had been a teacher of singing here two years and was director of the choir in the Congregational church.

She accepted a position in Washington state and went there in January to fill it. It is understood that the position was otherwise filled when she reached there. She took up other work, but was melancholy. At the time of her death she was in a hospital and when her attendant left the room she leaped from her window.

The body will be brought to Boston and the funeral will be held in the home of her sister Friday. Miss Cushing was popular with her pupils at the seminary, faithful in the profession and respected by all who knew her.

BRATTLEBORO MEN FORM CORPORATION

Papers Filed with Secretary of State Today by Howland Pulp & Paper Co.—Capital \$50,000.

(Special to The Reformer.)

MONTEPELIER, May 10.—Corporation papers were filed with the secretary of state today by the Howland Pulp & Paper corporation of Brattleboro. The capital stock is \$50,000.

The incorporators are Ames W. Blandin, Charles G. Staples, Herman E. Eddy and Harold E. Whitney.

D. A. R. HOLDS MAY MEETING.

Mrs. Hamilton Entertains Chapter — Reports of Recent Congress.

Brattleboro chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, held its May meeting yesterday afternoon with Mrs. Fremont Hamilton as hostess, at Mrs. Hamilton's home on Linden street. There was a large attendance and the occasion was one of much pleasure. The rooms were decorated with a profusion of flags of various sizes. Refreshments were served. It was reported that Brattleboro chapter's \$750 of Belgian flags amounted by the national society by the sale of flags was \$120,000.

Miss Della M. Sherman was elected auditor. The ways and means committee urged that all members have silver societies before the annual meeting in June, and the members were urged to attend the unveiling of the soldiers' monument in Newfane Memorial day.

Brief reports of the Continental Congress were made by Mrs. Julius J. Estey, Miss Genevieve M. Slate and Mrs. George E. Greene, a remarkably comprehensive and interesting account of the congress was given by the regent, Mrs. Lyman E. Holden. A group of songs by Mrs. Hamilton, with Mrs. Francis P. Blake as accompanist, added to the interest of the meeting, which closed with the singing of America to a new tune.

THE BRANDEIS CASE.

Senate Judiciary Committee Decides on More Public Hearings.

WASHINGTON, May 10.—Re-opening of the public hearing on the nomination of Louis D. Brandeis to the supreme court was ordered today by the senate judiciary committee for inquiring into Mr. Brandeis's connection with the proposed merger several years ago of the United Cigar Stores company and the Riker-Hepburn chain of drug stores. Louis K. Liggett of Boston and George W. Anderson, United States attorney at Boston, have been summoned to appear in that connection Friday.

FAVOR PAID SECRETARY

Advisability of Plan Recognized by Directors of Board of Trade

HORTON D. WALKER AGAIN PRESIDENT

Carl S. Hopkins Re-elected Secretary, but Will Resign if Paid Secretary Is Engaged — Committee to Investigate Hotel Question.

An unusually interesting, as well as enthusiastic, session of the board of directors of the Brattleboro board of trade was held last evening. It was the first since the annual meeting of the



PRESIDENT H. D. WALKER.

board, and besides the election of officers President Walker gave his annual address and several matters of business were discussed.

Horton D. Walker was re-elected president and Arthur B. Clapp and Lyndon L. Dunham were elected vice presidents. Mr. Clapp being re-elected secretary with the understanding that he should resign if a paid secretary was procured to give his entire time to the work of the board, which proposition has the hearty support of Mr. Hopkins. A committee consisting of President Walker, William L. Hunt and Major C. Houghton was elected to investigate the matter of ways and means for securing such a secretary. The plan is favored by all the directors.

It was voted to refer to the village improvement committee the question of having a Clean-Up week. In the present hotel accommodations was mentioned, and the directors elected President Walker, Lyman E. Holden, Elbert C. Tenney and Lyndon L. Dunham a committee to investigate the subject.

Five new members were elected, Walter C. Piper, Inc., Rev. James P. Rand, Rev. Isaac M. Compton, Rev. Richard H. Clapp and Rev. Nelson Kellogg.

President Walker's address was as follows: "Brattleboro is entering upon her greatest year, industrially and commercially in her history. The recent transfers in real estate, the remodeling of the old stores and the proposed new buildings for commercial purposes show that the steady growth for the past few years has created a demand for more commodious quarters and better equipment and facilities for merchandising, and it is to our credit that this demand is to be supplied by the men who have helped to create it.

