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VILLA REPORTED CAPTURED BY AMERICAN TROOPS

Germans Pierce French Lines On Outskirts of Verdun

Massed Attacks From Two Directions Enable Teutons to Gain Foothold in the Village of Vaux

RUSSIAN ADVANCE HALTED

Berlin War Office Claims That Muscovites Lost 140,000 Men in Recent Offensive—Germans Lose Zeppelin in Raid in England

LONDON, April 1.—The Germans appear to be gradually closing in on Verdun, having succeeded in drawing their lines a little closer to the northeast fortress, where massed attacks from two directions secured them a footing in the village of Vaux. Their successful attempt to penetrate the French lines was proceeded, according to Paris, by an assault which was checked by the French curtain of fire and infantry and there was spirited fighting at close quarters before the Germans took a part of Vaux. The crown prince's main infantry forces have not moved from the trenches west of the Meuse since they captured Malancourt. Artillery, however, continues active in the Malancourt region and further drives against the French will continue probably without much delay.

The German official statement issued last night claims considerably to the Russian front. Further north on the Dvina [illegible] Russian aeroplane flighters have [illegible] near Sloni, 150, while in the [illegible] front these French [illegible] in Germans in various engagements.

After being period of bad weather [illegible] has been resumed on the front. Heavy, mainly artillery engagements [illegible] important changes have been reported.

Paris summarizes the recent Russian efforts as at a standstill and losses of reports.

Huge Russian Casualties.

Russian casualties are estimated by the German headquarters staff to have been at least [illegible] more than 500,000 thus being equalled in the Russo-Turkish war according to Berlin and the expenditure of ammunition by the attacking force is declared to have been on an unprecedented scale for the eastern front.

Air raids Tuesday night over the Kingdom and more casualties apparently was on the most extensive scale yet undertaken by the German Zeppelin fleet. According to the official British report twenty eight persons were killed and thirty-four injured while unofficially it is declared that the air ships flew at such great height that they were unable to select targets with any degree of accuracy and that many bombs appeared to have been cast off indiscriminately.

The most sensational feature of the raid was the falling of a damaged Zeppelin, the L15, in the Thames estuary. Where it was captured by British pilots some its crew surrendering. The airship sank however, while an attempt was being made to tow her in.

The dirigible was hit near the tail by shrapnel while it was flying over the Essex counties.

Prince Arenfth of England, was received today by Pope Benedict, with whom the British statesman talked privately for half an hour.

LIMIT ON TIME TABLES

WAR HAS CAUSED CURTAILMENT OF THEIR PUBLICATION IN ENGLAND.

LONDON, April 1.—One war-time economy that the traveling public in England may welcome is a reduction in the output of railroad time tables. These little booklets here are to a large percentage of the people lost as mysterious as they are the world over, and, there is added inconveniences of having to buy them as one does a newspaper. They are not handed out for the asking, as in the United States.

In deciding to reduce the issue of time tables the railroads had in view the curtailment of the consumption of paper, in accordance with the government's restrictions on the use of paper in every conceivable instance. At first it was suggested that time tables be suspended entirely during the war but this was voted down. The compromise suggested is to have only one general public time table put out by each railroad company and that the price be raised from two cents, as at present, to six cents.

The question of discontinuing the whole of the posting on bill boards at station platforms and along the lines is also under consideration.

Holland Making Active Preparations for War

LONDON, April 1.—Seemingly the situation in Holland is approaching a crisis. Notwithstanding denials that the Dutch government had withdrawn furloughs of soldiers and was requisitioning trains, unofficial reports from the Hague say that the ministers of state have held an extraordinary council. Leading Holland newspapers say that the anxiety is not due to the sinking of the Tubantia but to other matters which have brought the war to a phase in which the country must observe the greatest vigilance. The excitement is due probably to some action growing out of the entente war council in Paris last week.

BRLIN, April 1.—The newspapers here are giving space to reports concerning an alleged ultimatum by the entente to Holland. All these reports, however, are based on mere rumors and the papers assert that Germany has no cause for the slightest uneasiness, whether true or false.

SPRING FRESHETS SEND TRINITY RIVER OUT OF ITS BANKS

LOWLANDS AT DALLAS AND FT. WORTH ARE ALREADY INUNDATED.

HEAVY RAIN IS FALLING

DALLAS, Texas, April 1.—Three inches of rain in this section has caused the Trinity River to rise ten feet and the river tonight is standing at twenty-six feet on the gage. The weather bureau forecasts stage of thirty-nine feet by tomorrow night, which will cover the lowlands in this vicinity and residents of those portions have been warned to leave.

