

NEW SUB RULE IS EFFECTIVE AT MIDNIGHT

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SEARCH STARTED FOR MISSING APPENDICES

Are Said to Prove That British Ships Have Been Ordered to Sink Divers. President is Firm.

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WASHINGTON, Feb. 29.—Great Britain will take sharp issue with the German contention that her merchant vessels are submarine hunters.

Already Ambassador Page in London has been assured by Sir Edward Grey the German charges are false, while Ambassador Spring-Rice has informally expressed similar views to Secy of State Lansing here.

Documents are sought. Until these documents have been examined by Secy Lansing and Counselor Poik the submarine situation will remain in statu quo unless in possession of their new campaign.

Officials insisted today that the president has not given down in the slightest degree on the issue of armed merchantmen.

The contention of the United States is that merchantmen under international law can be armed for defensive and self preserve all of their rights as peaceful ships under that law.

Neither the German ambassador nor the Austrian charge expect to call on Secy Lansing again until they are sent for. They made it plain today that their governments have done all they could to reach a common understanding between the nations.

ENGLAND READY TO MEET DIVERS

LONDON, Feb. 29.—England awaits with confidence the blows of Germany's submarine raiders. It is the same confidence that prevailed when the U boats of the kaiser began their operations a year ago—operations which are declared to have been a complete failure as to their aim, which was to destroy British commerce and cut England off from food supplies.

Great Britain knows that the admiralty has prepared to meet the Teuton policy which calls for the destruction with warning of ships armed for defensive purposes. Because of their nature it is impossible to make them known, but it is possible to state that the plans to meet the first submarine campaign were no more carefully worked out than those to counter the new attacks.

Montgomery Quits

Board of Education, South Bend, Indiana.

Gentlemen:—Thoroughly believing that my further usefulness as superintendent of the South Bend city schools has come to an end I hereby wish to tender my resignation to take effect at once.

With your consent we may consider my contract rescinded. Respectfully, L. J. MONTGOMERY.

The above resignation is hereby accepted and the contract referred to is hereby rescinded this 29th day of February, 1916.

The school City of South Bend, Indiana, By A. L. Hubbard, E. B. Rupel, William Clem, Board of Trustees.

SCHOOL HEAD RESIGNS PLACE

Resignation to Go Into Effect at Once—Is Accepted by the Board.

L. J. Montgomery Tuesday tendered his resignation as superintendent of the public schools to the school board, practically bringing to an end the school controversy which started over two weeks ago when F. B. Rupel and William Clem, majority members of the board of education, refused to renew his contract for next year.

Mr. Montgomery's action probably will stop all agitation on the part of the public to get a hearing in his behalf from Mr. Rupel and Mr. Clem. Five hundred petitions that were being printed Tuesday for general circulation among the public, asking that a tribunal hear the school controversy, were cancelled.

A meeting of prominent men scheduled for Wednesday noon at the Oliver hotel probably will be called off, but in its place a meeting of the resolutions committee which was in charge of the petitions probably will be held tonight or Wednesday morning. Wednesday noon's meeting was to have been for the purpose of naming lieutenants to take the petition into every precinct of every ward in the city to get the names of as many taxpayers as possible signed to it.

Mr. Montgomery's action was unexpected, even by the school board, according to Mr. Rupel. A special meeting of the board, which consists of Mr. Rupel and Mr. Clem at this time, will be held tonight to consider the situation.

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CITY MAY BE PLACED ON HIGHWAY ROUTE

Road From Detroit to Chicago is Proposed—Plans Discussed.

There is a possibility of South Bend being included in the route for another cross country highway. An improved railway is being planned from Detroit to Chicago. One route includes South Bend coming from Niles, Dowagiac, Decatur and Paw Paw and joining the Lincoln highway in this city. The other keeps to the north and includes Benton Harbor, St. Joseph and Now Buffalo in the route.

