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Weather Prediction: Partly cloudy tonight; warmer; fresh west winds. Fair Tomorrow

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SAVES HELPLESS WOMAN, AS FIRE ENCIRCLES HER

Morrisville Fisherman Runs to Rescue When Cries Reach From House to River

AT FIRST THOUGHT DOG IN DISTRESS

Victim's Husband Also Seeking Shad, But Too Far Away to Hear Shrieks. Origin of Fire Mystery—Timely Assistance Alone Prevented Destruction of the Place

MORRISVILLE, April 12.—Cries which Elmer Mason, son of Constable Edmund Mason, of this place, at first mistook for those of a dog in distress, proved upon investigation to be the shrieks of Mrs. Frank Manks, of Central Avenue, who was facin' death by burning, being unable to get out of the bed which was afire on all sides.

Mason, his father and some other friends were waiting for shad in the Delaware River early this morning, when the young man's attention was attracted by the cries. Hurrying to the house, he found the door ajar, and tracing the noise, he broke down the door, when there was no response to his repeated knocks, and, rushing to the bed room, found Mrs. Manks encircled in flames. He threw a quilt over the woman and carried her out of the house.

Other firemen had arrived by that time and they lent efforts to extinguishing the flames in the bed room, while neighbors administered treatment to the woman.

YEGGMEN CRACK POST OFFICE SAFE

Robbers Get Little Loot for Their Trouble at New Hope. Professional Work

NEW HOPE, April 12.—Yeggmen, who, judging from the character of their work authorities think were professional burglars, struck at the local postoffice this morning and stole its contents, consisting of stamps and money. Not much booty was secured, however, as few stamps and little money was in the safe at the time.

The "yeggs" worked speedily and quietly and, despite the fact that the postoffice is thickly settled, the robbery was not discovered until the office was opened for business this morning.

EXPLOSION KILLS 3; WRECKS TOWN

BLUEFIELD, W. VA., April 12.—No Mour, a powder town eight miles from here, was nearly wrecked today by an explosion which killed three and injured many.

VICTIM ARRESTS ROBBER

On a charge of burglary Joseph Bates of New York was committed to the County Jail without bail by Justice of the Peace Mulford last evening. He was caught robbing the grocery store of Charles Kirkland. The owner of the store made the arrest.

MRS. STRAUSS, EXPERT, IS HERE TO HELP GET DAY NURSERY FOR LITTLE FOLK OF CHAMBERSBURG

Members of the sub-committee of the Executive Committee of Baby Week charged with obtaining an estimate of the cost of conducting a day nursery for the chambersburg section of the city at the International Institute, at South Clinton Avenue and Beauty Streets, are meeting this afternoon with Mrs. Strauss, an expert nursery worker of the Child Federation of Philadelphia.

ELIGIBILITY OF VOTERS SETTLED

Affidavits Must Be Filed by Saturday—Hirsch Explains Rulings

A number of people are daily inquiring as to the eligibility of voters at the primary election to be held April 25. In this connection City Clerk Hirsch says that persons who voted at the last general election can participate in the coming primary without further formality, but those who did not vote at the general election must obtain the necessary affidavits in order to have their names placed upon the registry books.

It is also required that this affidavit be properly filled out and shall be filed with the City Clerk at least 10 days prior to the day of the primary election. It is important to voters who are desirous of being enrolled on the registry books by affidavit to remember that the last day upon which such affidavits may be filed will be this Saturday.

BUGBEE SEEKS TO KEEP PARTY UNITY

Republican State Chairman Thinks Nomination of Roosevelt Might Prove Unwise

Republican State Chairman Newton A. K. Bugbee, who is to be one of the "Big Four" from New Jersey at the Republican National Convention in Chicago, has high regard for former President Theodore Roosevelt, but believes it would be better not to give him a renomination for chief executive of the nation.

"The fact that Mr. Roosevelt has been President for one full term, the greater part of another term, and was before the people in a comparatively recent campaign weakens his popularity in my opinion," Mr. Bugbee said this morning.

