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## AMERICAN FISH BOAT ATTACKED BY MEXICANS

LAUNCH NEW ANCONA DOCKS IN SAN DIEGO WITH BULLET HOLES IN HULL FOLLOWING RUNNING FIGHT OFF COAST

### CARRANZA HAS SALTILLO

Reported in San Antonio That Carranzistas Defeated Villistas at Pomoce and Ajuno, in Michoacan—Fifty Villistas Killed at Pomoce.

By Associated Press.
EAGLE PASS, May 19.—The Carranzistas have captured Saltillo, according to passengers arriving here from Mexico today. The Villistas retreated without fighting, they say.

By Associated Press.
SAN DIEGO, Cal., May 19.—The American fishing launch New Ancona arrived here today with bullet holes in her hull, received, Captain [illegible] says, in an attack upon her by a Mexican patrol launch when the Ancona was eight miles off shore between [illegible] and Ensenada.
He says his crew of three men fired [illegible] shots at the launch, which finally sheered off.
The Ensenada port authorities and American fishing boats have been at odds for some time. A message here says that one Mexican was killed on the Ensenada patrol launch.

By Associated Press.
SAN ANTONIO, May 19.—It is reported here that the Carranzistas have defeated the Villistas at Pomoce and Ajuno in Michoacan state. Fifty Villistas were killed at Pomoce but details of the Ajuno fight are lacking.

## REVIVE MURDER CHARGES A QUARTER CENTURY OLD

GOVERNOR WITNESS IN GEORGETOWN RETRIAL OF THEODORE ARMSTRONG—UNUSUAL CASE

By Associated Press.
GEORGETOWN, May 19.—The jury was completed tonight to try Theodore Armstrong who is charged with the murder of Sheriff Olive in Bell county twenty-three years ago.
Among the 120 witnesses summoned to testify are Governor James E. Ferguson of Texas and the Secretary of State John G. McKay.
Olive was shot and killed on a dark night in September twenty-three years ago at a small switching station named [illegible], near Belton, Texas. He was walking along the depot platform with United States Marshal John T. Rankin when men hidden in the darkness outside the circle of station lights opened fire, which both Olive and Rankin returned. Olive was killed.
Three months later Theodore and John Armstrong were charged with the killing. Neely Armstrong was tried and acquitted. The case against Theodore was dismissed. The Armstrongs alleged that Sheriff Olive had shot and killed John and Nealy Armstrong, and this was one of the grounds which caused indictments to be found against him. Sheriff Olive was acquitted of the charge of killing John and Nealy.
The present trial is expected to develop what unusual circumstances have caused the charges to be revived against Theodore Armstrong after a lapse of nearly a quarter of a century. Mrs. Olive, widow of the sheriff, has been summoned and is expected to attend the trial.

### THE WEATHER.

Associated Press.
WASHINGTON, May 19.—For East Texas: Local showers Thursday and Friday.
For West Texas: Generally fair Thursday and Friday.
For Oklahoma: Fair in West; unsettled in East; probably showers Friday.

## FARM WORK AMIDST SHELLS

Within sound of the big guns many French peasants are leading an almost normal life, for farming must go on or there would be no food for the fighters. The photograph shows farm horses startled by a bursting shell. It was taken recently near Aubre, France.

## HAGUE COULD HAVE STAYED STRIFE HAD NATIONS DESIRED

FORMER MINISTER OF BELGIUM SAYS LACK OF "ELEMENT OF OBLIGATION" IS CAUSE

### SHOULD BE COMPULSORY

By Associated Press.
MOHONK LAKE, N. Y., May 19.—Theodore Marburg of Baltimore who was United States Minister to Belgium in 1912 and 1913, told the Lake Mohonk Conference on International Arbitration today that the defect in the present machinery for arbitrating international disputes was the lack of the "element of obligation."
"There existed at The Hague," he said, "several institutions to which the disputes between Austria and Servia might have been referred. The failure to use them proved that our present international institutions are voluntary. They are there to be used only if nations see fit to use them. The element of obligation is lacking.
"The wholesale injustice arising from the war," he continued, "its stupidity and horrors, borne in upon us by the present happenings abroad, are making the world ready for some step in advance. It is only a question of how far we are willing to go. The desirable thing is a league to compel the nations not only to bring their disputes before a tribunal but to abide by the award. If such a league embraced all the progressive nations, big and little, substantial justice would emerge just as substantial justice results from the united action of the state composing the American Union.
"But this involves such a surrender of sovereignty and independence that it is doubtful whether this desirable project is a realizable one. The leading countries including our own, will hesitate to accept it. It would, however, be a decided step in advance if the signatories of the Hague convention should simply obligate themselves to resort to the international institutions they have set up."
A further possible step suggested was that they should act as an international grand jury to hale the nation lawbreaker into court and use force to bring it there if recalcitrant without attempting to enforce the award. "This is a reasonable demand," he said, "and is probably as far as they will be willing to go at the present."

