

Headline, bank notes, 12-Mexican pesos, 15-Chihuahua currency, 7-Durango currency, 7-Bay silver (Hindi & Barman quantities) 50¢-Copper, 17.50-17.75-Ore, 100-110-Livestock, steady-Stocks, irregular.

WEATHER FORECAST: El Paso and West Texas, fair; New Mexico, fair; Arizona, fair, warmer.

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GUNS KEEP GERMAN ADVANCES AT BAY

British Hold Captured Positions Despite Desperate Counter Attacks.

LOSSES ON BOTH SIDES ARE HEAVY

Germans Report Some Progress By Sappers in the Champagne Region.

LONDON, Eng., April 20.—Although the British and German claims are diametrically opposed in the matter of fighting in the southeast and near the northern extremity of the British line Sunday, the facts at hand indicate that the engagement was most important and bitterly fought.

The British, whether or not they hold all the ground, will dominate a part of Manford ridge, a line of hills running southeast of Ypres and commanding the road from Ypres to Menen. The losses in this fighting have not been announced. Judging from dispatches reaching London, they have been considerable on both sides.

British Claim Victory. The following official statement was issued at the war office concerning this engagement:

"A successful action commencing on the evening of the 17th culminated Sunday night in the capture and complete occupation of an important point known as Hill No. 20, which lies two miles south of Zillebeke, to the east of Ypres. This hill dominates the country to the north and north-west."

Mine Explosion Starts Action. The successful explosion of a mine under the hill commenced the operations. Many Germans were killed by this and 25 prisoners were captured, including an officer.

"At daybreak on the 19th, the enemy delivered a heavy counter attack against this hill, but was repulsed with heavy losses. The Germans advanced in close formation and our machine gun battalions got well into them."

"Desperate offensives were made all day by the Germans to recover the hill, but they were everywhere repulsed with heavy loss. In front of the captured position upon which we are now concentrated in strength, hundreds of dead are now lying in front of the trenches."

French and German Reports. The French war office at Paris this afternoon gave out a report on the progress of the hostilities which reads: "There have been particularly spirited artillery exchanges in the region of Soissons and in the sectors of Reims and the Argonne."

German army headquarters at Berlin today gave out a report on the progress of hostilities which says: "German sapping attacks in the Champagne country, Monday, made progress, while a French attack in the Argonne north of Four de Paris resulted in failure. A French attack near Filirey broke down."

TURKS DISPLAY UNDYING FEELING

Have No Antipathy Against Foreigners, Says Enver Pasha, Real Ruler.

Constantinople, Turkey, April 20.—Turkey is displaying the most kindly feeling toward foreigners, Americans, English and French, according to Enver Pasha, war minister and real ruler of Turkey. In a statement to the Associated Press, speaking of the war, he declared Turkey went into it, not to help Germany and Austria, primarily, but because of Russia's greed for Constantinople and the menace of the allied fleet against the Dardanelles.

He added that the had superior Turkish army at one stroke by retiring 3000 old officers on his second day of office as war minister.

"How did you manage to mobilize your army of almost 2,000,000 with limited resources?" he was asked.

"This was a problem of course, but we overcame it. We had a lot of old Snider rifles ready for the junk market. These I caused to be distributed among the gendarmes, taking from them their modern rifles. There was formerly a large gendarmic force in Turkey," explained Enver Pasha, smiling.

"Now it is not so great—we do not need it. So we armed men with new rifles. Today every man at the front is well armed. It was a case of helping yourself; we did not. Replying to questions as to the present status of the campaign, the generalissimo said:

"Conditions in the Caucasus are more satisfactory. Regarding the situation in the Dardanelles, I will say we are fully confident that it has been demonstrated that fighting down the forts there will be a huge task for the allies. But even should that happen, we would still be masters of the situation there by means of howitzers, mines and a fleet which is not as considerable as some think. The allies coming up the strait would be obliged to move in single file and the effectiveness of our defensive measures should be apparent."

