

CAPTAIN CHANDLER



Capt. C. D. F. Chandler, prominent expert with the United forces in Mexico.

CURE OF GERMANS
ENCOURAGES FRENCH

The failure of the latest hammer stroke of the Germans has greatly encouraged the press and public, and confirms further the general confidence. The attack is stated to have been the most determined of the blows delivered since the battle 50 days ago, and yet it yielded the crown prince hurled two army corps against the French a 10-mile front.

Adopting the new open formation the latest established practice of attack, the Germans engaged many corps in dense masses at the French positions north of Verdun, between Avocourt and Vermeux. Forces numbering at least 100,000 and a half charged the line in Avocourt and Bethincourt, approached within 100 yards of each trench and seemed in the act to the fact that hundreds of men were falling by the way, but standing their courage and the of their masses, they were.

RACE FATAL TO THREE

His Mechanician, Erich Schrader, and a Guard Killed. Both Bob Burman and Erich Schrader, are the result of an accident in running of the Corona Grand Prize Burman, who was removed to the hospital, died a few minutes after his removal to the hospital at the track.

During the ninety-fifth lap of the race, Burman, automobile race driver, and his mechanic, Schrader, were fatally killed. W. F. Speer, a guard in the race, was instantly killed and 20 others more or less injured when the Peugeot car suddenly left the course, mounted over the ashed into a pole, turned over and killed both Burman and Schrader.

Attacked by William Barnes. William Barnes, former republican state senator, in a statement issued here, former President Roosevelt does a published report that he not oppose Roosevelt's nomination to the republican party.

French Age Taken Prisoners. February 21 the Germans have 1 more than 36,000 French in the hands about Verdun, the Overseas agency announces.

THE MARKETS

Portland.
Club, 90c; bluestem, \$1.02; ryan, 90c; forty-fold, 91c; red alfalfa, \$21.
Eastern Oregon timothy, alfalfa, \$21.
Creamery, \$1c.
Ranch, \$1c.
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Seattle.
Bluestem, \$1.06; club, 92c; ryan, 91c; forty-fold, 90c; five, \$22.50 per ton.
Timothy, \$24 per ton; alfalfa, \$21.
Creamery, \$1c.
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REAL PREPAREDNESS
CONTEST IS AT HAND

Big Fight Will Be Whether Federal Reserve Shall Be Added for Defense.

Washington.—The real contest over the sort of preparedness this nation is to have will be fought this week. With the essential features of the senate bill determined, Chairman Chamberlain and his aides will draw the lines of battle for the conference with the house, where the final provisions of the preparedness measure are to be framed.

The last preparation was made when the senate gave unanimous consent to vote on the bill April 13. Its passage, both friends and opponents admit, is assured by a bipartisan vote.

The conferees, who will decide the terms of the measure to report back to both houses, will be: Chamberlain, Hitchcock and Dupont from the senate, and Hay, Dent and Kahn from the house.

The big fight will be on whether "federal reserve" shall be added to the national guard as a factor in the second line defense. Hay and Chamberlain are equally determined in their positions.

Volunteer Army is Retained by Senate. The senate retained the federal volunteer provision in the army bill by a vote of 36 to 34, rejecting Senator Lea's amendment to strike the section out of the bill.

Advocates of the national guard as the first line of defense behind the regular army supported the amendment vigorously and the struggle was one of the hardest fought in the senate at this session of congress.

Without republican support, the volunteer section would have been voted out by the democratic senators, despite the fact that it was unanimously recommended by the military committee. Twenty-four democrats and 10 republicans, including nearly all the progressive republicans, voted to strike it out. Nineteen democrats and 17 republicans voted to retain it.

Carranza Will Ask Length of Stay. State department dispatches indicate that officials of the Mexican de facto government are viewing with some anxiety the continued presence of American troops in Mexico. One dispatch authoritatively was described as containing a hint that certain Mexican officials believed the purpose of the American punitive expedition had been accomplished. This belief was said to be based upon the assumption that the bandits under Villa have been dispersed.