### TELEGRAPHIC BREVITIES

By Associated Press.
OKLAHOMA CITY, Okla., May 19.—An annual spelling contest of considerable general interest in this state will be held here tonight in connection with the County School Superintendents' Convention. Pupils from schools in several counties of the state participate. The winner receives a gold medal.

## FLAMES WIPED OUT GIN AND BOTTLING WORKS SAN BENITO

EARLY WEDNESDAY MORNING REYNOLDS GIN AND BLUDWINE BOTTLING WORKS BURNED DOWN

### $15,000 DAMAGE IS DONE

Caller-Herald Special.
SAN BENITO, May 19.—Fire early Wednesday morning totally destroyed the Reynolds cotton gin and the plant of the Bludwine Bottling Works which occupied quarters in the gin buildings.
The loss to the gin people will total $12,000 on machinery and buildings with $4,000 insurance. The Bludwine people suffered a loss of $3,000 being completely wiped out and having no insurance. The origin of the fire has not been determined. Plans for the future for the two concerns have not been announced.

### PASTOR RUSSELL WILL SPEAK IN SAN ANTONIO

Caller-Herald Special.
SAN ANTONIO, May 19.—Pastor C. T. Russell of Brooklyn, N. Y., founder of the International Bible Students' Association, will speak before a mass meeting of citizens here Sunday afternoon. The subject of Pastor Russell's sermon will be "The Battle of Armageddon," in which he will discuss the European war.
Pastor Russell claims to have predicted the present war 35 years ago. He says it is the beginning of the end of the nations.

IOWA CITY.—The biennial convention of the Iowa Federation of Women's Clubs will be held here for four days, opening tomorrow. Tomorrow evening the students of Iowa University will present a Greek play, and on the closing evening will give a pageant on the campus in honor of the visiting women. Programs, lectures and reports will occupy the morning sessions and work conferences have been arranged for the afternoons. A prominent speaker who will come is Miss Harriet Vittum of Chicago, head of the Northwestern University settlement work.

### U. S. DISCHARGES 16-YEAR-OLD SOLDIER

By Associated Press.
MILWAUKEE, Wis., May 19.—Because he is only 16 years old, Roland C. Koehler, son of City Service Commissioner and Mrs. Koehler, will be discharged from the United States army next month. The boy disappeared from home and enlisted in Cincinnati. Through efforts of his father he was located in the Philippines. The boy was ordered back to America and sailed from Manila last Saturday. He will be discharged at Fort McDowell, California, on his arrival.

### KANSAS FLOOD DAMAGE.

By Associated Press.
WICHITA, Kas., May 19.—Forty blocks of this city are under water as a result of two days of heavy rains. The water is still rising.

## GIBSON BILL VOTED OUT OF COMMITTEE

THOUGH MEASURE GETS UNFAVORABLE REPORT AND THERE WAS NO ARGUMENT, FRIENDS HOPEFUL OF ITS PASSAGE

### GOVERNOR SLIPS A WEDGE

Ferguson Submitted Proposition to Limit Per Cent of Loans Made by Insurance Companies as a Wedge For Cheap Money—House Favored It.

Caller-Herald Special.
AUSTIN, May 19.—Opponents of the Gibson bill in the senate today voted the measure out of the committee with an unfavorable committee report. The tally showed the vote 15 to 12. There was no argument on the measure.
Friends of the bill still feel assured of its passage.
Governor Ferguson submitted as a wedge for cheap money the proposition to limit the percent of loans made by insurance companies to seven per cent. It was reported favorably out of the senate committee with an amendment reducing these to six per cent.
The house is considering the appropriation bill.

### WOULD PENSION PASTORS

DETROIT, Mich., May 19.—The plan for pensioning ministers of the Episcopal Church, which has been worked out in New York, with J. P. Morgan as treasurer, will be explained to the annual diocesan convention of Michigan, which opened here this morning. Some 75 clergymen and 125 laymen were present when Bishop Williams opened the meeting. The new system for pensioners was officiated by experts, with Bishop Lawrence of Massachusetts as sponsor. Some year ago a plan to raise five millions for such a fund failed, but the new idea brings the responsibility to each parish, which is to contribute a certain percentage of the pastor's weekly salary each year. Bishop Williams is in favor of the adoption of the system here, and several dioceses have adopted it since it was originated a few months ago in New York.