In view of the fact that some excitement has been observed in Turkey because of the export of arms and ammunition from the United States to the powers of the triple entente, particularly Russia, Enver Pasha was asked for his views on this subject and replied:

"Americans Not Blamed. The matter has occupied us for some time even the populace, but you may have noticed that there has been no anti-American outbreak on that account. Since the elimination of the capitulations this was the first situation in which the Turkish people might express resentment in a drastic way, but our people realize that this traffic in favor of a few manufacturers is not the fault of those Americans living here, and therefore our old good relations continue."

"We are not savages who hold the innocent responsible for something not their fault. There are still living in this city under the nominal protection of your embassy, plenty of English and French. They have not been molested despite the fact that our own people have not been treated kindly in France and England. Young Turkey is ready to demonstrate that we particularly respect the rights of gentlemen, and so we shall continue taking the best care of everybody no matter what the provocation."

Foreigners Never Safer. "When the capitulations were abolished everybody thought that foreigners in Turkey were unsafe, but time has shown that foreigners were never safer, as you must have observed. But the export of arms and ammunition from the United States to the entente powers can have but one result—useless bloodshed."

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ROUT OF VILLA REPORTED AS COMPLETE

Officers Are Shot By Villa In Frantic Effort To Stop The Retreat.

VILLA STAR SETS FAST IN THE SKY

His Former Magnetism Due To His Victories; Three Times Defeated Now.

GEN. ALVARO OBREGON'S victorious army has been checked at Salamanca, a third of the way from Celaya to Aguascalientes by Villa's rear guard under Gen. Medina.

Nothing has been heard by Carranza officials from Obregon since his report that he had left Celaya to pursue the retreating Villa army.

Gen. Villa is writing from Aguascalientes today to a personal friend in El Paso, said:

"I am here to reorganizing my army and am dictating orders for the reorganization of the next battle with Obregon's forces, which will take place at the same locality (Celaya) and I feel positive that I will annihilate the enemy."

Ammunition Shipped. Heavy shipments of ammunition for Gen. Villa continue to arrive in El Paso from the east. On Tuesday morning, 50,000 rounds of rifle ammunition and a large assortment of aeroplane parts arrived from New York by express.

They were at once transferred to Juarez and shipped south by special train.

George C. Carothers, state department agent with Gen. Villa arrived here today. He left Villa's headquarters on Friday.

Villa's rout appears to have been complete. It is the worst defeat he has experienced since he became a Mexican leader.

A Crushing Blow. Part of his army is at Aguascalientes and part of it is said to have fled further north in its flight. Gen. Villa is reported raging, and has already refused Gen. Felipe Angeles and placed him in arrest, according to one of the many reports reaching El Paso.

Villista reports say that he saved all (Continued on Page 4, Col. 1).

The War At A Glance

DEFINITE gains by the German forces in the west are announced by the Berlin war office. Attacks were made Monday in the districts in which the French offensive movements have been undertaken recently, particularly in the Vosges, the Meuse and the Moselle rivers. The Berlin statement says the Germans succeeded in penetrating four French positions, and stormed and recaptured the village of Eubermun. In the Vosges the Germans pushed forward their line 100 yards in an engagement near Hartmanns-Wilckrich, a position which has been in dispute for several months. Progress in the Champagne country also is claimed. The official French statement says there were no important battles Monday.

The British announced that the submarine E-15 near the Dardanelles was destroyed by British picket boats to prevent the Turks from obtaining it. Two small boats ran up within a short distance of the Turkish fort for this purpose.

Capture German African Town.—British South African forces have captured Kestanshop, German South Africa. Control of this position is regarded as important, since it places in the hands of the British forces the railway leading to the territorial capital.

Amazons Talk Peace.—Intangible reports, which nevertheless are receiving attention in higher quarters, are heard in Rome to the effect that actual European peace may be concluded within the near future.

