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PERSHING SENDS IN HIS PRELIMINARY REPORT ON THE FIGHT BETWEEN THE AMERICANS AND THE MEXICANS BUT NOTHING OFFICIAL AS YET

Survivors of the 76 Americans Drawn Into the Ambush Have Not Been Heard From—Hoping Against Hope in Washington That War Will be Averted.

By Special Wire to the Courier. Washington, June 23.—A preliminary report from General Pershing, on the Carrizal fight, based on stories told by stragglers reaching the headquarters of the American expedition, and on Mexican rumors, was taken to the White House early today by Secretary of War Baker.

Not An Official Report The secretary said General Pershing himself did not regard the report as an official statement of what had happened, and indicated that no attempt to decide the course to be pursued by the United States would be made until a complete account had been received. In the meantime the preliminary report will not be made public, although it is understood to be substantially in accord with the version given in border press despatches.

Nothing New Senator Stone, chairman of the foreign relations committee called at the state department early, seeking information about the situation. He was told by Secretary Lansing that there had been no new developments. Mr. Stone said congress would do nothing in the crisis that might interfere with negotiations between the state department and the de facto Mexican Government.

Hope for No War. Hope persisted among officials here today that war against Mexico would not become necessary. Dispatches from Mexico City indicated that leaders in Carranza government may show a similar attitude, and will seek to avert the threatened break.

The outlook was far from bright, however, and orders had been issued for transportation of ten thousand national guardsmen to the border from central and western states as soon as they are ready for service.

Report Expected To-day Army officers looked today for

the delayed report from General Pershing on the fight between Carranza troops and American cavalry at Carrizal Wednesday, and this report was to be considered by President Wilson and his advisers before any drastic action is determined.

Americans Not Aggressors Tension was not lessened by an official report to the navy department that there was no provocation by Americans for the attack on a boat from the Gunboat Annapolis at Matatlan Sunday. Commander Kavanagh of the Annapolis declared two American officers were seized by Mexican customs officers and soldiers, and that firing on occupants of the boat was started by Mexicans.

Hustling Mobilization The war department was trying to hasten the mobilization of state military today. State officials were under orders to see that a statement of what was ready for duty by the state militia was ready for Major-General Bell at San Francisco, commanders respectively of the central and western arm departments, asking that the first five thousand militia units in each department ready for active service be despatched to the border.

Villa Again. Interest was expressed by officials of the war department in the unofficial report that Villa is at Escalon, Chihuahua state, negotiating with the Carranza government for amnesty and a commission in the Mexican army.

