

## GERMAN RUSH UPON VERDUN AGAIN HALTED

### French Aviators Attack Metz—Renewed Activity South of River Somme—Infantry Attacks Upon Avocourt Wood Repulsed—Artillery Duel East of Meuse.

French aviators have again been active behind the German lines, bombarding railroad stations in the region of Metz, which is the base for the German offensive at Verdun.

Paris reports a renewed outbreak of German activity south of the river Somme, where a violent bombardment, followed by an attack, re-asserted the penetration of the advanced French lines to the north of Chaulnes, the Germans, however, being immediately driven out by a counter attack.

Rome announces that four Austrian aeroplanes were brought down during the recent air raid over the Venetian provinces and that eight Austrian officers were made prisoners. A few persons were wounded, but the material damage done by the raiders was insignificant.

### German Repulsed.

PARIS, March 30.—Several German infantry attacks upon Avocourt wood, in an endeavor to retake lost positions, were made last night. The war office report of this afternoon says these assaults failed. No further advances against Milancourt were attempted by the Germans. East of the Meuse there was heavy artillery fighting.

The text of the statement follows: "To the south of the river Somme, the way having been prepared by a violent bombardment, the enemy penetrated to one of the advanced points of our line at a point to the west of Verdunville. A counter-attack on our part, however, drove them out at once."

### Counter Attacks Fail.

"To the west of the river Meuse the Germans last night delivered several counter-attacks against our positions in the wood of Avocourt. All these assaults, however, were driven back by our machine guns and the firing of our machine guns and infantry detachments, which caused heavy losses in the ranks of the enemy. This was notably the case before the redoubt at Avocourt, where the Germans lay in piles of dead bodies. There had been no new military endeavor in the region of Milancourt."

"To the east of the river Meuse and in the Wavre district there has been intermittent bombardments. The Germans have thrown into the river Meuse, to the north of St. Mihiel, a great number of floating mines, which, however, have caused no damage."

"In Lorraine there has been activity on the part of our artillery between Domery and Breucourt. There has been no other happenings of importance to report from any other point on the front."

"During the day of March 29, one of our aerial attacks squandered three down fifteen shells of large caliber on the Sathons railroad station of Metz and five others on the railroad station at Puzos-Sur-Moselle."

### German Statement.

BERLIN, March 30.—The republic of reported attacks by the French in efforts to recapture positions that they had lost in the wood northwest of Avocourt is announced today by the German headquarters staff.

## \$6000 SUBSCRIBED FOR MARJORIE'S WARSHIP

WASHINGTON, March 30.—Approximately \$6000 has been raised as a result of the appeal made by little Marjorie Stewart, the New York schoolgirl, who donated a dime to start a fund to see Uncle Sam a battleship to be named "America." Marjorie's patriotism cannot be overpraised, but the prospect for the battleship is not bright. At the rate at which the dimes have been accumulating it will take just 255 years to buy that battleship. Some of our navy officers think we will need it before long.

## EIGHT AIRSHIPS ORDERED BOUGHT FOR PERSHING

### Need of More Fliers Shown by Destruction of Two at Front and Disabling of Four Others, Leaving Only Two in Service—More Orders Sent for Villa Pursuit.

WASHINGTON, March 30.—Immediate purchase of eight aeroplanes to be sent at once to Brigadier General Pershing was authorized today by the war department.

A special board of signal corps officers has been ordered here to inspect and test the machines. The board will be composed of Captain Virginia E. Clark, head of the department of motors of the aviation school at San Diego, Cal.; Lieutenant Thomas DeW. Milling, head instructor at the San Diego school, who are now en route here from the Pacific coast; and Lieutenant R. Q. Jones of the signal corps.

### Only Two in Service.

Reports from Major General Funston lay stress upon the need for more fliers with the advance columns in Mexico. Of the eight machines which accompanied the expedition, two have been destroyed and four others have been temporarily disabled, leaving only two in service.

A portable machine shop to repair damaged aeroplanes on the field has been sent into Mexico.

More horses are also to be sent to General Pershing. Several hundred are being bought in California, and an estimate for 2000 more has been sent to congress. Every cavalry horse in the army remount stations has been sent to the border.

### Villa's Supply Source.

Department of justice agents, following a trail which is said to lead to American sources of supply for Villa, have uncovered evidence in New York and other cities which they believe when fully developed will justify the charges.