### RUSS COUNTER ATTACKS NEAR JAROSLAU FAILED

VIENNA REPORT SAYS TEUTONS HOLD GAINS ON EAST BANK OF THE SAN RIVER

By Associated Press.
VIENNA, May 19.—(Official) The teutonic allies who advanced to the east bank of the San river in Galicia yesterday have repulsed strong Russian forces who are resisting east of Jaroslau.
We captured Sieniawa with seven thousand prisoners.
On the upper Dniester and Stry fighting is proceeding. We captured several Russian heights. In Russian Poland fighting continues in the hilly district of Kielce.

## Hirsch To Head Texas Bankers

JOE HIRSCH.

Reports received from Waco last night stated that the election today of Joe Hirsch, vice-president of the Corpus Christi National Bank as President of the Texas Bankers' Association is practically assured.

## CORPUS CHRISTIAN WILL BE NEW HEAD OF TEXAS BANKERS

PRACTICALLY ASSURED JOE HIRSCH WILL CAPTURE VOTES FOR PRESIDENCY TODAY

### NEXT MEET IN GALVESTON

Caller-Herald Special.
WACO, May 19.—Addresses by H. S. Hawes of St. Louis, president of the Missouri Bankers' Association, by Jas. G. McNary, vice president First National Bank of El Paso, by George Woodruff, president First National Bank of Joliet, Ill., and by W. E. Noland of Minneapolis, members of the Rudolph Lincoln Bureau, featured today's sessions of the Texas Bankers' Association.
Almost 1200 bankers are in attendance, many of them having their wives with them. A cabaret smoker was enjoyed last night.
Joe Hirsch of Corpus Christi seems practically sure to be elected president tomorrow, J. W. Butler of Clifton being the only other name mentioned.
Indications are that the next convention will go to Galveston by practically an unanimous vote.

H. C. Webb, division passenger agent for the Illinois Central, having headquarters in Houston, is a visitor in Corpus Christi today on business.

## State Telegraphic News

By Associated Press.
SHERMAN, May 19.—The Interurban Association composed of employes of the Texas Traction Company in this section of North Texas will hold its annual picnic today at Woodlake, half way between Sherman and Denison.

By Associated Press.
SULPHUR SPRINGS, May 19.—The Hopkins County Wool Growers' Association set today for the sale of the spring clip. Members of the organization said they expected from 4000 to 5000 pounds of wool to be sold today.

AUSTIN, May 19.—Additions and betterments aggregating $2,266,679 have been made by the Missouri, Kansas and Texas Railway Company of Texas in the period between Feb. 4, 1914 and Dec. 31 1914, according to the first annual report of that system filed with the Texas Railroad Commission since the compromise agreement in the "Katy Merger Suit," so-called. Under the terms of the agreement the road was to expend $6,000,000 in six years for improving the Texas lines. The compromise was signed Feb. 4, 1914.

AUSTIN, May 19.—Two important departments of the state government have been practically wiped out of existence by the action of the senate finance committee in reducing to a minimum the appropriations asked for in estimates by heads of the department of agriculture and the Warehouse and Cooperative Marketing department. The senate committee reduced from $115,860 to $12,000 a year the appropriations for the agricultural department and for the warehouse department from $46,300 to $12,450 annually. The reduced amounts are barely sufficient to pay salaries of heads and a clerk, one stenographer, and a few incidental items, for each department. The committee's action was based, it is said, on the ground that the Agricultural and Mechanical College is now performing duties similar to the two departments mentioned.

By Associated Press.
AUSTIN, May 19.—Agricultural Department reports indicate that house and field ants are becoming very destructive in several sections of Texas. Stored seeds and growing crops are said to have been extensively damaged already by the pests, and the department is starting a campaign for their destruction. Circular letters are being prepared dealing with the subject of combatting and possibly exterminating the ant and the department urges persons who are victims of the pests to write at once for advice.

## BRITISH CABINET TO BE NON-PARTISAN ONE

ALTHOUGH NOTHING DEFINITE HAS BEEN ANNOUNCED IT IS AN ESTABLISHED FACT THAT NEW CABINET WILL SERVE FOR LENGTH OF WAR

### ROME DISPATCHES CONTINUE VERY CONTRADICTORY

Associated press.
ITALIAN FRONTIER, May 20.—(Wednesday)—The frontier towns Udine, Bellunow, Verona and Brescia and their respective provinces are entirely in the hands of the military.
Trains carrying guns, horses, troops, ammunition and provisions are congesting on all railroads.
The Italian troops are in excellent condition.

