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REGARD ACTION OF EMPEROR AS HOPEFUL OMEN

U. S. AMBASSADOR WILL CONFER WITH KAISER OVER SITUATION

AN ANSWER SOON

Wilson Expects Early Reply to Note—Flood of Telegrams Have No Effect

(By Associated Press.) Washington, April 27.—Announcement in press despatches from Berlin that Ambassador Gerard would confer with the emperor at army headquarters over the submarine situation is regarded by officials as significant, although Secretary Lansing said today that the situation remained unchanged. It is thought unlikely that the emperor might have in mind supplementing Germany's reply to the United States' note with a personal communication to President Wilson.

In visiting the emperor, Gerard is not acting under instructions from the state department, so it is assumed the emperor invited Gerard to confer with him. The injection of the emperor's personality is taken as a hopeful sign.

President Wilson, it became known today, expects the German reply within the next few days. Officials declare he is not influenced in the slightest by the thousands of telegrams being received by congressmen urging them not to approve any action that might lead to war. President Wilson will be guided by the character of Germany's reply.

TELEPHONE GIRLS GIVE WARNING OF APPROACH AIRSHIPS OVER LONDON

(By Associated Press.) London, April 27.—Girl Paul Reeves now give warning of the approach of Zeppelins over London. They are telephone operators attached to the emergency staff of the local exchanges who live in a house where there is a telephone and who have volunteered to ride a bicycle around to rouse their colleagues. All go to the exchanges where there is a rush of business everytime there is an impending raid.

There are now 420 women on night duty at the London telephone exchanges and when there is a threatened raid hundreds more can be called out. Between 80 and 90 per cent of the girls are on duty within half an hour of the call being sent out.

SAFETY—FIRST SPECIAL NOW READY FOR TOUR

Washington, April 27.—The United States government safety-first special of twelve steel cars, carrying exhibits of apparatus used by the various federal bureaus in the saving of life and property, will leave Washington Monday May 1 at 10 a. m. on a tour of the Baltimore and Ohio railroad system, in the course of which more than 200 towns and cities will be visited. At the conclusion of this trip, the train will be switched to some other trunk line railroad for a complete tour of that system.

Secretary of the Interior Franklin K. Lane, who is responsible for the sending of this unique exhibit to the homes of the people, hopes that every citizen of the United States may be able to visit the train before it completes its swing around the country.

The Safety-First special will reach Philadelphia on the afternoon of May 1, and will be open for visitors in the evening. Each of the bureaus represented on the train has a number of motion picture lectures depicting their parts in the safety first movement, and these will be displayed, every evening, from other side of the baggage car, making it possible for two lectures to go on at the same time. The train will remain in Philadelphia through Tuesday, May 2. It will be located adjacent to the Twenty-fourth and Chestnut streets station. Wednesday, May 3, will be spent at Chester, Pa.; Thursday, May 4, at Wilmington, Del.; and Friday and Saturday, May 5 and 6, at Baltimore, Md., at the Camden station. The exposition will remain in Baltimore over Sunday, May 7, but will not be open for visitors. On Monday May 8, the safety

ALL OF IRELAND IS NOW UNDER MARTIAL RULE

Riots Spread to South and West and England Takes Hand

BEGAN IN DUBLIN

Outbreak Monday Leads to General Disturbance—Call General from Egypt

(By Associated Press.) London, April 27.—Martial law has been declared throughout all of Ireland and Major General Sir John Maxwell, recently commander of troops in Egypt has gone over to take charge with full powers to suppress the rebellion.

The revolt which broke out in Dublin Monday is said to have spread to West and South Ireland. Some sections of Dublin are still in possession of the Sinn Fein rioters. No newspapers have reached here from Dublin since Monday and the exact situation is not known to any save officials. Sir Edward Carson today offered to put his Ulster Volunteers at the disposal of the government.

WITH ELECTROPHONES ENGLISH ENJOY THE THEATRE IN HOMES

(By Associated Press.) London, April 27.—There are at least 10,000 fewer telephones in London as a result of the war, business firms in hundreds of instances discontinuing the service in the interest of retrenchment. The government which operates the system announces that although telephones have been discontinued by the wholesale there has been an increase in the use of electrophones—the instrument which connects the subscriber with the theatre and enables people who prefer to remain indoors these gloomy nights of black streets to have amusement brought to their fireside.

