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WAR FROM MEXICO.

CARRANZA SENDS NOTE SAYING AMERICAN TROOPS MUST BE WITHDRAWN.

Carranza sends note saying American troops must be withdrawn. The Carranza note demanding withdrawal of American troops has stirred official circles tremendously. Army officers fear attack by Carrancistas and want National Guard called out to reinforce regular army on border.

Washington, April 13.—The battleships South Carolina and Michigan were slightly damaged in a collision during the maneuvers in the Gulf of Mexico when returning to the Atlantic coast from Guantanamo.

White House officials declare that there is no present intention of changing the policy regarding the pursuit of Villa. The American troops are to stay for the time being confident that we have the right to pursue the bandits.

The German note on the submarine issue has been received by Secretary Lansing. Senator Gallinger in a speech today calls on President Wilson to consult congress about the Carranza note.

Some of President Wilson's advisors favor a stiff attitude and forcing compliance with American demands, but Wilson may not adopt this policy if Carrancistas are really in control of the situation and capture Villa.

Army officers fear an attack by Carrancistas as the result of the note and favor calling out the National Guard to get fifty thousand men on the border. Secretary Baker held a conference with Secretary Lansing today.

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WASHINGTON IS EXCITED.

SENATOR GALLINGER CALLS ON PRESIDENT TO CONSULT CONGRESS.

Senator Gallinger in a speech today calls on President Wilson to consult congress about the Carranza note. He said in his speech that he supposed American troops will have to be withdrawn as they are too few to hold their own against the Mexicans.

Senator Sherman says keep the troops there until Mexico is cleared up. Some of President Wilson's advisors favor a stiff attitude and forcing compliance with American demands.

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NO CHANGE IN PEACE TERMS.

PREMIER ASQUITH TELLS OF ALLIES' POSITION.

International Problems Must be Handled by Free Negotiations on Equal Terms—Principle at Stake. London, April 10.—Premier Asquith declared tonight that the allies were prepared for peace only on the terms of his declaration of November, 1914, and explained that when he spoke of the destruction of the military domination of Prussia he meant that the allies intended to establish the principle that international problems must be handled by free negotiations on equal terms between free peoples.

The premier spoke at a government reception at Lancaster house to visiting French senators and deputies and replied to the speech recently made by the German chancellor, Dr. von Bethmann-Hollweg. Those present included Earl Kitchener, the Marquis of Lansdowne, Sir Edward Grey, J. Austin Chamberlain, Sir Walter Runciman, Lewis Harcourt, Viscount Bryce, A. J. Balfour and Lord Robert Cecil.

The premier, in proposing the toast "Our Guests" referred to the Bethmann-Hollweg's claim to recognize on the part of Germany to negotiate peace and said: "The German chancellor wants us to accept the attitude of a defeated adversary, but we are not defeated; we are marching to be defeated."

Reiterating that the essential allies were prepared only for peace on the terms of his declaration of November, 1914, Mr. Asquith proposed: "The chancellor first misinterpreted language, then proceeds to support its obvious meaning and intention. Great Britain and France entered the war not to strangle Germany or to cut off the map of Europe or to destroy or mutilate her national life, but to establish the principle that international problems must be handled by free negotiations on equal terms between free peoples."

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LEWIS W. PARKER DEAD.

HEADED VAST INTERESTS IN TEXTILE FIELD.

Founder of Largest Southern Cotton Mill Group is Dead at Fifty-one. Greenville, April 11.—Lewis W. Parker, organizer and former president of the Parker Cotton Mills company and formerly president of the American Cotton Manufacturers' association, died at his home on east Washington street in Greenville, this morning about 6 o'clock.

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The funeral services will be held Wednesday afternoon at 4 o'clock at Christ Episcopal church in this city and will be conducted by the Rev. W. H. K. Pendleton, rector of the church of the Advent, Spartanburg. Surviving members of the family are his wife, who was Miss Margaret Smith of Richmond; the Misses Lucia and Margaret Parker, and two sons, Austin Smith Parker and Lewis W. Parker.

Mr. Parker leaves three brothers, William Henry Parker, a lawyer of Charleston; Thomas Parker of Belvedere, California, a retired naval commander, and Capt. Francis L. Parker of the Twelfth cavalry. A sister, Miss Lucia Wardlaw Parker, dean of the University High school of Chicago, also survives him.

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THE REPLY UNSATISFACTORY.

DISCLAIMER IS NOT CONSIDERED SUFFICIENT BY ADMINISTRATION.

Evidence Secured by Officials Indicates That Denial of Sinking of Ships by Teutonic Submarine is Probably Untrue—Wilson and Lansing Await Further Information. Washington, April 10.—Investigation of recent attacks upon unarmed merchant vessels carrying Americans has developed such a convincing array of evidence pointing to illegal submarine operations that the United States government has determined that the resulting grave situation can not be cleared up by the German note denying that a German submarine torpedoed the English channel steamer Sussex and disclaiming blame for attacks on other ships inquired about by Ambassador Gerard.

The news that Ambassador Gerard would be handed the German disclaimer had been forecast in press reports, and today's announcement that he would receive the note tonight or tomorrow did not cause surprise. President Wilson and Secretary Lansing still are waiting both for the communication from Berlin and for more information from other sources.

