

DEATH PUTS NATION IN MOURNING

Commander Border Forces Dies at San Antonio—Called America's Greatest Soldier—Rose to High Command From Volunteer Ranks—Was Prominent Figure in Filipino Campaign.

SAN ANTONIO, Tex., Feb. 20.—The body of Major General Frederick Funston, 60, who died here suddenly last night, will be taken to San Francisco for burial.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 20.—President Wilson and other high officials, as well as army officers, generally expressed deep regret today over the sudden death of Major General Frederick Funston at San Antonio last night.

War department officials and army officers stood ready today to assist in bestowing the highest military honors at the burial of General Funston, which will take place in the national cemetery at the Presidio, San Francisco, next Saturday or Sunday.



General Frederick Funston

EL PASO, Tex., Feb. 20.—General Pershing issued an order at noon today that all flags on federal buildings in the southern department be lowered to half mast and left there until the body of General Funston has passed out of the department.

A body of troops equal to the number prescribed for funeral escorts, will be stationed at the depot here and will stand at parade rest while the body is in the station.

SAN ANTONIO, Texas, Feb. 20.—Major General Frederick Funston, commander of the southern department, United States army since February, 1915, died suddenly at a hotel here last night, a few minutes after he had finished dinner. He collapsed.

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SAY U-53 SANK THE HOUSATONIC

NEW YORK, Feb. 20.—It was the U-53, the German submarine which suddenly appeared at Newport last fall and later sank several ships off Nantucket, that sank the Housatonic, the first American ship to be sent to the bottom after the beginning of Germany's new submarine warfare. It was made known here today by Captain Thomas A. Enzer, the Housatonic's commander, who arrived on the Concord steamship Orduna.

AUSTRIA ASKED TO STATE STAND TO U-BOAT QUESTION

Ambassador Penfield Delivers Request for Statement to Austrian Embassy—Austrian Emperor Considering Question—Government Reluctant to Break.

LONDON, Feb. 20.—Frederick C. Penfield, American ambassador at Vienna, is said by Reuters' Amsterdam correspondent to have delivered to the Austro-Hungarian foreign minister a request for a clear and final definition of Austria-Hungary's attitude regarding submarine warfare.

The Austrian minister, it is said, according to a telegram from Vienna Mr. Penfield handed an aide memoir today to the foreign minister requesting clear and final information as to what the Austro-Hungarian government has assumed regarding submarine warfare and whether the assurances given on the occasion of the Ancona and Persia incidents are to be regarded as changed or withdrawn.

Austria to Reply. The foreign ministry, the dispatch says, will submit the aide memoir to a thorough examination and then make a reply.

After the sinking by an Austrian submarine of the Italian steamship Ancona in November, 1915, occasioning the loss of the lives of several Americans, the Austro-Hungarian government sent a note to the United States in which it said: "The imperial and royal government can also substantially concur in the principal expressed in the very esteemed American note that private ships, in so far as they do not fly their own flag, may not be destroyed without the persons aboard being brought into safety."

Emperor Considers Notice. LONDON, Feb. 20.—A Central News dispatch from Zurich today says: "The Austrian emperor has given a long audience to Count Czernin, the minister of foreign affairs, who previously had a long conference with Frederick C. Penfield, the American ambassador."

WASHINGTON, Feb. 20.—Ambassador Penfield is noting under other instructions from the state department in requesting the Austrian government to state its position regarding the intensive submarine warfare inaugurated by Germany. Such an instruction was sent to the ambassador more than ten days ago and it is possible that it has been reinforced in view of the delay in obtaining the response.

Enthusiasm it has developed that the state department is reluctant to sever diplomatic relations with Austria, desiring to maintain as long as possible some official relations with at least some of the central powers.

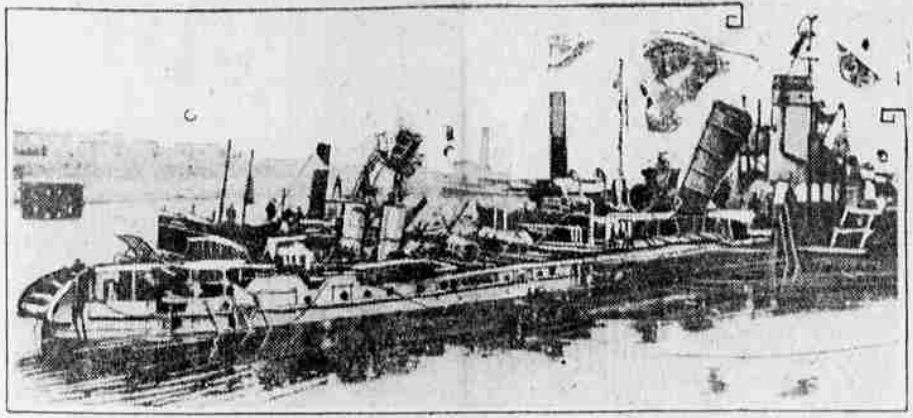
Break With Turkey Possible. A break with Turkey and Bulgaria is regarded as certain to follow a rupture with Austria and deep concern for the welfare of the many American citizens in the Near East is one of the influences that have affected the state department's policy in holding off.

