

ULTIMATUM TO GERMANY IN 48 HOURS

After prolonged Cabinet Meeting Final Communication Will Go Forward as Planned—Evidence Shows Not Only Sussex but Other Ships Destroyed in Violation of German Promises—Evidence of Good Faith to Be Demanded—No Time Limit.

WASHINGTON, April 14.—After a prolonged cabinet meeting today it was announced that a communication to Germany would go forward as planned, probably within the next forty-eight hours.

The plan to present the American case came with the accumulation of evidence that not the Sussex alone but other ships as well have been destroyed in violation of Germany's promises to the United States.

With the statement of facts will be a demand of evidence of Germany's good faith to make good her assurances. Nothing in the nature of time limit would be attached, it was understood.

Make Final Demand

The president and the cabinet are understood to have agreed that the presentation of the facts shall be accompanied by a definite and final demand for evidence of Germany's good faith and observation of her guarantees, but probably will be accompanied by no time limit which properly could be described as an ultimatum.

The cabinet discussed the submarine and Mexican questions in great detail. It was said no action would be taken today on the submarine question, but it was indicated the final word of the American government might go forward to Berlin tomorrow.

Cabinet Considers Problems

Lacking official confirmation of reports of the fight at Parral, chief consideration was given to Germany and it was understood that the administration would center attention on this issue, although General Carranza's suggestion that American troops be withdrawn still not be slighted.

CARRANZA VISITS CITY OF MEXICO WITH HIS STAFF

MEXICO CITY, April 14.—General Carranza, who arrived in the outskirts of Mexico City yesterday, entered the city shortly after 8 o'clock this morning, accompanied by a few members of his staff.

Triumphal arches were built months ago along the Paseo de La Reforma, Avenida Juarez and Avenida Progreso de Madero, and attending the railway station, palaces and Chapultepec park, in expectation of a great celebration when the first chief entered the metropolis.

COLORED TROOPS ROUT VILLISTAS RUNNING FIGHT

Attempt Made to Ambush Tenth Cavalry Fails—Bandits Pursued Up Steep Mountainside Near Aguas Calientes, Though Outnumbering Americans Three to One—Flee.

PERSHING'S COMMAND AT FRONT, April 7, by courier to Columbus, N. M., April 14.—About thirty men of the Tenth cavalry, colored, who were in the fight with Villistas April 1 at Aguas Calientes, arrived here today for rest and re-outfitting.

The men were sure they had killed more than the three found covered in the official report. Three times the Villistas, numbering about 150, attempted to ambush the advance guard of the Tenth. The Mexicans fought with considerable military strategy.

Not more than three troops of the Tenth participated in the fight, which lasted an hour and a half.

Shot at From Ambush

The Tenth was riding for Guerrero when they approached the town of Aguas Calientes. One of their guides warned them that a considerable body of mounted troops must have passed along the road ahead of them.

Troop H was hurried forward. As Troop E rounded the hill at a gallop it came within a minute's ride of the Villistas on that side.

It was the steepest mountainside we have seen anybody climb," said one of the returning men today, "and they knew the trails while we did not, but we went up after them.

The new agreement provides that the traction company deed its equity in the Medford-Jackson railroad, from a point ten feet within the city limits to the present terminal above Jacksonville, and provides for the construction of twenty miles of railroad, or as much further as the \$300,000 bond issue will build.

CRISIS PASSES IN PARRAL CLASH

EL PASO, Texas, April 14.—The clash between the people of Parral and the American troops who entered the town has had an unfortunate political effect on northern Mexico, but the crisis seems to have passed, according to a statement today by General Gabriel Garcia, commandant at Juarez.

General Garcia said: "My troops have the situation under control as far south as Madera and I know there have been no manifestations against the Americans in my territory nor have I heard of any further trouble at other places.

IN THE SPRING A YOUNG MAN'S FANCY LIGHTLY TURNS TO THOUGHTS OF LOVE



CHANGE IN PLANS FOR RAILROAD TO BLUE LEDGE MINE

At a joint meeting of the city council, Medford Commercial club, railroad committee and President S. S. Bullis of the Southern Oregon Traction company, Thursday evening the tentative contract between the city and the traction company was finally altered in accordance with the views of the council and a new contract was ordered drawn along lines suggested and approved by all parties.