Consul General Rodgers, it was learned, has advised the department that the de facto government officials at Queretaro had intimated to him they would like to know how long the United States intended to keep the troops in Mexico.

Fight for Bigger Navy Under Way. The house naval sub-committee on appropriations will begin work this week on framing the naval appropriation bill, which includes the administration's half-billion dollar five-year program for new fighting ships. Chairman Padgett hopes to lay the complete measure before the house by April 25.

While there are many features in the bill which will require debate in the subcommittee and later before the full committee, the big fight is expected to come over the 1917 program for ships.

Secretary Daniels has recommended the authorization of two dreadnoughts and two battle cruisers. The navy board contended for three dreadnoughts and three battle cruisers.

Senate Wants Report on Standard Oil. Without debate the senate adopted a resolution by Senator Kenyon, republican, directing the attorney general, if not incompatible with public interest, to submit to the senate all reports of investigations made by the department since the supreme court decree of dissolution against that company, and particularly an investigation into gasoline prices.

The senate has rejected, 41 to 25, an amendment by Senator Lodge to include a tariff on coal tar dyes in the bill providing for retention of the present tariff of a cent a pound on sugar until 1920. Senator Norris of Nebraska, was the only republican voting with the democrats against the amendment.

Philippine Bill Recommended. Passage of the Philippine independence bill was recommended to the house by the insular committee just as passed by the senate, including the Clarke amendment to withdraw sovereignty within four years and empowering the president to take steps to institute a free and independent government.

Canton Declares Its Independence. Shanghai.—The independence of Canton was formally declared after a conference of naval and military officers and leading citizens, with Lung Chi-Kuang, the governor of Kwang-Tung province. No fighting took place.

SENATOR HARDING



Warren G. Harding, United States Senator from Ohio, selected to deliver keynote speech at Republican National Convention.

BRIEF WAR NEWS

The Dutch steamer Palembang was not the victim of a German submarine Germany informed Holland.

The offensive of the Russians against the Germans in the northwest of Russia has simmered down to mutual bombardments and bombing attacks by the German and Russian aviators and artillery actions in the Lake Narocz region.

Violent fighting is taking place on the Austro-Italian front, the Austrians being on the aggressive in several sectors and reporting considerable successes, with the capture of numerous prisoners.

Persistent attempts by the Germans to reduce the salients in the French lines northwest of Verdun are resulting in steady progress for the operation.

The Bethincourt salient, which for weeks has projected like a wedge into the German lines northwest of Verdun has been evacuated by the French. The evacuation was carried out under cover of darkness and without interference, and the French, through the move, have been enabled to straighten out their line.

The German losses before Verdun up to the present time have reached the huge total of 200,000 men, one of the greatest battle losses in the whole range of warfare, according to estimates made public from a French semi-official source, "the result of careful neutrality made in the highest quarters in which the figures have been rigorously checked and verified."

SHORT NEWS NUGGETS

Unusual cold and snow was experienced throughout Atlantic and middle west section the latter part of last week.

There was launched in New York last week a movement to urge Elihu Root for president. A statement to this effect, signed by 74 prominent republicans, was given out.

On an average of 15 to 20 American soldiers are brought from Mexico daily for treatment at the Fort Bliss military hospital. The hospital is filled to capacity now with 325 cases.

Henry Ford declared the result of the Michigan presidential preference primary in which he defeated United States Senator William A. Smith by more than 5000 votes, was a victory for peace rather than for himself.

Approximately 5000 government clerks in Washington have formed a union and taken affiliation with the American Federation of Labor as a sequel to the recent unsuccessful effort in congress to require them to work eight hours a day.

Frederick C. Tanner was re-elected chairman of the New York republican state central committee, defeating State Senator Charles W. Wicks by a vote of 82 to 63. The Wadsworth-Barnes faction was decisively defeated. Governor Whitman's adherents remaining in control.