Street car traffic between Fort Worth and North Fort Worth has been suspended on account of floods, much low ground being inundated. Ample warning to people living in the lowlands has so far prevented any loss of life. The rain continues tonight.

PRESIDENT ON TRIP.

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 1.—President Wilson left Washington late tonight with Mrs. Wilson on the naval yacht Mayflower for a week-end trip down Chesapeake Bay.

FIRE IN RICE MILL.

LAKE CHARLES, La., April 1.—Damage estimated at $150 was caused at the Lake Arthur mill of the Louisiana State Rice Milling Company early this morning when a fire of unknown origin threatened the destruction of the plant. The blaze was extinguished by a sprinkler system, the damage being mainly caused by water on the machinery and rice in the mills.

TEXAS RAILROADS PROSPERED GREATLY DURING PAST YEAR

OPERATING INCOME SHOWS INCREASE OF $1,413,387 OVER THAT OF 1914.

DEFICIT IS CUT DOWN

AUSTIN, Texas, April 1.—Income from operation of Texas railroads during 1915 showed an increase of $1,413,387 over 1914, according to the State tax commissioner. The net deficit of the roads shows a decrease of $2,368,641.15 for the same period.

This is a betterment of the roads' financial condition of $4,873,403.45. The reports show income from operations for 1914, and for 1915 $1,504,627.42, for 1914, $191,286.42. The deficit of the roads for 1915 amounted to $1,192,577.41 compared to $4,868,015.66 for 1914.

TO SHELTER FIRE VICTIMS

WAR DEPARTMENT WILL FURNISH TENTS AND COTS TO PARIS, TEXAS.

WASHINGTON, April 1.—The Black bill authorizing the war department to lend tents to shelter victims of the Paris, Texas, fire and appropriating $50,000 for the purchase and distribution of tents, cots and other necessary supplies, was favorably reported to the house today by the military affairs committee.

ALICE MAN INJURED WHEN FREIGHT TRAIN COLLIDES WITH AUTO

G. W. NEWBERRY BADLY CUT AND BRUISED ABOUT THE FACE AND HEAD.

CHANCE OF RECOVERY

ALICE, April 1.—G. W. Newberry, a prominent resident of this city and for many years engaged in business, was seriously injured this morning when an auto which he was driving was struck by a freight train of the Texas-Mexican Railroad, carrying the car and occupant for some distance, the auto then overturning with Mr. Newberry beneath. The accident occurred at a crossing in the east part of town.

Mr. Newberry was rushed to his home for medical attention. His face was badly cut, as well as his legs and there is some apprehension that he has also been injured internally. He was semi-conscious throughout the day and tonight. Attending physicians while realizing the seriousness of his condition are hopeful that the accident will not prove fatal. He is 65 years of age.

NEW COURT HOUSE GOES UP

TEMPLE OF JUSTICE AT SAN DIEGO WILL COST $67,500 WHEN COMPLETED.

SAN DIEGO, Texas, April 1.—Construction of the new Duval county court house has been begun in earnest by James Stewart & Company, the contractors. Excavation for the basement is about completed and work will proceed rapidly.

The building will be one of the finest of its kind in the State and will cost the taxpayers $67,500, which amount was raised by the sale of warrants.

AUSTRALIANS PLAN TO OPEN NEW LAND

NORTHERN SECTION OF THE TERRITORY TO BE DEVOTED TO CATTLE RAISING.

MELBOURNE, Australia, April 1.—The scarcity of meat and the higher prices resulting have already stimulated the work of developing the northern territory of Australia, according to the latest report of the official administrator of that district. The want of water, which has been a serious handicap to stock-raising, is gradually being overcome by the tapping of inexhaustible supplies of underground waters through sub-artesian bores.

Statements that this section of Australia is climatically unsuitable for white settlers are denied in the report which states that investigation by experts shows that "the climate offers absolutely no bar to proper development by white labor. Given freedom from tropical and other infectious diseases by importation, the evidence available is that the territory is quite as healthy for white people as any other part of the world. Indeed, it is probably the only part of the Australian continent where men may be seen at any time and all times of the year engaged in hard physical labor in the open air, undressed from the waist upwards but for an ordinary felt hat covering. The fear of sunstroke does not exist."

BERLIN PLAYS FOR DELAY IN U-BOAT CRISIS

GERMAN GOVERNMENT INFORMS AMBASSADOR GERARD THAT IT HAS NO OFFICIAL INFORMATION REGARDING RECENT SUBMARINE OUTRAGES.