A meeting was held at the Chamber of Commerce Tuesday when a committee met with Frank W. Ritchey, postmaster of Dowagiac, and several Michigan good roads enthusiasts. The matter was informally discussed and plans made for another meeting to be held in Battle Creek, Mich., at an early date.

U. S. LANDS HIM A JOB

Harry C. Coder Sent to North Dakota by Agency.

Harry C. Coder, 1353 E. Dayton st., is the first man to be sent out of the South Bend office of the Indiana Free Employment bureau under the new federal employment system. Mr. Coder has accepted a position on a farm near Powers Lake, N. D., having received it through the local and Minneapolis employment offices. He will leave this week. O. J. Newhouse, Taylor st., was the second to be placed by the local office, taking a farm job in Lake county.

MARRIAGE LICENSES.

William E. Stahley, real estate broker; Estella Thielke, stenographer. Frank Sthay, farmer, Walkerton; Frances Tolaneski, St. Joseph county. George B. Birchard, powder maker, Texas; Minnie B. Bernard, Indiana.

STRONG FORTS PROPOSED TO PROTECT CANAL

United States Preparing to Take Steps to Safeguard Its Right—More Land May be Secured.

STATE DEPARTMENT SEEKS NEW TREATY

Is Expected to Provide For Absolute Police Control of Cities of Panama and Colon.

International News Service:

WASHINGTON, Feb. 29.—The United States is preparing to take steps that will safeguard its rights in the event of any "foreign power" securing concessions that might threaten the Panama canal. And if the negotiations that have been initiated for a new treaty with Panama are consummated, the strongest defenses in the world can be erected on the ocean sides of the big waterway.

The proposal to negotiate a new treaty with the isthmian republic follows the expose of the \$18,000,000 land scandal recently explained to the house interstate commerce commission by Maj. Gen. George W. Goethals, governor of the canal zone. At the request of the administration legislation proposing to put an end to the muleting of the United States by land claimants at Panama has been held up in the house pending negotiations for a new treaty.

Land is Necessary. In addition to covering the acquisition of land in the present 10-mile canal strip, the new treaty probably will include plans for turning over to this government lands outside of the present canal zone. These lands, military authorities contend, are absolutely necessary to protect the canal from aggressive action by a "foreign nation" which might secure control of one of the islands in the Caribbean sea, and from such an island base menace the canal. The extensive defensive fortifications outside of the present zone are absolutely imperative, the military advisers of the administration declare if the zone is to be properly protected.

The new treaty also is expected to provide for the absolute police control by the United States of the cities of Panama and Colon at the eastern and western extremities of the canal. These two cities, military authorities declare, offer a constant opportunity to any foreign power to secure a secret foothold which in time of war would enable them to ruin the usefulness of the canal.

MEASURE IS OFFERED.

When Maj. Gen. Goethals laid before the interstate commerce committee evidence that the United States was "being robbed" under the present treaty, Rep. Adamson of Georgia, chairman of the committee, took a hand in the matter. He introduced a bill providing that the activities of the Panama joint land commission should cease at the end of six months. He laid his bill, with the information he had acquired as to general conditions in Panama before the committee. The president suggested that the entire matter be referred to the state department to determine whether any pending diplomatic negotiations might be disturbed by such legislation. Today Rep. Adamson was requested by Secy of State Lansing to defer any action on his bill temporarily at least.

Administration diplomatic officials believe that the expose of conditions in Panama brought about through Rep. Adamson's investigations have made it imperative that remedial measures be taken at once. It is understood, however, that the state department would prefer to settle the matter through diplomatic channels by a new treaty rather than have congress pass legislation which would precipitate a conflict between this country and the new republic on the isthmus.

AMERICAN IS KILLED BY VILLISTA BANDITS

International News Service: WASHINGTON, Feb. 29.—The state department was advised today of the murder of an American citizen, Grover C. Varn, by Villista bandits, at his home 25 miles north of Durango, Mexico. The killing, according to official dispatches, took place on Sunday.