Mr. Bugbee has never formally declared himself for any candidate, but it is known that he was one of the original advocates for Justice Charles E. Hughes, who is keeping silent on his probable attitude.

One of the first New Jersey Progressives, Mr. Bugbee is known to carry on his campaign for reform within his party rather than in a new organization. He is recognized as being a man of high character and high ability within the G. O. P., and has refused to have his name grouped with those of the four places in the National Convention.

REVOKE LICENSE OF MOTORCYCLIST

Commissioner of Motor Vehicles William L. Dill today ordered revoked the motorcycle license of Edward C. Roberts, who was convicted of a traffic violation. The original license held by Roberts was canceled in 1914 after he had run over a child in a street in the city of Second Street. He obtained another license this year and it was discovered that he had been convicted of a traffic violation in the Motor Vehicle Department.

DILTS YET IN DANGER AFTER SUICIDE ATTEMPT

Clifton Dilts of 40 Fairview Avenue, who attempted suicide Monday evening by shooting himself in the chest, is still in a precarious condition in St. Francis Hospital. His condition is serious. The act was committed at Anderson and Woodland Streets, following a quarrel with his sweetheart, Miss Monica Syron, of 822 Anderson Street.

LOCAL MEN PASS FOR STATE WORK

Four Trenton men passed the civil service examination for janitor in the State employment. The lists were successful in the examination were: George B. Marshall, 4 Casey Place, with an average of 82.3; James G. Charlton, 21 Stinmark Avenue, 78.5; William M. Drake, 22 Lincoln Avenue, 72.8; John M. Bertels, 22 Houghton Avenue, 71.5.

Did You Know That—

—April 12, 1861, just 55 years ago today, Fort Sumter was fired on. —April 12, 1777, just 139 years ago today, Henry Clay was born. —April 12, 1906, just 10 years ago today, the eruption of Vesuvius, in progress seven days, ended? —Warrick's Sweet Peas, 15c. bunch. Daffodils, 25c. dozen, roses, 5c. each. —Advertisements.

DROPS DEAD AS SHE BIDS ADIEU TO HURT LOVER

Miss Ada M. Plaag, 21 Years Old, Suddenly Succumbs to Heart Attack

JOKES WITH KNAPP ON WEDDING PLANS

Stricken While Laughing at Prospects of Sweetheart Going to Altar on Crutches, Girl Falls to Floor and Expires Before Physician's Arrival—Fiance Injured in Automobile Crash

As she was bidding good-bye to her sweetheart, John Knapp of 112 Chambers Street, who had been injured in a motorcycle accident several days ago, Miss Ada M. Plaag, 21-year-old daughter of Henry M. Plaag, of 508 Liberty Street, dropped dead in the parlor of the Knapp home last evening of heart disease.

She had been enjoying good health, and was said to have always been in the best of spirits and never complained of feeling ill. She was making extensive preparations for her marriage to Mr. Knapp, which was to take place in the near future, and just before the time of her death was jokingly remarking about her lover walking to the altar on crutches.

It was about 10 o'clock when the young woman started to take her leave. She was putting on her hat, when she suddenly turned pale, and exclaimed, "O, my head." Immediately she fell to the floor. Members of the Knapp family removed her to a chair and summoned her father, who arrived in a few minutes. When the physician arrived, he found that the young woman had died several minutes before. Coroner Bray was notified and found death due to heart disease.

Mr. Knapp was thrown from his motorcycle on Broad Street, when he was struck by an automobile. He was rendered unconscious and taken to the Second District Police Station, where he was soon revived. He proceeded to his home, suffering bruises about the body.

When Miss Plaag heard of the accident, she was visibly affected, but when she was struck by the condition did not seem to cause her unusual worry. At different times she called to see him at his home. She left her father's house and returned about 10 o'clock, and was in her usual good spirits.

Besides her father, Miss Plaag is survived by one sister, Miss Katherine C. Plaag, who is an attaché at the New Jersey State Library, and her grandmother, Mrs. Emily Worth.

