

# WORLD'S CURRENT AFFAIRS

## IN SPORT FORM

### BEST OF THE NEWS BOILED DOWN TO LIMIT.

### ARRANGED FOR BUSY PEOPLE

Notes Covering Most Important Happenings of the World Complied in Briefest and Most Succinct Form for Quick Consumption.

### Mexican Revolt

Public execution in the plaza at Chihuahua City is still and the career of Pablo Lopez, the Villa bandit captured near Santa Ysabel, Mex., of similar fate will be meted out to the three men who were taken with Lopez.

Further developments in the pursuit of Villa and the relations between the United States and the de facto government of Mexico now await personal communication of the subject by Gen. Hugh L. Scott, chief of staff of the American army, and Gen. Alvaro Obregón, minister of war of the de facto government. They will meet at Oaxaca.

General Punton has recommended a redistribution of American troops in Mexico in plans approved by Secretary of War Baker. This announcement was made at Washington after a conference between President Wilson, Secretary Baker and General Bliss.

Major General Scott arrived at San Antonio to confer with General Punton on the Mexican situation.

Confirmation of reports that Carranza troops are being mobilized on the path of General Pershing's forces was received at both the state and war department at Washington.

Two hundred Carranza troops en route to Torreon from Saltillo were killed when their train was attacked by Villa bandits of Gen. Canute Reyes' command.

### Domestic

James J. Brady, state auditor of Illinois and central figure in several sensational scandals since he took office three years ago, and Miss Katharine Koch of Springfield were quietly married at St. Petersburg, Fla.

The body of Dorothy Arnold was not found in the cellar of the house outside West Point, N. J., where New York detectives searched. Police inspector Paul announced that police was not to publish the story that "Miss Arnold's body had been discovered."

A gift of \$100,000 for construction of new buildings for the engineering department at the Michigan Agricultural College to replace those destroyed by fire several weeks ago, was received by the college authorities from R. E. C. Lansing, Mich.

Eleven men and one woman are missing in the ruins of the four-story building house at Granite City, Ill., destroyed by fire.

Six striking employees of the National Cable and Telegraph Company were injured in clashes with New York state troops sent to Hastings-on-Hudson, N. Y., to protect the plant and preserve order.

The plant of the C. Kinick Packing company of Buffalo, N. Y., was sold to William A. Morgan, president of the Buffalo and Brass Rolling mill of Black Rock. The consideration was more than \$4,000,000.

Formation of a \$50,000,000 oil corporation was announced at Tulsa, Okla., by H. K. Sinclair, oil producer and former Federal Reserve Board member, on his return from New York. The new company will be known as the Sinclair Oil Refining company.

Seventy persons are dead and scores injured in a succession of tornadoes which swept through the central parts of eastern Kansas and western Missouri. Property damage is reported.

Fire which started in the Iowa Union, formerly St. James hotel, a rooming house for university students at Iowa City, Ia., caused property loss of \$50,000.

J. R. Stratton, for 25 years a member of the Canadian parliament, died at Hot Springs, Ark., after 30 days of fasting, and his physician, Prof. H. Pezger, advised arrest on a charge of manslaughter.

A lone bandit held up a passenger train on the Louisiana, Red River & Navigation railroad near Angola, La., shot the express messenger and escaped with money and jewelry valued at several thousand dollars.

The six Villa bandits placed on trial at Deling, N. M., charged with killing Charles D. Miller in the Columbus case were found guilty of murder in the first degree. The jury was out 30 minutes.

Orders to speed up repair and overhaul work on vessels of the Atlantic fleet have been sent from Washington to the commanders of the various yards by Secretary Daniels. The move was explained as a "preparatory test."

Orders have been received at the League Island yard at Philadelphia for the commanders of the battleships Connecticut and Kansas to be ready to start work within 24 hours. The collier Drusus left for the Pacific coast.

# AVIATORS WILLIAMS AND DARGUS

was reported to the war department at Washington by General "Dustone," who said that the motor failed and they were forced to land northwest of Chihuahua. The machine was damaged and Williams was brought to the hospital.

