

PERSHING WILL LEAD MAIN COLUMN IN DASH ACROSS THE LINE IN PURSUIT OF BANDIT GANG

SEVEN AMERICANS ON NEUTRAL VESSEL SUNK WITHOUT DUE NOTICE

State Department Regards Reported Torpedoing of Norwegian Bark Silius By Germans as a Serious Affair

Washington, March 11.—Consul Osborne at Havre has reported that when the Norwegian bark Silius, from New York to Havre was torpedoed without warning in the Havre roads on the night of March 9, seven Americans who were aboard were rescued. The loss of the Silius first was reported last night from London. Three members of the crew are reported lost.

SERIOUS AFFAIR.

The state department officials are inclined to view the attack on the Silius as a serious affair. If the Silius was torpedoed such an attack was contrary to the assurances the United States has secured from the central powers.

ONE REPORTED INJURED.

Paris, March 11.—Seven of the crew of the Norwegian bark Silius which was torpedoed and sunk Thursday, were Americans. The Silius left New York February 4 for Havre. The Petit Parisien says that one of the Americans on board the Silius was injured seriously in his legs, and taken to the Pasteur hospital. He is John Hartman, 18 years old.

PUBLISHERS ARE MUCH DISTURBED

Refusal of British Consul in N. Y. to Sign Certificates Causes Trouble.

London, March 11.—British publishers who issue English editions of American books are much disturbed by the refusal of the British consul in New York to sign consular certificates for the export of unbound books. This action has been taken presumably under the orders of the board of trade, which prohibit the importation of paper except under license.

SUB-COMMITTEE HAS DISCUSSION

New York, March 11.—The sub-committee of the anthracite operators and miners which met here yesterday discussed the demand for an eight hour day in the hard coal fields. J. P. White, president of the United Mine Workers, gave an interpretation of how he expected the eight-hour day to work if the anthracite operators granted this concession.

WOULD GET RID OF BUCKETSHOPS

Harrisburg, Pa., March 11.—The attorney general's department issued a statement that the federal authorities had been working with the state officials for months to clear Pennsylvania of so called bucketshops.

SAVED FROM ELECTROCUTION

Fact That Doctor Says Negro Has Undeveloped Mind Stops Proceedings.

Little Rock, Ark., March 11.—Chas. Bailey, a negro, was prepared for the electric chair yesterday, his head shaved and burial clothing adjusted and was leaving his cell for the death chamber when the report of an alienist saved him from electrocution.

Prof. Henry W. Crane of Ohio State university, who is here making a psychological survey for the Arkansas commission for the feeble minded, asked permission to examine Bailey.

WOULD RESTORE SAME METHODS

Diaz Wants to Bring Republican Form of Government in Nicaragua.

Managua, Nicaragua, March 11.—President Adolfo Diaz, in an announcement made to the press yesterday in reference to the presidential elections next fall, said it was his policy to restore republican methods in Nicaragua, the most important change being the rotation in office of the president of the republic. The new president will be elected for one term, by popular will.

VERDUN BATTLE DWINDLING SAYS TODAY'S REPORT

French Are of Opinion That Fight Will End After This Lull.

GERMANS CONTENT WITH RECAPTURE

Carnage Fighting Still Rages in Vaux and Other Villages.

Paris, March 11.—The battle of Verdun is fast dwindling down. The Germans have in no way impaired the main defenses of the fortress, notwithstanding the violence of their onslaughts. Whether they will make another big effort for the lull or whether the battle will end as did the other great offensives on the western front, by the return to normal conditions of trench warfare, cannot be discerned now.

Think End Near. The French military opinion is inclined to believe that the battle will end. On the west bank of the Meuse, the Germans facing effective curtain of fire from the French, have made no further attempts on Bethencourt. They contented themselves with winning back, at a heavy cost, the positions of the Corbeaux wood, which was wrested from them on the preceding day. Fighting east of the Meuse is not as active as west of the river.

Germans Lose Heavily. Ranks of the Germans were depleted by yesterday's heavy losses in attacks between Douaumont village and also in the village of Vaux.

