



TROOPERS AND MEXICANS FIGHT

Glash Comes as Carranza Is Asking Withdrawal.

PARRAL PROTESTS PRESENCE

Part Taken by Carranza Soldiers in Affray Reported as "Doubtful."

RELIEF PLAN MAPPED OUT

Possibility of Attempt to Eject Americans From Mexico Is Foreseen.

WASHINGTON, April 13.—American troops in Mexico have had their first battle with the natives at the moment General Carranza is urging their withdrawal.

On Wednesday night, while General Carranza's note was on its way to Washington, troopers of the Seventh Cavalry, under Major Tompkins, were fired on in Parral, a Villa stronghold, in Western Chihuahua; were pursued to the suburbs, while the Carranza garrison took a doubtful part in the affray, and were attacked during the night.

One American Reported Killed.

Complete information regarding the losses to the American troops or to the Mexicans had not reached Washington tonight. Secretary Baker informed President Wilson that a brief dispatch to the War Department said that, according to unofficial reports, one American cavalryman was killed and that the troopers used a machine gun against the Mexicans.

Carranza Reports Many Dead.

General Carranza, directing his Embassy here to point out that the clash proved his contention that the presence of American troops in Mexico is leading to a situation which threatens to go beyond his control, telegraphed that many deaths had occurred on both sides.

Foreign Minister Aguilar, in a dispatch sent before that from General Carranza, said one American trooper was killed and several citizens wounded.

Consul Garcia, the Carranza agent at El Paso, telegraphed the Embassy that "several persons were killed on both sides." His dispatch added that when the American troopers entered Parral "the people protested, and it appears the garrison did also."

Statements Are Contradictory.

This latter statement is in direct contradiction to the dispatches of Carranza and Aguilar, which declared the Carranza troops attempted to hold back the Mexican mobs. A report to the State Department from Consul Letcher at Chihuahua, forwarded through General Funston, said there had been some "trouble" at Parral, when the American column was fired on by Mexican civilians.

The State and War Departments, receiving from the Mexican Embassy their first information that the clash had been a serious one, at once sent out orders for a full report. It had not been received tonight.

On President Wilson rests the decision of what the effect of the attack upon the Administration's policy shall be; whether it shall have a bearing on consideration of Carranza's proposal for the withdrawal of the troops, and finally whether Carranza's proposal shall be accepted, rejected or negotiated.

Immediate Withdrawal Unlikely.

Members of his official family indicated tonight that it was practically certain no immediate order for withdrawal of the expedition seeking Villa would be issued. The subject will be laid before the Cabinet tomorrow. Because of the serious turn in the Mexican situation and the gravity of the submarine issue with Germany, the President canceled an engagement to

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MONSTER JAWBONE FOUND NEAR BAKER

PART OF SKELETON OF PREHISTORIC ANIMAL DUG UP.

Exposed Surface of Two Huge Molars Measure 3 Inches Across. Other Teeth 1 1/2 Inches.

BAKER, Or., April 13.—(Special).—Bits of the skeleton of a prehistoric animal have been dug up in the Virtue Flat district by Maurice C. Werner, a prospector, who brought one of them to the city and sought to have a hardware dealer repair the loose parts. The bones were found in gravel beds and are the first ever found in that vicinity. The fossil brought in was a lower jawbone which is largely decayed, but wherever the bone has given way, a silicious deposit has renewed the strength of the honeycombed osseous tissue. A distinguishing feature is the presence of two parallel tusks, six inches in length, protruding straight from the bone, one of them, broken in two, revealing that only the outside of the ivory has been injured by weathering.

Two huge molars are imbedded firmly on each side of the jawbone, their crowns worn down by use and the exposed surface of each measuring three inches across. The other teeth are an average surface of one and a half inches, while the entire fossil is approximately two and one-half feet in length, by one foot in width.

The other bones, for the most part badly shattered by water grinding, were found in the Second Creek gulch at the same time as the jawbone.

POOLHALL BET BAN IS DUE

Card-Playing Also Is Prohibited by Proposed Ordinance.

Card-playing and systems of betting on sporting events in pool or billiard rooms of the city will be put under the ban if the City Council adopts an ordinance which has been prepared by City Commissioner Bigelow. The measure will be presented to the Council next week.

It provides \$100 fine or 30 days in jail for any person who plays cards in a poolroom or who bets on a sporting event, and provides for the prosecution of the proprietor of the hall and the revocation of his license if he permits any card-playing in the hall or in any room adjoining it or permits any betting or any "boasting" of a betting scheme in the hall.