Turkish Torpedo Boats Sunk.—The Russian fleet which has been attacking the Bosphorus is reported to have caused the destruction of two Turkish torpedo boat destroyers. A dispatch from Saloniki says the Russians missed the entrance to the Bosphorus while the Turkish fleet was cruising in the Black sea and that the Turkish vessels returning can't be the mine field.

British Expedition Failed.—Advices have been received in Berlin that a British expeditionary force which attempted to invade German East Africa, was driven away. The British force is said to have landed from cruisers and transports. The only intimation of a British expedition to East Africa was given at the time of the sinking of the British steamer Falaba by a German submarine. At that time it was said that among the passengers who lost their lives was a number of British officers who were on their way to Africa.

SECRETARY OF STATE M'KAY GETS SHOT TAKEN OUT OF LEG

Austin, Tex., April 20.—John G. McKay, secretary of state, returned today from Temple, where he has been for the past month in a local sanitarium where he underwent an operation for the removal of several shot in his leg, which had been there for several years. He was accidentally shot several years ago.

NEW MEXICO EDITOR IS IN JAIL FOR CONTEMPT

East Las Vegas, N. M., April 20.—F. M. Chanon, editor of a Spanish weekly at Albuquerque, today began serving ten days in jail for contempt of court, Judge David J. Leahy having suspended a fine of \$50 and writ and two-thirds of a jail sentence of 30 days.

Chanon, while editorial writer for a Spanish paper here two years ago, published matter adjudged in contempt of Judge Leahy and the district court.

ROOSEVELT FIGHTS BARNES'S SUIT; OPPONENT SUDDENLY RESTS CASE

Barnes's Counsel Makes Opening Address to Jury, Produces One Witness, and Quits; Attorneys for Roosevelt Describe His Reference to Barnes as Merely an "Algebraic Term."

SYRACUSE, N. Y., April 20.—Counsel for William Barnes in his suit for alleged libel against Theodore Roosevelt rested their case today after they had offered evidence calculated to prove publication of the alleged libelous statements uttered by the former statesman, calling Barnes a "boss" and leader of the "invisible government" of New York.

Only One Witness Presented. Mr. Barnes's counsel placed only one witness upon the stand. He was John McGrath, Col. Roosevelt's private secretary. He testified that he gave out the statement complained of in newspapers at Oyster Bay. A partial list of newspapers in which the statement appeared was then read, and counsel for the defendant conceded that the statement had appeared in them.

William M. Ivins, for Barnes, pictured the former president as having been the nation's greatest arbiter of morals and said that he was now in court with an opportunity to prove the alleged libelous things he had said about Barnes on various occasions.

William H. Van Beneshoten, for the defense, described the colonel as the champion of good and honest government and said that he had been prompted to make the statement by the belief that there was corruption and rottenness in the administration of the government of the state of New York. He reiterated the statement made Monday that Col. Roosevelt meant nothing personal to Mr. Barnes or to Charles F. Murphy, of Tammany hall, who was also mentioned in the statement, and that these names were simply "algebraic terms."

Attorney Ivins concluded his opening address for Barnes as follows: "We come into court under the great principle of liberty, the quality upon which this action rests. We come in not only for ourselves, but for the benefit of all mankind."

Address for Roosevelt. Van Beneshoten said in part: "Col. Roosevelt, having been a citizen of this state nearly all his life, (Continued on Page 2, Col. 2).

ASKS RECEIVER FOR ROCK ISLAND

American Steel Company Files Petition in the Illinois Courts.

Chicago, Ill., April 20.—Petition for a receiver for the Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific railroad was filed in the district court here today by the American Steel company.

The Chicago, Rock Island and Pacific is controlled by the Rock Island through ownership of the entire capital stock. The Chicago, Rock Island and Pacific railway is controlled by the Chicago, Rock Island and Pacific railroad through ownership of 32.25 percent of the capital stock.

The railway company filed an answer consenting to the action requested and Judge Carpenter announced that he would hold the matter under advisement until this afternoon.

H. I. Mudge, president, and J. M. Dickinson, former secretary of war, were appointed receivers.

CITY OFFICIALS PUT TO WORK

Terre Haute Men Get Jobs Assigned to Them in the Penitentiary.

