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AFTER FIVE YEARS

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PURSUIT CLOSING IN ON VILLA AT EL OSO

Bandit Reported to Have Made a Stand and Fleed

BATTLE RUMOR NOT CONFIRMED

Funston, However, Believes American Expedition May Have Already Caught Up With Villa's Men.

San Antonio, Texas, March 24.—General Pershing's report to General Funston that two columns of his expeditionary forces were in the vicinity of Namiquipa, a town 120 miles southeast of Casas Grandes and repeated reports from Mexican sources that Villa, with a comparatively small force, had been forced to a stand at El Oso, near there, has caused officers here to expect news at any time of a battle. General Funston thinks it probable a fight already may have occurred.

Consul Beltran of the Mexican Government said he received a message today from Consul Garcia, at El Paso, saying confirmation had been received of the report that Villa had been defeated yesterday in the Santa Gertrudes Canon by the American and Mexican forces and that he had fled to El Oso, five miles from Namiquipa, where he was surrounded.

General Pershing in a wireless message today referred for the first time since last Monday to his operations south of Casas Grandes, but his report contained little information, and none concerning any encounter between Villa and American soldiers or troops of the de facto Government. He said Villa last had been at Namiquipa.

His report was dated today, and reached Columbus by wireless and was transmitted by telegraph to Fort Sam Houston. It was taken by army officers here to indicate either that no engagement was fought yesterday with Villa or that General Pershing had not learned of it.

The American troops near Namiquipa moved south and east from Casas Grandes over the trail which passes through Valle and Cruces El Valle, fifty-five miles from Casas Grandes, was selected by General Pershing as a temporary base, he said in his report to General Funston. The fact that he mentioned two columns as having reached points near Namiquipa caused it to be believed here that he called back the third column dispatched from the trail leading to Carmen, and sent it south from Galeana to join the Seventh Cavalry on its way south through El Valle.

General Pershing said in his report that unless he could use the Mexico Northwestern Railroad for transportation he would need more automobile trucks. He asked also for additional Signal Corps men for service along his main line of communication. Company I of the Signal Corps has been sent from El Paso for service south of Columbus.

Evident relief was manifest at General Funston's headquarters when it was learned that Consul Letcher at Chihuahua had sent a denial of the reported defection of General Herrera.

SHACKLETON RETURNS Details of Explorer's Achievements in Antarctic Withheld.

Sydney, N. S. W., March 24.—Lieut. Sir Ernest Shackleton has returned from his antarctic expedition. News of the achievements of the expedition is withheld for the present.

WEATHER FORECAST For eastern New York and western Vermont, partly cloudy and warmer tonight, Sunday warmer and local rains.

8 oranges and 8 bananas for 25c at Estes' market. Adv.

GERMANS MENACE HOLD OF FRENCH ON HILL 304

Capture Would Make Present Line of Defence Untenable

TEUTONS GET MORE TRENCHES

Have Also Strengthened Their Position by Success in Avocourt Forest.

London, March 25.—The importance of the struggle around Verdun naturally overshadows interest in the contest on the eastern front, but the latest dispatches show that hard fighting is in progress in the northern section of the Russian line, says a dispatch from Berlin. The Russian drive came to an end on the evening of the 19th. More than 50,000 shells, chiefly of heavy caliber, fell over a small section of the front near Postavy. German wire entanglements and the front line entrenchments were damaged by this fire.

At night the Russians attacked in thick waves. The first two waves were mowed down before they reached the entanglements. The third attack pierced the German position on a front of less than 100 yards, and the assailants were ejected by a counter attack led in person by a regimental commander. At dawn the Russians made a fourth attack, but it was smothered in the initial stages by German artillery.

Four Russian divisions are said to have participated in these movements. The Germans were compelled to summon almost no reserves. Their losses were heavier than on the two preceding days of the fighting on account of the Russian drum fire, but it is asserted that nevertheless they were surprisingly small.