## European War News

"Several Italian aeroplanes dropped bombs on Tripoli and the British aviators, of whom five were children, and wounding five other persons," says a statement issued at Vienna.

Two German submarines stopped the Dutch steamship Berkelzout, bound from Amsterdam, and gave the crew of 23 men 15 minutes to leave the ship. They then sank it by gunfire. The crew was rescued by a British vessel and landed in England.

An attempt to stir up a revolution in Ireland was stopped when a German auxiliary cruiser, armed by a strong force of German troops, was loaded with vast stores of rifles and ammunition, was sunk off the coast of Ireland by British patrol craft. Sir Roger Casement, one of the leaders in the Irish home-rule struggle, was arrested, an admiralty bulletin issued at London stated, "while attempting to land arms in Ireland." A number of other prisoners were taken.

Ten classes of Italian recruits were called up by royal decree at Rome.

Field Marshal von Mackensen and Enver Pasha, Turkish minister of war, are reported to be making plans for a campaign for the Armenian front to direct operations against the Russians, according to a dispatch received in Rome.

A narrow escape for Emperor Nicholas of Russia from death or serious injury by bomb was reported by an Austrian aviator during a recent visit of the emperor to the southern sector of the Russian line, he reported in Stockholm advice received by the Overseas News agency at Berlin.

German forces were compelled to evacuate north of the evacuation of Langenacker-Ypres road on account of high floods, which made the consolidation of the positions impossible, according to the statement issued at Berlin by the German war office.

A Lloyd's dispatch to London from Valenciennes, Belgium, reported that the steamship Lidewijk Van Nassau was sunk. It went down in six minutes. Five of its crew were drowned. Thirty survivors have been landed at Ymuiden.

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# ARMING MICHIGAN CITIZENS WHO WISH TO PREPARE FOR SERVICE IF NEEDED.

## WORK OF ST. LE MEDICAL MEN

State Banks Are Prosperous, Many Matters of Interest, Political and Non-political, For the People.

[By Gurd M. Hayes.]

Lapsing—in no state of the union is the desire for adequate national defense stronger or more spontaneous than in Michigan. In no state is the doctrine of "any price" more thoroughly repudiated. I have special sources of information which will seem to substantiate these statements, surprising as they may seem.

Major W. J. Phillips, of Owosso, who is inspector of small arms practice, the brigade staff, Michigan National Guard, has issued a declaration. He continued: "Why? Because there is not a county in the state that has not from one to ten civilian military organizations drilling with military rifles because they want to be prepared. Other similar companies are being formed every day. The Michigan National Guard, but in the hamlets and country towns where rural sentiment dominates and the retired farmer is supposed to sit up nights and agonize over preparedness, are these companies thriving."

"The pioneer organization was in Detroit, where the battalion was organized in 1910, and it is now active. Frederick M. Alger from among the city's young business, professional and society men, was a good enough soldier to make good in the woods. Wood. Grand Rapids followed suit. Its battalion of representative citizens formed by Mr. Sligh, turned out recently at the organization of the Grand Rapids army every rifle, the official weapon of the army and navy, was issued to the members."

"I am in touch with these companies and all others like them through my connection with the national rifle association, a state secretary. When a group of men feel the stirring of the martial spirit they write the war department at Washington to inquire concerning the law how they may get into the military service. It is explained to them that they can form a company and get modern rifles, drilling and rifle practice by forming a rifle club, rifle club affiliated with the National Rifle association and are advised to get in touch with me, as I am the organizer for Michigan."

"That is how I know what is being done. It is simply impossible to keep a supply of application blanks and pamphlets for organization ready on hand. One day recently, I sent out 20 applications, most of which have come back, duly filled, for the necessary membership."

"Major William Sparks, of Jackson, head of the famous Withington Zouave rifle club, has organized a rifle club within the past few days, and will purchase rifles. The superintendent of schools at Northville, Mich., has organized a rifle club in his town. A lieutenant of the Grand Rapids battalion goes to the village of Rockford twice a week to look after his club."