NEW GREEK CABINET

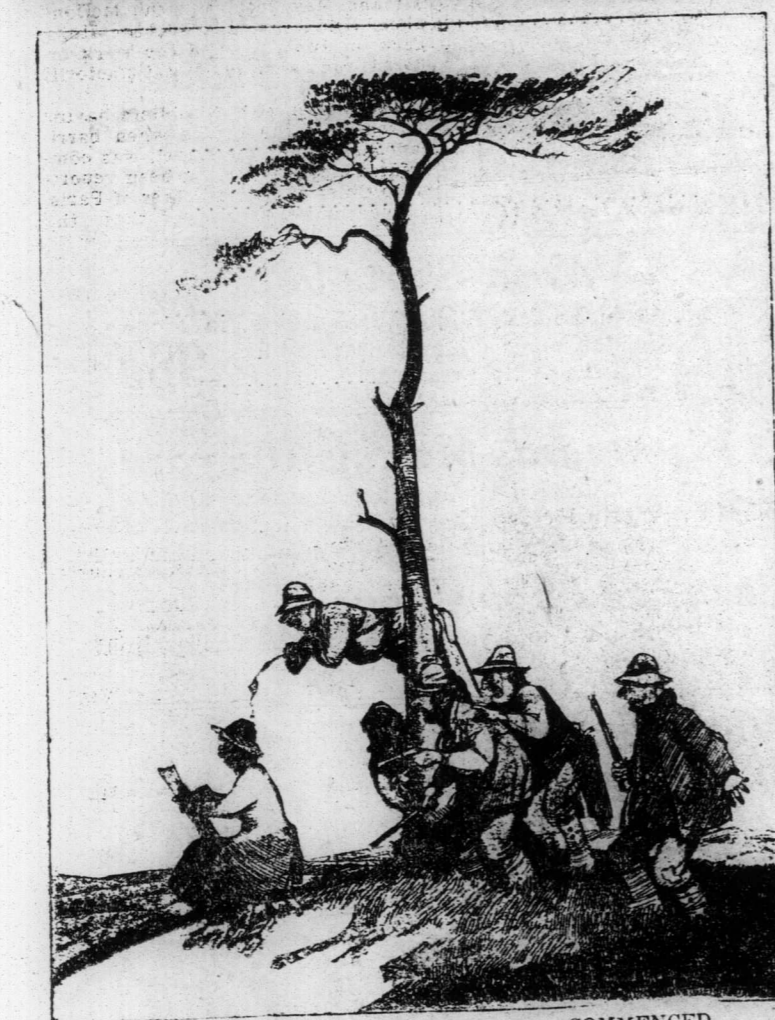
NOW FULLY MADE UP

By Special Wire to the Courier. Athens, June 23.—The composition of the new cabinet was officially announced today. It is as follows:

Alexander Zaimis, premier and minister of foreign affairs; General Callaris, minister of war and temporary minister of marine; Deputy George Rallis, finance; Phoivan Nera, communications; Col. Haratambis, interior; Anthony Momperatos, justice; Constantine Libourkis, public instruction; Colligas, national economy. The cabinet will be sworn this evening.

The Boys' and Girls' Club of Robson, B.C., has entered into a pig raising contest. Mrs. R. H. Alexander, a resident of Vancouver for fifty-four years, died at the age of seventy-six.

'COURIER'S DAILY CARTOON'



CHILDREN UNDER AGE ARE DRIVING AUTOS IN CITY

Provincial Government Hot on the Track of Violations of Motor Act.

For the purpose of investigating reports that the law regarding the operation of motor vehicles is being violated in many parts of Ontario, a special officer has been assigned for duty by the Deputy Minister of Highways. It is alleged that in many places chauffeurs who have not complied with the obligation of renewing their licenses are being employed, and that the law regarding the carrying of license numbers has not been observed.

U.S. REFUGEES FROM MEXICO AT VERA CRUZ

Five Coach Loads to be Sent Forward by Battleship.

OTTAWA JOURNAL SAYS HIS STATEMENT AND LETTER MISCONSTRUED.

By Special Wire to the Courier. Ottawa, June 23.—Commenting upon the fact that "General Hughes has wisely refrained from answering the belief of unimpaired construction placed upon his interview with The Journal regarding Lord Kitchener and the Ypres salient," that newspaper last night said:

"For some reason not quite clear, but which may be surmised, Sir Sam's critics have interpreted his statement to The Journal and his wish to abandon the whole of the Ypres position, which is termed the 'Gateway to Calais.' Needless to say, General Hughes advocated nothing of the kind. What he did suggest was a re-establishment of the line near Ypres, which would render the holding of the 'Gateway to Calais' less difficult and costly."

"It has also been assumed that a statement issued from the prime minister's office to the effect that his position held by the Canadians was very important, was given out as a snub to General Hughes. The facts are that this statement was really prepared before Sir Sam's interview with The Journal appeared in print. It referred to the general position around Ypres and not to the matter discussed by General Hughes with Kitchener at all."

WHY IS GERMANY COURTING SPAIN?

Great Amount of Curiosity Over Sub Visit Aroused in Madrid.

By Special Wire to the Courier. Madrid, via Paris, June 23.—Great interest and curiosity is manifested over the visit of the German submarine to Cartagena, bearing a letter to King Alfonso from the German emperor. El Liberal is skeptical concerning the explanation that the letter is merely one of thanks for the treatment shown the Germans in the Spanish naval waters before the Spanish naval authorities were consulted.

Premier Romanos, interviewed concerning the visit, says that the Spanish Government will not permit its neutrality to be brought into question under any circumstances and will insist on the strict observance of international regulations concerning the entrance of belligerent warships into neutral ports.