DISCOVERS HUSBAND DEAD IN BATH TUB

John Roach Expires Suddenly at Home—Funeral Arrangements Not Completed

John Roach, of 717 South Clinton Avenue, was found dead in the bath tub at his home by his wife early this morning. He was apparently in good health when he arose and was taking a bath, when he suddenly stricken. Not hearing anything of him, after a long time, his wife went to the bathroom, where she found him lying on his back in an unconscious condition. She summoned a physician, but when he arrived he found that the man had been dead several hours. Coroner Bray was notified. Death was due to hemorrhages.

Mr. Roach was 59 years old. He was employed as a packwalker by the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, and was a brother-in-law of Rocco and Frank Ungaro, well known in Italian circles.

NEW PRISON HEAD ALREADY ON JOB

Takes Oath, Gives Bond and Then Makes Inspection of Institution

Headkeeper Richard P. Hughes of the State Prison, who was named to his position yesterday by Governor Fielder, was at the institution early this morning. He takes charge at a particularly busy time as the work of the Board of Pardons now puts additional labor on him.

New Headkeeper at Prison



RICHARD P. HUGHES.

CLASH WITH VILLA BANDITS NEAR PARRAL; GERARD'S REPORT ON SUSSEX IS EN ROUTE

Ambassador Sending Private Message on German Attitude in U-Boat Issue—Action Soon

BERLIN, April 12.—A lengthy personal message from Ambassador Gerard is accompanying the German communication on the Sussex and allied cases to Washington.

Gerard forwarded the statement from the German Foreign Office at noon yesterday. The message he sent was a confidential report on the German attitude.

WASHINGTON, April 12.—On the eve of determining a course of action to pursue with Germany in the dangerous situation arising out of recent submarine activities in the English Channel, the question facing President Wilson and his advisors today seems to be:

"How far can we go with the evidence at hand?" The President and his Cabinet are convinced a German submarine sank the Sussex. They are convinced German submarine commanders have embarked on a new reign of terror in which the safety and rights of neutrals are being disregarded with amazing abandon.

But conclusive proof that a German submarine sank the Sussex may be lacking—and the German official disclaimer of all responsibility for the explosion which wrecked that vessel is expected today.

In the belief that this government's proof on the Sussex alone is not sufficiently strong to convince the world of the unavailability of severing diplomatic relations, Administration officials are centering attention upon cumulation of evidence regarding the new general German U-boat campaign.

Evidence showing the wilful torpedoing and sinking of all kinds of neutral vessels—Dutch, Norwegian, Danish, and others, regarding the warning, armament or anything else—is at hand, it is said, in volume to prove the contention that Germany is a lawless power.

The evidence will be augmented tomorrow or Friday by affidavits from London and Paris, tending to prove the reports of German U-boat activity in the North Sea.

Whatsoever course this government determines upon, it will be decided soon—possibly at Friday's Cabinet meeting. It is understood on high authority that the government is still ready to go to the length of severing diplomatic relations to the "point of no return" on the whole submarine question.

Action, however, it was indicated, may take another course. President Wilson's message to the German government, suggesting that the discrepancies in the German and American positions may be due to errors in reports of German U-boat commanders, or to other reasons, Germany's dispatch of a "note" in reply to Gerard's informal inquiries indicates a desire to enter into discussion of the whole case and does not wish to appear unqualifiedly firm in her declaration of "not guilty."

DAVIS, AUTHOR AND REPORTER, IS DEAD

Suddenly Succumbs While Telephoning and Wife Finds Body on Floor

NEW YORK, April 12.—Richard Harding Davis, noted war correspondent and author, is dead. He dropped dead from heart failure while talking over the telephone in his home at Mount Kisco last night, it was learned today.

REBELLION SPREADS IN SOUTHERN CHINA; CHE-KIANG SECEDES

SHANGHAI, April 12.—Formation of a new republic of Southern China, with a population of about 100,000,000, may be announced within a few weeks.

