

SUNKEN SHIP BEING RAISED TO THE SURFACE

Work of Raising Submarine From Bottom of Sea Near Honolulu Under Way—Delay Occasioned by Testing Cables, Which It Is Feared May Slip.

HONOLULU, T. H., March 27.—The raising of the United States submarine F-4, lost in the deep water outside Honolulu harbor since early Thursday, has been held up temporarily while the cables attached to the submerged craft are tested.

An electrical buzzer device is being used to determine the efficiency of the fastenings on the submarine.

It is planned to raise the F-4 nearer the surface so that divers can be lowered to superintend the progress of work.

The great depth of the water in which the submarine has been located makes the work of raising it extremely difficult.

There is constant fear that the cables attached to the craft may slip. The work, however, is progressing slowly.

There is a report, not wholly confirmed, that a battery explosion aboard the F-4 on March 6 caused serious damage.

Rear Admiral Charles B. T. Moore, commandant of the naval station, said the reported accident did not disable the F-4.

"I had heard something about a battery explosion aboard the F-4," he said, "but it was not serious. It was not considered of sufficient importance to be reported."

"The chances are that if it had been serious enough to disable the vessel it would have killed some of the men."

"One man was burned slightly, so far as we know. It had no connection with the present accident."

HIGH SCHOOL BOYS SHOT IN RAID UPON CAMP OF CADETS

Ontario, Ore., March 27.—Three high school boys were shot, two being seriously injured early today during a raid upon the high school cadet camp. The cadets started on a hike yesterday, and camped for the night three miles west of here.

About midnight a party of high school boys went out to raid and frighten the camp. The rifles of both parties were supposed to be loaded with blanks, but some of the boys, it is said, pushed rocks into the ends of their cartridges.

Robert Madden, aged 18, was shot in the back, the missile penetrating his lung. William Fitzgerald was shot in the eye. It is thought his sight was destroyed. Both boys are in a serious condition. William Duncan was shot in the thigh, but his injury is not serious.

WARSHIPS MOVE SISAL CROP FROM YUCATAN PORTS

WASHINGTON, March 27.—Movement of the sisal crop from Yucatan on United States naval vessels has begun. Rear Admiral Caperton, commander of the cruiser squadron at Vera Cruz, notified the navy department today that the collier Jupiter sailed Thursday from Progress for New Orleans with a sisal cargo.

Rear Admiral Caperton's report said fighting continued between Carranza and Villa forces at Ebano, outside Tampico, and that some oil tanks in that vicinity had been damaged.

Customs house and national documents at Matamoros, Mex., have been sent to Brownsville, Tex., in anticipation of the battle between the Carranza and Villa forces.

ITALY READY TO JOIN ALLIES BY BEGINNING WAR

Decisive Action Regarded as Imminent—Bulgaria Also Falling in Line—Turkish Forts at Dardanus and Kilid Bahr Destroyed—Russians Again Control Carpathian Passes.

LONDON, March 27.—Decisive action by Italy is regarded in Rome as imminent. A brief dispatch from that city today states that the Italian government has taken every possible measure preparatory to beginning war on the side of the allies.

It is also said in Rome that there is observable a tendency on the part of Bulgaria to adopt a policy favorable to the allies and that the government hopes to act in conjunction with Italy and Rumania. The attitude of Bulgaria has been in doubt on account of her hostility toward the other Balkan nations, with the exception of Turkey, which grew out of the second Balkan war.

Dispatches reached Paris from Athens say the Turkish forts at Dardanus and Kilid Bahr, on the Dardanelles have been destroyed and that batteries which attacked minesweepers have been silenced by two battleships of the allies.

British and French warships are said to have taken transports to the Gulf of Smyrna, on the coast of Asia Minor.

Notwithstanding the reported successes of the British in repelling the Turkish invaders of Egypt, the Turks have not been expelled from the country. An official statement from Cairo says that a skirmish occurred Tuesday with small losses on both sides.

Reports continue to come in of important Russian successes in the Carpathians. Swiss newspapers publish dispatches that the Russians have defeated the Austrians in several engagements along the front from Bukowina to western Galicia.

The German war office announces that a Russian attempt to attack Tilsit, East Prussia, had been defeated. Unofficial advices from Berlin are that the last of the Russian forces which invaded the northern part of east Prussia have been expelled.

Aviators of Germany and the allies threw bombs yesterday on several towns along the western front. So far as is disclosed, no serious damage was done.

SUCCESS CROWNS RUSSIAN EFFORTS IN CARPATHIANS

LONDON, March 27.—Russia today for the third time holds the gates to Hungary and British observers are virtually united in the expectation that the Teutonic allies will make a supreme effort to prevent the forces of Emperor Nicholas from again pouring on to the Hungarian plains.