The department is disinclined to act on its evidence that American money and supplies have gone to Villa while it is in the stage that will involve only subordinates.

## PALEMBANG SUNK BY GERMAN TORPEDO

### COPENHAGEN, March 30.—The Rotterdam correspondent of the Politiken says that according to evidence gathered by the Dutch ministry of marine the Dutch steamship Palembang was torpedoed while she was being alongside a British destroyer, which was engaged in picking up mines. The inference is drawn, the correspondent says, that the Palembang was sunk by a submarine which intended to destroy the British warship and not the Dutch merchantman.

## ALASKA TERRITORY SEEKING STATEHOOD

### JUNEA, Alaska, March 30.—The announcement that Delegate James Wickert would introduce in congress today a bill to grant statehood to Alaska caused more than usual interest throughout Alaska in the celebration today of the forty-ninth anniversary of the signing of the Alaska purchase treaty with Russia.

## AUSTRIAN AIRSHIPS WINGED BY ITALIANS

### ROME, March 30.—Four Austrian aeroplanes were brought down in the air raid over Venetian provinces on Monday last, and eight Austrian officers were made prisoners according to the latest official reports. The raiders failed to inflict any damage of significance. It is believed, and only a few persons were wounded.

## BLOOD MONEY TO SUCCEED IF INVASION FAILS

### Pershing Projects Long and Relentless Hunt for Villa, Who Has Been Lost Track Of—Rewards Offered for Bandit, Dead or Alive. Expected to Accomplish Result.

EL PASO, Texas, March 30.—Brigadier General John J. Pershing has projected a long and relentless campaign in the hunt for Francisco Villa—a chase that may last for many weeks before the fleeing bandit is run to earth. This information was gleaned here today from military men who made no secret of their belief that Villa has slipped through the cordon of Carranzistas and American troops.

Mexican officials said today they had no news as to the whereabouts of Villa but that the troops of the de facto government were aiding the American soldiers in trying to round up the brigand. The last of the information was that Villa was moving through the Santa Maria valley. Once among his pen friends, who would give the American troops misleading information regarding his whereabouts, Villa might escape detection for a long time.

### Blood Money as Aid

Ranches from the Chihuahua district said it became known that there was a price upon Villa's head, dead or alive, the bandit would be in constant danger of betrayal. Whether the American troops have made it known that there is a reward for Villa has not been learned here but it is assumed that the word had been spread among the poor population as the American soldiers move from place to place.

Roving bands of Villistas are active in the region of the Santa Maria valley, but apparently the American flying columns have not come in contact with them.

Brigadier General George Bell, commander of the base at Fort Bliss, awaited official orders today to ship supplies to the army over the Mexican Northwestern, supplies consisting of gasoline, forage, canned goods and flour will go forward as soon as the orders are received.

### Supplies Moving

Meanwhile Major Elliott, department quartermaster, is moving supplies in great bulk to Columbus, N. M., where they are carried in truck trains from the Mexican desert to the Army bases below Casas Grandes. Ten carloads were shipped to Columbus early today while ten motor trucks were also sent to the army base there. Twenty-seven more motor trucks will go forward late today to Columbus.

## GLADSKI'S HUSBAND ARRESTED AS SPY

### NEW YORK, March 30.—Captain Hans Tauscher, husband of Johanna Gladski, the opera singer, and said to be an officer in the German navy, was arrested today by special agents of the department of justice on a warrant charging him with being concerned in alleged conspiracy to blow up the Welland canal in Canada.

Tauscher, the federal authorities said, is head of the Tauscher Arms company of this city, and representative of the Krupp gun works in this country. His arrest was brought about, it was stated, through disclosures made by Ernst van Der Goltz, alias Bridgman Taylor, who was brought to this country a day or two ago to be examined as to what he knew concerning alleged German plots. Tauscher was arraigned before a United States commissioner, denied the charge and was held in \$25,000 bail.

## RUSSIA GIVEN RAILROAD RIGHTS IN MANCHURIA

### PEKIN, China, March 30.—The Chinese government has signed an agreement permitting Russia to construct a railroad in Manchuria. The railroad will give Russia control in northern Manchuria, in compensation for the railway rights granted to Japan in southern Manchuria. Japan had concurred in this agreement.