Following the lead of the Province of Kwang-Tung, the important maritime province of Che-Kiang on the Eastern Sea today seceded from the republic in conference at Emissaries of the revolutionists have arrived in Canton which probably will be the capital of the new republic, with word that Huanan, Fuk-teu and Kwei-Chow provinces are about to declare their independence. The movement is spreading to all the provinces south of the Yangtze-Kiang river.

In an effort to save the republic from dissolution, President Yuan Shih-kai has summoned revolutionary leaders to meet him in conference at Peking. The southern rebels have not yet accepted this invitation.

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WOMAN "LIFER" IS GRANTED FREEDOM

Thirteen Convicts Sentenced in This County

Anna Valentina, who was sentenced to life imprisonment for murder in Bergen county, was granted a parole by the Court of Pardons this morning.

She was found guilty of slaying a woman who taunted her by saying she would steal from Mrs. Valentina her alleged par amour.

Mrs. Valentina at the time was helping the man to construct a home in Bergen county and was doing the laboring work.

Mrs. Valentina was some time ago transferred from State Prison to the Women's Reformatory at Clinton. Cornelius J. Harrington, who was sent to prison for keeping an alleged disorderly hotel in Newark, was given a parole to date July 13 of this year, on the payment of \$1,000 fine.

Thirteen convicts from Mercer County were granted immediate paroles. Six of them are men who aided in the escape of Alvin Karpis, the famous bank robber.

Other paroles were granted to Augustus Barber, carrying concealed weapons; Frank Britton, breaking and entering; John Giallallo, atrocious assault and battery; Joseph Hibbits, statu libere; Lawrence McCaffery, petty larceny; Albert Stevenson, petty larceny.

Of the convicts granted immediate paroles, the minimum terms of 23 have already expired and 37 will expire within a few months, leaving 25 who have been granted a material reduction in sentence.

WANTS TO SELL WATER

At a hearing at Shark River Friday, the State Water Supply Commission will take up the request of the Shark River Water Company for the privilege of selling water to customers. The concern has had several similar applications before the board.

MEXICAN CENTRAL TRAIN RUNS INTO FIGHT, BUT CENSORSHIP PREVENTS DETAILS—VILLA IS STILL MISSING

EL PASO, TEXAS, April 12.—A battle is reported to have been fought with Villistas between Jimenez and Parral, but on account of the Carranzista censorship, the forces engaged were not made known here today.

A Mexican Central train ran into the fight, later returning to Jimenez, whence the censored reports were sent to the border. It is not known here whether American forces engaged in the fighting. Information from military men in Parral placed an American detachment in that vicinity and Villistas bands also were recently reported there.

Whether the fight is today in a mystery. The rumor of his death were believed to have been inspired by Mexican sources to bring about the withdrawal of the American troops.

That the main cavalry squadrons are in southwestern Chihuahua is shown by negotiations between the quartermaster and men in El Paso dealers for large shipments of hay and oats to be shipped over the Mexican Central Railroad via Chihuahua City.

This was another indication that American forces are in the neighborhood of Parral and Jimenez, where the fight is reported to have occurred.

SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS, April 12.—The American expedition today is nearer the headquarters of Villa than at any time since the chase started. This was the belief of General Tunstun in the face of discredited rumor of Villa's death, delivered by army officers to have been inspired by Mexican sources.

American troops are south of Parral, some of them believed to be over the Durango state line, riding toward Villa's trail. The phantom Carranzista column reported for days to be waiting south of Parral in a wide column ready to head off Villa and force him into a decisive fight has not yet materialized in reports to headquarters.

If this Carranzista force is in the neighborhood of Parral, it is a curtain of the almost inaccessible Mexican country, Villa's force is not yet out of immediate danger, it was learned from assurances from Carranza command.

Funston was highly optimistic for a quick, sudden termination of the chase. His messages of the past week had emphasized the need for close co-operation of Carranza commanders. In addition, he has received encouraging reports on the physical condition of the troops. Both men and horses are in splendid condition, according to advices to headquarters.

An unofficial report has reached headquarters that the Carranzista force in the Seven-Castro region, near the border, has captured a number of them and captured thirty-five Saturday.