Some of the tension created by the destruction of the American schooner Lyman H. Law, has disappeared as the result of a statement credited to the captain of the American vessel, that the crew of the submarine which destroyed the ship were Germans.

The old Petrolite case, involving an unwarranted firing upon that American ship and taking a part of her stores by an Austrian submarine remains the only concrete issue between the United States and Austria.

COLUMBIA, S. C., Feb. 20.—The so-called "quart a month" liquor bill was passed by both branches of the South Carolina legislature today and now goes to Governor Manning for signature. It would be effective 60 days after signed. It allows the importation of one quart a month of whiskey for medical, or a gallon of wine per month for sacramental uses to a male adult or a woman, if she is the head of the family.

WHAT BRITISH NAVAL GUNS DID TO GERMAN RAIDER V-69



First news picture from Europe showing the demolished German destroyer V-69, after it took part in the attempt to raid the coast of England, and had been driven back by British ships. The picture shows the damage of British gunnery.

1500 KILLED IN EXPLOSION AT ARCHANGEL

BERLIN, Feb. 20.—(By wireless to Sayville)—It is reported from Copenhagen, says the Overseas News Agency, that 1,500 persons were killed and 3,000 wounded in an explosion of ammunition at Archangel, Russia. The damage is placed at 50,000,000 roubles.

A Copenhagen telegram says that travelers returning from Russia declare that the last great explosion at Archangel was much more considerable than was made known in dispatches from Russia, says the news agency. "The explosion took place at the naval station while ammunition was being unloaded from a steamer. Not a trace of this steamer remained. The explosion killed or wounded everyone within a radius of one kilometer, 1,500 persons being killed and 3,000 wounded. The damage amounted to 50,000,000 roubles."

It was reported on February 1 that an ice breaker at Archangel had blown up and that thirty persons were believed to have been killed and 200 wounded.

MINOR FIGHTING ON WAR FRONTS

PARIS, Feb. 20.—Active artillery engagements occurred last night between the Oise and Aisne and in the region north of Elreux. A surprise attack by the French resulted in the taking of prisoners.

The announcement follows: "Rather spirited artillery actions continued on the Oise and Aisne in the Avescourt sector north of Elreux and west of Waitwiler. We made a surprise attack on trenches of the enemy and took prisoners. Elsewhere the night passed quietly."

BERLIN, Feb. 20.—(By wireless to Sayville)—A British attack on the German lines in the vicinity of Messines, Belgium, yesterday broke down under the German fire, the war office announced today. The Germans took a few prisoners.

LONDON, Feb. 20.—The occupation by two Italian battalions of Konizta, in western Greece, near the Arabian border, is reported in an Exchange Telegraph dispatch from Athens, which says this announcement has been made officially. The Greek authorities at Konizta are reported to have withdrawn southward to Janina.

PETROGRAD, Feb. 20.—A minor infantry operation on the Russian front in which the Teutonic troops were beaten off by the Russian fire is reported by the war office today.

GRAND CANYON NEW GOVERNMENT PARK

WASHINGTON, Feb. 20.—Senator A. Hurst's bill to make a national park of the Grand Canyon of the Colorado was favorably reported to the senate today from the public lands committee. The land is now government-owned. About 800 square miles would be included.

TWO AMERICANS ON TORPEDOED COLLIER RESCUED

LONDON, Feb. 20.—The Norwegian collier Dalbeattie from Glasgow to Gibraltar, was sunk by shell fire Saturday. Two Americans were on board her. The crew took to the boats. The collier was shelled while the crew was taking to the boats, it is declared.

The Americans on the vessel were John Guerre of Los Angeles and Frank Wood of Keent, N. H. The latter is suffering from bronchitis, aggravated by his exposure of 13 hours in the ship's boat.

LONDON, Feb. 20.—The New Foundland fishing schooner Mayoia (146 tons) and Dorothy (57 tons) have been sunk, Lloyd's Shipping agency announces today.

