



PORTLAND, OREGON, SATURDAY, MARCH 25, 1916.

NEWS OF BATTLE

American Forces May Be Engaged. .

ADVANCE SOUTH IS REPORTED

Plan to Attack Villa Yesterday Related to Consul.

BASE ESTABLISHED

Pershing Finds Difficulty in Provisioning His Men, Now More Than 200 Miles From Border. More Motor Trucks Needed.

COLUMBUS, N. M., March 24 .- Janes, Grandes and on the route taken by the American expeditionary force, was set prehension of the women. on fire early today, presumably by a

been in the town. The fires were burning rapidly, fanned by heavy winds, when seen, it was said. It was also learned tonight that several small about the affair, hands of marauders, affillated with no tion from Columbus to Casas Grandes

SAN ANTONIO, Tex., March 24 .-General Pershing's report to General Funsion that two columns of his expeditionary force were in the vicinity of Namiquipa, 120 miles southeast of Casas Grandes, and repeated reports from Mexican sources that Villa with a comparatively small force has been forced to a stand at El Oso, near there, caused officers here to expect news at any time of a battle. General Function thought it probable that an engage-

ment might already have occurred. General Pershing referred today for the first time since last-Monday to his operations south of Casas Grandes, but his report contained little information nd none concerning any encounter between Villa and American soldiers or to Congress from this city. troops of the de facto government. He said Villa last had been at Namiquipa.

Report Comes by Wireless.

His report was dated today and Training School Unable to Provide was transmitted by telegraph to Fort Sam Houston. It was taken by Army officers here to indicate that either no

from Consul Garcia at El Paso saying the North Island training institution, bad previously admitted having lived confirmation had been received of the commenting on the request of Brigreport that Villa had been defeated yes- adler-General John Pershing for eight saying; terday in the Santa Gertrudes Canyon more fliers. by the American and Mexican forces. and that he had fled to El Oso, five Captain Cowan. "There are four stu-miles from Namiquipa, where he was dent aviators at North Island who are Pershing that they would attack Villa try flights."

Base Established at Ville.

moved south and east from Casas Grandes over the trail that passes Old Logbooks of British Warship through Ville and Cruces. Ville, 55 miles from Casas Grandes, was selected by General Pershing as a temporary base, he said in his report to General Fursion. The fact that he mentioned two columns as having reached points Galeana to join the Seventh Cavalry. on its way south though Ville.

That General Pershing is meeting with some difficulty in provisioning his detachment, now more than 200 miles from the border, was indicated by a statement that unless he could use the Northwestern Railway for transporta-

TROOPS ENTER MOUNTAINS

Snow and Sleet, Following Withering Heat, Add to Hardships.

COLUMBUS, N. M., March 24 .- Snow and sleet following rapidly on the heels of a nine-day exhausting march under a withering desert sun today brought new difficulties to the American troops in the Casas Grandes district, according to reports received tonight from General J. J. Pershing, expeditionary

The troops are not equipped for unusual weather, their orders being to 36,000,000,000 marks, while the British minimize their baggage as far as possible, that the utmost speed might be made. Consequently the average soldier carried with him from the border only a sweater and a single blanket

for protection against the cold. That the troops have penetrated the mountain fastness to a considerable Like Condition Has Not Existed for distance below Casas Grandes is indicated in the preparations being made here to depend more largely on mules and horses instead of motor-trucks for transport purposes. Several hundred cavalry re-mounts also have been received here from Oklahoma points and are being prepared for service,

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2 AMERICAN WOMEN DR. KILLED ON BORDER

One Man Is Victim, Too, and Troops Said to Have Pursued Slayers Over the Line.

DOUGLAS, Ariz., March 24,-Three mericans, two women and one man were killed near Gibson's line ranch on the New Mexico-Mexico boundary, eight miles west of Columbus, N. M., bitween 4 and 5 o'clock Wednesday, presumably by Mexicans, according to e story brought here by a party of fire Douglas people, who said they "Other Woman" Not Part of A command of United States soldiers. stationed at the Gibson ranch was said to have crossed the line in pursuit of

the slavers.