Violence Near Vaux. There is still violent fighting for possession of the fort at Vaux, according to an announcement of the French war office. The Germans have made progress along the slopes leading to this position, but they have not yet reached the barbed wire entanglements in front of the fort. The Germans hold some houses in the eastern part of the village of Vaux, while the French are still in possession of the western part of town.

CAN FURNISH 3,500 MEN.

Madison, Wis., March 11.—Governor Phillip, in reply to a query from an eastern newspaper asking how many troops Wisconsin could furnish as part of the national guard in case of intervention in Mexico, wired yesterday that "Wisconsin can furnish 3,500 officers and men if the entire national guard is called out by the president."

HAD TO STOP DEMONSTRATIONS

Police and Firemen Called Out to Stop Riot Between Germans and Antis.

NOVEL WAY TO HELP REFUGEES.

New York, March 11.—"Buy a yard of cloth" days have been designated by more than fifty governors and mayors throughout the country in the past week to aid state committees of the commission for relief in Belgium in their efforts to obtain clothing for the destitute in Belgium and northern France. It was announced here last night.

INCREASE IN WAGES.

Reading, Pa., March 11.—One thousand section hands employed on the Reading railway were yesterday notified of an increase in wages of one cent an hour. The men will receive 19 cents an hour and work ten hours a day.

BIG LOSS IN FIRE AT RED LAKE FALLS

Four Buildings Housing Seven Firms Are Totally Destroyed.

WATER SUPPLY IS FOUND INADEQUATE

Financial Cost of Blaze Estimated at Nearly \$12,000.

(Herald Special Service.)

Red Lake Falls, Minn., March 11.—Fire starting at 3 o'clock this morning from an unknown cause, completely destroyed four buildings, housing seven business concerns, entailing a financial loss estimated as coming close to \$12,000.

A high wind and the failure of the city's water supply made the work of the firemen difficult and prevented the saving of any of the buildings which were reached by the flames.

The buildings destroyed were all of frame construction. The loss is partly covered by insurance.

Burned Buildings. Structures destroyed were: The C. E. Boughton building, occupied by Joseph Miller, barber, and J. Normandeau, jeweler; loss on building and stock, \$3,500.

Higgenbotham Land company office. Loss, \$1,800.

J. J. Courneya's restaurant; loss, \$1,500.

E. A. Poulton's dress shop; loss, \$3,000.

Henry Kauffer block, occupied by E. A. Nelson, haberdasher; Miss T. Sundet, milliner; loss, \$3,200.

Started in Restaurant. The fire originated in the Courneya restaurant. No clue to the cause has as yet been discovered.

The greater part of the stock was removed from several of the burned buildings but the structures themselves were totally destroyed.

The firemen had full control by 10 o'clock this morning, however, and danger of further spread has passed.

ORGANIZATIONS IN TROUBLE

Two Rival Irish Organizations Claim to Represent Hibernian Order.

ASK REMOVAL OF SUPERINTENDENT

Cleveland, O., March 11.—All the seven members of the Cleveland board of education, have united in claiming for the resignation of J. M. H. Frederick, superintendent of the Cleveland city schools. Superintendent Frederick said today that he had been asked to relinquish his office on September 1, but indicated that he would insist upon serving out the term for which he was elected about a year ago and which does not expire until August 31, 1917. The salary is \$6,000 per annum.

FUNSTON WILL BE IN SUPREME COMMAND OF U. S. TROOPS USED IN EXPEDITION AND ON BORDER

Will the Captor of Aguinaldo Succeed in Pursuit of Villa?



Gen. Frederick Funston.

General Frederick Funston was distinguished in the Philippine war by capturing the rebel leader Aguinaldo almost single handed. Now he is in command of the American troops operating against Villa, and may be able to repeat his Philippine exploit.

98 PER CENT OF TRAINMEN VOTE FOR INCREASE

Stated Unofficially That Men Are Almost All in Favor of Wage Change.

TABULATIONS OF VOTE COMPLETED

Stone Reports That No Detailed Figures on Vote Will be Given Out.