VESSEL DRIFTS IN STORM

Fishing Schooner Has Rough Experience Off Yaquina Bay.

TOLEDO, Or., April 13.—(Special).—Captain William Judd, of the Alaska fishing schooner Freemont, yesterday reported a rough experience in a storm off the Yaquina Bay. The boat went fishing about 15 miles offshore Sunday, returning to the bar at night. She was picked up by the Yaquina Lifeguard crew. Captain Stewart, seven miles south of Newport.

STOCK DISEASE IS LESS

Animals in Better Condition This Year Than Usual.

WASHINGTON, April 13.—Losses of livestock from disease and exposure last year were smaller than the 10 years' average of such losses, and the conditions of animals on April 1 were slightly better than the average, the Department of Agriculture announced today.

Hog cholera is on the wane, total losses from that disease last year being estimated at 6.5 per cent, compared with about 10 per cent the year before.

Losses of horses and mules from disease are estimated at 1.75 per cent, compared with a 10-year average of 1.35 per cent.

BABE IS BURNED TO DEATH

Clothing Ignited When Child Tries to Start Fire at Salem.

SALEM, Or., April 13.—(Special).—Margaret Harper, aged 5, only daughter of Mrs. Vivian Harper, this city, died today from burns suffered when matches with which she was attempting to light a fire ignited her clothing. The tragedy occurred at the child's home during the absence of her mother in Portland.

The child had been left in care of an aunt, Mrs. Edna Beasett. While Mrs. Beasett was away Margaret tried to start a fire in the kitchen stove. Before neighbors could reach her, her clothing was burned off and terrible burns inflicted.

BARK FROM PORTLAND LOST

Inverlyon, Which Left Here December 7, Sunk by Submarine.

LONDON, April 13.—The British bark Inverlyon has been sunk by a submarine, according to a report received by Lloyds. Twelve members of the crew were rescued.

The Inverlyon was a vessel of 1827 tons and was built in 1904. Her home port was Aberdeen. The bark sailed from Portland, Or., December 7, for Havre or Bordeaux, and was last reported as leaving St. Michaels, Azores, March 31.

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FIRE-BOMB PLOT WIDENS IN EXTENT

Three More Arrested, Two Sought.

RINGLEADERS NOT CAUGHT

Conspiracy Reaches Beyond Ports of United States.

HEAVY BOND IS EXACTED

Men Arrested Yesterday Are From Interned German Liner at Hoboken—Those Still Wanted Also Are Germans.

NEW YORK, April 13.—Three more arrests were made tonight in connection with the alleged conspiracy to destroy ships carrying war munitions to the entente allies by placing "fire bombs" in their cargoes. Warrants, it was announced, are out for two others, thus involving in all nine persons. The arrests tonight closely followed the arraignment before United States Commissioner Houghton of the four men taken in custody last night. The three additional prisoners are Carl Schmidt, chief engineer of the steamer Friedrich der Grosse of the North German Lloyd line, and Frederick Praedick and Carl Paradis, assistants to Schmidt. The authorities still are looking for Charles Karbade, also an assistant engineer aboard the big German vessel interned here, and Walter T. Scheel, president of the New Jersey Agriculture & Chemical Company, of Hoboken, N. J., where bombs are alleged to have been manufactured.

Ringleaders Not Yet Caught.

Assistant United States Attorney Roger B. Wood, in charge of the prosecution, declared that the evidence thus far obtained indicates a conspiracy with far-reaching ramifications, including not only the shipment of bombs to all ports of this country, but to South America. He said the men under arrest and those for whom warrants are out probably were not the ringleaders in the plot.

The four prisoners arraigned today waived the formal reading of the complaint made by Detective Sergeant Baratz, who asserted that to divulge the sources of his information at this time would be against public policy. Captain Otto Wolpert, superintendent of the Atlas line piers, of the Hamburg-American Steamship Company, and Captain Bode, superintendent of the Hamburg-American pier in Hoboken, N. J., each was held in \$25,000 bail, while Ernest Becker, an electrician on the steamer Friedrich der Grosse, and Captain von Kleist, superintendent of the New Jersey Agriculture & Chemical Company, each was held in \$5000 bail.

Some of Men Paroled.

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ROAD TO SPEND MILLIONS

Northwest Will Get Orders From Alaskan Commission.