Importance is attached to affidavits and evidence gathered by the American embassy at Paris, and due to reach New York Thursday on the liner St. Paul. It was learned today, too, that Mr. Lansing is awaiting the outcome of an inquiry at Paris about the case of the liner Patria, at which a torpedo is alleged to have been fired some time ago.

Probably the German note and all the data needed for determination of the position of the United States will be in hand in time for Friday's cabinet meeting. Until then an announcement of attitude is expected. That some definite action will follow promptly is freely admitted, but no one in the confidence of the administration will discuss what may be its nature.

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SUNDAY SCHOOL CONFERENCE.

PLANS MADE FOR MAKING SUMMER A BANNER COUNTY.

County Campaign to Be Held June 4th, 5th and 6th, During Which Time Conventions Will Be Held in Each of the Six Districts—Program to Be Prepared by President and Secretary. The county and district officers of the Sumter County Sunday School Association held an interesting business session yesterday in the Y. M. C. Men's Christian Association building and made plans for some highly constructive Sunday school work in the county during the summer.

The County Association is interdenominational in fact and its purpose is to bring definite, practical, concrete help to all the schools of all denominations in the county.

The most important plan agreed upon by this conference was to conduct a county-wide campaign of three days, during which there shall be a Sunday school convention in each of the six districts of the county. The date set for this campaign is June 4, 5 and 6.

The program arranged for this series of meetings will call first, to service all the county officers and department superintendents, several pastors and other Sunday school workers of Sumter, and the State general secretary. Through this series of meetings it is expected that the best methods of Sunday school work will be carried to the workers of every school in the county.

When it was stated that the committee doing the best work are those that are working to attain a state of efficiency, it was unanimously resolved to bring Sumter up to the "banners" standard by the next county convention.

The district presidents are called to meet with the county president in his office Saturday, April 15, to work out the details.

Among other things done at the conference, it was decided to hold the county convention August 30 and to authorize the county officers to pledge at least \$50.00 to the State work at the State convention in Charleston, May 3, 4, 5.

The county officers will endeavor to get every school in Sumter county to send delegates to this State convention.

The following were present at the conference: C. L. Cuttino, county president; C. E. Stubbs, county secretary-treasurer; H. L. Richard, county secretary-superintendent; J. C. Dunbar, Sumter Richardson, E. W. Beall, district presidents; W. E. Freeman, B. C. Wallace, W. J. Spencer, and pastors, J. W. Guy, Wm. Haysworth and W. E. Thayer, and E. D. Webb, State general secretary.

SUSSEX STRUCK MINE.

Greek Officer Asserts That There is No Reason to Believe Vessel was Torpedoed.

Berlin, April 11 (via Wireless).—A dispatch received by the Overseas News agency from Athens says: "A Greek naval officer who was on board the cross channel steamer Sussex when she was damaged by an explosion makes a report of the occurrence in which several Greeks lost their lives.

"The officer asserts there is no reason to believe the Sussex was torpedoed and declares that the vessel must have struck a mine, possibly one of British make. According to this report the Sussex carried only four life boats which were not sufficient to accommodate the passengers and crew.

"The captain of the Sussex was killed when the explosion occurred and the first officers on sending out a wireless call for help gave the wrong position of the ship. As a result of this error, the arrival of aid was delayed and the number of victims was increased."

New York, April 13.—Harding Davis, the man dead in bed at his home in N. Y. today, He died of poisoning. He was a member of the Navy and his wife was recently in war correspondence.

NAVY GAINS TRENGTH.

Enlistments Under Daniels Greater Than Ever Before.

Washington, April 11.—Today the navy reached its highest mark in enlisted strength with a total of 54,011, an increase of 5,674 during Secretary Daniels' term. Gen. Scott says there are 18,500 troops on the border. It is believed 16,500 are in Mexico, the majority guarding the line of communication.

Words upon the Imperial chancellor's "lame and half hearted attempt to justify the wholesale use of the submarine for the destruction of lives and property," the premier said: "The allies are prepared to justify the legality of all the measures they have taken as covered by the principles and spirit of international law applied to the developments of modern war. These have been carried out with the strictest regard to humanity, and we are not aware of a single instance of a neutral life having been lost by reason of the allies' blockade."

Remarking that the German blockade of Great Britain had developed long before the British order in council of March, 1915, as shown by the sinking of the Dutch steamer, Maria, and the American sailing vessel, W. P. Frye, and Germany's declaration of a submarine blockade of the United Kingdom on February 4, 1915, Mr. Asquith declared:

"It was not until March 11 that we announced those measures against German trade which the chancellor now suggests were the cause of the German submarine policy. I need not dwell upon the flagrant violation of the elementary rules and practices of international law and of the common dictates and obligations of humanity. Up to this moment, it is being ruthlessly carried out, as well against neutral as belligerents."

GERMANS WERE CONSPIRATORS.

England Makes Explanation of Seizure of Germans From American Ship.

Washington, April 12.—The official answer by England in respect to the taking of Germans from the American ship China says the Germans in Shanghai were implicated in a big plot against India and were frightened out by the arrest of some of their aides and were on the way to Manila to operate there when seized. The United States will make further protest and demand the release of the men.

A paper by Rear Admiral Fiske, of the navy war college, attacks the lack of system in the building plan of the navy. Henry A. Wise Wood says Japan could command the west coast without trouble. He asks for the first navy of the world for the United States ultimately. Both addresses were delivered before the Navy League.