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AMERICAN BATTLESHIPS ORDERED TO MEXICAN WATERS

SMYRNA ABOUT TO FALL INTO HANDS OF ALLIED FORCES

But Three Batteries Able to Reply to Bombardment of British Fleet—Marines to Seize City.

VALUABLE BASE FURNISHED

Campaign Against Dardanelles Only Just Begun, Declares Admiralty Officials at London—Big Turkish Guns in Straits Yet to Be Reduced—Action Continues.

CONSTANTINOPLE, March 9.—(Wireless via Berlin)—The Anglo-French fleet again was forced to retire after vainly shelling the Dardanelles forts, according to an announcement by the government.

A French vessel and a British battleship were declared to have been seriously damaged. Reports from Smyrna indicate a British mine sweeper has been sunk and a cruiser damaged by the fire from the Turkish forts.

LONDON, March 9.—Smyrna is about to fall. This is the word brought by dispatches from Athens, declaring that only three land batteries of the principal Asiatic port of Turkey are replying to the fire of the British warships which have been bombarding the city since Saturday.

A veritable rain of shells has been pouring into the forts on both sides of the Dardanelles at the rate of one per minute, the projectiles falling from the guns of the Anglo-British fleet and aeroplanes dropping bombs on the smaller batteries.

As soon as the Smyrna forts have been leveled, marines will be landed and the city seized, thus furnishing the allies a valuable base of operations.

Admiralty officials emphasized the statement the campaign to capture the Dardanelles has really just begun. The largest Turkish guns are mounted at the forts at the entrance of the narrows and these are still keeping the allied ships at a distance.

It is estimated that 5000 tons of shells have been fired against the forts so far.

It is clear from reports that the allied vessels have not escaped unscathed but no serious damage has been inflicted upon them, it is declared.

LONDON, March 9.—The admiralty announces that the British collier Benrave was sunk Sunday, probably by a torpedo off Hibracomb, which lies ten miles northeast of Barnstaple, County Devon, England.

BERLIN, March 9.—Dispatches to the Overseas News Agency from Rotterdam say it is reported at the Dutch seaport that a damaged warship was towed into the Fifth of Forth, Scotland, last Saturday.

AMSTERDAM, March 9.—For the first time since Sir Admiral David Beatty engaged a German squadron in the North Sea, the latter part of January, heavy gun fire, according to a dispatch from the Hook of Holland to the Helegraaf, was heard in the North Sea.

CRANSTON MAY REPRESENT UMATILLA COUNTY AT FAIR

MEMBERS OF COUNTY COURT ARE SAID TO FAVOR HIS APPOINTMENT.

There is a strong probability that C. K. Cranston, secretary of the Pendleton Commercial association, will be Umatilla county's representative at the Panama-Pacific fair. The appointment is to be made by the county court and while no decision has yet been made, the members are said to be favorably disposed toward Mr. Cranston.

Under the arrangement with the other counties interested in maintaining an eastern Oregon exhibit in the Oregon building, Umatilla county is to keep a man at the booth for four months, from April 15 to June 15 and from October 15 to December 4. The other counties will keep a man there for the same length of time so that at all times there will be two men in charge of the exhibit. Secretary Cranston has represented the county at all of the meetings held for arranging the exhibit and his position as secretary of the local Commercial association further qualifies him for the position.

GERMAN DRIVE ON SEACOAST HALTED BY FRENCH TROOPS

After Bombardment, Teutons Make Charge During the Night in Massed Formation—Are Repulsed.

BERLIN CLAIMS SUCCESS

Gains Over Russians Claimed in Many Regions—Thousands Reported to Have Been Taken Prisoners—Petrograd Claims That Offensive of Slavs is Progressing.

PARIS, March 9.—The most energetic German attack on the sea coast in weeks has been repulsed. After bombarding the Belgian and French positions south of Dixmude, near Steenscappe, the Germans attempted massed infantry attacks during the night but were mowed down by a raking fire from machine guns, according to claims of the French war office. Several attacks at Reichackerhoff, in the Vosges, also have been repulsed it is declared.

Fighting continues in the Champagne district. A toll is reported elsewhere.

BERLIN, March 9.—Important German success in the fighting along the Pilica river, Poland, with the capture of 4700 prisoners were announced by the German war office. The Russians have been repulsed north-east of Lomza, the official statement declares.