Chicago, Ill., March 11.—It is unofficially reported that 98 per cent of the locomotive engineers, firemen, conductors and trainmen employed on all railroads of the country had voted in favor of demanding an eight-hour day with time and one-half for overtime.

Tabulation Finished. The tabulation of the referendum vote of the men has been completed. The chiefs of the four brotherhoods of railway train service employees who have been in session here for nearly a week have adjourned.

Warren S. Stone, grand chief of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers, said that no detailed figures on the result of the vote would be given out.

BRITAIN EXPRESSES HER GRATITUDE

Washington, March 11.—Great Britain's gratitude to Henry Morgenthau, American ambassador to Turkey, for his services as representative of the Entente Allies at Constantinople was expressed to Mr. Morgenthau yesterday by the British ambassador, Sir Cecil Spring Rice.

WEATHER FORECAST.

North Dakota: Fair tonight and Sunday; slightly colder tonight in north and west portions.

ANOTHER RANCH IS ATTACKED BY MEXICAN GUERRILLAS; VILLA IS REPORTED TO BE LOCATED

Washington, March 11.—No definite announcement has been made by the war department, but it is understood that General Pershing will command the principal column of troops in pursuit of Villa. General Funston retaining command of the general operations. It is expected that three columns, probably from Douglas, Columbus and El Paso are to enter.

NO ADVANCE YET.

No American troops had crossed the border up to noon today so far as the war department is advised. Many dispatches have been received from General Funston, however, informing the department of the disposition he is making of his forces at strategic points. Secretary Baker said that whatever reinforcements Funston might require to maintain an adequate patrol along the border in addition to the expeditionary force would be promptly furnished. General Funston has confirmed officially the killing of Pablo Lopez, Villa's chief lieutenant, during the raid on Columbus also the report that Lopez commanded the bandits who murdered nearly a score of Americans at Sant Yosobel. General Funston also confirmed the report that 400 Carranza troops had reached Palomas, six miles south of Columbus, to join in pursuit of Villa.

NOTE FROM CARRANZA.

Washington, March 11.—General Carranza, through Consul Silliman, has asked the American government for permission to send Mexican troops across the border into the United States in pursuit of the bandits.

General Carranza's note will be answered after being seen by President Wilson. The reply probably will say that his suggestion will be considered if at any time it is necessary for his troops to pursue bandits across the line through lack of American troops to protect the country.

FULL AUTHORITY GRANTED.

Instructions conveying full authority to General Funston to dispatch an expedition into Mexico in pursuit of Villa and his bandits are now in General Funston's hands. Secretary Baker has announced that full discretion as to the number of men, route, etc., has been left with Funston, who is expected to have American troops in large bodies moving into Mexico before nightfall.

The strictest secrecy is being observed by the war department officials regarding the army's plans for the capture of the bandits. This is in accordance with the urgent request of General Funston, the object being to prevent Villa from learning of the movements of the expeditionary force.

Secretary Baker specifically referred to the expedition as "defensive" and in line with the administration's policy of regarding its action as one to repel invasion.

ANOTHER OUTRAGE.

Columbus, N. M., March 11.—Eighteen mounted Mexicans are reported as having raided the home of H. A. Blankenship, a section foreman at Malpitas, 18 miles east of Columbus. The family escaped through a rear door and crawled to cover in the darkness, where they lay in the brush during most of a cold night. The family was taken to El Paso aboard the train this morning. The Mexicans are said to have passed south into Mexico.

Seven wounded Villa soldiers who were captured by Colonel Slocum's troopers in Thursday's battle here will be charged with murder for the killing of the American soldiers slain in the fight, according to E. B. Stone, special agent of the department of justice. The prisoners include two officers, and a boy 12 years old.

Mexicans Arrested. Scouts have brought in reports that Villa is at Boca Grande, 35 miles southwest of here. Other advice stated that a large number of Carranza troops had reached Palomas, supposedly to assist in the pursuit of Villa. The arrest of a number of Mexicans suspected of being Villa spies divided the interest among the civilians with the energetic preparation of the military for the pursuit of Villa bandits.