## U.S. ARMY OFFICERS PARTICIPATING IN HUNT



CAPT. FRANK MCCOY  
Captain McCoy is in command of the Third cavalry at Fort Sam Houston.



COL. CHARLES CRANE  
Colonel Crane is in command of the Ninth cavalry at Lerado, Texas.



COL. HENRY C. HODGES  
Colonel Hodges commands the Seventeenth infantry at Eagle Pass, Texas.



COL. ROBERT BULLARD  
Colonel Bullard commands the Twenty-sixth infantry at Harlingen, Texas.

## GERMAN HOLDS-UP MUNITION STEAMER LOCKS UP CAPTAIN

### LEWIS, Del., March 30.—Ernest Schuler, a German, held up the captain of the British steamer Matroppe shortly after the vessel passed Sandy Hook last night, bound from New York to Vladivostok with a cargo of munitions and war material. Schuler, who was a stowaway, put the wireless out of commission, locked the captain in his room all night and searched his papers and the ship's safe. The man is under arrest here, having been landed this afternoon.

The Matroppe passed out of Sandy Hook at 4 o'clock last night and the attack on the captain was made two hours later. Schuler, it is said, had been a stowaway on the Matroppe five days. When set out to sea he made his appearance, armed with two revolvers, it is alleged, and forced the captain into his cabin.

The man told the captain that he had placed bombs in different parts of the ship. The crew of the Matroppe feared the man, and when the steamer lay in sight of the Delaware capes her course was altered and she sent up a signal for immediate assistance, and at the same time a boat load of her crew went over the side to some ashore and summon help. A English and the steam pilot boat Philadelphia responded to the call, and did also the coast guard cutter stationed at Cape Henlopen, Delaware. The pilot boat picked up the ship's crew, who told the story of the hold-up.

The man was brought ashore and now is in irons at the customs house in Lewis. He has in his possession money and papers belonging to the captain and wife of the Matroppe.

Federal authorities in Lewis have communicated with the United States district attorney at Wilmington, Del.

## BELL AND GAVIRA HOLD A CONFERENCE

### EL PASO, Tex., March 30.—General Bell, General Daving and Mexican Colonel Gavira held a conference in the Mexican consulate today relative to the movement of supplies over the Mexican Northwestern railroad. Attorney General Bell refused to discuss the matter, saying he was under orders to maintain secrecy.

## SHIPS RESCUING SUSSEX FIRED ON BY SUBMARINE

### British Destroyer Which Aided in Saving Survivors of Torpedoed Channel Ship Twice Shot at by Undersea Boat—All Evidence Shows Ships Torpedoed Without Warning.

WASHINGTON, March 30.—For the information of the state department, American Ambassador Page at London today forwarded an unofficial report that the British destroyer which aided in rescuing survivors of the Sussex had been fired upon twice by a submarine. Ambassador Page said the information appeared to be authentic.

WASHINGTON, March 30.—The United States government today was using every means at its command to secure conclusive proof regarding the disasters which have overtaken the Sussex and other unarmed merchant ships, all carrying American citizens. All circumstantial evidence indicates that the ships were torpedoed without warning and that German submarines have begun an underwater campaign in violation of Germany's recent assurances to the United States.

Some officials credit the suggestion that German submarine commanders are acting under secret instructions such as were advocated by Admiral von Tirpitz, to torpedo every vessel approaching the British Isles. Although official confirmation is lacking, some officials believe that the commanders of German submarines have orders other than those which this country is advised of.

The United States, it is stated authoritatively, has determined upon the next step. Unless Germany makes some statement in reply to inquiries made by this country, to cause the state department to change its present intentions, all recent aggravating incidents will be combined into one general indictment, which will make the issue clear cut. Should Germany decline responsibility for the disasters the United States will continue investigations. If conclusive proof that the ships were torpedoed without warning is secured, the United States probably will act promptly.

## BROWN TO AIR WITHEYCOMBE'S VIEWS

### SALEM, Ore., March 30.—Attorney-General George M. Brown announced today that the brief he would file in the United States supreme court in the case of the Beaver River Power company of Utah, against the government of Governor James Witherby, would not cover the legal questions involved. He gave as his principal reason that he differed with the governor on the question of the federal control of power sites. The case involves the question of whether the government can control power sites on government lands. The government won its contention in the lower court. After it was appealed the attorneys-general of several western states decided to file briefs opposing federal control.