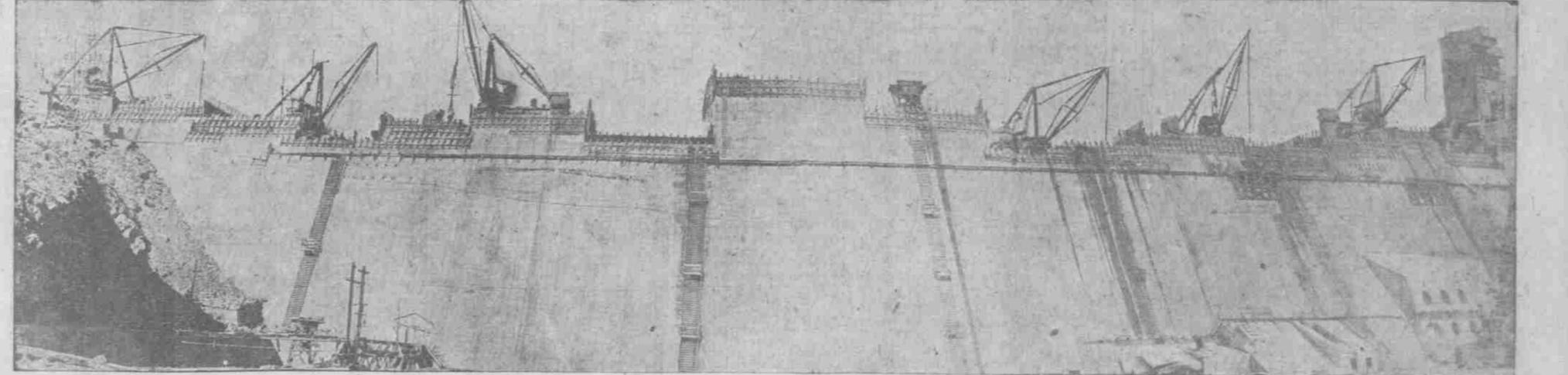
Leavenworth, Kan., April 20.—Officials at the United States penitentiary were busy today planning the assignments to work in the prison of the 21 men who arrived Monday to serve terms in connection with the Terre Haute election conspiracy case.

Deputy warden Reno said he expected to send Donn M. Roberts, the mayor, to the office of the superintendent of construction to become an assistant. Dennis Shea, the sheriff, will enter the prison blacksmith shop, while Judge Ed Redman, because of his knowledge of law, will be assigned to the office of the record clerk.

Hughes May Be Chief. No official announcement has yet been made regarding the appointment of the police chief, which is the mayor's appointment. Mayor Lea said Tuesday morning that he was giving this position his most serious consideration, as he considered it the most important appointment of his administration. Capt. Hughes was an officer in the Texas Rangers and is considered one of the best peace officers in the state. He is now a rancher at Yates, although he makes his home in El Paso a greater part of the time.

Purchasing Agent Confirmed. The appointment of E. W. Hartz, as purchasing agent, was confirmed, as was that of Dr. W. C. Kluttz, as health officer. Alderman Stevens read a resolution requiring that all purchases of supplies for the city be made by the city purchasing agent and that no (Continued on Page 2, Col. 1).

El Paso Will Never Again Want For Irrigation Water For Its Lands



Here's the giant Elephant Butte dam as it looks at present. This immense dam, now being erected by the United States reclamation service across the Rio Grande, 120 miles north of El Paso, is to supply water sufficient to irrigate 185,000 acres of land immediately above and below El Paso. The dam is already storing water and has sufficient stored at present to irrigate all land under cultivation above and below El Paso to a depth of two feet. Lake B. M. Hall is growing deeper daily. Today the gate at the dam registered the water at a depth of 67 feet immediately behind the dam. El Paso valley will never want for irrigation water for its lands. (Photo by John Leisk Tait.)

El Paso Will Soon Have a Complete Modern System of Public Playgrounds