The automobilists were on a pleasure trip. Near the ranch they were stopped by a Twelfth Cavairy man, who advised them to go to the ranch house imme diately so that the detachment there could afford them protection. They were guarded at the house all night by seven troopers who had arrived there from Hachita, N. M., in response to the alarm given when the three bodies had been found. The five civilians passed a sleepless night, sitting in he car, while the soldiers crouched around them in the pouring rain on guard. about 40 miles northwest of Casas Peals of thunder and intermittent flashes of lightning increased the ap-

The soldiers told them that the bodband of Mexican bandits. Four large les of the two women and a man had the authorities to have caused the death fires were reported by Americans pass- been found in an automobile near the of his father-in-law, John E. Peck, of ranch, but they did not know what No Americans are known to have disposition had been made of them. After daylight they were allowed to proceed toward Hachita. They did not stop there, they said, to make inquiry

Former Minnesotan to Contest With O'Gorman in New York.

NEW YORK, March 24 .- Charles A. Towne, ex-United States Senator from Minnesota, announced today that he would enter the Democratic primaries opened, I will give her a check for in New York for the Democratic nomi- \$1960," nation to succeed Senater O'Gorman, Mr. Towne, after serving as a Rep resentative in Congress from Duluth from 1895 to 1897, then as a "Lincoln Republican," was appointed by Governor Lind in 1909 to serve two months from his notebook. This "check" now of an unexpired term in the Senate. In 1901 he began the practice of law

ARMY SHORT OF AIRMEN

in New York and in 1904 was elected

More for Pershing.

engagement was fought yesterday with SAN DIEGO, Cal. March 24.—There deliberation. But when he was questioned of it. learned of it.

Consul Beltran, of the Mexican government, recording to Caperal Consul Consul

"We have not got them to send," said surrounded. The Consul added that one ready to take their junior military of the American officers with the expe- aviators' tests, but thus far none of going to tell you, so I'll probably go ditionary forces had reported to General them has had experience in cross-coun-

The American troops near Namiquipa CRUISER MISHAP INDICATED

Found on North Carolina Shore.

NORFOLK, Va., March 24 .- A possibillty that the British cruiser Cumberland might have met with disaster off near Namiquipa caused it to be believed the Middle Atlantic Coast was seen by here that he called back the third col- marine men last night in the finding of umn dispatched from Casas Grandes the several log books marked "H. M. S. first of the week from the trail leading to Carmen and sent it south from shore near Chicomicomico. The books, dated 1908, were found today by coast guards, who reported they apparently had just been washed ashore.

The Cumberland is a protected cruiser of 9800 tons displacement and has a main battery of 14 six-inch guns.

tion he would need more auto trucks. GERMAN LOAN IS SUCCESS

New Subscriptions Are 10 Billion Marks; Total 36 Billion.

BERLIN, March 24 .- (via Wireless o Sayville.)-Dr. Karl Helfferich, Secetary of the Imperial Treasury, told the Reichstag today that the fourth German war loan had been a brilliant success, the subscriptions having reached more than 19,000,000,000 marks, not including subscriptions abroad and at the front.

It was pointed out that the German war loans have now reached a total of loans have only totaled 19,600,000,000 marks, and those of France 11,944,000,-

LINN COUNTY JAIL EMPTY

Several Years.

ALBANY, Or., March 24 .- (Special.) -

As a result of the last session of the It is reported here, unofficially, that Court the first of this month, all the the American cavalry in several deprisoners in the jail were either comgrand jury and the term of Circuit tachments has spread fan-like below mitted to the Penitentiary or released, Casas Grandes reaching distances except G. C. Bilyeu, who was serving ranging from 33 to 120 miles from the a sentence for violation of the local dvanced base option liquor law. Bliyeu was released Casas Grandes, which is 7000 feet yesterday on a conditional pardon by

WAITE ADMITS **PURCHASING POISON**

Father-in-Law Is Suicide, Says Prisoner.

DUAL LIFE CHARGE RESENTED

Case, le Indignant Reply.

BRIBE ATTEMPT CHARGED

Thousand Dollar Check Given Detec tive to Induce Negro Maid to Testify Falsely, District Attorney Is Informed.

NEW YORK, March 24 .- Confession was made today by Dr. Warren Walte. according to District Attorney Swann, that he bought the poison believed by Grand Rapids. Mich., but he asserted that he made to prichase at the request of the millionaire, who was despondent and wished to commit suicide.

Another remarkable development late in the day was the statement made to Mexican faction, have been roving about near the American lines of communication. TOWNE OUT FOR SENATE private detective, that Dr. Walte had asked him to attempt to bribe Dr. asked him to attempt to bribe Dr. 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 Dr. Waite said, "and that she saw me give him the package un-

Prisoner Guarded Closely. Dr. Walte, according to the detective thereupon signed what purported to be a check for \$1000 to the order of the girl, written by Schindler on a sheet is in the possession of Mr. Swann. Dr. Waite was taken to the prison ward at Bellevue Hospital tonight. Mr.

