

ALLIES ARE AGAIN ACTIVE IN STRAITS

Warships Fired Yesterday Against Unintended Infantry Positions.

VESSELS REPAIRING

Damages Sustained by the Turkish Positions Light, Says Correspondent.

DARDANELLES, March 29. (AP) Berlin to London, March 29.—(AP) p. 6.)—After having remained comparatively inactive since March 15, vessels of the allies fleet today developed some activity near the entrance to the Dardanelles, limiting their operations to weak attempts to strike at Turkish positions. Every vessel which has penetrated the straits at night has been met by firing from the alert Turkish troops and the result is invariably but a quick withdrawal.

Meanwhile the weather conditions for a bombardment have been of the best. There has been a quiet sea and a clear atmosphere all along. The belief is expressed here that the resumption of the bombardment has been delayed because, in addition to the ships sunk on March 18, most of the other vessels engaged were badly used by the Dardanelles batteries.

Turkish officers say that the allies are not likely to resume their operations as long as they are unable to shell the Turkish positions. It is believed that the allies will be unable to do this until they have been able to sweep the mines from the Dardanelles waters has been made by the allies since March 15. Inferred in the Dardanelles defense works has not been lacking, however, for every day an aviator takes a spin over the strait end of the waterway.

The Associated Press correspondent in the last few days has stated every Dardanelles fort bombarded by the allies on the 18th. He discovered that notwithstanding the heavy shell fire from the warships the damage sustained by the Turkish position was uniformly slight.

Boys—We will pay three cents per pound for clean cotton rags. Tulsa World.

ROBERT M. SHAW AND MAN HE ACCUSES IN \$50,000 SUIT.



WHITE PLAINS, N. Y., March 29.—White pictures show Robert Marsden Shaw, banker, who is suing Richard S. Darling, society man of 24, for stealing the affections of Mrs. Katherine Shaw, 19. The suit is for \$50,000. Shaw alleges that Darling and his wife went to the Tilden Farms hotel for a week and bedfellows and chambermaids testified to seeing Mrs. Shaw, in a nightgown and short kimono, which did not cover her bare ankles, snuggling at Darling's door and saying, "It's me, Dickey."

many. We received her business people. We had cordial and courteous relations. "Then at the present moment I am at a loss to explain why we have suffered to suffer what we have suffered. I can explain to myself at least these acts of cruelty. I never could have imagined that the German was malevolent. On the contrary, I considered him as a quiet and domestic character. I know many Germans. I have German blood in my veins. My mother was the Countess of Flanders, a Hohenzollern. Why all these cruelties?"

The king, referring to allegations that by certain considerations Belgium had compromised her neutrality, said: "Once again, I affirm that it is not true." "The matter mentioned that he had received many letters from private persons in Switzerland, adding that he had approved one sent by him from a boy of 14 years of age which had touched him deeply. The king wore a green sash over his uniform and was without any mark of rank or decoration. He is described as being brown and of an amiable, extremely simple and in bearing and quietly confident.

May Have But Is Not Sure, Swears Hamon

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Hamon Could Remember

Jack L. Hamon, vice president of the Oklahoma, New Mexico & Pacific railroad, and who has been interested in the Blinling townsite and oil developments in the vicinity of Ardmore, was questioned concerning a note for \$1,000 with Watson's name to it which had been borrowed from one of the Blinling brothers. Hamon said that he does not recall definitely anything about the note and after repeated references to the Blinling brothers, he confessed his memory. He said he had not seen it, though he did not deny that he might have seen it. Asked if he did not display it in the Shirov home, here at one time, he said he did not remember. In this connection John W. Shartel, manager of the Oklahoma Railway company, was recalled and declared that Hamon had shown him the note at one time in the lobby of the Shirov hotel. This was during the campaign of 1914 and it was suggested that if the note was photographed and sent out it would make good Republican campaign fare.