The letter which the submarine brought has not been turned over to the German embassy and no further details have been learned regarding it. INSPECTOR APPOINTED. The appointment of Honorary Captain J. S. Carstairs, C.E.F., as Inspector of Accounts and Records, C.E.F., is approved provisionally by Militia Headquarters. This officer will be responsible for the local audit of all pay lists and accounts of C.E.F. units in this district for the inspection of Paymaster's accounts, and for the examination of attestation papers, conduct sheets, medical history sheets, and other regimental records.

Ulstermen Meet to Discuss the Irish Settlement

By Special Wire to the Courier. Belfast, June 23.—via London, 3.35 p.m.—A conference of Ulster Nationalists was held here today to consider David Lloyd-George's proposal for the settlement of the Irish question. John Redmond presided and was supported by Joseph Devlin. Delegates from all the Ulster counties and the bishops of these counties were present. In all, 1,000 delegates were in attendance.

ALL HUSTLE AND HURRY AT BRANT'S HEADQUARTERS

Packing Stores Up and Preparing to Get Away to Camp Borden.

Preparations for moving are now being carried on at 125th battalion headquarters, all the furniture and partitions which are not absolutely indispensable being removed and taken down in order that the old post office building may be left in the same condition as when the 125th first occupied it last fall. The company orderly rooms have already been changed, and for the past week or so have been situated in the armories, where more room is to be had.

An examination in map reading for the officers and N.C.O.'s of the 125th battalion was held this morning in the Brantford Business College.

A special meeting of the Sergeants of the 125th battalion was held in the sergeants' mess yesterday afternoon, when a report was submitted upon the garden party recently held in Paris, showing the affair to have been successful both financially and otherwise. Arrangements were also made for a farewell theatre party and supper for the sergeants of the battalion, which will be held at the Braat theatre on Monday night. This was the last meeting of the sergeants before the 125th goes into camp.

GERMANS LAUNCH FIERCE ASSAULTS IN CHAMPAGNE

Three Violent Attacks Last Night on Mount Tetu Repulsed.

AGAIN AFTER DEAD MAN HILL

Artillery Fire Particularly Violent East of the Meuse by Vaux Front.

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The Official Statement The text of the communication follows: "In Belgium, a destructive fire of our batteries demolished certain organizations of the enemy in the sand dunes."

"In the Champagne district yesterday evening, following a bombardment of our positions between Meuse-de-Champagne and Mount Tetu, the Germans delivered three attacks upon our trenches along a front of about 1,200 yards. Each one of these attacks was either checked by our curtain of fire or repulsed with hand grenades."

Expelled by the Bayonet. Some groups of the enemy which at the third endeavor, had succeeded in penetrating one of our advanced positions to the west of Mount Tetu, were immediately expelled at the point of the bayonet. Ten prisoners were taken by us. During the night several surprise attacks against small French posts to the northeast of Butte-de-Mesnil were repulsed."

Hand Grenade Attacks. "On the left bank of the River Meuse the Germans have renewed their efforts in the region of Hill 304. Two attacks with hand grenades were checked by the fire of our machine guns. During the night there was spirited rifle firing in the Avoudret wood and at Dead Man Hill. There was also an intense bombardment in the sectors of Esnes and Chattanourt."

Irritating Shell Gas. "On the right bank of the river there was considerable activity on the part of the artillery along our entire front from the Meuse as far as Montainville. This was particularly noticeable in the region to the west and to the south of Fort Vaux. Here the enemy used to a considerable extent, shells which produced a gas irritating to the eyes. At Eparges, a minor German attack resulted in complete failure."

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Britain Taking Interest in Revolt of Arab Tribes Against the Turks' Rule

There Are Nine of These Tribes, of Which Five Are Avowedly Pro-British, One Pro-Turkish and Three Anti-Turkish, and the Arabs Are Angry Because Turkey Shelled Shrine of Kербela.

BY SPECIAL WIRE TO THE COURIER.

London, June 23.—The only news from Turkey of the revolt of the holy citizens of Arabia is a brief statement in a Constantinople despatch saying: "A British warship appeared in Sheikmenije Bay, off the Hajez coast."