EVIDENCE IS PILING UP

Many Washington Officials Now Convinced That Germany Has Violated Solemn Assurances Given the United States—What Will Be Done?

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 1.—The German government has informed Ambassador Gerard that it is making official information concerning the explosions which damaged the steamers Fiume and Englishman, both of which carried Americans, but promised to answer Secretary Lansing's inquiries when the German inquiry is completed. This will probably require another week. In the meantime the United States will continue its own investigation.

While the situation is still a waiting one many officials believe that the accumulation of evidence indicates that Germany has violated public assurances given the United States. It is admittedly an open question what will be done should Germany finally acknowledge of the attacks.

LONDON, April 1.—The Norwegian steamer Homsvik is reported to have been sunk by a submarine. The crew was saved according to Lloyds. The German steamer Helmstadt is also reported to have been sunk, the crew being saved.

BROWN MACHINE BADLY BREACHED BY SAN ANTONIO VOTERS

ROBT. F. LHR IS ELECTED COMMISSIONER OF FIRE AND POLICE

TOBIN RUNS POOR THIRD

SAN ANTONIO, April 1.—Robert F. Lhr was elected commissioner of fire and police in today's special election by a majority of 256 votes over Phil Wright, administration candidate. The vote was as follows: For Lhr 3318; for Wright 3062; for William G. Tobin, brother of Sheriff John W. Tobin, 1843.

Lhr, who takes the place of Albert Steves, resigned, will quality next week. His selection in the face of most strenuous efforts of the administration to elect Wright, who is his chief, is taken as an indication that many do not approve of the administration. Lhr was an alderman under the old aldermanic form of city government.

TWELVE PAGES TODAY IN TWO PARTS

TODAY'S CALENDAR.

Weather Bulletin.

Local forecast for today: Fair and cooler; moderate to fresh northwest winds.

At the Theaters.

Amish—Two Triangle pictures, Henry Woodruff in "The Becoming Flame," and Joe Jackson and Mark Swain in a comedy, "A Modern Beach Adam."

Lyric—Robert Warwick in a five-act World Film Feature, "Fruits of Desire."

Rex—Rotary Re-opening of Corpus Theatre as a part of the Universal Animated Weekly, also some other reels.

Ideal—Fourth episode of the serial story, "The Red Circle," Billie Reeves in a comedy, "Shared," and a Hoyt and Leslie comedy.

Today's Local Calendar.

Usual services in the churches of the city.

STORM WARNINGS.

WASHINGTON, April 1.—Storm warnings have been ordered displayed on the gulf coast from Apalachicola, Fla., to Velasco, Tex., by the weather bureau.

THE WEATHER.

WASHINGTON, Apr. 1.—For east and west Texas: Sunday fair, Monday generally cloudy.

MINICA, WHERE OUTLAWS PERPETRATED LAST MASSACRE OF AMERICANS SEES HIS END

BRIG. GEN. J. J. PERSHING

Veteran soldier who is in command of American expedition to kill or capture Villa.

WHILE REPORTS THAT DODD'S FLYING COLUMN HAD RUN WOUNDED BANDIT TO EARTH COME FROM UNOFFICIAL SOURCES GEN. FUNSTON AND WAR DEPARTMENT BELIEVE THAT THEY ARE TRUE

END OF CAMPAIGN IS BELIEVED TO BE IN SIGHT

Even Though Villa is Still at Large Confidence is Expressed by Army Officers That He Cannot Remain at Large for Many Days—Only Brief Reports Received From Gen. Pershing.

SAN ANTONIO, Texas, April 1.—The complete absence of news from the Guerrero district tonight did not diminish belief at Funston's headquarters that Pershing was driving the defeated and scattered Vilistas from the hills and trails of that part of Chihuahua and that possibly Villa had been captured.

A brief message received today told of the continuation of the chase but the result of the fighting since Wednesday, when Dodd's cavarly whipped Villa's main body, is unknown at headquarters.

Press dispatches from Chihuahua reported that Villa had been captured at Minica, a few miles south of Guerrero, but this has not been confirmed by official reports. Gen Funston said that he would not be surprised if the report was true, as the fact that Villa is wounded renders his escape highly improbable.

Villa's dead in the battle Wednesday with the Americans was placed at sixty today by Gen. Pershing in a report to Gen. Funston. Bodies were found in houses and scattered in the underbrush for miles along the route taken by the fleeing Mexicans.