East of Augustov, the Russians also have been beaten back. At the former city, 500 prisoners were taken by the Germans.

A new battle is developing north of Ostrohenka, the statement added. Regarding it no details were given.

In the western theater of the war, the Germans are declared to have captured two trenches, imprisoning the allied soldiers and taken several machine guns. In the Champagne region, artillery fire is holding back a French attempt to advance. Fighting continues about Sennehe in Alsace.

PETROGRAD, March 9.—Russian troops have dislodged the Germans from several positions along the Pilica river, according to dispatches from Warsaw. Furious fighting, it was announced has been in progress in the Pilica-Rawa region for four days. The Russian offensive in the vicinity of Tomasz is proceeding slowly it is claimed.

WIFE OF HARRY THAW MAY BE CALLED TO TESTIFY

NEW YORK, March 9.—The presentation of testimony at the trial of Harry K. Thaw and five others charged with conspiracy to obtain Thaw's escape from Matteawan began in the supreme court at noon. In his address to the jury, Deputy District Attorney Kennedy declared that while Thaw "legally is insane" nevertheless is responsible for his part in the conspiracy. Before witnesses were called, a formal motion by the defense to dismiss the indictment was denied.

NEWS SUMMARY

General.

American warships are ordered to Mexican waters. President Wilson says United States will not intervene. Smyrna forts nearly reduced by British warships. Bombardment of Dardanelles continues. Turks report two of the allied vessels badly damaged. German drive toward seacoast again repulsed by the French. Berlin claims gains against the Russians. Petrograd claims Russian offensive is making progress.

Local.

Round-up films please New York millionaires. Cranston will probably represent Umatilla county at Panama fair. Meet here Sunday to reorganize Blue Mountain league. Local people not together on game commissionership question. All coyote scalps will draw three dollar bounty. Farlong syndicates Round-up story for newspaper use. Evans-Shannon bout set for next Tuesday.

American Fleet Ready for All Emergencies

This map shows the disposition of the American fleet and demonstrates how easy it will be to have a big fighting force in Mexican waters within a short time should occasion demand it. The preparations for the parade through the Panama canal has made it possible for the fleet to gather at these points. Many other vessels not shown here are being fitted out at the navy yards. Just what vessels will be assigned to Mexican ports have not been divulged as this matter will be left entirely at the discretion of Admiral Fletcher.

In a 20 Round Scrap. NEW ORLEANS, March 8.—Geo. Chip and Jack Dillon were scheduled to mix tonight in a twenty round scrap.



CAMPFIRE CLUB SEES THE ROUND-UP IN NEW YORK

MOTION PICTURES OF PENDLETON SHOW ARE TREAT TO THE MEMBERS.

The 1914 Round-up moving pictures were the chief attraction at the monthly luncheon in New York of the Campfire Club of America, an organization of wealthy sportsmen, and they were received with much enthusiasm, according to a telegram received this morning by the Round-up association from George D. Pratt, the millionaire president of the club.

The films were sent recently to him at his request, he having learned of them through A. Phinister Proctor, the sculptor, who is a member of the organization. The following is a copy of the telegram received: Pendleton, Oregon.

Round-up pictures shown Saturday night before Campfire Club. Received with great enthusiasm. Members enjoyed themselves immensely. As president of club, I appreciate very much your allowing me these films. If there is no objection, would like to show them to some friends Wednesday night. Will ship them to you Thursday morning.

SHETLAND ISLANDS PUT IN WAR ZONE BY GERMANY

WASHINGTON, March 9.—Ambassador Gerard cabled from Berlin today to the state department that he has been officially informed by the German government that all waters surrounding Shetland and Orkney Islands hereafter will be considered in the war zone.

The shipping on both sides of the Faroe Islands is safe, Gerard was informed.

The Shetland and Orkney Islands are a little northeast of the Scottish coast, the latter lying within a few miles of the coast line while the former are further north and directly west of the lower coast of Norway. The Faroe Islands are about 250 miles northwest of Scotland.

SITUATION IN MEXICO CITY RAPIDLY APPROACHING CRISIS; INTERVENTION, HOWEVER, IS NOT BEING CONSIDERED

United States Prepared to Act in the Case of Emergency and Dispatch of Warships to Principal Mexican Ports is Ordered as Precautionary Measure—Entire Atlantic Fleet is Near at Hand.