Associated Press.
LONDON, May 19.—The formation of a nonpartisan cabinet for the period of war is an established fact although nothing definite has yet been arranged. It is known positively, however, that Premier Asquith and Foreign Secretary Grey will continue in office and that there will be no change in the policy of prosecuting the war.
The political transformation has overwhemed the country with surprise. The chief causes are the severe Russian reverses, slow progress of operation in the Dardanelles and friction between Churchill and Lord Fisher in the admiralty which brought together "elder statesmen" to deal with the situation.
Parliament adjourned tonight until June 3rd. The new cabinet will be formed before then. Lord Fisher was in his office today indicating that the government has refused to accept his resignation. If this is the case it is believed the retirement of Churchill from the admiralty is inevitable.
While it is believed her Italy is making final preparations to enter the war, Rome dispatches continue somewhat contradictory. A majority agree, however, that Italy has decided on war and that German and Austrian ambassadors are preparing to leave Rome. On the other hand a message coming through Paris says Austria has offered Italy further inducements to remain neutral. A definite announcement is expected before the Italian Chamber of Deputies meets tomorrow.

### KING IMPROVES.

By Associated Press.
ATHENS, May 19.—Excepting for a troublesome cough King Constantine's condition is favorable. He is suffering with pleurisy.

### STEAMER TORPEDOED.

By Associated Press.
LONDON, May 19.—The British steamer Dumfried was torpedoed this morning, southwest of Bartland Point. The ship is still afloat. The crew was saved.

### STAFF REACHES FRONTIER.

By Associated Press.
PARIS, May 19.—Count Cadorna, Italian chief of staff, has arrived at Vicenza near the Austrian frontier, with his staff.

### FOOD QUESTION SERIOUS.

By Associated Press.
GENEVA, May 14.—There are nearly one million foreigners including many Americans, now in Switzerland who will receive protection if Italy enters war. The most important question concerns the food supply for more than five million people soon may be surrounded by walls of bayonets.

### ALLIES SILENCE FORT.

By Associated Press.
LONDON, May 19.—A press dispatch says the allies have silenced Turkish fortifications at Kilidbahr on the European side of the Dardanelles and says Nagara, on the Asiatic side opposite Kilidbahr will fall soon. Turks are rushing reinforcements to their positions along the Gulf of Smyrna.

### GERMAN LOSSES SEVERE.

By Associated Press.
GENEVA, May 19.—Servants with baggage bearing the monogram of Prince von Bulow, German ambassador to Italy arrived at Chiasso, Switzerland yesterday. Freight traffic between Italy and Germany through Switzerland has stopped. A Salonika message says the Germans have lost forty officers and six hundred sailors in the Dardanelles fighting in the past six days.

### CONSULS LEAVE ROME.

By Associated Press.
AMSTERDAM, May 19.—The Cologne Gazette says Austrian and German consul generals left Rome yesterday with their staffs.

### YPRES FIGHTING VIOLENT.

By Associated Press.
BERLIN, May 19.—(Official)—North of Ypres in Belgium the fighting is developing to our favor. On the Lorette Heights we took some enemy trenches.
The French attack on the Southern part of Neuville was defeated with heavy losses to the enemy.
In the Eastern theatre, North and South of Niemen, the fighting continues stubbornly.

### ITALIANS DEMAND WAR.

By Associated Press.
ROME, May 19.—Overwhelming evidence is noted here tonight that the whole Italian peoples are united in calling for war on Austria, whose offers of further concessions have not tended to improve the situation.
Apparently there are no faction in Italy now. Everybody is waiting for the action of the government, which will probably be tomorrow.
King Victor Emmanuel visited the barracks today unescorted. He was cheered everywhere.

### BRITISH TRAWLER SUNK

By Associated Press.
ABERDEEN, Scotland, May 19.—The British trawler Lucerne was sunk by a German submarine forty miles off Rattrayhead Wednesday. Crew landed safely.

## DELAY NOTE TO BRITIAN AWAIT GERMANS' REPLY

WILSON IS UNWILLING TO HAVE GERMAN CONTROVERSY COMPLICATED AT THIS STAGE

By Associated Press.
WASHINGTON, May 19.—The President will await a reply to his note to Germany before making further representations to the allies concerning their commercial embargo on Germany. It is stated authoritatively tonight that data regarding the detentions of American cargoes is incomplete and it may be that notes already under preparation will not be sent the allies.
Wilson is unwilling to have the situation with Germany complicated by correspondence with Great Britain. The controversy between Germany and the United States, it was pointed out, involves the safety of lives of Americans at sea and necessitates a prompt understanding, while the issues with England refer merely to property, and for which it requires time to collect data and in which no lives were lost or endangered.

## GRAND JURY IS PROBING SAN ANTONIO ELECTIONS

Caller-Herald Special.
SAN ANTONIO, May 19.—The grand jury has begun an investigation of alleged irregularities in the municipal primary of April 26. This is indicated by the presence in the jury ante-room of a number of men whose names were signed to the communications and affidavits lodged with Governor Ferguson at the time the Municipal League committee visited Austin.
The complaints, with the names of witnesses attached were forwarded to Assistant District Attorney John F. Onion, Jr., by Governor Ferguson, with the request that Mr. Onion lay the matter before the proper tribunal, the governor having refused to interfere.

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