Activity of the Russians at other points of Field Marshal von Hindenburg's front is less marked. Comparative quiet prevailed on March 19 along the section between Wiszniew and Narocz lakes, except for a strong night attack of the Russians which was repulsed. The losses sustained by the Russians in these encounters are said to have been very heavy. Notwithstanding the severity of the actions no concern is evident at Berlin. The state of public feeling was expressed by a correspondent, who said: "The people have no anxiety because they know Hindenburg is there."

BENNINGTON BRIEFS

News of the Town and Village Told Briefly for Busy Readers

Earl W. Williams spent Friday in Albany.

15 seedless oranges for 25c. at Estes' market. Adv.

Four large juicy grape fruit for 25c. at Estes' market. Adv.

A. F. White of the Pownal road had the misfortune to lose a valuable cow Friday.

Spinach, dandelions, beet greens, new potatoes, egg turnips, sweet-potatoes, cucumbers, lettuce, tomatoes, etc. at Estes' market. Adv.

Mrs. Stephen J. Pratt and daughter Miss Phyllis Pratt of the west end, have gone to Bridgeport, Conn., for a ten-day visit with her sister.

Henry Walbridge is home from Amherst spending his spring vacation with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. Ed. Walbridge.

The condition of Mrs. George S. Clark, who has been undergoing treatment at the Troy city hospital the past fortnight is reported improved this morning.

Roy Hannish, who has been working as chauffeur for Mrs. J. S. Holden is to end his employment the first of April. His place is to be taken by Clarence Brooks.

Miss Edna Walbridge, a student in Pratt Institute, Brooklyn, is expected home tomorrow to spend the spring vacation with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. Ed. Walbridge. Miss Walbridge will have as her guest Miss Edna Rice of Ann Harbor, Mich.

Cards have been received announcing the marriage at Boston, Mass., on Thursday, March 23, of Miss Theodora Simmons and Philip S. Cushing. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles L. Simmons. Mr. Simmons was formerly superintendent of schools in Bennington. The young people are to live at Washburn, Wis.

R. W. Barber of Pownal was in the village today and reports his mother-in-law, Mrs. Perry Thompson, recovered from her recent attack of grip and able to be about again. At one time Mr. and Mrs. Thompson were both ill as well as their daughter, Mrs. Barber. A physician from Troy, who is a relative of the family, made his home with them for a time. Mr. Thompson succumbed to the disease and Mrs. Thompson pulled through after a severe siege.

ARTILLERY BEATS BACK RUSSIAN INFANTRY

Czar Sustains Heavy Loss in Attempt to Pierce German Lines

THREE ATTACKS AT NIGHT

Russians Bombarded With Heavy Shells and Inflicted Considerable Damage on the Enemy.

London, March 24.—By continued pressure in the hotly assailed region near Malancourt, west of the Meuse, the German troops have won two more trenches west of Hallmont, according to the official bulletin of the German headquarters staff.

Paris does not mention any such loss, but the evening bulletin of the French War Office tells of the intense pressure which is being directed against the woods of Malancourt and Avocourt, first to the westward.

Closely connected with the operations in this region is the activity in the Eastern Argonne, only a few miles to the west. Here the French guns were showering shells on the German lines of communication, and here, too, there was a brisk encounter at Vauquois, where the Kaiser's troops rushed in after a French mine explosion and occupied a first-line trench, but were later driven out.

A Berlin dispatch gives a clear picture of the situation west of the Meuse and of the crucial importance attached on the German side, at least, to Hill 304, the highest eminence in the Malancourt-Bettincourt region. The dispatch says: "The capture of Avocourt Forest and Hill 287, northeast thereof, still further menaces the French salient on a line running along the southern slope of Dead Man's Hill northward to Bethincourt and thence southwestwardly."