Tragedy Disclosed in Walla Walla. Walla Walla, Wash.—The bodies of Mary Hawn, aged 18, and her step-grandfather, C. M. Frazier, aged 50, were discovered in a room of a hotel, the result supposedly of a double suicide. Miss Hawn's death was due as a result of taking poison capsules containing a white powder found in the room. The man used a cheap revolver, muffling the report in a blanket. The girl's home is in Toppenish, Wash., and she has been attending school here. The man has business interests at Prosser and mining interests in Idaho.

Wisconsin Majority for La Follette. Milwaukee, Wis.—Complete returns of the result of the primary shows that La Follette will be represented by 16 of the 34 delegates from Wisconsin at the republican national convention.

REPORTS OF DEATH
OF VILLA RECEIVED

Accounts Are Unconfirmed and Hunt for Bandits is Proceeding Vigorously.

General Pershing's Headquarters at Front.—Renewed reports have been received here by General Pershing that Francisco Villa is dead and buried. These reports are under investigation. Meanwhile the hunt for the Villistas is proceeding with renewed vigor.

Washington.—Unofficial and unconfirmed reports that Villa is dead have reached the Carranza embassy, and were given some degree of credence by officials there. The reports were represented as having come from Queretaro, General Carranza's provisional capital.

They were unsubstantiated by the latest dispatches to the war and state departments. The circumstantial reports of Villa's recent injury, however, and the rigors of his long and hurried flight in which he has been variously reported as being carried on a litter on the shoulders of his men or in a carriage over the rough Mexican trails gave color to the possibility that the bandit chief may have been unable to survive the hardships of the flight in his disabled condition.

USE OF RAILWAYS DENIED

Carranza Minister Declares Reports to Contrary are Unfounded.

Queretaro, Mexico.—Emphatic denial that the Mexican government has given the United States permission to use Mexican railways for any purpose whatever, was made here by General Candido Aguilar, Mexican minister of foreign affairs, following a session of the Carranza cabinet.

"Please rectify these false statements," said General Aguilar to the Associated press. "The Mexican government has not given the American government permission to use Mexican railways for any purpose whatever."

ATTACK ON SUSSEX
DENIED BY BERLIN

Berlin, via London.—The German government is able to announce that no German submarine or warship was responsible for the explosion which damaged the British steamer Sussex.

When Germany, on April 5, handed Ambassador Gerard an interim note replying to the inquiries of the United States government regarding the Sussex and the four other steamers, the matter of responsibility was still in doubt, and the investigation was still proceeding. The German foreign office, appreciating the agitation in the United States over these cases, transmitted an interim response declaring the readiness of the government, should the Sussex prove to have been destroyed by a German torpedo, contrary to the understanding with the United States, to make all reparation, including the payment of compensation. It was said authoritatively that the investigation has now been completed; that all the craft which might possibly have been involved in an attack on the Sussex have reported and that from the reports of their commanders it is absolutely certain that the Sussex was not destroyed by a German torpedo and that Germany is in no wise responsible for the disaster.

REPUBLICANS PICK HARDING

Ohioan to Sound Keynote in June National Convention.

Chicago.—United States Senator Harding, of Ohio, was named as the temporary chairman of the republican national convention, which will meet in the coliseum June 7. He is to be the official "keynote" for 1916. He was selected on the first ballot by unanimous consent when the national committeemen making the convention arrangements gathered in the Congress Hotel.

The sub-committee on arrangements is composed of Mr. Hillos, New York, chairman; Fred W. Estabrook, New Hampshire; James P. Goodrich, Indiana; Ralph E. Williams, Oregon; Franklin Murphy, New Jersey; Alvah H. Martin, Virginia; Thomas F. Niedringhaus, Missouri; Charles B. Warren, Michigan; John T. Adams, Iowa; Fred Stanley, Kansas; E. C. Duncan, North Carolina; George Sheldon, New York.

Nicaragua Ratifies American Treaty.

Washington.—American Minister Jefferson, in Nicaragua, advised the state department that the Nicaraguan senate had unanimously ratified the treaty with the United States granting this government an exclusive option on the Nicaraguan canal route and naval bases in the Bay of Fonseca for \$3,000,000.

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