In this year 1916 there will undoubtedly be more visitors in Vermont than ever before. Tourists cannot go to Europe. There is no world's fair on the Pacific coast or elsewhere. The

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GETTING READY TO CONTROL TRAFFIC

Village Commissioners and Police Chief Wilson Will Study Regulations in Greenfield.

The village commissioners with Police Chief George Wilson will go to Greenfield either this evening or tomorrow evening to study traffic regulations there in preparation for inaugurating them here.

The village commissioners have not organized as yet for the year, but at present John T. Keane of the commission is in charge of the street sprinkling and anyone desiring to arrange for sprinkling or to make complaints about it should communicate with him.

THE WEATHER.

Cloudy Tonight and Thursday—Probably Showers—Warmer.

WASHINGTON, May 10.—The weather forecast: Cloudy tonight and Thursday. Probably showers. Warmer tonight in the interior. Moderate winds becoming south and increasing.

FIRE THREATENED NORTH WATERCURE

Department Called to Fight Flames in Woodshed Close By—Corrognated Roof of Much Help.

A fire which started in a long woodshed in the rear of the north Watercure building on Elliot street, this morning reached proportions that made it dangerous and at 7:40 o'clock the fire department was called. The shed was separate from the main buildings, and a corrognated iron roof alone prevented a worse fire. The flames were licking the sides of the main building when the first stream of water was brought to bear. The damage was confined to the shed and its contents. The property is owned by the Old Fellows and is insured.

The origin of the fire is not known. Neighbors saw it at about the time James E. Bushnell discovered the smoke. He shouted to Harry Streeter who was the fire station and the latter called the alarm. Charles Stockwell, driver of the combination truck, Stockwell gave the call bell a few yanks just as someone pulled box 32 on the fire station. Three lines of hose were laid in quick time and the flames were killed, but it was some time before the last of the fire had been drowned among the contents of the shed.

CONFERENCE IS NOT CONCLUSIVE

Gen. Obregon Today Will Submit a Paper Containing His Views to Gen. Scott.

WASHINGTON, May 10.—Secretary Baker informed President Wilson today that the conference between Gen. Scott and Gen. Obregon last night was not conclusive and that it would be continued today. He indicated that the outlook was more favorable for an agreement being reached. The exact points of difference were not revealed. Gen. Scott has advised Secretary Baker that no formal counter proposals have been submitted by Gen. Obregon, but that Obregon arranged to submit today a paper containing his views.

Secretary Baker today received from Gov. Pinkham of Hawaii a tender of the services of the Hawaiian national guard.

AVIATOR QUIETED ALARM IN COLUMBUS

Flew 75 Miles and Found No Trace of Alleged Carranza Army on Way to the Border.

COLUMBUS, New Mexico, May 10.—Rumors that 3,500 Carranza soldiers were marching on Columbus and that Gen. Pershing's rear guard had been attacked were dispelled here today after a reconnaissance flight made by a capture of the aero corps.

The aviator flew over a territory 75 miles to the south and west of Columbus. He reported seeing no Mexican soldiers and that all was quiet along the American line. The rumors of an attack became current last night. Machine guns were mounted in some parts of the military camp and soldiers kept close to their barracks.

NO FURTHER TRACE OF MISSING GIRL

Diver Interrupted Yesterday by Accident Elsewhere, but Resumed Search This Morning.

(Special to The Reformer.)

HINSDALE, N. H., May 10.—After being interrupted yesterday noon in his search for Miss Gladys Stearns by a drowning accident in Shelburne Falls, John Care, diver, returned to the search this morning, without getting any further trace of the missing young woman.

Mr. Care covered the riverbed yesterday for several hundred feet below the second pier.

Charles Reed of Winchester, who has had some success in locating lost articles, has expressed the opinion that the girl is in an eddy some 600 feet south of the railroad bridge on the east side of the river, and a search will be made there.

TWO COMMITTED TO JAIL.

Former Employee on Brattleboro Federal Building in Trouble.

A brick mason and his helper figured Monday in a "roughhouse" at the Hotel Devens in Greenfield, Mass., and yesterday morning were found guilty on counts of disturbing the peace and assaulting an officer and were fined \$15 on each count, a total of \$30. For non-payment both were committed to the house of correction. They gave their names as James Evans and Edward Shea. When arrested Monday they said their names were Morris Kelley and John Kinney and said they had been employed on the construction of the new postoffice building here.

