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FIVE AMERICANS LOST ON VESSELS SUBMARINED OFF COAST OF ENGLAND

SHORTAGE OF TROOPS MAY FORCE FUNSTON TO ASK FOR MILITIA

Demands Pouring in From Three Border States For Protection From Mexicans, and Gardsmen Are Needed—Transportation Problem Serious.

SAN ANTONIO, March 25.—General Funston may be compelled to request more troops.

A flood of telegraphed demands for Federal troop protection poured in upon him today from communities near the Texas, Arizona, and New Mexico border.

As a result of this increasing pressure for soldiers, it was intimated at army headquarters, General Funston may soon recommend to the War Department that a call be issued for the National Guard of the three border States, to be used for border patrol duty.

Believing such action might alarm the Mexican people and render more difficult the task of the American expedition and Mexico's de facto government, Funston, it is known, has been reluctant to ask for the services of State militia.

General Funston early today, in response to repeated urgent requests from General Pershing that the Mexican Northwestern railroad be taken over and supply trains operated between El Paso and Casas Grandes, informed Pershing that authority from Washington to take such action has not been received.

It was frankly acknowledged about headquarters that permission is anxiously awaited.

With his line of communications reaching to Namiquipa on the southeast, El Valle to the south and possibly to Madera on the southwest, Pershing's need of a steady, certain, and rapid supply source is imperative.

The Mexico Northwestern offers an ideal solution of the transportation problem. Taking over of the road would almost certainly mean the transfer of the border base from Columbus to El Paso.

Reports of the killing of three Americans on Gibson's ranch near Columbus, N. M., by a band of 100 Villistas, were not confirmed. Major Sample, at Columbus, was urged today in an early dispatch to secure definite information as quickly as possible.

Feeling at El Paso is such that Sheriff Edwards may ask Governor Ferguson for a detachment of State troops to assist him in protecting the city from possible trouble with the Mexican population.

Villa Escapes Trap by Dividing His Forces

EL PASO, March 25.—Villa has escaped the trap formed by combined American and Carranza forces near Namiquipa.

With a large number of his followers the outlaw is believed to have reached the San Miguel country. Military officials expressed this belief when reports of a battle between American troops and Villa's band failed to materialize.

Villa has scattered his forces. A small number of his men may be surrounded in the Namiquipa district from which reports persistently come that the American expedition is closing in on bandits.

Another group of Villistas set fire to Janos, north of the American base in Mexico.

Reports of Villistas again crossing the border into New Mexico and killing two American women and one man, are unconfirmed and uncredited here. The trouble party who received the report from an American soldier.

The names of the three supposed to have been hatched by the Mexican bandits have not yet been learned. Their bodies have not been recovered.

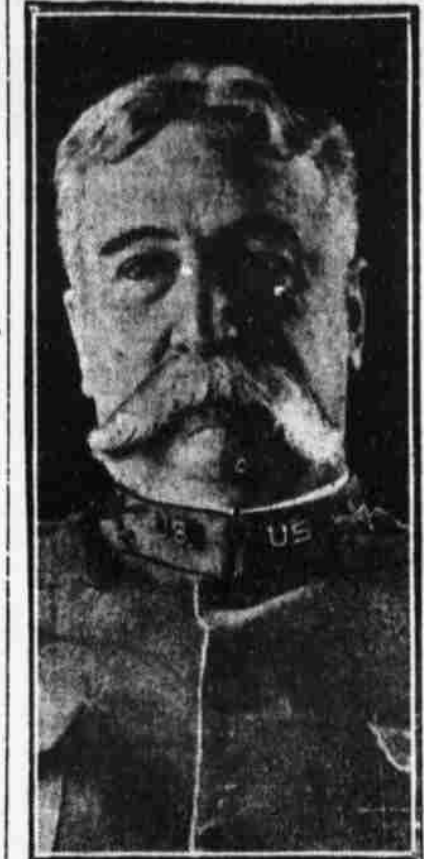
Another band of Villistas is believed to have been connected with the wreck of an American troop train south of Casas Grandes, where the Mexican Northwestern line is in General Pershing's hands.

The engine and several cars of cavalry re-enforcements for Namiquipa were overturned near the Cuernavaca Tunnel. There were no fatalities among the soldiers, but a number of cavalry horses were injured and had to be shot.

The remainder of the journey was made overland.

Gen. Luis Herrera, who rumored re-

Commander of Patrol
In District of El Paso



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FAVOR CIVIL SERVICE FOR D. C. EMPLOYEES

**Federal Commissioners Indorse
Tinkham Bill at Conference
With City Heads.**

The Civil Service Commission today strongly endorsed the Tinkham bill authorizing the President to place all District of Columbia employees under the civil service and classified service. The commission's endorsement was given after a two hours' conference held with Commissioners Newman and Kutz, and Congressman Tinkham, of Boston.

Naval Committee To Grill Daniels

**Secretary To Go Before Body
Next Week to Defend His
Administration.**

Secretary Daniels will go before the House Naval Affairs Committee next week to defend his administration of the Navy Department.