WASHINGTON, March 9.—Admiral Fletcher, commanding the American fleet at Guantanamo, notified Secretary Daniels that he had designated Rear Admiral Caperton to take command of the American warships at Vera Cruz. The battleship Georgia and the cruiser Washington will be sent.

WASHINGTON, March 9.—Two more American battleships were ordered to Vera Cruz today by Secretary of the Navy Daniels.

In view of the critical condition in the Mexican capital and fears that General Carranza's attitude toward the inhabitants of Mexico City might result in rioting, Secretary Daniels has instructed Admiral Fletcher to send ships to the principal Mexican ports.

The suggestion has reached General Villa, the chief opponent of the Carranza regime, that the occupation of Mexico City by the troops of General Zapata would be pleasing to the United States should the Carranzistas abandon the capital. The Zapataistas are nearby and could reach the city in a few hours in an emergency.

Although officials of the administration were reticent today, it is believed that they pinned upon Zapata the hope of preventing a massacre or other disorders should General Obregon carry out his threat to abandon the capital city to its fate.

Intervention Not Considered. Admiral Fletcher has been instructed to place the vessels which will go to Mexican ports under the command of a flag officer who will be admiral of the squadron. The ships to be used in this duty have not been designated, the selection being left to the discretion of Fletcher.

A high official of the government declared today that despite the dispatch of ships to Mexican waters, armed intervention has not been considered. This latest action is merely a precautionary measure as the government of the United States recognizes that it must force a relief of the present situation. Unless this is done it is feared that Carranza may become so defiant that intervention may become the only remedy.

Delaware on Scene. Only one vessel, the battleship Delaware, has been at Vera Cruz for several weeks, but five warships will be in that vicinity in a few days. It has been planned to send the Delaware to Guantanamo soon to join the Atlantic fleet in its spring maneuvers.

Vera Cruz indefinitely, the cruiser Tacoma left Port au Prince, Hayti, yesterday, under orders to proceed at once to Vera Cruz; the gunboat Petrel already is en route from Mobile, Ala., and the cruiser Des Moines is bound from Progreso to Vera Cruz, while the gunboat Sacramento is at Tampico.

Other available light-draft vessels—more valuable than battleships in tropical waters—are the gunboats Wheeling and Nashville, being held in readiness with the armored cruiser Washington in Haitian and Dominican waters, while the entire Atlantic fleet of 21 first-class battleships is at Guantanamo, within two and a half days' sail of Vera Cruz.

Mr. Daniels gave this summary of the position of the warships, but declined to discuss future movements. That conditions again have reached an acute crisis was admitted at all the government departments. When asked whether the United States intended to use physical force to obtain a compliance with its requests, Secretary Bryan replied that "nothing had been decided upon yet beyond representations" and that it was best to meet situations "as they arise."

FOREIGNERS IN GRAVE POSITION

Latest reports from Mexico City indicate a menacing condition of affairs for the 25,000 foreigners there, of whom 2500 are Americans. The Carranza authorities have commandeered all the medicines and medical supplies in the chief hospital and sent them to Vera Cruz. An appeal has been made to the United States to dispatch a hospital ship to Vera Cruz to send medical supplies to Mexico City, and the Mexican Red Cross has sent an urgent petition through the American Red Cross for protection against the Carranza authorities and permission to cooperate with the international relief committee in handling the starving population.

Typhus fever and smallpox have broken out in the capital as well as at Tampico. As a result of the latest developments the Delaware will remain at Tampico.

Wilson Makes it Plain that Intervention is Not Aim in Sending Warships to Mexico

WASHINGTON, March 9.—President Wilson made it plain to callers today that despite dispatching additional warships to Mexico, intervention has not been considered. He has not been asked to sanction sending to Mexico City an international expedition such as went to Pekin at the time of the Boxer uprising and has no intention of doing more than demand that the rights of foreigners be protected. He said that certain persons in Mexico and in the United States apparently are determined to force intervention even though they have to force a reason for themselves therefore much news from the Mexican capital must be discounted.

All foreigners in Mexico City will be protected. Whether that protection will be afforded by Carranza, Villa or Zapata remains to be seen, but Wilson is confident that President Carranza will heed the warning conveyed in the last American representations and will see that sufficient troops remain in the capital to prevent hostile demonstrations. The sending of additional warships to Vera Cruz is expected to have a salutary effect. Officials are confident that Carranza will not be so defiant in his treatment of Americans as was Huerta.