Loaned Company's Money

It was money belonging to the Chickasha Cotton Oil company which R. K. Wooten, connected with that company, loaned to Mrs. Watson, wife of A. P. Watson, corporation commissioner, defendant in important proceedings, testified R. K. Wooten when called as a witness. Asked why he did not loan his own money he said that he did not have it. Asked again if he had made loans to others, he replied that he had now about two hundred and sixty thousand dollars loaned out, much of it being

lained to cotton gins, many of them being independent gins. Wooten was the first witness called before the court today. He had been connected with the Chickasha Cotton Oil company several years and also connected with some seventy-five other gins and about ten oil mills. Wooten explained that Mrs. Watson was related to him by marriage. She applied to him for a loan of \$1,000 and got it in June, 1909. He stated that his company had no business before the corporation commission at the time the loan was made, though there had been some matters coming up before and after that. As late as 1914 the commission had heard complaints and issued orders having to do with the mining business and in the order made reduced the price of gins, as much as one dollar a ton, according to local conditions. This order, Wooten said, affected some of his gins and in the aggregate about thirty thousand dollars in injury. In the hearing out of which suit orders issued Watson conducted the investigation himself.

Failed to Collect

Senator Thomas asked concerning the nature of the loans made by Wooten and for what purpose. The witness explained, very briefly, the money to see the interest and also to assist in getting business for their plants. When asked to what extent he loaned money to individuals without security, Wooten replied that he decided on how good the people were.

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Was Not a Gift

Asked if he had given up any hope of getting it, Classen replied that he hardly knew. Mr. Classen replied in answer to questions that the note represented his own money and was his personal property and that it was not charged against the street railway company, nor was it a gift. Walter Hawkins, bookkeeper and cashier of the Harrison Coal company, testified relative to the coal deal with the Poteau Coal & Mercantile Co. Relative to the carload of coal delivered to that company from the Poteau company, he said that ten tons had been ordered delivered to Watson; that some five or six tons were delivered, that being all the bin would hold, the remainder was taken in payment for draysage and some of it given to a charitable institution by request of Mrs. Watson. The remainder of the ten tons, after six had been de-

livered to Watson, about paid the freight and draysage, it was considered. Relative to the original invoice for the coal Hawkins said that he did not know where it was, that he had looked for it and could not find it. He remembered nothing about the transaction other than that instructions had been carried out. J. E. Finney, now receiver of the Poteau company, but at the time the shipment was made was manager, was asked concerning the coal deal. He exhibited the record book of the company which showed that an order was executed on October 17, 1913, for 73,690 pounds of coal to be shipped to the Harrison company at Oklahoma City, less ten tons to be delivered to A. P. Watson. This order had come to the company from John T. Parrott, salesman for the company. The coal had been billed out at the equivalent of \$1 a ton, amounting in the aggregate to \$119.10. The company had received in money for the shipment \$89.10, which with the ten tons at \$2 a ton would have made up the difference. The memorandum which was exhibited by the prosecution and which was secured by them from Parrott, was according to Finney, the first time he had seen it. Although at the time the order was given he was manager, and would not necessarily come under his personal supervision at the time. However, his record book plainly showed the date when the shipment of coal was made, and that ten tons of it was to be charged to A. P. Watson.

MRS. SEWELL PLANS PEACE CONFERENCE

LITTLE ROCK, Ark., March 29.—A heavy snow falling tonight in Arkansas brought to a climax one of the coldest months of March in the history of the local weather bureau. Early reports indicated that the snow was general over the state and while it was wet and melting rapidly, falling temperatures indicated that the state might be covered with a blanket of white by morning. Local weather bureau records show that only twice in the last thirty years has snow fallen this late in the spring. Reports from over the state indicate that crops have been greatly damaged and the many soldiers have perished from cold. In the southern part of the state, it is said, fruit has been greatly damaged.

Another Line Snaps and F-4 Settles Back

Latest estimates of the losses on Saturday said 309 Villa troops were killed and an equal number wounded, while the Carranza garrison had 19 killed and 39 wounded. On the American side a dozen guns from the Third field artillery are ready for any emergency. Secretary Garrison said the instructions sent to General Funston were similar to those given when bullets and shells fell on the American side during the fighting at Naco. The secretary refused to say, however, whether orders had been given to return the fire if the same thing happened at Brownsville. The state department had only messenger advice from Mexico City today, Secretary Bryan, characterizing the situation as "uncertain but with no disorders." No report tending to confirm statements that the Zapata forces were preparing to abandon the capital again had reached the department. The food situation is again somewhat critical, Mr. Bryan said, but General Garza had given assurances that something will be done to meet the emergency. Reports from the border that Villa had demanded of Zapata that Gen. Felipe Angeles be installed as provisional president in place of General Garza lacked confirmation at the state department or at the Villa agency here. General Villa was at Torreon

San Francisco, March 29.—Mrs. Wright Sewell, president of the International Council of Women and pacifist of world fame, is in San Francisco in the interests of the International Peace conference to be held in July. Active steps will be taken by that organization to end the European war.