GENEVA, March 27.—Dispatches received by Swiss newspapers continue to emphasize the success of the Russians in the battle which is still in progress in the Carpathians. The struggle in Ulok and Lupkow passes on March 23 is said to have been particularly desperate with heavy losses for the Austrians.

Sanguinary encounters also are reported on the banks of the Biala (a branch of the river Donajec and flowing in an easterly direction about midway between Przemyel and Cracow,) where Austrian attacks are said to have been repulsed with losses placed at 8,000 killed, wounded and missing.

The Russians are credited with successes all along the line of the Pruth (in Gallcia and Bukowina), where they dislodged the Austrians from their strongest positions.

Timber owners of Jackson county headed by Attorney W. I. Vawter, will appear before the county court Wednesday to protest the proposed increase in timber assessments.

SLAV INVADERS AGAIN EXPELLED FROM PRUSSIA

Berlin Reports East Prussian Territory Cleared of Russians for Third Time—Offensive Indicates Russians Have Finished Filling Gaps Caused by Latest Victory.

BERLIN, March 27.—The Russian offensive movement against the east Prussian territory to the north of Tilsit, came to its end last Friday night with the expulsion of the last Russian from the province.

The invaders were thrown back across the border after a brief but hard fight, and the Germans advanced to a point in front of Palotken. The Russians were at Krottingen and Jakubow. Steps have been taken to guard the inhabitants of this district against further invasion of this kind.

Driven Out by Cavalry

Cavalry played a great part in driving the Russians out of east Prussia. The reason was that a heavy fog made the use of artillery and infantry difficult. The infantrymen were hindered also by the damp condition of the land and high water which prevented land pursuit.

Although the damage done by the invaders in this district is considerable, it is not as great as had been feared and reported.

A large number of fugitives already have returned to their homes, while others are returning, and the damages will soon be completely repaired.

Russians Again Ready

The conclusion appears to be justified today that the Russian advance on Memel, on the Baltic in East Prussia, had a certain connection with the general renewal of Russian offensive activity, the purpose of which, according to military opinion in Berlin, appears to have been a threat against East Prussia.

The offensive against Memel was closely followed by advances in the direction of Tilsit through Tauragen, through Mariampol and finally through Augustowo.

This offensive activity is taken in Berlin to indicate that the Russians have finished filling out the gaps in their line caused by the latest victory over them of Field Marshal Von Hindenburg, and that they are now ready for new operations.

FRESH WARSHIP ARRIVES TO RENEW ATTACK ON TURKS

LONDON, March 27, 5:50 p. m.—Fresh battleships from the marine forces of Great Britain, France and Russia are expected to reach the Dardanelles today to reinforce the allied squadron, according to a dispatch from Athens published in the Evening News.

With the arrival of these vessels, the assaults on the straits will be at once resumed, the dispatch says.

PARIS, March 27, 4:25 a. m.—It now has been established that the forts at Dardanus have been destroyed and those at Kilid Bahr seriously damaged by the operations of the allied fleet in the Dardanelles, says a Havas dispatch from Athens, dated Friday.