SAY VILLA AND 150 NOW IN MOUNTAINS

WASHINGTON, April 12.—A cable message from General Alibregon to the Mexican ambassador today, according to his reports, has gone into the mountains wounded, with less than 150 men.

The message said: "I send the following from General Luis Gutierrez, chief of operations in Chihuahua: 'The bandit Villa has lost almost all his followers during the recent battles forced on him by our troops, and it is confirmed that he was wounded in the battle of Cienegueta. He has a broken leg and is unable to move. He is being cared for by the troops of Cuidad Guerrero that Villa has gone into the mountains, wounded and with less than 150 men. I have given orders for such necessary movements as will completely destroy the man who is taking care of him and which will cause his capture.'"

KILL 3,000 BRITISH AT KUT-EL-AMARA

BERLIN, April 12.—More than 3,000 British soldiers were killed and thousands of others wounded in an unsuccessful attempt on the Turkish lines east of Kut-el-Amara, the Turkish War Office reported today.

The British defeat is the most disastrous since the beginning of the campaign to relieve General Aylmer's force in the Tigris region. The fighting occurred near Felahie, 23 miles east of Kut-el-Amara, in the bend of the Tigris River.

PROBATE HOLZHAMMER WILL

Surrogate Bullock this morning admitted to probate the will of Nicholas Holzhammer, who died in 1908. The will was of the estate was filed. The widow, Mrs. Mary E. Holzhammer is named executrix and sole beneficiary.

BEGIN NEW ASSAULT ON GREEK FRONTIER

ATHENS, April 12.—Greek newspapers announced today that the Germans have begun an offensive movement on the Greek frontier, capturing the Deve Tepe fortifications from the Allies.

DIRECT PUBLICITY FOR BARRED NAVY REPORTS

WASHINGTON, April 12.—Secretary Daniels today, was directed by the Senate to give public notice of the reported documents, one of the report of the board on August 2, 1914, and one by Admiral Flske of November 14.

Senator Lodge said the general board report was a series of recommendations for bringing to the navy "a condition of preparedness, and that Flske's report was a warning."

Seen This Morning—

—Unharnessed horse running wild on East State Street and then balking at sight of motorcycle.

—(Contributed, verbatim)—Two nuts in argument over girl who one of them saying to the other: "You're old enough to be her grandmother!" (meaning grandfather).

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BRITAIN DEFENDS SEIZURES AT SEA

Says Civil War Case, Basis for United States Protest, Different.

WASHINGTON, April 12.—That Great Britain's seizure of the American liner China were engaged in neutral service and in fact shifting their base of operations from Shanghai to Manila, is the contention of Great Britain in its protest to the United States protest, it was revealed by the State Department today, making known the British reply.

Great Britain contended she had the right to seize these men, though they were not actually allied with her enemy's fighting forces, and that the liner was not a neutral vessel.

The reply called attention to the sovereignty of a neutral power. The note held that the Trent case in the Civil War, upon which the United States based its protest against the seizure of the American vessel on the high seas, did not square with the China situation.

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MEXICANS' ACTIVITY BOTHERING FUNSTON

SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS, April 12.—Movements of the Mexican military forces in northern Mexico and the activity of various Mexican political leaders are causing anxiety at General Funston's headquarters, it was learned on highest authority here today.

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BERLIN TAKES ASQUITH SPEECH AS FRANK HINT OF WILLINGNESS TO JOIN IN PEACE DISCUSSIONS

BERLIN, April 12.—The end of the war has been brought appreciably nearer by significant developments of the last 48 hours.

Press reports of Premier Asquith's Monday night reply to Chancellor von Bethmann-Hollweg's speech reached Berlin today. They created a mild sensation. Disregarding certain belligerent phrases, well-informed Germans interpreted Asquith's speech as a frank hint that the time is drawing near when England will be willing to enter peace discussions.

For the first time since the beginning of the war, the English premier, Germans interpret his speech, modified his demand that Prussian militarism must be crushed. When substituted for this statement over the Von Tirpitz faction is evidence, together with recent official and unofficial utterances, indicate that peace prospects are taking shape.