Other dispatches to the department from its agents in the interior of Mexico said that extensive looting and uprisings are imminent in Mexico City. Carranza troops, it was said, are trying to quell the trouble.

GIVES ORDERS WHILE LEG IS HELD BY CAR.

International News Service: CHICAGO, Feb. 29.—Lying on the ground, with his leg and arm crushed under a freight car, Henry R. Knudsen, a Chicago Milwaukee and St. Paul switchman, gave orders for jacking up the car so he could be lifted from under it. Then, after a hurried examination, he gave his permission a surgeon to amputate, and gritting his teeth he watched the operation that removed his injured arm and leg. After the operation, Dr. William T. Borrell, ambulance surgeon, told Knudsen he was the bravest man he had ever heard of.

MINE EXPLOSION CAUSES 6 DEATHS

Nine Men Are Still Entombed at Kempton, W. Va. Sixty-two Rescued.

International News Service: ELKINS, W. Va., Feb. 29.—Six men are dead and nine are still entombed in the Davis Coal and Coke Co. mine No. 42 at Kempton, W. Va., which was wrecked by a dust explosion at 6:40 o'clock this morning. Sixty-two men were caught in the mine by a fall of slate and were brought out alive at 10:30 o'clock. Of these only four are injured. The Kempton mine is a shaft mine, 427 feet deep.

At noon it was believed that the nine men remaining in the mine were dead and buried under a fall of slate. Rescue parties rushed from Thomas and other mining centers in this section are exerting every effort to find the missing miners.

The shaft of the mine was not damaged in the explosion and the cages were kept in operation, which greatly aided in the work of rescue. The identity of the bodies taken from the mine had not been established this afternoon, despite the fact that hundreds of persons had already viewed them in an improvised morgue. The blaze which swept through the mine with the explosion burned the faces of the men so badly that recognition in some cases is impossible. The injured men suffered from severe burns and two of them will probably die.

ATTACKS WERE FEINT

Swiss Dispatches Place German Losses at 20,000.

International News Service: ROME, Feb. 29.—Swiss dispatches declare that the German attacks against Verdun are a mere feint and that the great bulk of the kaiser's army is still concentrated for a real offensive between Noyon and St. Quentin, on a front only 50 miles from Paris. Attacks on all parts of this front are to be made simultaneously, the dispatches said. They also state that 20,000 German soldiers have been killed in the battle of Verdun.

ENGINEER IS BLAMED

New Haven Wreck Due to Carelessness, Says Coroner.

International News Service: NEW HAVEN, Conn., Feb. 29.—That the death of Susan Hyland, one of the 10 victims of the wreck on the New Haven road near Milford on Feb. 23, was caused by the neglect, omission and carelessness of Engineer William R. Curtis in failing to properly observe the signals, is the conclusion of Coroner Mix in his finding filed today.

SHOCKS FELT.

QUEBEC, Que., Feb. 29.—Three earthquake shocks were felt in this vicinity this morning.

The undulations were felt for a mile along the shores of the Gulf of St. Lawrence. In the vicinity of St. Sauveur glassware was broken and chimneys cracked.

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La Provence, Fastest Ship in French Mercantile Service Sent Down in the Mediterranean.

RUMORED THAT 1,000 PEOPLE LOST LIVES

Announcement of Vessel's Destruction Makes No Mention of the Casualties.

International News Service:

PARIS, Feb. 29.—The liner La Provence, largest and fastest vessel in the French mercantile marine, and recently in government service, is reported to have been sunk Saturday in the Mediterranean. Eight hundred and seventy persons on board the vessel are said to have been saved, the great majority of survivors having been landed on the island of Milo.

No details as to any loss of life have been received. La Provence was the largest and fastest French liner engaged in trans-Atlantic traffic before it became an auxiliary cruiser. It was capable of making 22 1-2 knots an hour and displaced 13,753 tons.