Members of the committee hostile to Mr. Daniels are expecting a lively session. They have warned the chief and have promised themselves and their friends a pleasurable time roasting him. Congressman Britton of Illinois and others of the committee have their questions all prepared.

The Secretary will be called on to answer every criticism aimed at him by the naval experts, and out of his own mouth his foes hope to pry the secret of the Navy should either be exposed or muzzled, or eliminated.

U. S. Permits Arms Cargo To Be Shipped to Mexico

Mexican Ambassador Designate Arredondo today arranged with Secretary Lansing for the release of a cargo of ammunition on the ship Monterey at New York.

The vessel was to have sailed for Vera Cruz yesterday, but was held up by customs authorities.

WIFE REPUDIATES HUSBAND HELD FOR POISONING PARENTS

**Mrs. Waite Now Declares, "I
Hate Him. I Want to See
Him Punished."**

TELLS HOW MOTHER DIED

**Says Accused Dentist Gave Her
Medicine, and She "Never
Woke Up."**

GRAND RAPIDS, Mich., March 25.—Corra Louise Peck Waite, wife of Dr. A. Warren Waite, who until yesterday was a staunch defender of her husband, turned against him today.

Up to Friday morning, Mrs. Waite had not been shown newspaper accounts of the tragedy and on Thursday through intimate friends she had tried to communicate with her husband by long distance telephone.

When confronted with the New York authorities' proof of her husband's purchase of arsenic and the existence of the "other woman" she broke down today.

"How could he have done it?" she sobbed. "Arthur, I hate him. I want to see him punished. He took from me my mother and father and they say he planned to kill me. I believe them. It is terrible."

She then told the story of the death of her mother.

"Mother was not feeling well the night before she died," she said. "She was restless, and after I had retired Arthur went into her room and gave her some medicine. Mother never woke up. She just slept until she died. I was in bed asleep when Arthur came in and awakened me. He told me mother had died. He was alone in the room with her at the time."

Mrs. Waite made a new will following her repudiation of her husband. In it she was cut off entirely. Steps already have been taken to tie up a joint bank account in the names of both Mr. and Mrs. Waite in New York.

Dr. Waite Sees Death In Chair in Poison Case

NEW YORK, March 25.—With Dr. Arthur Warren Waite, fashion-plate, von vibrant and globe trotter, a prisoner, (Continued on Page Twelve.)

CONTINUES CASE OF SUSPENDED POLICE

**Men Charged With Illegal Entry
Said to Elect Trial on
Charges.**

Unable to prepare their defense for trial today, Mason L. Howes and J. E. Elliot, suspended members of the police, were charged with unlawfully entering the home of Mrs. Rose Kennett, 28 Delaware avenue northeast, procured a continuance until next Wednesday in police court today.

Howes will be represented by Attorney A. A. Birney, and R. L. Williams, assistant in the office of the District Corporation Counsel, will defend Elliot.

Assistant District Attorney Ralph Given who will prosecute the case, agreed to a continuance.

The government's attorney will be advised Wednesday as to what mode of trial will be demanded by the accused officers. The men either can request a trial by jury or place their case before Judge James Fugh alone.

The defendants also are privileged to present a motion to quash the information, but it is understood that they will elect to go to trial on the charges preferred.

Explorer Marooned
Near the South Pole



SIR ERNEST SHACKLETON.

RELIEF SHIP TO GO AFTER SHACKLETON

**Hasty Preparation Made to
Search for the Marooned
Arctic Explorer.**

LONDON, March 25.—Hasty arrangements for the fitting out of a relief ship to go in search of Lieutenant Shackleton's Antarctic expedition were being made today, though the fate of Shackleton and other members of his party was in doubt.

The New Zealand authorities were urged by cable again to attempt wireless communication with the ship Aurora, which first reported the Shackleton party in peril.

The Aurora's wireless message was badly garbled in transmission.

Wife Is Confident.
Lady Shackleton and his explorer friends possess confidence that Lieutenant Shackleton and his men will return alive.

They believe Shackleton by this time, either has abandoned his attempt to cross the Pole, or is on the South Atlantic side, and is returning to Buenos Aires, or that he is already safely over the South Pole, and will soon join Captain McIntosh and his men at Cape Crozier.

Antarctic fowls will supply the party with food if their rations run short, Polar experts declare.

Only brief dispatches, telling of the disaster the Polar expedition, have reached London.

According to these dispatches, the Aurora broke adrift from her moorings last May during a violent blizzard.

Capt McIntosh with eight men, was ashore at that time conducting a geological and biological expedition.

The Aurora drifted northward in the pack ice for ten months, covering a distance of 1,200 miles. Her raider was snuffed out, but after drifting free of ice fields, the crew constructed a temporary steering gear.

Ship May Return.
Unless the damage to the Aurora was too severe, it is thought possible she may be in condition to return to the relief of the McIntosh party.

If a relief ship is fitted out at once, it may reach Cape Crozier and escape before winter at the South Pole, coming in June and July, across the ice barrier again. It is most probable, however, that no relief ship will reach the Cape until next December unless the Aurora is in shape to return.