Swann said he wanted the dentist kept under the closest possible surveillance ecause Waite had expressed regret that the drugs he took Wednesday had not killed him, and that he wished he In making his statement to the Dis-

self-possessed, and spoke with evident

"That has nothing to do with the sub-

ject in hand."
"Yes," he si he said, according to Mr. to the electric chair. Mr. Peck was over the death of his wife. One day

YESTERDAY'S Maximum temperature. 41 degrees; minimum, 34 degrees. TODAY'S Occasional rain; southerly winds

Punsion awaiting news of battle, which may now be on. Page 1.
Two American women killed by Mexican bandits, who cross border. Page 1. War,

Chandel steamer, sunk off Dieppe, believed to have had Americans on board, Page 3 Germans, seriously threaten two outposts of Verdun. Page 3.

Foreign. Shackleton expedition marconed in south polar region. Page 4. National.

Literacy test in immigration bill defeated in House. Page 2. Allies formally reject Lansing's suggestion that merchantmen be disarmed. Page 3. House Democratic caucus agrees on legislative programme. Page 5.

Admiral Fisks criticises conduct of Navy. Page 2. House subcommittee agrees on contract pro-vision for land grant bill. Page 8.

Domestic. Dentist admits buying poison for father-in-law's suicide. Page 1. Sports.

Fifty-mile race starts at San Diego Fair today. Page 13. Campaign against lax canocists to begin.
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McGrehan picks Moran to beat Willard.
Page 12.
Beavers may add two more twirlers to
staff. Page 13.

Pacific Northwest. Robert E. Lee's cousin is 105. Page 1. Vancouver battalion leaves for Mexican bor-der. Page 14. New president seated at Washington State College. Page 6. College. Page 6.

Annouver Army officer weds just before departure for Mexican border. Page 4.

Commercial and Marine. Local wheat bids raised on small demand.
Page 19.
Unfavorable crop reports lift wheat at Chicago. Page 19.
Rails are firm and specialties weak in Wall street. Page 19.
Cargo of cresste coming for St. Helans company. Page 18.

Portland and Vicinity. Commander Blair thinks Mexican war is possible. Page 7. Council opposes change in apportionment of grant land proceeds. Page 18. Styles exhibit opens tomorrow. Page 7. Weather report, data and forecast. Page 19. Grand opera opening is brilliant. Page 1.

REGISTRATION TAKES JUMP

More Than 1100 Voters in One Day

of citizens went to the Courthouse to register-1140 in all. Of this number 195 were women.

18. They are open-at the Courthouse until 6 o'clock every night but Sun- ball with the nouns. My book of handy day. The total registration to date is stock of metaphors is on edge.

41,317. The Republicans maintain their lead with 29,652. The Democrats show a total of 8564, Prohibitionists have tsict Attorney today, Dr. Walte was registered 780, Socialists 485 and Progressives an even 400.

in 12 Months.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 24.-An inrease of about \$25 in the per capita, bank deposits for the total population Swann, "I bought the arsenic, but I of California is shown in a compariknow you won't believe what I am son with the amount on deposit in state banks on March 4, 1916, and March 4. 1915, in a report issued today by W. R.

ALL SET FOR THE BLOODIEST ACT ON THE BILL.

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Writer Is Fit as Fiddle for Fight.

Cause of Neither Brother Gladiator to Be Espoused.

MANAGERS CANNOT LOSE

Mistake Is Made in Counting Up Gate Receipts -- Event Looms in Financial World.

BY IRVIN S. COBB. (Copyright by the Wheeler Syndicate.) NEW YORK, March 24 .- In regard to the event to be staged tomorrow night at Madison-Square Garden, this city and state, at an expense unparalleled

> in the records of he sport. I take this timely opportunity of stating that I feel myself in every respect

share toward have been working

Voters are beginning to realize the sparring partner, N. Webster, the Unproximity of the primaries. Despite direct supervision of that sterling the rain yesterday, a record number team of trainers, Funk and Wagnails. ELMA SCHOOL MAY EXTEND Daily I have taken my adjectives out for long cross-country runs. My verbs are in splendid condition, supple, clastic The registration books close April and responsive. I have been punching the lexicon steadily and playing handquotations is worn to a frazzle and my