The mix-up between the two men created considerable excitement. They were refused a drink in the Devens bar, and angered by this they attacked first the bartender, then an employee of the hotel and finally the officer when he was summoned.

A man named John Kinney finished work on the government building here several days ago, but who his companion is the superintendent at the building does not know.

\$95,000 BOND NOT REPORTED

Directors of Vermont National Bank Ignorant of Its Existence

WAS NOT INCLUDED AMONG BANK'S ASSETS

Purchased Years Ago and Locked Up in Mr. Averill's Private Box—Defendant Made a General Denial of Charges in His Testimony.

(Special to The Reformer.)

BURLINGTON, May 10.

George C. Averill was on the stand several hours today in his own defense in the Brattleboro bank case. He made a general denial of the charges alleged in the indictment. He said he owned 250 shares of the bank stock at a par value of \$50. When he came there in 1885 the bank paid 10 per cent dividends, when he left it paid dividends of 16 per cent.

He alone was responsible for the entries on the books. He made out and entered the cashier's checks frequently in the forenoon, anticipating their use in the day's business. If not needed they were reversed the next day. He had no difficulty in getting loans on cashier's checks on the Shawmut bank of Boston. His bank's credit was excellent, its resources ample, and he never made false entries with intent to deceive.

The books were open at all times for examination, and there was no need to pad accounts at any time. The witness denied that he had ever held up collections on other banks for the purpose of deceiving. The matter of the contemplated loan to the Howland Pulp and Paper company of Maine was started to protect the credit of the company, which was a big depositor in the Vermont National bank.

Mr. Averill had no financial interest in the paper company. The witness said he had never made a dollar of profit out of the bank, nor did anything that imperiled the depositors. He desired to meet the government's requirements fully.

Other witnesses today were Judge J. M. Tyler of Brattleboro, a director of the bank, A. T. Collier, vice president of the Shawmut bank of Boston, H. K. Hillel, president of the Fourth National bank, and Miss Florence E. Clark of Brattleboro, employed many years as stenographer in the Vermont National bank.

The government closed its case at 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon. Judge J. M. Tyler, Dr. H. D. Holton and Dr. S. E. Lawton, directors, were on the stand during the session. None of these worthy gentlemen knew, they said, of anything that developed on account of the investigation of the bank by Examiner Kelleher. That is, they took the reports made by President Averill from month to month without much question, and the examinations made by the directors were perfunctory. The directors testified they had the most implicit confidence in the integrity of Mr. Averill and trusted him fully.

Judge Tyler in his testimony was given much freedom of expression. He told with directness of the conversation that Examiner Kelleher had with the board of directors after Mr. Kelleher had found certain figures on the books, upon which later was based the indictment against Mr. Averill. The judge had been on the board five years and had known Mr. Averill 20 to 25 years, always having the highest respect for him. At the second meeting of the board with the examiner Judge Tyler said he was worried about someone to fill Mr. Averill's place. He said that he asked Mr. Kelleher if he knew someone who might be available, receiving a negative answer. "How about you?" asked Judge Tyler. "Could you afford to take it?"

The judge said that Mr. Kelleher appeared favorably impressed with the idea. This apparently was the only basis for Mr. Fitts's attempt to show, when cross-examining the examiner, that he was after Mr. Averill's job.

Testifying as to Mr. Averill's health during the period just before the case started Judge Tyler said he appeared depressed. Work piled up on his desk. The judge testified he would not have known of conditions at the bank had it not been for the discovery by the bank examiner of certain entries on the books which appeared in the case. Mr. Kelleher's examination brought to the knowledge of the board among other things the fact of a debenture bond of \$95,000 which belonged to the bank and which had been locked up in Mr. Averill's private box. This bond had been purchased years before but the present directors did not even know of its existence. The bond had never been reported among the bank's assets.

Dr. Holton testified to the fact that Mr. Averill had neurasthenia, and admitted that the disease was caused and aggravated largely through trouble and worry.

John D. Moore of Bellows Falls, another director, was on the stand a few minutes. He was not present at the meeting of the board with Mr. Kelleher.

Brigadier-General Ford is said to be the youngest general in the British army.