ST. JOHNS, N. F., Feb. 20.—It is believed here that the schooner described as Dorothy in a London dispatch announcing she had been sunk was the New Foundland vessel Rose Dorothy. The latter was returning to this port from Oporto, Portugal, with fishery salt. She was formerly owned at Providentown, Mass., but a year ago was sold and transferred to the British registry.

The Rose Dorothy, 147 tons gross, was bought last year by Campbell and McCay of this city. The schooner ordinarily carried a crew of 23 and it is supposed this number was aboard when she sailed recently.

CARRANZA WILL TAKE OVER IDLE MEXICAN MINES

WASHINGTON, Feb. 20.—All mines in Mexico not now in operation and whose owners have not filed reasons why resumption of work has been delayed, are to be taken over by the Carranza government.

Ambassador Fletcher reported today that the Mexican government had announced that in the cases of properties where reasons have been officially given to account for failure to re-open on December 14, the last day provided under a decree issued several months ago, extension of time has been granted.

It is understood that owners of the larger mines have filed their reasons for not operating, but scores of smaller American-owned properties are in danger of confiscation.

HELD FOR BREAKING U. S. NEUTRALITY

NEW YORK, Feb. 20.—Albert A. Sander and Charles Wittenberg, arrested yesterday charged with violating the neutrality of the United States by participating in a military enterprise for the benefit of Germany, were held on \$5,000 bail each for a hearing next Tuesday, when arraigned today before a United States commissioner. Neither would make a statement in court. They were released on bail.

WILSON ASKS NO CONFIRMATION OF APPOINTMENTS

WASHINGTON, Feb. 20.—President Wilson, it became known today, is seriously considering breaking another precedent by not calling the newly elected senate in extra session on March 5 to confirm nominations of cabinet officials. The president is understood to be inclined not to convene the senate unless a special session of congress is necessary.

No announcement was made at the white house, but it seemed to be known among the president's confidants that he was considering such a plan. The president is understood to hold the view that his cabinet officials appointed by him, if reappointed, do not need confirmation; that their term of office is unlimited, subject to the will of the president himself.

Administration leaders have concluded therefore that all present members of the cabinet are to be retained and that the president will have nothing to present to the senate. Senators who learned of the possibility that the senate might not be called in extra session were greatly surprised inasmuch as it would be unprecedented.

The present senate dies March 4 and the senate of the sixty-fifth congress is unorganized and could not convene until next December, unless called by the president.

CREDITORS TO PAY BANKRUPTS' BOARD

BELINGHAM, Wash., Feb. 20.—Isaac and David Jacobs, bankrupt clothiers of this city, will be liberated from the county jail, where they have been confined since December, unless their creditors pay \$30 a month to the county toward their support, under an order issued by Judge Jeremiah Netter, of the federal court today. The Jacobs brothers were committed to jail after they were convicted by a federal jury of withholding assets of more than \$3,000 from their creditors. A petition, signed by the two superior judges of this county and about 100 other persons, was sent to Judge Netter requesting that they be released and assigning as one of the reasons for the request the expenses to which the county has been put in keeping them in prison.

The petition was denied on condition that the creditors pay the cost of boarding the prisoners. The creditors have indicated that they could comply with the order.

OPEN NAVIGATION U. S. AND SWEDEN

BERLIN, Feb. 20.—(By wireless to Sayville)—The Tigningen of Stockholm says the Overseas News agency reports that on Friday last two steamships sailed from Gothenburg, one bound for New York and the other for Baltimore. Navigation between the United States and Sweden, the agency says, has thus been reopened. Both steamers followed the sailing course north of the Faroe islands.

RISING PRICES BRING RIOT OF GOTHAM WOMEN

Members Mothers' Vigilant League Swarm to Offices of Mayor—Protest High Prices and Claim They Are on Point of Starvation—Officers to Curb Prices.

NEW YORK, Feb. 20.—The cry of housewives unable to meet the advancing cost of food was heard in the city's seat of government today, when several hundred women from the tenement districts stormed the city hall screaming: "We want bread!" They came to place their plight before Mayor John P. Mitchell. Many carried babies. They swarmed up the steps and tried to push their way into the building. Policemen on guard shut the gates and from the basement, where there is a police station, reserves rushed up and restored order. The women were informed that Mayor Mitchell had not yet arrived.

The leader was Mrs. Ida Harris, president of the Mothers' Vigilant League. She and three other women were allowed to enter and await the mayor's coming.

Women Are Starving. "We are starving," Mrs. Harris told the mayor's bodyguard. "We demand help from the mayor. We will not be responsible for what happens if we don't get it."

The leaders were told that the mayor would not be at his office today, but would arrange a meeting later. "Sweet Marie" Gans, one of Mrs. Harris' companions, addressed the women from the city hall steps and was arrested, charged with disorderly conduct.