Admit Trying to Poison His Wife

**Negro Pleads Guilty, Confessing
He Mixed Arsenic With
Blackberry Cordial.**

Charged with intent to kill his wife, Martha B. Brooks, by mingling arsenic with blackberry cordial, Harry B. Brooks, colored, pleaded guilty in the Police Court today, and was held for the grand jury in \$5,000 bond.

Brooks, who lives at 41 D street southeast, was arrested early today by Detectives Kinsley and Bradley, of the Tenth precinct.

Detective Kinsley says the woman brought him a bottle of wine several days ago. She told him, he says, that it had been sent her with a note, bearing the name of an old friend. Her suspicious was aroused before she drank any of it, and she asked the police to investigate.

The bottle of wine was analyzed by the District chemist, found to contain poison, and a sample was obtained for the arrest of Brooks, who has been separated from his wife.

U. S. OFFICIALS FEAR COMPLICATIONS OVER NEW U-BOAT ATTACK

**Renewal of Submarine Terrorism Indicates
Possible German Decision to Disregard
Promises to Warn Enemy Merchantmen,
Officials Admit.**

At least five American citizens are reported to have lost their lives in what appears to be a revival of Germany's campaign of submarine terrorism.

Four of these are reported missing from the British Dominion liner Englishman, which, an official dispatch to the State Department today asserts, was torpedoed off the British coast.

At least one more American is missing in the list of survivors from the British Channel steamer Sussex, reported to have been torpedoed off the French port of Dieppe. Elizabeth Baldwin, of Philadelphia, daughter of the man believed lost, was severely injured by the explosion.

CONFIRMATION LACKING.

Although official confirmation of the attack on the Sussex is lacking at the State Department, officials believe the reports to be true.

Gravest apprehension has resulted. It is realized that if investigation proves that the two ships, or either of them, met the fate of an unwarned attack, the most serious complications are likely to result.

It will mean, officials admit, that Germany, availing herself of the opportunity afforded by the complications of the Mexican situation, has definitely decided to cast to the winds all past promises to the United States, and to pursue relentlessly her intention of attacking all enemy merchantmen without warning, and regardless of the human freight they may be carrying.

Four U. S. Citizens Believed Killed On Liner Englishman

Official confirmation was received at the State Department today of the sinking of the British Dominion liner Englishman off the northern coast of England.

At least four American citizens, all members of the crew, are believed to have been killed. They are:

Peter McDonald, horse foreman, 53 Cherry street Boston.
P. Brinkley, horseman, address unknown.
M. A. Burke, horseman, address unknown.

George McDonald, trimmer, 37 Common, Lawrence, Mass.

The department made public the official text of a report from United States Consul Armstrong, at Bristol England in which the flat statement is made that the vessel, outward bound for Portland, Me., was torpedoed.

According to the British embassy here the Englishman was unarmed. The official report was as follows:

"The Dominion Line steamer Englishman (Continued on Second Page.)"

One American Lost On Channel Ship; Three Saw Torpedo

By JOHN H. HEARLEY,
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Aboard Steamer Sussex.

BOULOGNE (via Paris), March 25.—One of the twelve Americans known to have been aboard the channel liner Sussex, believed to have been torpedoed in crossing the channel yesterday afternoon, is missing and believed to be lost.

Elizabeth Baldwin, of Philadelphia, severely injured and her father reported lost.

Three American passengers agree that they saw a torpedo.

It is estimated that fifty of the 200 passengers lost their lives, though it is possible some were picked up and taken into other ports.

The Sussex left Folkestone shortly after noon yesterday under excellent weather conditions, and was nearing the French port of Dieppe when she was struck. I was conversing with other Americans among my fellow-passengers when an explosion suddenly shook the whole ship.

Lifeboat Destroyed.
One of the Sussex's lifeboats was blown off by the force of the explosion, and splinters sent hurtling high into the air. At the same time a fountain of water dashed over the side of the ship.

It was about 4:30 o'clock when the Sussex was struck. Many passengers were standing near the rail watching the outline of the French coast when the explosion rocked the Sussex.

Several were hurled violently into the water and it was among these that the casualties occurred.

Boats were put over the side at once but I was told that several persons who were standing near the rail previous to the explosion were not picked up.

The Sussex listed badly immediately after the explosion and it was feared for a few minutes that she was about to sink. As the steamer settled, panic broke out aboard, particularly among the women and children. Officers ran about calming the passengers, and in a few minutes the vessel appeared to right herself.

The survivors remained aboard the Sussex until 11 o'clock last night when most of them were taken off by the Theresa. We were landed here early today.

The explosion occurred forward of the ship, wounding many persons. The wireless house was shattered, and for this reason it was impossible to summon

THE WIFE OF VILLA THE WOMAN WHO WAITS

Juanita Villa, the wife of the man for whose capture an American army is in the field, has an American home, and American friends. What she is like and what happened when the search for her bandit husband began is told most entertainingly tomorrow in

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