Writer in Pink of Condition.

ringside. If I am defeated in tomorrow night's bout it will not be for Children in all of these farming distinct of preparation. In this connection tricts that have joined the Elma school up to the theater and hundreds of patricts that have joined the Elma school up to the theater and hundreds of patricts that have joined the Elma school up to the theater and hundreds of patricts that have joined the Elma school up to the theater and hundreds of patricts that have joined the Elma school up to the theater and hundreds of patricts that have joined the Elma school up to the theater and hundreds of patricts that have joined the Elma school up to the carried that way on foot by

of the circumstance that Mesars, Jess state, Willard and Frank Moran are to have a place in tomorrow's programme at the Garden. In advance of their meeting I do not care to hazard a surmise as to their respective chances, My reasons for assuming this attitude are two-fold. In the first place, it would Ill become me either to speculate on the prospects or to sponsor the cause an old man and he was very despondent Williams, state superintendent of banks. of a brother-gladiator. In the second The total deposits on March 4, this place, I have never met Mr. Willard, he asked me to buy some poison for year, were \$642,302,112.50 as against although I have frequently heard him (Concluded on Page 2, Column 1.) \$579,025,945,95 for the previous date. (Concluded on Page 12, Column 3.)

R. E. LEE'S COUSIN IS 103 YEARS OLD

Oregontan.

CHEWING TOBACCO PRESERVES LIFE, SAYS L. H. LEE.

Abstinence From Liquors and Outdoor Work Also Are Credited for Longevity.

FORECAST IS NOT SUPREME COURT JANIT e, a third cousin of General ee, today celebrated his 103d anniversary at the home of guyreme guyreme route, seven pacco chewing, he says. He began to chew at the age of five years,

Longevity runs in the family, how His father was killed. grandfather died at the age of 104 and his great-grandfather attained the age of 107 years. His sister, Mrs. Eliza Cross, residing at Clemonsville, N. C. is 99 years of age.

Mr. Lee was born in North Carolina. He came to Oregon from Kansas to make his home with his son here after Irvin S. Cobb in pink of condition for tonights fight. Page 1.

Willard and Moran will fight tonight.

That Is, Observes Humorist, Unless anniversary. Throughout life he has "L'Amore Dei Tre Re" Proves Magbeen a farmer and has worked out of Mentally and physically, he is enjoying good health and took an active part in the plans for the celebration of his birthday anniversary today. He is 5 feet 11 inches in height and weighs about 150 pounds. "I have always abstained from the

use of alcoholic liquors," he said. Mr. Lee has but 11 descendants, two sons and nine grandchildren.

COOS ROAD BIDS REJECTED County Court Alleges Irregularity in Advertising.

MARSHFIELD, Or., March 24 .- (Special.)-The Coos County Court this equipped and pre- week rejected a large number of offers pared to do my for constructing a new grade on the Coquille-Coos Bay highway between making the affair Davis Slough and Coaledo, a distance

making the affair a notable success.
I am trained to the minute. I am as fit as a fiddle—a large bass fiddle.
For two weeks I Commissioners, and work done under order of the court.

Green Cedar to Vote on District Consolidation Today.

ELMA, Wash, March 35.—(Special.)

The Green Cedar people will have a chance to vote on consolidating their district with that of the Elma district I entertain no doubt of my ability to make the prescribed weight at the with its district and the addition of the Green Cedar school would place the school roll above the 500 mark.

MYSTERIOUS PLANE SEEN

Aircraft Flies Over Malheur City at

Night Toward East.

BAKER, Or., March 24 .- (Special.)-People in the vicinity of Malheur City are greatly aroused over the sudden appearance and disappearance of a mysterious aeroplane that has been seen

here before. ····· The first report came from a farm tand named Craft, employed on the Sargeant ranch, who declared that at 9 resist. It was a new note in lights of the machine and heard the whirring of the motor. The machine was headed East, he said.

MEXICANS BUY UP ARMS

Available Supply at Phoenix, Ariz., Taken; American Veterans Ready.

PHOENIX, Aria, March 24 .- Spanish-American War Veterans announced today they had confirmed reports presented at their meeting last night that all available arms and ammunition held bought by Mexicans.

The veterans reported all were armed and ready for duty as home guards. Most of them are too old for field serv-

GERMANS BEATEN IN AFRICA

peditionary force campaigning against Jerman East Africa is making further progress in its aggressive operations. according to an official statement is-General Jan Christian Smuts, in charge of the operations, has reported

the occupation of Arusha and the driv-

ing of the Germans from their line along the Ruwu River.