"The new German position in Avocourt Forest not only enables them to direct a more effective flanking fire against the French in the east, but also makes it more difficult for the French to oppose the German advance to the south of Dead Man's Hill. "The strongest French position commands Hill 304, but this already lies under flanking artillery fire on three sides, as does the whole line of their rear communications as far as Esnes. "Hill 304, however, despite its exposure to banking fire, is difficult to take. Its steep slopes are wooded more or less heavily, with the exception of a few hundred yards on the northwest. Its capture by the Germans, judging by a close study of military maps, would make untenable the whole French position north of a line drawn from Dead Man's Hill and passing south of Hill 304 to Avocourt. "The summit of Hill 304 is four miles from Fort de Bois Bourrus and five miles from Fort de Marre. It is nearly 100 meters in altitude above Verdun."

ENGLAND FEARS INVASION One Newspaper Has Bad Case of Funk.

London, March 24.—That the German fleet, if it comes out to do battle in the North Sea will be accompanied by scores of transports carrying troops for an invasion of England, was seriously suggested today in an article in the Daily News.

The paper which recently gave warning that rumors of new German super-dreadnaughts equipped with 17-inch guns may be found to be true, declared the war office fully realizes the dangers of such an invasion and is keeping a large force in England to meet the expected attack.

"There is a growing feeling that an attempted German invasion of our eastern coast during the next week or so is quite on the cards," said the Star. The Star declared that the Germans are torpedoing neutral ships in the North Sea solely to clear their coasts of neutral skippers who might report the assembling of German transports for the invasion.

Mediterranean Blue. The extraordinary blueness of the Mediterranean has two causes. One is that very few large rivers of fresh water run into this sea; the second that the Mediterranean is practically landlocked and, being exposed to a powerful sun, evaporation is great. By actual test the waters of the Mediterranean are heavier and more salt than those of the Atlantic.

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AMERICANS LOST WITH TORPEDOED ENGLISHMAN

No Trace of 4 U. S. Citizens Who Were Aboard Dominion Liner

SURVIVORS SAW SUBMARINE

John H. Hearnley, Former Albany Man, Among Those Rescued From Sinking Sussex.

Washington, March 25.—Reports from Paris declare that the Dominion line steamer Englishman, which was reported sunk several days ago, was unquestionably torpedoed and that four American lives were lost. Survivors to the number of 48 have been landed at British ports, but none of the missing Americans have been reported.

London, March 25.—Survivors from the channel steamer Sussex, which was sunk yesterday declare that they saw both a submarine and the torpedo which destroyed the ship.

John H. Hearnley, correspondent for the United Press, and formerly manager of the United Press bureau at Albany was aboard the Sussex, but was rescued. It is believed that all on board were saved including 12 American men though several have not reported to their friends including two American women from Philadelphia.

London, March 25.—The admiralty reports that on Feb. 29 a German raider attempted to make her way through the North sea to the Atlantic was stopped by the British cruiser Albatross and that in the engagement which followed both ships were sunk with all on board.

London, Mar. 24.—The steamship Sussex, one of the London Brighton & South Coast Railway Cos., cross-Channel fleet, came to grief off Dieppe today while on the Folkestone-Dieppe service, but it is understood that all the passengers and the crew were saved. She was outward bound from Dieppe under the French flag. It is understood that the Sussex was torpedoed.

News of the disaster was at once communicated by wireless to the French coast and every available vessel in Dieppe harbor was dispatched to her assistance. A message received in London late tonight stated that at 5:30 o'clock the vessel was still afloat and was in charge of a tug.

According to officials at the railway company's offices there were 386 passengers aboard the Sussex, which also carried a French crew of about fifty men.

The Sussex at the time of the attack was about three hours out from Folkestone. A message received at Folkestone tonight said several torpedo boat destroyers were standing by the vessel. It is reported that there were about twenty American passengers aboard. The great majority of the passengers—some 70 per cent. it is estimated—were women and children, comprising chiefly returning Belgian refugees.

WAHLES CAUSE PANIC Passengers on Italian Steamer Think They are Submarines.