MR. ASHLEY IN DYING CONDITION

At an early hour this morning it was stated that Mr. Josh Ashley was in a dying condition and that his death was expected at most any time. He is with his son, Sheriff Ashley at the county jail. His condition yesterday appeared to gradually grow worse.

CLOSE TO 1,000 TRADE VESSELS IS WAR'S TOLL

ENORMOUS LOSS OF ALL NATIONS SHOWN IN BRITISH NOTE

U. S. LOSES SEVEN

Great Britain Leads With 410—Neutrals are Also Hard Hit at Sea.

(By Associated Press.) Washington, April 27.—British estimates of the war toll on merchant ships, published by the department of commerce puts the number at seven hundred and thirty-six with a tonnage of more than two million. Estimates give British losses as four hundred and ten ships, French fifty-three, Russian thirty-five, Italian twenty-seven, Belgian ten, Japanese three. Neutrals lost: Norway 81, Sweden 40, Denmark 28, Holland 21 and United States seven.

RECRUITS ESTABLISH A NEW MARKSMANSHIP RECORD AT PORT ROYAL

Port Royal, S. C., April 27.—A new record in marksmanship for recruits was established when the Eleventh Drill company of the United States Marine Corps, in training at this place, qualified 69 per cent of its members, with 5 expert riflemen, 16 sharpshooters, and 30 marksmen out of a total enrollment of 57 men.

The recruits of the Eleventh Drill company were enlisted in the Marine Corps about ten weeks ago and were recruited principally in the large cities.

WAR CAUSES LOSS OF OVER 200 CHURCHES

Problem of Restoration of These Edifices Confronts Religious Sect

(By Associated Press.) Paris, April 27.—The destruction by fire and shell of more than 230 churches along the French battlefront brings up an interesting question in connection with the anti-bellum promulgation of the law separating the church from the state. When the war is ended and the problem of the restoration of these edifices is confronted, there must be a decision whether, if the entente allies are victorious, this reconstruction is to come within the principle accepted by the government of indemnities for war damages.

Since the promulgation became effective the government has taken no part in the maintenance of churches. On the other hand it has regarded ancient churches with historic or artistic value as belonging to the patrimony of the state. Two thousand old churches have thus been formally classed among the state treasures to prevent the sale of artistic features of the buildings or to keep intact "classical" churches as they are called about thirty are among those which have been demolished.

Church people contend that the state should unquestionably take upon itself the restoration of the thirty "classical" churches and any others of sufficient artistic value to warrant restoration, and inasmuch as private individuals are entitled to indemnities for damages to their property, it is suggested that the other churches should likewise be indemnified.

Report from Paris. Paris, April 27.—In the heavy bombardment of the French positions before Verdun last night the Germans did not attempt a strong, infantry attack. A small assault north of Fort Vaux was stopped immediately by French artillery, says the war office. Several German paratroops north of the Aisne were repulsed in fighting with hand grenades. A German reconnoitering party east of Louviers was captured. A German aeroplane was brought down in Spin-court Wood by a French pilot.

FIRE INS. LAW IS LEGAL

SUPREME COURT UPHELD LANEY-ODOM ACT IN DECISION YESTERDAY

"ANTI-COMPACT" STATUTE TO NOW STAND AS PASSED

Dismiss Petition of Charleston Insurance Man—Over 60 Companies Have Withdrawn

(Special to The Intelligencer.) Columbia, April 27.—Upholding the legality of the Laney-Odom fire insurance act, the supreme court in a decision tonight refused to sign an order enjoining the insurance commissioner and the attorney general from enforcing the terms of the law. The petition of David B. Henderson, a Charleston insurance man, for an injunction was dismissed by the court. The opinion was written by Associate Justice Frazer.

"The petition is dismissed and the injunction refused, concluded the order which was signed by all the justices of the supreme court."

The state officials were ably represented in the case by Thos. H. Peoples, attorney general. The anti-compact law, which was passed by the last general assembly, will continue in force. Since the passage of the law more than 60 fire insurance companies have withdrawn from the state.