The former proposal made by the traction company provided for the doubling of the entire traction system and the construction of ten miles of railroad. Under the new contract, all of the city bond proceeds will be expended on a railroad owned by the city.

The cost of the railroad is estimated at about \$15,000 a mile, and a serviceable railroad is guaranteed, with sixty-pound rails and reasonable grade—"as good a railroad," states Mr. Bullis, "as Jim Hill built, stacked for \$40,000 a mile and bonded for another \$40,000 a mile."

SENATE VOTES FOR NITRATE POWER PLANT

WASHINGTON, April 14.—Champions of a government hydro-electric plant to produce nitrates for the manufacture of war munitions and fertilizers won their fight in the senate today by inserting an amendment providing an appropriation of \$15,000,000 for that purpose and the Chamberlain army increase bill. The vote was 43 to 22.

HUGE CANNERY IN PROSPECT FOR FRUIT GROWERS

Philip Larmon, general manager of Libby, McNeil and Libby, the largest cannery operators in the world, and Mr. Marrow, superintendent of their cannery plants in California, will arrive in Medford Monday to establish a large pear cannery at Medford for the coming season.

This good news was brought to Medford Friday by County Commissioner Frank H. Madden on his return from Seattle where he interested Libby, McNeil and Libby. This year the concern erected a cherry cannery at The Dalles. They own in California pineapples, apricots, peach and pear canneries and in Alaska salmon canneries.

"A pear cannery in Medford will stabilize the fruit industry and eliminate the gamble," says Mr. Madden, "and place it upon a commercial basis, with a market at our doors for all of our fruit and at fixed prices.

ARTILLERY DUEL DURING LULL IN VERDUN BATTLE

LONDON, April 14.—French positions near Hill 304 in the Verdun sector west of the Meuse were subjected to violent bombardment last night. East of the river there is recrudescence of activity on the part of the Germans, although no heavy actions are recorded in the French communication.

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TORREON, Mexico, April 14.—Advices received here say that the American force engaged in the Parral fight was under the command of Major Tompkins and that at least one American was killed and several Mexicans wounded. The death list of Mexican is not known.

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PLAN TO ELECTRIFY SOUTHERN PACIFIC

SAN FRANCISCO, April 14.—Electrification of the Southern Pacific lines over the Sierran mountains in northern California and Oregon and through the Sierra Nevada mountains in California and Nevada is being considered by Southern Pacific officials, it developed today.

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NO CHANGE IN PLANS

Secretary Baker said today there had been no change as yet in General Funston's orders, but declined to discuss questions of policy raised by the Carranza note.

An official version of the Parral incident is awaited anxiously. Since General Carranza in transmitting a report of what happened sharply criticized the American commander, officials here feel that it is necessary to have the American officers' own report before any conclusion can be reached.

TURKS DEFEATED IN MESOPOTAMIA

LONDON, April 14.—Defeat of the Turkish forces in Mesopotamia by the British was reported officially. In an engagement on the Tigris the Turks were driven back from one and one half to three miles.

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SUPPLY TRAIN ATTACKED BY VILLISTA BAND

Forty Mounted Men Driven Off After Brief Fight—No American Casualties, One Bandit Slain in Rush Against Rear Truck of Pershing's Supply Train.

GENERAL PERSHING'S CAMP AT FRONT, April 12, via aeroplane to Chihuahua, April 13, via El Paso Junction, April 14.—About forty mounted men, believed to be Villistas of General Tarango's command, attacked last night an automobile supply train and were driven off after a short fight.

General Pershing moved his camp yesterday south, penetrating far into Villa territory where he found numerous constitutionalist detachments under General Garza who gave all the Americans a friendly greeting and co-operation.

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The test of the statement says: "General Lake reports that on the afternoon of April 12 our forces on the right (south) bank of the Tigris forced back the enemy's advanced lines over a distance varying from one and one half to three miles.

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