LONDON, March 24 .- The British ex-

Holstein - Friesian With 60,278 Pounds in 2 Years Adds Honors.

world's record for two years' produc- ward in a well-timed oration, Her figure for the two years.

BRILLIANT OPENING

Portland Pays Homage 'o Great Artists.

SCENE IS ONE OF SPLENDOR

Boston Company, Anna Pavlowa, Ballet Russe Appear.

HEILIG PACKED TO DOORS

net That Draws Intellectual and Social Life of City to First Night Performance.

Portland's season of grand opera is on. It burst into being with brilliance last night at the Heilig Theater with the celebrated Boston Grand Opera Company, and Anna Pavlowa and her long-heralded Ballet Russe as the attractions. The season is limited to three performances, but the event is all the more auspicious for the short time it is spread over. Three trains brought the aggregation to Portland yesterday, and last night social and intellectual Portland paid the deserved homage.

Hundreds Turned Away.

Four hours before the curtain rolled up on "L'Amore Dei Tre Re" (The Love of Three Kings), the music-hungry crowd began to gather at the theater, which, for the opening night, was deatined to be packed to capacity. Hundreds were turned away for the first performance. Hundreds waited at the gallery doors, and still other throngs lingered in the environs of the tneater to hear the swelling choruses send their vocal thunders out into the damp night air through brick walls and dosed doors. It was a great night for a tragic opera such as was on the

Event Is An Epic.

The operatic event in Portland is an annual, or nearly annual, epic. It draws ipon Portland's social and intellectual ife without reserve. There is no event throughout the year more metropolitan. more thrilling from an observation viewpoint, than the season of first-

class grand opera.

This year the event seemed to have taken on additional splendor. Coming in mid-Lenten season was no handi-Hundreds of automobiles from of eager souls.

Excitement was in the air. Jewels cintillated under the street arcs and in the theater, where the twinkling incandescents never seemed in merrier ood. There was no denying it was 'the" event of the year, from a theat-

rical standpoint. Attractions Are Grent.

And why not? The Boston Grand Opera Company is a name to conjure In its personnel are some of the Aeroplanes were never seen great names of the operatic stage. Then Pavlowa, the Russian danseuse, and her ballet Russe! Here was a linking of attractions that few could clock at night he distinctly saw the opera ventures, and in Portland as elsewhere it "took" like magic.

When the curtain slid from view in the opening of "The Love of the Three Kings," the performance was halted for a second. Portland's pentup opera emotion voiced itself with that indescribable audible and then attentive silence that prefaces longlooked for and much-wanted entertainment. The music prelude had played its siren role and sung into peratic consciousness perhaps the most

brilliant audience turned out in years. The opening opera is the work of a young Italian composer, Montemensi by name. The book is tragic-bound; for sale by merchants here had been likewise the music weeps, wooes, slays, charms and, of course, it enrapts, note of war, quite timely, is injected

into it. Northern Italy and a stronghold; invasion by barbarians; conquerors, love

Behind all the regul atmosphere there is the domestic note which rules in the lives of Kings and vassals alike. It is British Occupy Arusha and Drive an enlarged opera; built along magnitudinous lines, mobile in its music and gripping in its plot, but human in its

appeal. Maggle Terte Superb. Maggie Teyte, whose followers are

legion in Portland, was the stellar feminine singer in the opening production. Her beautiful lyric soprano voice was in bewitching form. Her magnetic English personality wrought fascination from the start, and the first act embodying that most effective scene where Manfredo returns eager to meet his wife, who holds herself in reserve, brought volcanic applause from NEW MILK RECORD MADE an audience obviously more than pleased. The opera reached great dramatic heights as it proceeded. It is grand opera.

The auditors were won, too, by Zanatello, a vividly dramatic tenor: SACRAMENTO, Cal., March 24 .- Til- Graham Marr, admirable baritone, and lie Alcarira, a Holstein-Frieslan cow, by Jose Madrones, "greatest basso owned by A. W. Morris & Sons' Corporation, at Woodland, Yolo County, already holder of the one-year world's favorite with a discerning audience. record for milk production, last night Roberto Morganzoni, conductor, had completed a test which gave her the woven his spell, too, and reaped his re-

> The waits between the acts were (Concluded on Page 15, Column 2.)