The report that General Felix Diaz is planning a new revolution has reached the president who does not regard it seriously.

MAN WANTED IN SEATTLE FOR ALLEGED COAL FRAUD

BENCH WARRANT IS ISSUED FOR THE RETURN OF JOHN P. BULLOCK.

SEATTLE, March 9.—A bench warrant has been issued by Federal Judge Cushman of Tacoma and telegraphed to Washington, D. C., for the arrest of John P. Bullock of Portland, sentenced to one year in jail for fraudulent coal sales to the federal government. Charles E. Houston of Seattle, convicted of the same charge, already has begun his sentence. Bullock is believed to be in the national capital.

THREE DOLLARS BOUNTY TO BE PAID ON COYOTE SCALPS

OPINION IS GIVEN BY ATTORNEY GENERAL REGARDING NEW BOUNTY LAW.

According to an opinion rendered by Attorney General George M. Brown all coyote scalps regardless of whether the animals were killed before or after the passage of the new bounty law, will draw three dollars if presented to the county clerk within six months after the killing of the coyotes. A copy of this opinion was received this afternoon by County Clerk Salling along with a note from Secretary of State Olcott stating that the blanks would be forwarded in a few days. Until these blanks arrive, no bounty can be paid.

The opinion of the attorney general clears up the vagueness which surrounded the new law. Up until January 1, 1915, this county paid \$1.50 each for scalps but after Jan. 1, discontinued the payment of bounty because of the fact that the state fund was exhausted. Whether or not the scalps from coyotes killed between Jan. 1 and the date of the passage of the new law would draw \$1.50 or \$3 was a matter in dispute.

The attorney general holds that the law, as it now stands, provides for the payment of one bounty only and that a \$3 one. However, this same law provides that after January 1, 1914, the bounty shall be only \$1.50.

WARM CONTEST ON FOR GAME COMMISSIONER

NAME OF MARION JACK WILL BE PRESENTED TO GOVERNOR SAYLOR.

Who is to be the eastern Oregon member of the game commission? This is a subject of considerable interest and if there is anyone who knows the answer he knows considerable.

Members of the local sportsmen's association have formally endorsed S. D. Crowe of La Grande for the appointment but their action is not being concurred in by members of the Umatilla legislative delegation. While prominent local workers for the sportsmen's association are circulating Crowe petitions today it is said two members of the delegation Messrs Burgess and Ritner, as well as County Chairman Frank Curl are en route to Salem to lay the name of Marion Jack before the governor for appointment upon the commission.

It was reported yesterday on the streets that the delegation had endorsed Jack. However, this was denied by Representative Ritner who said no meeting of the delegation had been held though he declared he was personally supporting Jack, believing him to be highly competent in every way for the position.

If the "dope" now in circulation here is correct Joint Senator Barrett has thus far at least refused to join with others of the delegation in supporting Jack and has been inclined to give his endorsement to Crowe. Representative Hinkle is said to be still backing Dr. Garfield for the appointment.

Thus it may be seen at a glance that the situation is confused to say the least.

Pittsfield Off for Camp.

PITTSBURG, March 9.—The Pittsfields were to leave today for their training quarters at Augusta, Ga.

Atlantic League Meets.

NEW YORK, March 9.—Like other minor recruits, the Billy Pfau circuit seemed rather shaky when Atlantic league magnates gathered today at the offices of President Cox for their annual meeting. Several changes in the circuit were planned.

VESSELS WITH SUPPLY OF ARMS SLIP FROM HARBOR

SAN DIEGO, March 9.—The vessels Annie Larson and the Captain Schuler left the harbor in the dead of night with lights extinguished. They are carrying 4500 rifles and forty million rounds of ammunition. It is thought they are headed for Topolobampo where the cargo was originally consigned.

PORTLAND JITNEY REDUCED TO KINDLING IN ACCIDENT

PORTLAND, Ore., March 9.—When a jitney attempted to pass a trolley the bus was caught between north and south bound cars and reduced to kindling. Mrs. Elizabeth Cook and Mrs. Roy Volheim, passengers, each holding a baby, escaped death. Both women were seriously hurt but the babies were unscathed.