SEATTLE, April 13.—C. P. Dole, purchasing agent of the Alaska Engineering Commission, says that more than \$2,000,000 will be expended by the commission in the Pacific Northwest within a few weeks.

The material called for includes rails and angle iron, \$500,000; groceries and supplies, \$500,000; bridge lumber, \$150,000; marine supplies, \$100,000; flatcars and other rolling stock, \$100,000.

MAIL TO AMERICA SEIZED

Danish Steamship's Pouches Held by British at Kirkwall.

NEW YORK, April 13.—The Danish steamer Frederick VIII arrived here today without 597 sacks of mail with which she started from Copenhagen, Christiania and Christiansand.

The mail was removed by the British authorities when the steamer stopped at Kirkwall for the customary inspection.

CHAMBER LENDS INDORSEMENT.

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GIGANTIC PLANS FOR SEAPORT ARE LAID

Immediate Service to Alaska Proposed.

MILLION IN BONDS SOUGHT

Chamber Backs B. Wilcox Plan for Big Fleet.

SHIPYARD NOW IS ASSURED

Proposal Includes Chartering of Three Steamers and Construction of as Many Liners for Service to Territory.

SHIPPING AND SHIPBUILDING DEVELOPMENTS YESTERDAY.

Chamber of Commerce backs Theodore B. Wilcox in plan for immediate service to Alaska with three chartered steamers and construction in one year of three liners for that route.

Charles R. McCormick may open Portland yard and build fourth auxiliary schooner for Columbia River lumber trade.

Spokane capitalists telegraph fund is available for Willamette or Columbia shipyard and will close details next week.

Port of Portland Commission to make big fill at site of new steel shipbuilding plant, where two freighters are to be built.

Permanent steamship service between Portland and Alaska was urged before the directors of the Chamber of Commerce last night by Theodore B. Wilcox, who outlined a concrete plan for making it possible.

Mr. Wilcox, in brief, propose that the Port of Portland be authorized to issue \$1,000,000 in bonds for construction of three steamships to operate between Portland and the principal Alaskan ports with the ultimate view of turning the enterprise over to private capital.

Meanwhile, however, he urged that vessels of sufficient capacity to handle the business be chartered to serve until the Port of Portland's ships are built.

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\$100,000 IS GIVEN MINERS AS BONUS

MEN IN COEUR D'ALENES GET 75 CENTS A DAY EXTRA

Price of Metal in March, Which Governs April Pay, Will Make Gratitude for Month \$1 a Day.

WALLACE, Idaho, April 13.—(Special).—Approximately \$100,000 in bonus will be paid to the 4000 miners in the district this week.

The bonus system adopted by the miners February 1 the workers received a bonus of 75 cents a day for their March work, the bonus being regulated by the monthly average price of metals in the preceding month.

The price of metals in March, which governs the bonus for April, was such that for April a bonus of \$1 a shift will be paid, and will add another record-breaking payday to the district when the pay checks are handed out in May.

Evidence of the surplus wages being paid is apparent on every hand and is reflected in every business. The increase of wages combined with the operation of the dry law has thrown thousands of dollars into business, and merchants report business has doubled.

DAY'S REGISTRATION 1830

Only Four More Days Remain in Which to Qualify Voters.

A slight increased interest in registrations was noticed at the Courthouse yesterday, when 1830 persons registered during the day for the coming election. Of this number 577 were men, and 853 women. Yesterday's registrations raised the grand total to date to 61,743.

The voters registered to date are divided as follows: Republican 44,426; Democratic 12,795; Independent 2149; Prohibitionist 1146; Socialist 791; and Progressive 556.

But four more week days remain in which to register, registrations closing April 18.

NEW AIR MOTOR TESTED

Design by Silas Christofferson, of Vancouver, Is All Enclosed.

NEW YORK, April 13.—(Special).—At the Automobile Club of America's testing laboratory a new aeroplane motor, developed by Silas Christofferson, the Vancouver, Wash., aeroplane designer, was put through a brake test today. The motor, a six-cylinder, has several novel features, including an oil-cooling radiator and a system of inclosing all working parts. The cylinders are of steel with aluminum casing.

The motor developed 117-horsepower at an average of 1475 revolutions per minute.

TEETH SAVE INTREPID MAN

Logger Undaunted by Loss of Fingers While Working Aloft.

ELMA, Wash., April 13.—(Special).—With two fingers pinched off in a tackle block while he was working at the top of a pole 125 feet above ground, H. Johnson, high climber for the Lytle logging crew, working east of here yesterday, used his teeth to pull up enough slack in the cable to release the hand and save the arm, while he clung on for life on the other hand.