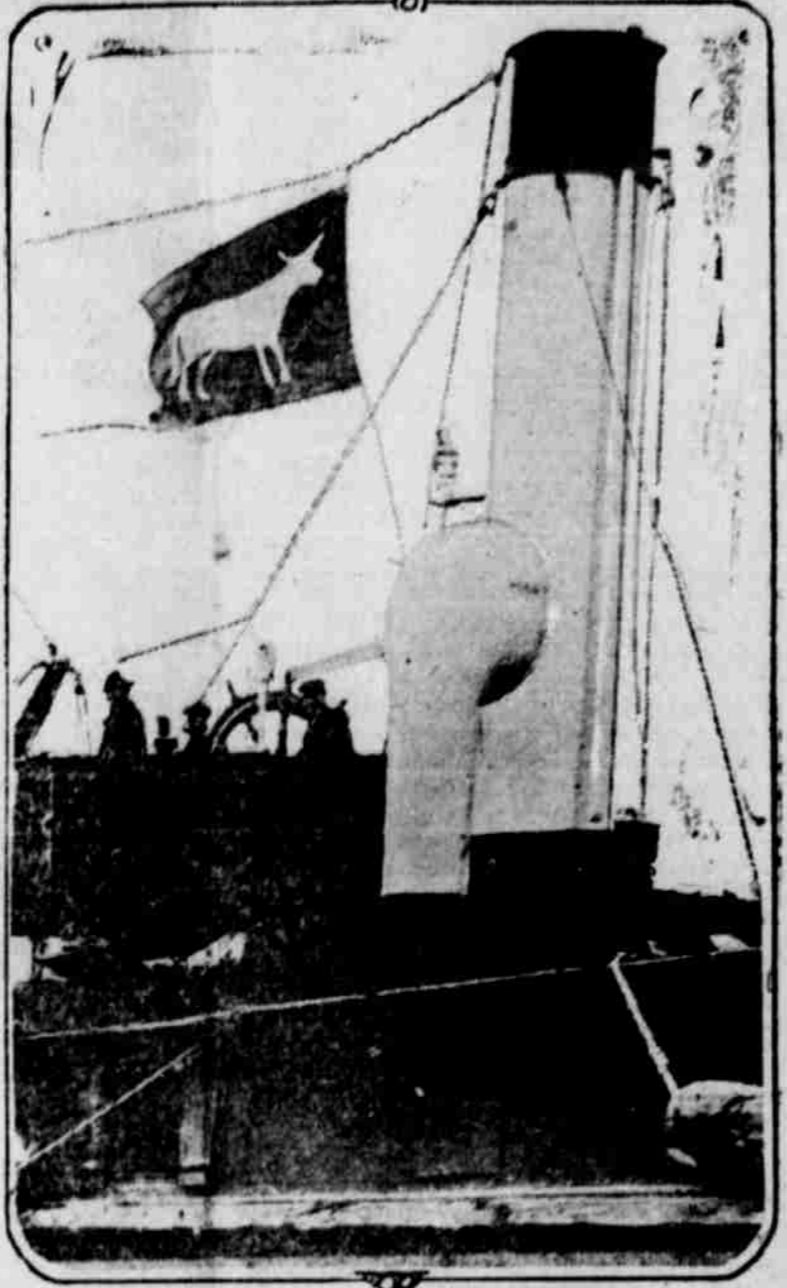
Sailing ships engaged in minesweeping were fired upon by Turkish field artillery posted at Erenkeui, but the batteries are said to have been silenced by the fire from two battleships.

According to a dispatch from Mytilene, three British and two French warships have anchored in the Gulf of Smyrna with transports.

CALAIS AND DUNKIRK ATTACKED BY AIRSHIPS

PARIS, March 27.—Both Calais and Dunkirk were visited by German monoplane this morning, but neither town was damaged. Six bombs were thrown on Dunkirk and one on Calais.

WHAT FLAG IS THIS—THE YELLOW BULL?



German submarine commanders sighting this unusual looking flag through their periscopes may be puzzled concerning the nationality of the ship carrying it. It is a British flag, used on the meat boats which convey food to the fleet. It is a yellow bull on a red field.

FRENCH CAPTURE TOP OF MOUNTAIN FROM GERMANS

PARIS, March 27.—The French war office this afternoon gave out a report on the progress of the campaign, which reads as follows: "During the night of March 26-27 the Germans bombarded Arras with shells of all caliber. Fire broke out in Arras, but it was quickly extinguished. The fighting has been going on at La Boisse under conditions favorable to the French.

"In the Argonne district, in the vicinity of Bagatelle, there has been bomb throwing from one line to the other, although no infantry attacks have taken place.

"After an energetic engagement which lasted for several days, the French troops were successful in reaching the top of Hartmanns-Weilerkopf, which they captured from the Germans. The French also made progress on the northeastern and southeastern flanks of the main army, taking more prisoners, including several officers.

"The Germans have abandoned important war material and left numerous dead on these battlefields. The French losses were inconsiderable.

"A German aviator dropped several bombs on the town of Willer, to the northwest of Thann. Three little children were killed."

MUSIC CLASSES GIVE EXHIBITIONS

Miss Inez Coffin, director of music in the Medford public schools, desires to announce that all who are interested in public school music in our city, will have an opportunity to view the work being done in the immediate future.

On Friday, April 2nd at 3 p. m. two exhibition classes will be presented at the Lincoln Parent-Teachers association in the school building. One will be the fourth grade pupils of Miss Pierce, the other the fifth grade pupils of Miss Wines. The regular class work in note reading and singing will be shown. The supervisor has arranged to direct the music this spring at one meeting of each of the Parent-Teachers association, dates to be announced later. All are cordially invited.

VILLA SEIGE OF BORDER TOWN BEGAN AT NOON

Cavalrymen Open Heavy Rifle Fire Upon Breastworks at Matamoros—United States Warns Belligerents to Avoid Firing into American Territory Infantry Not Yet on Scene.

BROWNSVILLE, Tex., March 27.—The Villa siege of Matamoros, the Mexican town opposite here, began about noon today. Cavalrymen opened heavy rifle fire on the breastworks west of Matamoros, near the Rio Grande.

Simultaneously the cavalry, totaling 5500 men, began a spreading to surround the city on the west and south. A Villa officer told the Associated Press correspondent that artillery is due to reach the firing line some time this evening.