QUERETARO, Mexico, April 1.—Villa has lost a leg, according to dispatches received by the war department from the mayor of Temoahaic, Chihuahua, who reports that Villa was so badly wounded in the surprise attack on Guerrero that amputation was necessary.

FIELD HEADQUARTERS IN MEXICO, April 1.—By wireless to Columbus—The discovery late today of wagon tracks in the mountain wastes near the extreme front gave American soldiers hope that htey had located Villa's tracks. He is reported to have fled to the mountains after being wounded.

END OF CHASE NEAR.

WASHINGTON, April 1.—Although no report was received from Gen. Pershing today, there is growing confidence here that the expedition against Villa is rapidly nearing, if it has not already reached, its climax. Hope for the early capture of Villa was increased tonight by a rumor reaching Gen. Gavira, commander at Juarez, that Dodd's flying column had captured the fugitive. The war department, however, has no confirmation of this report, but officials point out that Gavira had news of the Guerrero fight hours before Pershing's report reached Gen. Funston. Carranza authoritites control all the telegraph lines south of the border.

A night watch was maintained tonight at the war department in the hope of receiving further news from Gen. Pershing. Initiation of the agreement under which American forces would have temporary use of the Mexican Northwestern railroad pending ratification of the more comprehensive protocol apparently has been halted through the failure of Carranza authorities at Juarez to receive instructions regarding it. State and war departments reiterated tonight their intention of awaiting the result of a fair trial of the tentative agreement before pressing Carranza for further concessions.

Possibility of American troops contracting typhus, which is epidemic over the grand plateau of Mexico, caused the war department to issue a special bulletin, warning the troops to guard against infection.

VILLA'S LAST BUTCHERY

EL PASO, Texas, April 1.—The story of the murder of three Americans one German and one Englishman, was brought here today by Americans from Chihuahua and accepted as authentic by federal authorities. According to their story Villa captured Minica Monday, announcing his intention of killing every "pringo" found in the place. He showed no quarter to Carranza troops who attempted to resist.

The American victims were: Benjamin Snell, Dr. A. T. Stell and Lee Lindaley. The German was Herman J. Lamkenberg and Donald M'Gregor, also known as Bruce, was the English victim. Two other Americans were in Minica at the time, but their fate is unknown.

DUTCH SOCIALISTS CLAMOR FOR CHANGE IN CONSTITUTION

BELIEVE THAT CROWN SHOULD NOT HAVE SOLE RIGHT TO DECLARE WAR.

TOO MUCH AT STAKE

THE HAGUE, Netherlands, April 1.—The desires of the strong body of socialists and others in Holland who are constantly advocating closer Parliamentary control of foreign policy, have found their latest expression in an address sent to the Second Chamber of the Dutch Legislature by the National Committee for the Amendment of Articles 57-59 of the Constitution (which articles give the Crown the control of the state's foreign relations and the power to declare war).

The Netherlands Government's proposals for the revision of the Constitution will come up for consideration in that Chamber shortly, hence the present petition, whose signers are convinced of the urgent necessity of Parliament having a say in the country's foreign policy, "with a view to, if not abolishing, at any rate lessening the danger that diplomacy may be secret and without control on the part of Parliament, bring affairs in regard to foreign powers to a critical point."

"We wish to obtain the certainty, so far as a constitution can give this," they continue, "that war shall not be resorted to or prepared for and made inevitable entirely without the knowledge of Parliament." Although there is apparently no prospect of the object of the address being at present achieved it is one more sign of the direction in which the modern political wind is blowing in states both in and outside of Europe.

A partial solution of the vexed question of secret diplomacy and a sensational foreign policy has been found in Holland in the institution of the Parliamentary Committee General or private sitting of the Chambers. After assembling on two consecutive days with closed doors and hearing statements from the Ministers of the Crown on the international position as it affects this country, the First Chamber of the States General or Dutch Parliament has followed the example of the Second Chamber and, through the mouth of speakers of different parties, endorsed the foreign policy of the government. It recognizes, as did the sister Chamber after a similar sitting held a short time since, that the position of the Netherlands is still a tickly perilous one and that, great as is the burden thus thrown upon a comparatively small a country, the mobilized forces of the realm cannot yet be reduced. It also agrees to paying a tribute to Ministers for the manner in which they have maintained the country's neutrality.

All the Ministers attend such private conferences, but what they say never reaches the outside world. In every case so far, the most intimate sittings have fully achieved their object in silencing native critics and rallying the people's representatives round the government in these difficult times.