These Brave Men Assist Tompkins



Captain Harry S. Coates, Captain Thomas E. Ryan. These two brave United States army officers, and among those with Major Frank Tompkins at Paris, Mex., where Carranza soldiers attacked troops and killed two.

PLAN TO MAKE U. S. 3RD NAVAL POWER 3 YEARS

REPUBLICANS GET READY FOR FIGHT ON PREPAREDNESS BILL

A G. O. P. PLANK

Say They Will Carry This Program into the National Republican Convention

(By Associated Press.) Washington, April 27.—Activity on the Republican side of the house foretold a fight over the naval appropriations bill. The republicans side is preparing to wage a campaign for greater preparedness than the present house bill provides. They will propose a plan for an increased construction to make United States the second naval power within three years. Republican leaders say they will carry this into the republican national convention and insist on a plank in the republican platform to carry out this policy. They are willing, however, to suspend their proposed building program in the event the European powers agree to limit armament after the war.

HOUSE APPROVES THE SENATE'S PHILIPPINE INDEPENDENCE MEASURE

(By Associated Press.) Washington, April 27.—House democrats in caucus tonight approved by a vote of one hundred and forty to thirty-five the senate's Philippine independence bill. They agreed, however, to permit an amendment in the house to prohibit a section of the measure. Twenty-eight representatives announced they would not be bound by caucus action.

SHELLS BLOW MANY ATOMS

Turks Explode Bombs on Pack Animals as They Retreat

(By Associated Press.) Cairo, Egypt, April 27.—Camels laden with bombs and patrol were blown to pieces by the Turks so that these living carriers of ammunition would not fall into the possession of the attacking British, during the sensational dash of the Duke of Westminster's armored motor-car battery through the Libyan desert.

This British expedition, consisting of thirty-two men, nine armored machines and one open car containing a mounted machinegun, began its pursuit at Sollum, in northwestern Egypt. Dashing at racing speed along the Tabuk road over which the Turks had retreated, the British after covering twenty-three miles came unexpectedly upon the enemy, whose troops were on the move.

The Turks opened fire with their only artillery in position—one ten-pounder and two machine guns. The British battery swung into line, silencing the Turkish guns and then capturing them after shooting down the defenders almost to a man.

The Turks were now scattering in every direction. The attacking batteries dashed here and there, killing all Turks who offered resistance. Those who chose the alternative of flight paused long enough to fire upon their pursuers, which one by one disappeared as their packs exploded with terrific force.

Stark Dutch Steamer. Berlin, April 27.—The Overseas News Agency says Dutch newspaper publishers report the British sank a Dutch steamer several weeks ago. According to his report, the crew was sent to India to conduct news of the affair and Great Britain promised to pay damages.

FIERCE ATTACKS NORTH OF FORT

HEAVY BOMBARDMENTS BY GERMANS IN PROGRESS SEVERAL DAYS

LOSSES ARE HEAVY

Rome Says Massed Austrian Attack Put Down at Frightful Sacrifice

(By Associated Press.) London, April 27.—Sectors of Avocourt, Eames and Cumleres, northwest of Verdun, are still under heavy bombardments, which have been in progress several days. While there have been no infantry attacks Paris believes them imminent. The Germans began an attack northeast of Verdun, between Danoumont and Vaux, but a French curtain of fire held them to the trenches.

Heavy artillery fighting is under way on the Belgian front. The Germans are reported repulsed in attacks on a British position near Stelot.

German attacks on Russian positions near Barzovitch were repulsed. The Russians captured the village of Chorniakoua near the Rovno-level railroad.

Rome says a massed Austrian attack on Carso Selz was put down with heavy losses.

In Asiatic Turkey, south of Bithia, Petrograd says the Russians have dislodged the Turks from mountain positions, and are driving the Turks southward.

JAMES WILSON HEADS AGRICULTURAL BOARD

(By Associated Press.) New York, April 27.—James Wilson of Iowa, secretary of agriculture under McKinley, Roosevelt and Taft, was elected president of the National N. Yall, president of the American Telegraph and Telephone company, was chosen vice president. Among the directors are: Governor Stuart of Virginia, and Palmetto Harrison, president Southern railway.