MRS. SEWELL

RAILROADS ARE IN HEALTHY CONDITION

Testimony Tends to Show That Western Lines Are All Prosperous.

CHICAGO, March 29.—Testimony that the western railroads instead of becoming impoverished, have in the last five years earned more revenue than ever before in their history, was offered at the interstate commerce commission hearing today of the 41 western railroads. Testimony for higher rates on certain commodities. Appearing in opposition to the railroads' plea that they be permitted to charge rates that will yield them at least \$10,000,000 a year more revenue, Warren Ellis, statistician of the Iowa railroad commission, asserted that the railroads, judged by statistics which he compiled, were prosperous.

Their net revenues for the last five years have been greater than ever before, said Mr. Ellis. "Compared with 1909 the last five-year period showed a net increase of 75 per cent." The witness asserted that the railroads were now paying more dividends than ever before and that the rate at which they were able to borrow money compared favorably with the rate which industrialists had to pay. He will be cross-examined tomorrow.

Henry C. Wallace, Des Moines, Ia., who spent of an agricultural expert and who had testified that the railroads were attempting to impose a burden on the farmers, was asked whether Iowa railroad securities were considered a better investment than farms. "I don't know, but if I owned an Iowa farm I would still and buy railroad securities," he said.

Quarantines Wyoming

CHEYENNE, Wyo., March 29.—A proclamation quarantining Wyoming against shipments of sheep, goats and cattle from all states and forbidding importation of all stock feed "was signed today by Governor Kendrick as a measure of protection against foot and mouth disease."

Probe Spelter Combine

WASHINGTON, March 29.—The department of justice agents are investigating complaints from Missouri that there is a combination at Joplin that controls the spelter industry.

Spring Snow Is Oklahoma Record

WARREN, Okla., March 29.—A constant glimmer along the northern-western horizon showed that a storm was not in the midst of the storm. A few minutes later, telegraph and telephone service was temporarily discontinued. Houses were blown out by the wind, trees were uprooted, but no serious damage was done, and all wires were in working order before 3 o'clock a. m. Is Latest Snow. Warmth and dampness prevailed until day again. This sky cleared and threatened most anything until it burst into a heavy snowstorm at 11 o'clock yesterday. The temperature was too high and the ground too damp for the snow to stay on the ground, and by an hour after the snow ceased, at 2 o'clock, it had all melted. Snow on March 30 is the latest snow on record at the local government observatory. There were six inches of snow on March 19, 1912, and five inches on March 19, 1914, but on March 24 of last year, spring opened in earnest, which shows spring to be at least a week later than last year.

After a vicious snowstorm yesterday forenoon, the sun shone out as brightly as if it were a late day in May, and until midnight the air was almost balmy. The government observatory report yesterday was maximum 46, minimum 22, which is a marked contrast with a year ago when registered maximum 82, minimum 52. As a whole the people interested in the agriculture business are pleased with the weather for two reasons. Water in the ground at this season of the year is desirable, and cold weather enough to keep the fruit trees from budding until spring actually opens, promises a fruit crop for the coming year. Reports from other sections of the country show that the unusual weather is not confined to Oklahoma alone.

Funston at Brownsville

BROWNVILLE, March 29.—While newspaper men were barred from visiting camps of the Villa forces besieging Matamoros, Mexico, opposite Brownsville, today, it was learned tonight unofficially that seventeen machine guns and ten pieces of artillery with many men had arrived at Las Cruces, five miles south of Matamoros, headquarters of the besieging army, to reinforce the Villa troops, and the attack was expected to be resumed Wednesday. There was no fighting today, the defenders of the Mexican town being occupied principally, it was said, with the burial of the Villa soldiers killed in Saturday's battle. Major General Frederick Funston, commanding the American forces on the border, arrived in Brownsville this morning and spent the day acquainting himself with the situation, especially with reference to the manner in which shots fired across the Rio Grande might endanger American lives and property. Major General Funston, who refused to be interviewed, held a lengthy conference with Col. A. P. Blockson, commanding the lower border of the Mexican town, which he inspected Fort Brown this afternoon. The constitutionalist consulate in Brownsville issued a statement tonight that Carranza troops have re-occupied Mier, opposite Roma, Texas, and Camargo, across the border from Rio Grande City.

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King Grieves For Stricken Country

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Knows No Reason

Further on the Belgian monarch remarked: "We had in it feeling against Ger-



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