Early Sunday 485 survivors had reached Milo and on Monday 85 more arrived on a patrol boat that had been delayed. French patrol boats were sent to the scene, together with a number of destroyers, when La Provence flashed word that it was sinking. As fast as the rescue boats were filled with survivors they hurried away to Milo or Malta.

It was reported this afternoon that in the neighborhood of 1,000 lives were lost when La Provence was sunk, though the official announcement of the vessel's destruction makes no statement as to the casualties. It is also rumored that the liner was attacked by two submarines.

FAMOUS FOR 10 YEARS.

La Provence has been famous for 10 years as the fastest French boat afloat. La Provence was built for speed and before the war was one of the vessels best liked by Americans traveling to or from Europe. It had a length of 527 feet, a beam of 65 feet and a depth amidship of 45 feet. It had a capacity of 1,664 passengers and when plying in the Atlantic carried a crew of 425 men.

More than 8,000 tons of steel was used in constructing La Provence, which had a double bottom, divided into 20 airtight compartments, that could be closed separately or all at once in about 20 seconds by means of hydraulic machinery operated from the bridge. The ship had six steel decks and also an elevator.

ONLY ONE AMERICAN SAFE

International News Service: WASHINGTON, Feb. 29.—Consul Gen. Skinner at London today cabled the state department confirmation of the report that Ralph E. Foster of Topeka, Kas., the only American aboard the P. and O. liner Maloja, which was sunk by a mine off Dover with a large loss of life, was saved.

CARDS ARE BUSY.

International News Service: SAN ANTONIO, Texas, Feb. 29.—Battery men of the St. Louis Cardinals got down to earnest work at their training camp here today. Fungo hitting, running down bunts and covering first base comprised the exercise for the pitchers.

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International News Service: LONDON, Feb. 29.—A dispatch from Rome issued by the Wireless Press states that Bulgaria has notified Austria that the restoration of Prince William of Wied to the Albanian throne will be considered an act of hostility.

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International News Service: AMSTERDAM, Feb. 29.—According to the Van Dias News agency the German forces fighting at Verdun have lost 45,000 in killed alone. It states that one regiment has been formed of the remnants of 19 others.

VESSEL IN TOW.

International News Service: BROWHEAD, Ireland, Feb. 29.—The Norwegian steamer Voss, which recently sailed from Glasgow for New York, passed Fasnet today in tow, putting back badly damaged.

Going Back to Fight For France



LIEUT. SWEENEY HIS WIFE & CHILDREN

Charles Sweeney, the young American, was one of the first of the many Americans to join the foreign legion when the war began. He was the only American advanced from the ranks, and today he wears on the lapel of his coat a small red ribbon—the Legion of Honor—the highest honor bestowed by the French.

Lieut. Sweeney received his injury in the Champagne battle on Sept. 25. For four months he was in the hospital hovering between life and death. He is now on a three-months furlough, and expects to return to the trenches on May 1.

Lieut. Sweeney is a graduate of West Point and has spent much of his time abroad. He is married to a Belgian girl. His wife and children are now in Paris.

AVIATION CORPS TO BE ENLARGED

Senate Committee Will Recommend Extensive Enlargement.

International News Service: WASHINGTON, Feb. 29.—The senate military affairs committee will recommend extensive enlargement of the army aviation corps, both in personnel and equipment, without waiting for determination of responsibility for the present inefficiency of the corps. Whether, as Sen. Robinson of Arkansas, charges, the responsibility for the condition of the corps rests upon Col. Reber, its chief, is of secondary importance to the necessity for immediate improvement, committee members today declared.