## LONE BANDIT ROBS BANK OF \$2000

### VENTURA, Cal., March 30.—A lone bandit held up the Old State bank at Northridge, just north of here, at noon today, kept Miss Mabel Decker, the assistant cashier, secured with a pistol and escaped with cash estimated at between \$2000 and \$2500.

K. E. McMartin, sheriff of Ventura county, was called by telephone and set out with a posse, which penetrated into general details to search the wild ravines and foothills surrounding Northridge.

The bandit entered the bank when Miss Decker was alone and intimidated her into silence. The alarm was not given until the robber had taken \$2000 in cash from the bank.

## TUNGSTEN ORE DEPOSITS PROVE QUITE EXTENSIVE

### Reported Strikes Near Gold Hill Reveal Great Quantity of Valuable High-Grade Metal—Gold Accompanies Tungsten—Two Clearly Defined Veins Traced Hundreds Feet.

The discovery of high-grade tungsten ore at Sylvanite, three miles up the river from Gold Hill, has been shown to be much more extensive and therefore of far greater importance than at first surmised. Messrs. Haff and Ray, who made the find, had the ore assayed by E. W. Liljegrain, of this city. The latter finds that the ore runs from 8 per cent, 15 per cent, tungsten acid to as high as 54 per cent, 8 per cent, as given in his very careful determination. He also finds that this ore will concentrate very readily to from 50 to 70 per cent tungsten acid, which will yield, on the latter per cent, \$4000 a ton.

"The discovery of tungsten near Gold Hill by Messrs. G. L. Haff and Henry Ray," said Mr. Liljegrain, "is bona fide. The tungsten is mostly in the form of scheelite, of a yellowish-white color, in a quartz gangue; also minute particles of wolframite are found in places."

### Quartz Carries Tungsten.

"Vein No. 1 is opened at five different places for a distance of 300 to 400 feet, showing quartz from six inches to three feet wide carrying tungsten; said openings are from ten to twenty feet long by three to twenty feet deep. The deepest hole shows the greatest width of ore. The strike of the vein is north by 65 degrees west, with a dip of 60 degrees to the north, and has well-defined walls."

"Vein No. 2 is 500 feet south and parallel with No. 1. It is opened by shallow shafts and drifts, showing scheelite in quartz. It certainly looks favorable for the profitable development of tungsten ore."

"I would suggest that prospectors throughout this region be on their guard and keep a sharp lookout for the nature of any mineral substance that looks out of the ordinary, even though it is only rock, and to examine especially heavy fragments in panning."

### Keep Sharp Lookout.

"The strike of these tungsten veins would throw the belt over to the Sardinia country through the north side of a low pass between Rogue river and Sardinia creek."

"Flavor miners, when cleaning up, should look out for heavy fragments of any kind of rock, no matter what color, and have it determined by competent assayer as to what it may be. It might be more valuable in content of other mineral than for gold."

Mr. Liljegrain is responsible for the statement that this find of tungsten is genuine. He went to the mine and examined it personally, bringing back with him a quantity of samples of the ore.

There is also gold in these veins. A shallow shaft and drifts in vein No. 2 once yielded \$2000 in gold. Gold and tungsten are good neighbors, said Mr. Liljegrain, each being willing naturally to help the other out financially. The same milling process applies to both metals.

The veins where this tungsten was discovered have been mined for gold for years. Tungsten ore, much richer than gold, according to the assay, was thrown aside because the gold miner didn't know anything about tungsten.

## AUSTRIAN CONSUL REFUSES U. S. OATH

### SAN FRANCISCO, March 30.—Ferdinand Freyelschen, Austrian consul at San Francisco, today objected to taking an oath to support and uphold the constitution of the United States and the constitution of the state of California as executor of an estate which he is administering. The consul objected on the ground that he was a foreign citizen and that the customary oath would be in violation of his oath of allegiance to his sovereign. His objection was sustained by Superior Court Judge Thomas F. Graham. This is said to be the first case on record in which the usual oath was not required.

## THREE FEET OF SNOW IN BLACK HILLS REGION

### DEADWOOD, S. D., March 30.—Three feet of snow has fallen in the Black Hills in the past thirty-six hours. Railroad traffic is seriously crippled.