"Just one of those accidents anybody is liable to have," remarked the intrepid logger when he had descended. He was brought to a hospital at this place.

CO-ED NAMED FOR QUEEN

Eugene to Back Girl for Highest Festival Honor.

EUGENE, Or., April 13.—(Special).—Eugene will enter a candidate for queen of the Portland Rose Festival. Today all organizations united in the support of Miss Edyle Fraasch, a sophomore at the University of Oregon, suggested by the Atlas Club.

Following a meeting of a joint committee from the Atlas Club and the Portland Chamber of Commerce tonight, Ernest Gilstrap, chairman of the committee, said, "Eugene will go into the contest with the spirit of making Miss Fraasch queen, and not maid."

"IMMORTALS" BILL PASSES

American Arts and Letters Academy Measure Up to President.

WASHINGTON, April 13.—The hard-fought bill incorporating the American Academy of Arts and Letters and numbering President Wilson, Theodore Roosevelt and 48 others among its charter members, was passed by the House today and now goes to the President for approval.

His opponents charged its purpose was to create 50 "immortals" while its supporters maintain its sole object is to further art and literature in America.

\$500 REWARD ON SLAYERS

State Puts Price on Heads of Murderers of Seattle Women.

OLYMPIA, Wash., April 13.—Governor Lister today offered a reward of \$500 for the "apprehension, arrest and conviction of the assailant or assailants" of Miss Kate Swift and her aged sister, Mrs. Corina Wheeler, who were beaten to death with an axe and a hammer in their home in Seattle the night of April 5.

The murderers are believed to have stolen \$2000 from the women.

BERLIN HELD TO ADMIT GUILT

Washington Holds Sussex Case Has Been Proved.

DRASTIC ACTION PROBABLE

Strong Evidence of Germany's Good Faith Alone Can Now Avert Crisis.

OTHER ATTACKS COVERED

Explanations Not in Accord With Evidence Gathered by State Department.

WASHINGTON, April 13.—The United States is disposed to consider that Germany, in the latest submarine note, practically admitted one of her submarine commanders is guilty of torpedoing the Channel steamer Sussex. President Wilson and Secretary Lansing today examined the official text of the communication from Berlin and are understood to have reached this conclusion, although no announcement was made.

Unless Germany should, without equivocation, admit attacking the vessel, which had aboard more than a score of American citizens, inflict adequate punishment upon the commander of the submarine and in other ways show evidence of good faith, action of a drastic nature undoubtedly will follow. Details of the policy to be pursued are expected to be formulated at the meeting of the Cabinet tomorrow.

Marked Similarity Noted.

The assumption of Germany's admission of guilt is founded on the marked similarity of the circumstances surrounding the explosion which damaged the Sussex and the attack on a steamer in the Channel described in the German note. The date, time and locations are practically the same. The damage done by the torpedo fired by the submarine and the explosion which wrecked the Sussex are identical. The course being followed by the Sussex and the vessel mentioned in the note are similar.

The only difference in the two versions, that of Germany, based on the report of a submarine commander, and that of the United States, founded on reports of the British and French governments' affidavits of survivors and investigations by American naval, diplomatic and consular officials, is found in the description of the vessel attacked by the submarine, based on a sketch made by the submarine commander while peering through his periscope. It is considered that the slight variation in two sides of the case virtually could be reconciled.

Revelation Changes Course.

Following the receipt recently of press dispatches announcing that the German government flatly denied responsibility for the explosion which destroyed the Sussex, it is believed the case the United States was preparing against German submarine warfare would have to be based upon the accumulation of illegal attacks, rather than largely upon the disaster to the Channel steamer. It now being revealed upon just what contentions and arguments Germany bases her denial of responsibility, the Administration considers that the case of the Sussex is stronger than ever.

Secretary Lansing today had nearly completed the collection of evidence in regard to the conduct of submarine warfare since the Lusitania went down. A statement of facts, it was said, probably will be ready to be brought to the attention of the German government within the next few days.

BERLIN HEARS OF REVOLT

Portuguese Uprising Related to Spanish Wireless Report.

BERLIN, April 13.—(By wireless to Sayville, N. Y.)—The Overseas News Agency says that according to wireless report from Badajoz, Spain, several Portuguese provinces are in open revolt. It is asserted that a mutiny broke out among the Lisbon Guards in the Carmo barracks and that machines were sent to suppress the mutineers.