The object of the association is to serve as a mouthpiece of the farmer of the United States, especially in matters of legislation.

FRIGHT INVITES WAR INSTEAD AVERTING IT

—THEODORE ROOSEVELT

(By Associated Press.) New York, April 27.—Theodore Roosevelt urged the doctrine of preparedness upon a large number of Methodists gathered tonight at the annual banquet of the Methodist Social Union of New York and referred to the latest phases of the relations with Germany and Mexico as showing that "timidity and weakness invite war instead of averting it."

"I have a right to speak to you for peace," said the colonel in declaring that he abhorred a wanton and unjust war. "I was president seven and a half years. This nation during all that time never for one moment permitted any power to wrong this country or to wrong Americans either in their person or property or to make us recant to our duty to others; and yet during those seven and a half years not one shot was fired by any man in American uniform against any foreign foe and not one American man, woman or child, was slain by representatives of any foreign nation."

"If those old Methodist circuit riders who spread Methodism had considered peace the chief of all earthly goods they would never have gone west of the Alleghenies. If Peter Cartwright and his fellows had feared to face trouble, if their zeal for the faith had been less than their dread of disturbance, there would not have been a single Methodist church west of the Alleghenies. They believed in keeping the peace. But they believed even more in keeping the faith. They strove for the peace that comes through righteousness. They were not only good Methodists, good Christians, but they were staunch, stalwart American patriots. They know that there is a peace which is the peace of death. They knew that the peace which comes through the abandonment of duty, through shrinking back when the forces of evil advance, through putting ease and material, well being and soft sentimentality above stern devotion to unpleasant duty may mean, and probably will mean, the loss of everything that makes life livable to honorable men and upright women."

China's Helplessness. "China has sought peace through helplessness, through refusal to prepare, through inability to hold her own, and China now sees half her territory in the possession of alien powers and is not even her own master in the territory which she retains, and is a menace instead of an aid to all cause of world peace. It is, of course, true that, through strength in either arm or nation may be an instrument for wrong-doing, but this is merely to say what is true of every other attribute, what is just as true of oratorical power, of legal ability, of business ability, of a trained and educated brain in any profession. But we do not pray that our sons should be either fools or weaklings in order that they may be saved from the temptations incident to the possession of courage and intelligence and strength. On the contrary, we pray that they shall be strong and brave and wise, and we strive to implant in them that spirit of service to God and to their country which shall make them use their strength of body and of mind aright. And all this would

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EL PASO WILL BE THE SCENE OF CONFERENCE

GENERALS SCOTT AND FUNSTON TO JOIN OBREGON AT THAT PLACE

WILL BE LENGTHY

Discussion of the Situation in Mexico Expected to Last Three Days

(By Associated Press.) Washington, April 27.—Generals Scott and Funston have left San Antonio for El Paso, where they will confer with General Obregon, Mexican war minister, on the situation below the border. Generals Scott and Funston will reach El Paso tomorrow night and Obregon, who is reported in Chihuahua City tonight, probably will be in Juarez Saturday. In the meantime the situation here is at a standstill.

General Funston's plans of re-disposing his troops are being completed. Washington will take no steps to draft a reply to Carranza's request for the withdrawal of troops until the conference is ended. Conference is expected to last three or four days.

WILL CONVINC THE U. S. CARRANZA IS ABLE TO CONTROL VILLA BANDS

(By Associated Press.) Chihuahua City, April 27.—General Alvaro Obregon, Mexican war minister, told The Associated Press here tonight that he is going to the border to convince the American representatives that the Carranza is able to control the small bands of Villa bandits still at large. He said "I hope to arrange the prompt retirement of the American troops." Obregon denied as inventions of American yellow press that there is friction between him and Carranza. He said there is perfect harmony among all Carranza chiefs. He left Chihuahua for the border at ten o'clock tonight.

Hotel School for Women. Paris, April 27.—The first hotel school for women in France, has just been opened in the Boulevard Beaurejour. The school occupies a detached house in which all the branches of hotel service that a woman may undertake will be taught. The hygienic department, is under the direction of Professor Landouzy of the Paris Medical college. The other departm its will be conducted by equally competent authorities.