The city's outer defenses include a line of earth breastworks twelve to fifteen feet high, inclosing the city on the two sides, west and south, while the Rio Grande curves around the other two sides.

Owing to grave apprehension that shrapnel shells will fall in Brownsville in the battle, Colonel A. P. Blocksome, commanding the United States lower border cavalry patrol here, sent word today to both Mexican forces to avoid firing in any manner to endanger American lives and property.

Attack from the west apparently would not endanger Brownsville, but attack from the south, if the guns overshoot, would tend to rake street and sidewalk traffic here, as the streets lie in almost direct line of such fire.

NEW YORK BANKS EXTEND CREDIT TO WARRING NATIONS

NEW YORK, March 27.—Conferences among bankers here, it was announced today, have brought near conclusion arrangements for the extension of credits to Great Britain, France, Italy and other countries, in addition to the \$10,000,000 loan to Germany.

The French credit, it is expected, will be the first to be closed. The amount has not been definitely fixed, but may, it is said, be as large as \$50,000,000.

The English credit, it was said, may be twice as large as that for France. Negotiations are in progress for a loan to Russia, in addition to the \$25,000,000 she recently obtained. Italy is likely to obtain a credit.

Most, if not all, of these loans are expected to take the form in which they can be sold to the public in order that the banks may not have to carry the big sums involved out of their own resources.

Bankers engaged in these negotiations say it is greatly to the interest of capital and labor of this country that the European countries should be permitted to continue their purchases in this country.

WARNING ISSUED AGAINST BLIGHT

I wish to warn all orchardists that now is the most critical time in our campaign against the blight. With the blossoming season upon us, the danger from blight infection is increased to its maximum. One piece of holdover blight may cause thousands of infections and may ruin entire crops.

If we would keep the blight under control it behooves us all to do our utmost to cut out all infections and burn all infected wood immediately. Get busy now.

A. C. ALLEN, District Horticultural Commissioner.

BANDITS RAID OKLAHOMA BANK SECURING \$5000

Eleven in Band of Outlaws—Two Are Wounded and Captured—Others Are Surrounded by Posse of 300—Farmer in Bank at Time of Robbery Is Fatally Wounded.

OKLAHOMA CITY, Okla., March 27.—Two banks at Stroud, Okla., were robbed early today of \$5000 and one of the robbers, said to be Henry Starr, for whose capture the state had offered a reward of \$1000, was shot and captured. Eleven men were in the band which this afternoon was surrounded by a posse of 300 in a gully two miles east of Stroud.

The men rode into Stroud at 10 o'clock, tied their horses at the stock yards and proceeded to loot the banks. As the news spread, citizens were soon running into the streets, armed with such weapons as they could gather quickly. Many shots were fired.

Boy Captures Bandit

As one of the robbers was mounting his horse, Paul Curry, 17 year old, pointed his rifle at the robber nearest him.

"Drop your gun or I'll shoot!" Curry yelled.

As the man, now believed to be Starr, dropped the revolver, the boy fired. The bullet struck the man in the leg and he was unable to mount. The boy turned his captive over to the authorities.

The other robbers rode out of town under a shower of bullets. Less than thirty minutes later they were surrounded in a pasture two miles east of Stroud.

Second Bandit Taken

One of the robbers, who gave the name of Bill Estes, fell from his horse a mile out of Stroud and was captured. He had been shot.

At 1:30 this afternoon the robbers still were surrounded in the pasture and shots are being fired at them. They were hidden in a grove evidently waiting for nightfall.

Jerry Turner, a farmer, was said to have been fatally wounded in the First National bank when he refused to comply with the robbers orders to throw up his hands.

TURKEY ORDERS FULL PROTECTION FOR MISSIONARIES

NEW YORK, March 27.—The grand vizier of Turkey has issued instructions to his subordinates that all inhabitants of the mob-ridden section of Persia, including the thousands of Christians in the vicinity of Urumiah, must be protected, according to advices received from the state department today by the Presbyterian board of foreign missions.

Reports from Urumiah made public yesterday announced that the large village of Gulpashan had been destroyed, its men shot and sixty-five refugees from French and American missions hanged. A massacre is impending, according to this message.

The communication from the state department was signed by Robert Lansing, counselor of the department, and was written under date of yesterday.

THREE GERMAN SHIPS LOST IN BALTIC SEA

STOCKHOLM, March 27.—The loss in the Baltic of three German steamers, the Bavaria, the Germania and the Koeningberg, all laden with iron ore, is announced today in the newspaper Social Demokraten.

The Bavaria went down March 15 with her entire crew. The cause of her sinking is not revealed. No details of the destruction of the other vessels are given.