More pilots, more observers, more machines, better machines, and latest devices and equipment as developed by the European war will also be supplied generously if the senate military affairs committee has its way. Sen. Robinson, who is leading the fight to investigate and improve the army aviation corps, said again today that the corps is deficient in practically everything demonstrated essential by the European war and that the war heads are making no sincere effort to improve it. Army officers retaliated with charges that congress has been so "stingy" with its appropriations for the corps that any real improvement has been impossible.

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POLICIES ARE LIKELY TO RESULT IN WAR

International News Service: WASHINGTON, Feb. 29.—Admiral Knight, president of the naval war college, before the house naval affairs committee today declared that the Monroe doctrine is the big thorn in the side of other world powers which probably will drag the United States into war. Pressed by Rep. Callaway of Texas, the admiral declared that the United States is now supporting more policies which are irritating to foreign nations than any other world power. Among them, he enumerated the open door in China, possession of the Panama canal and Asiatic exclusions, in addition to the Monroe doctrine.

VILLAGE NEAR VERDUN TAKEN BY GERMANS

French War Report Admits Loss of Maheulles and Temporary Victory For Enemy in Lorraine.

PARIS SAYS DRIVE HAS BEEN CHECKED

Experts Say Battle is Drawing to a Close as Teutons Have About Exhausted Men and Ammunition.

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International News Service: WOBURN, Mass., Feb. 29.—Three huge vats of explosives in process of manufacture exploded here early today wrecking the two-story brick and concrete building of the New England Chemical Co., organized to fill explosive contracts for the allies, and seriously injured an assistant foreman. One man is reported missing.

Twelve men at work in the building were warned in time that the composition of the nitrates in one of the compounding vats was overheating and escaped just as the second floor, roof and walls of the heavy building disintegrated with a crashing roar that was heard for miles. Windows were broken all over the surrounding cities of Woburn, Melrose, Malden and Everett, and even in Lynn.

Not only was the building wrecked, but one end of the benzol plant, another steel reinforced brick structure about 50 feet away, was shattered. Practically every pane of glass in the 19 buildings of the explosives factory was blown out. Nearly every one of the 20 men serving as guards to the plant were blown off their feet by the shock of the explosion. One of the huge tanks, six feet high and about six feet in diameter, was blown 100 feet away from the building.

In spite of the explanation by Pres't McKay of the company that no explosion was not caused by outside agencies, the usual rumors of "German plots" were rife. The loss is estimated at \$50,000. Plans for rebuilding the wrecked buildings were begun at once.

While violent fighting rages around the heights of Domontout the Germans are trying to drive home fresh attacks at two widely separated points in order to encircle Verdun and cut the lines of communication of the French.

The German attack in Champagne, in the sector of Navarin farm, was evidently an attempt to gain control of the Rheims-Verdun railway line, one of the chief supply lines feeding and arming the French forces in the garrison. The assault was made at a point where the German lines are nearest the railway and by the capture of Navarin farm the Teutons are now only six miles from being within range of the French.

CITY OF VERDUN IS UNDER FIRE

International News Service: PARIS, Feb. 29.—The city of Verdun is being battered to pieces by heavy German guns. Projectiles from the big siege howitzers of the Germans are smashing the historic 12th century cathedral of Notre Dame and other historic buildings.

Details received here today from the French front show that the German have been shelling the city of Verdun since last Thursday and that many civilians have been killed. The remaining civilians have been ordered to leave by the French commander.

The heaviest fire came from the direction of Sotocourt, which is nearly 20 miles northeast of the city and far behind the battle line.

SHIVELY NO BETTER

Hope For Improvement in His Condition. International News Service: WASHINGTON, Feb. 29.—Physicians attending Benjamin F. Shively, senator from Indiana, confined to the hospital here, today reported his condition unchanged. Sen. Shively's office asserted that there was hope for an improvement in his condition, although no radical change is expected.

LOOKS OVER HURLERS.

International News Service: MACON, Ga., Feb. 29.—Mr. Donovan had his young pitchers out again today undergoing a close inspection. Weather is hindering the practice and the men are put through light drilling.