"Samuel P. Keyes of Lansing, brigade general of the Uniform Rank, Knights of Pythias of Michigan, recently issued a circular to his organizations to ascertain how many would like to secure rifles and drill as infantry companies. Eighteen at Northville, Mich., are organizing for his chance. Rifle club applications, so they may secure rifles by affiliation, have been sent at Mr. Keyes' request to the Michigan Bay City, Saginaw, Flint, Grayling and a dozen others."

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## BRITISH CONTROL

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## CASEMENT BRITISH PRISONER

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London—The Irish uprising in Dublin has been suppressed and the city is now under British control, according to an official statement issued by the authorities. Serious disturbances broke out in the Dublin party of men identified with the Sinn Féin party, mostly armed, occupied Stephen's Green and took possession forcibly by the force of arms. The telegraphic and telephone wires. Houses also were occupied in Stephen's Green, Sackville street, Abbey street.

"In the course of the day soldiers arrived from the Curragh and the situation is now well in hand.

"The Irish army here, three military officers, four soldiers, two loyal volunteers and two policemen—12 persons in all—have been killed by the revolutionists. A large party of seven or eight soldiers and six volunteers. No exact information has been received of the casualties on the side of the Sinn Féin.

"Reports received from Cork, Limerick, Ennis, Tralee and both Ridings. It appears so that no disturbances of any kind have occurred in these localities."

New York—Local Irish leaders, the Evening Mail received a cipher cablegram saying Dublin was captured Sunday by Irish volunteers after a sharp fight.

The cablegram reported that Lord Wimborne, the lord lieutenant of Ireland, under Secretary Nathan and the British military commander of the forces, and the whole British military staff, with several hundred soldiers, are now prisoners in the hands of the Irish army.

Other important successes were won by the revolutionists in other parts of Ireland, the cablegram said.

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The cablegram said two British warships were sunk by the German submarines accompanying the German auxiliary cruiser.

The first news of the Dublin trouble came when Augustine Birrell, chief secretary for Ireland, announced to the house of commons that the disturbances broke out in Dublin. He added that troops had been sent to the Irish capital and that the situation of the house of commons was not clear.

Mr. Birrell said that 12 persons had been killed before the disturbances were quelled and added that the rebels were active in other parts of the city of Dublin, but did not control the whole city.

## NOTE ON NEUTRAL TRADE MADE PUBLIC

Laws Adjusted to the Altered Conditions of Modern Warfare

Washington—The latest British note in answer to American protests against Allied interferences with neutral trade, which has its origin in the department, contends that the practices complained of are "juridically sound and valid," and that the relief of the situation is to be obtained by the mitigation of excessive hardships than by "abrupt changes either in the theory or application of the law."

It is also stated that the department of international law carefully adjusted to the altered conditions of modern warfare.

It is announced that an impartial and influential commission has been appointed to find ways to minimize de facto and pledges the Allies to make the relief of the situation as little burdensome to neutrals as possible.

The note, in which the French government concurs, reiterates the military and political reasons for the need to neutrals contiguous to Germany and justifies the effectiveness of the blockade which was challenged by the last American note.

More diplomatic correspondence over the issue is expected to follow.

The note also states that the American commission has been so constituted that shipments interested really were intended for use in the European theater, to which they were dispatched and that the dispatch of goods to Great Britain's enemies had frustrated by methods not hitherto employed by belligerents.

## TELEGRAPHIC FLASHES

Berlin, Via Wireless Sayville—According to reports from Geneva, says the Overseas News Agency, "Great Britain has offered to Spain possession of Tangier if Spain will sell the German ships in the closing Straits of Gibraltar to the Spanish navy except those flying the Spanish flag."

New York—Robert F. Wagner, who informed that he had been nominated by President Wilson for the place of postmaster of New York City, said that he would be unable to accept the position.

Pittsburgh—Twenty-four thousand coal miners in the bituminous fields of this section were ordered to strike by President Wilson and other union officials of district No. 5. This action followed refusal of the operators to abide by an agreement recently reached in New York.

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