When the police took her from the city hall station for arraignment in court a group of women attempted to rescue her. They charged the police, scratched their faces and tore their clothing. The police fought them off and a guard was thrown around the city hall.

The women remaining near the spot continued to shout "we are starving," until mounted police scattered them. Meanwhile a mob of women gathered around a produce market on the East Side and began to overturn push carts. Three of them were arrested.

The city authorities today renewed their efforts to curb the rising cost of food which was responsible for riots yesterday in three tenement districts.

Joseph Hartigan, commissioner of weights and measures, appealed to state commissioners of agriculture and state departments of food and markets throughout the country to co-operate in bringing food supplies to the New York market.

Potatoes Seven Cents Pound. The indignation of housewives overflowed when peddlers quoted potatoes from five to seven cents a pound and onions from 15 to 18 cents. The police estimated that at least 1,000 women took part in one riot. Push carts were overturned and set afire and vegetables were doused with kerosene oil. There were similar scenes elsewhere and the police were kept busy dispersing the angry women.

Dealers here said that within a year the wholesale price of potatoes had risen from \$3.25 to \$9 for a sack of 165 pounds and the price of onions since December 1, 1916, from \$3 to \$12.50 for 100 pounds.

SENATE CONVENES TWICE WITHIN HOUR

WASHINGTON, Feb. 20.—The senate convened twice within an hour today and the chaplain delivered two prayers, one at 10:20 a. m. and again at 11 a. m. At adjournment last night the meeting for today was set for 10:30 a. m. After the body was called to order for today and the chaplain had offered the customary morning prayer, republicans called attention to a standing order adopted some time ago that the regular meeting hour should be 11 o'clock. The proceedings then were ruled out of order and members left the chamber returning again at 11 a. m. for the second start.

FUNSTON FUNERAL ON SATURDAY

Army Hero to Be Buried With Military Pomp at Presidio, San Francisco—Kansas Asks That Body Lie in Capital—Flags on Public Building at Half Mast—Mother Cannot Attend Funeral.

SAN ANTONIO, Feb. 20.—Plans to send the body of General Funston straight through to San Francisco, have not been changed, it was said at department headquarters at three o'clock this afternoon. Arrangements have just been made with the Southern Pacific for a special train, leaving here at 8:50 tonight.

SAN ANTONIO, Tex., Feb. 20.—The body of Major General Frederick Funston, who died here suddenly last night, will be taken to San Francisco tonight for burial.

Short services will be held at Fort Sam Houston this afternoon and the body will then be taken to the Southern Pacific station to await the train for the west. It will be accompanied by Captain Fitzhugh Lee, aide to General Funston, and a guard of six enlisted men.

Mrs. Funston is at her home in San Francisco and requested the body be sent there for burial.

Kansas Wants Body. TOPEKA, Kas., Feb. 20.—A resolution introduced in the state senate today by Colonel Wilder S. Metcalf of the National Guard and a state senator, asked that Major Funston's body be sent to Kansas to lie in state in the capitol building for one day. Copies of the resolution were sent to Mrs. Funston at San Francisco. The resolution expresses the sympathy of the Kansas legislature at his death.

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 20.—Mrs. Frederick Funston expressed her willingness today to permit the body of Major General Frederick Funston to lie in state in the capitol at Topeka, Kas., as requested by the Kansas legislature. Plans for the funeral here have been held up temporarily awaiting word from the war department on Kansas' request.

Lie in State in Frisco. Major General J. Franklin Bell, commanding the western department, said the funeral of General Funston, planned to take place here Saturday, would be held probably next Monday if the body lies in state for a day in Topeka.

Mayor James Rolph, Jr., of San Francisco, requested General Bell today to let Funston's body lie in state in the great rotunda of San Francisco's new city hall for a day. The mayor said that San Francisco particularly owes homage to the dead general for his services during the chaotic days of the fire and earthquake of 1906, and that he hoped the opportunity requested would be granted.

EMPORIA, Kas., Feb. 20.—The mother of the late Major General Frederick Funston may be unable to attend the funeral of her son. She

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LEGISLATURE ENDS SESSION, PASSES ROAD BOND BILL

SALISBURY, Ore., Feb. 20.—The 1917 session of the Oregon legislature came to an end at 2:30 o'clock this morning, after extending two days and nights beyond the prescribed forty-day limit, which expired Friday night. Passage by the senate and house of representatives of an amended bill providing for submission to the voters of a special election June 4, the question of bonding the state for \$8,000,000 to construct highways, was one of the last acts of the session. Governor James Withycombe is expected to sign the bill.