Nor have any further details reached the public from the Entente powers. The morning papers again emphasize their belief that the revolt will be certain to prove of capital importance in the near future, probably meaning the removal of the head of the Moslem church from Constantinople to Mecca.

BRITAIN MUCH INTERESTED.

Great Britain was the greatest Moslem Empire, has the keenest interest in the movement. Since the early days of the war Great Britain has endeavored to maintain its attitude of the highest respect for the Mohammedan religion. At the outbreak of the war a proclamation was issued declaring that the holy places of Arabia, including the shrines of Mesopotamia and the port of Jiddah would be immune from attack or molestation by the British military forces as long as there is no interference with pilgrims from India."

NO INTERFERENCE.

The Daily Telegraph today gives the following statement of the attitude of Great Britain towards the revolt: "Toward grand shereef we shall carry out a policy of friendly neutrality, helping him, should he desire it, to keep open the routes of pilgrimage, but carefully avoiding any interference with his supreme jurisdiction."

ANOTHER HUN MISTAKE.

The Daily Telegraph adds: "The revolt is another evidence of German miscalculation of race psychology. Berlin was confident she would be able to stir the Moslems world into revolt against the British Empire, as was evidenced by her efforts in Egypt and in India. The success of these efforts was indifferent and the only result of her machinations has been to confront her ally, Turkey, with a new and formidable danger, for an Arab revolt confronts the Turkish sovereignty at its very point. Instead of a holy war against Great Britain we are witnessing the outbreak of a serious war against German domination in Constantinople."

THE NINE TRIBES.

The Morning Post gives a list of nine principal Arab tribes, five of which it says are avowedly pro-British, three anti-Turkish and one pro-Turkish.

Reuter's Telegram Company in a summary of the events which led to the revolt, declares that the Turks recently committed two serious errors, which the Arabs are not likely to forget or forgive. The first, it says, consisted of drastic anti-Arab measures, including numerous executions of influential pilgrims, following the visit of Enver Pasha, the Turkish minister of war, to northern Arabia; the second, it says, was the shelling of the shrine of Kербela, which is sacred to the shah Mohammedans of both Persian and India, and which contains enormous treasures, the offerings of pilgrims for centuries past.

WM. FULLER IS WOUNDED

Wm. Thos. Fuller, son of the late Mrs. Jane Fuller, West St., is reported wounded in today's casualty list. Pte. Fuller was a single man, and a moulder by profession, working at Buck's Store Co. and the Malleable Iron Works. A brother, George, is at the front, and a sister, Mrs. Avery Yake, lives on West street.

Pte. Fuller was unmarried. His father, who is dead, was years ago superintendent of cemeteries for the city. Pte. Fuller is a member of Court Endeavor, A.O.F., and also of Harmony Lodge, I.O.O.F.

TWO KILLED IN BAD TRAIN WRECK

By Special Wire to the Courier. Elwood City, Pa., June 23.—Two persons were killed and twenty more injured today at North Sewickley, near here, when a freight car on the Pittsburgh-Harmony-Butler-Newcastle electric railway ran into a heavily loaded passenger car. It was believed that some of the injured would die.

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Infants' strap slippers, sizes 2 to 4, 68c. At Neill's Big Saturday Sale.

COUNTY COUNCIL FINISHES ITS WORK

Committee Reports Made and Adjournment Held After Short Session.

This morning's session of the County Council brought to a close, with the submitting of reports and a discussion upon the question of the taking over of township bridges by the county.

Considerable discussion followed a motion to have the Vanocle bridge taken over and maintained in the future by the county. Upon a vote, the motion was defeated.

The finance committee reported having examined the treasurer's cash book, and the payment of a number of accounts, the purchase of a copy of Meredith's Municipal Manual by the clerk; that the application of David Wilson and George Simons, for the position of High Constable be laid over; that the chairman of the finance committee be authorized to secure the services of a competent valuator in the matter of the arbitration between township roads by local assessment; which advised that the council do likewise.

A grant of \$1,000 over and above the statutory grant, was made to the St. George continuation school, following which the council adjourned after having completed its business in remarkably short order.

MAKE BLOCKADE TIGHT

London Paper Calls for Strict Vigilance of German Imports

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