Five black whales suddenly appearing in the path of the Italian steamship Stambalia while that vessel was skirting the coast of Sardinia on her way from Genoa and Naples to New York created an alarm of submarines and resulted in a near panic among the 54 passengers, according to reports of passengers on the ship which arrived there yesterday. The Stambalia, one of the armed vessels of the Italian merchant fleet, avoided the usual route while coming through the Mediterranean because of reported enemy submarines. When the whales were sighted a frightened cry of "Submarines" spread along the third-class quarters. Officers of the ship had no difficulty in quieting the passengers' fears and the whales soon disappeared.

NORTH BENNINGTON The Methodist church Sunday school classes will meet at 2 o'clock tomorrow afternoon.

"TALLEST FAMILY" REUNION G. W. and Millard Parker Leave for Richmond, Va.

Springfield, Mass., March 24.—Chas. Wilson Parker of the Greystone, North street, and his brother, Millard Parker of Dalton, left last night for the South. On the 28th they will attend the 50th anniversary of their parents, Col. and Mrs. Thomas Jefferson Parker, which will be celebrated at the Parker homestead in Richmond, Va. Col. and Mrs. Parker have 11 children—seven sons and four daughters—27 grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren, all of whom with the exception of one son, who was killed in a railroad accident, will be present at the anniversary celebration, making a family of about 70 members.

The Parker family is known as the "tallest family in the United States," the shortest son standing six feet

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four inches. Charles Wilson Parker, who is well known in Pittsfield through his clever amateur theatrical work, is six feet, eight and his brother, Millard of Dalton, is six feet, seven. Col. and Mrs. Parker both served in the civil war and Mrs. Parker was awarded several medals for brave deeds. She took charge of a blacksmith shop during part of the war while the men were engaged in fighting. Both are in good health and active, especially Mrs. Parker, who enjoys modern dances as well as she used to like the Virginia reel. She is a distant relative of President Wilson. Col. Parker owns one of the large paper mills of the South. All the Parker sons are engaged in business, Charles W. and Millard being employed at the Z. & W. M. Crane mills in Dalton.

WAITE BOUGHT POISON

Dentist Accused of Murder Admits Purchasing Drug.

New York, March 25.—Confession was made yesterday by Dr. Arthur Warren Waite, according to District Attorney Swann, that he bought the poison believed to have caused the death of his father-in-law, John E. Peck of Grand Rapids, Mich., but he asserted he made the purchase at the request of the millionaire, who was despondent and wished to commit suicide. Another sensational development late in the day was the statement made by Mr. Swann by Raymond Schindler, a private detective, that Dr. Waite had asked him to attempt to bribe Waite's Negro maid, Dora Hillier to corroborate the dentist's story.

"If she will say in court that she heard Mr. Peck ask me to buy the arsenic," Schindler told the district attorney Waite said, "and that she saw me give him the package unopened I will give her a check for \$1000." Dr. Waite, according to the detective, thereupon signed what purported to be a check for \$1000 to the order of the girl, written by Schindler on her sheet from his note book. This "check" is now in the possession of Mr. Swann. Schindler said Waite did not know he was a detective working

on the case against him and evidently mistook him for a friend. Dr. Waite was taken to the prison ward at Bellevue hospital last night. Mr. Swann said he wished the dentist kept under the closest possible surveillance because he had expressed regret that the drug he took Wednesday had not killed him and that he wished he were dead. When first questioned by Mr. Swann on Tuesday, Waite is said to have laughed heartily and declared: "Why this is rich. I never purchased arsenic in my life and have never had any." In making his statement to the district attorney yesterday, Waite was self-possessed and spoke with evident deliberation. Occasionally his face would light up with a smile, but when he was questioned about the alleged misuse of \$40,000 entrusted to him for investment by Miss Catherine Peck, sister of John E. Peck, and about the woman he had previously admitted having lived with, he apparently became indignant. The answer to all questions of this character was invariably "that has nothing to do with the subject in hand."



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