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Along a Battle Front of Twenty-five Miles—Germans Claim to Have Made Important Advances—French War Office Describes the Battle as One of Increasing Intensity—In Preparation for Attack the Teutons Bombarded the French Positions With Thousands of Shells—Considerable Fighting on the Russian, Austrian and Italian Fronts, With No Momentous Gains.

Troops belonging to seven German army corps under Crown Prince Frederick William are engaged along a twenty-five mile front north of Verdun in a desperate effort to drive back the French defending forces, probably with the capture of the great fortress of Verdun in view.

The German preparations were extensive and the bombardment of the French positions with thousands of shells was unintermitted. As the French had foreseen this battle, all their available guns were called into action and responded in kind to the heavy shelling of the Germans.

OPPOSE STATE CENSORSHIP OF MOTION PICTURE FILMS

Hearing Before New York Assembly Codes Committee at Albany.

Albany, N. Y., Feb. 23.—Organized opposition to the bill designed to establish a state censorship of all motion picture films, was voiced by every branch of the motion picture industry at a hearing before the assembly codes committee convention today.

DEATH LIST OF MILFORD WRECK STANDS AT TEN

Coroner Mix Intimates That He Might Make His Finding Public Today.

New Haven, Conn., Feb. 23.—Coroner Mix tonight practically completed his secret investigation of the wreck on the New York and New Haven and Hartford railroad at Milford yesterday, in which ten persons lost their lives and over 60 were injured.

OPPOSING ASSIGNMENT OF DIPLOMATS TO MEXICO

Republican Senators Insist That the Time is Not Yet Ripe.

Washington, Feb. 23.—President Wilson's nomination of Henry Fletcher as ambassador to Mexico, opposed by some republican senators who insist that the time is not ripe for assignment of a diplomatic representative to the Carranza government, was favorably reported to the senate today by the foreign relations committee.

PASSENGERS ON NEW YORK EXPRESS SHAKEN UP

When One of the Piston Rods on the Engine Snapped in Two.

Wallington, Conn., Feb. 23.—Passengers on express train No. 53 from Boston to New York via New Haven and Hartford railroad were given a scare and shaking up tonight when one of the piston rods on the engine snapped in two. The engine sped along the falls for a quarter of a mile before the engineer could bring his train to a stop.

ANOTHER ITALIAN STEAMER WITH GUNS MOUNTED

Arrived at New York Last Night—Sighted No Submarines.

New York, Feb. 23.—Another Italian steamship, the San Guglielmo, arrived tonight from Genoa and Naples with two 2-inch guns mounted on her deck. She is the fifth armed Italian liner to arrive here recently.

GREAT BRITAIN FEELING PINCH OF DYESTUFF SHORTAGE

Manufacturers of Clothing Have Turned to Elementary Colors.

Washington, Feb. 23.—Consular despatches received here today told how Great Britain as well as the United States is feeling the pinch of a dyestuff shortage. Prices are soaring and vast quantities of goods are accumulating to be dyed, the reports said.

CARDINAL MERCIER LEAVES ROME TODAY

To Return to Belgium by Way of Switzerland.

Rome, Feb. 23, 1 p. m. via Paris, 6:40 p. m.—Cardinal Mercier, primate of Belgium, will leave tomorrow for home by way of Switzerland. He was received in farewell audience today by Pope Benedict, who told the cardinal that his Easter prayers would be for Belgium.

Movements of Steamships.

Oran, Feb. 18.—Arrived: Steamer Paris, New York for Naples. Liverpool, Feb. 23.—Arrived: Steamer Cameronia, New York for Glasgow.

Cabled Paragraphs

Bad Weather in North Holland. Amsterdam, Feb. 23.—via Holland, 4:29 p. m.—Bad weather last night aggravated the situation in North Holland caused by the recent floods.

HOWARD ELLIOTT BEFORE COMMERCE COMMISSION

Testifies That Separation of Rail and Water Lines Would Be Detrimental.

Boston, Feb. 23.—In support of the application of the New York, New Haven and Hartford Railroad Company for the retention of its steamship lines to the island of South America, Howard Elliott, testified before the Interstate Commerce Commission today.

Charges Reiterated by Grotton Man Heavily Guarded

RICHARD SCHELLENS REFUTES DENIALS FROM BERLIN

ARRIVES IN NEW YORK

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New York, Feb. 23.—Richard Schellens of Grotton, Conn., who has been serving in Serbia as a member of the Red Cross, arrived here today on the steamship Lusitania from Liverpool and in the face of denials from Berlin continued in today's despatches, reiterated the charges he made in London on February 2, that the Bulgarians were opposed to having American and other refugees in Macedonia. He declared it was evident Bulgaria was determined to exterminate Serbia as a nation.

Condensed Telegrams

Dr. Cyrus Adler was elected president of the Jewish Historical Society.

A revolutionary outbreak in Hunan was suppressed and the leaders executed.

John M. Bailey, former congressman and American consul, died at his home at Albany, N. Y., aged 78.

Wen Pin Pan, a Chinese, was elected captain of the soccer team of the University of Minnesota for 1916.

Russia is negotiating with Japan for the purchase of several warships captured in the Russo-Japanese war.

Damage of \$100,000 was caused when Gray's Inn, a large summer hotel at Jackson, Miss., was burned to the ground, ordered by the post office.

Fifty students of De Paul University, Green Castle, Ind., were suspended for breaking the college rule against dancing.

Fifty-five persons were killed, forty-nine injured, and thirty persons are missing as the result of an avalanche in the Salzburg Alps.

W. H. Hughes, Prime Minister of Australia, said at Buffalo, that Australia will send 300,000 more troops to aid Great Britain this year.

Oscar Wunsch, president of the U.S. War Manufacturing Company of Pawtucket, was found dead on the Harlow Road yesterday morning.

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STRIKE AT BRIDGEPORT REMINGTON PLANT OVER

Announcement Made Following Conference Yesterday Afternoon.

Bridgeport, Conn., Feb. 23.—Following a conference this afternoon with Major Walter G. Penfield and other officials of the Remington Arms and Ammunition Company, the strikers and co-workers announced tonight that they would return to work on Thursday.

MRS. ROWE DENIES SHE PADDED PAYROLL

Hearing on Graft Charges of Chicago Woman.

Chicago, Feb. 23.—The city civil service commission today ordered the payroll of the department of public works to be audited by the city auditor.

INTERNAL REVENUE OF LOWER MANHATTAN ISLAND.

Collectors for Year Ending June 30 Were Over \$35,000,000.

New York, Feb. 23.—John Z. Lowe, Jr., internal revenue collector of the district comprising the lower part of Manhattan Island, estimated today that the internal revenue collections for that district for the year ending June 30 would amount to \$35,000,000, possibly \$40,000,000.

EXECUTIVE SESSION OF HOUSE NAVAL COMMITTEE TODAY

Rear Admiral Badger Will Disclose Dangers That Confront the Nation.

Washington, Feb. 23.—International considerations which moved the navy board to change its time-honored policy of not disclosing the details of the United States navy should be the strongest factor by not later than 1923, the navy secretary announced today.

DEMURRER FILED BY NEW HAVEN ROAD

To Amend Bill Brought by Certain Stockholders to Recover \$102,000,000.

Boston, Feb. 23.—The New York, New Haven and Hartford railroad company today filed a demurrer to amended bill brought by certain stockholders to recover \$102,000,000.

VOLUNTARY MILITARY TRAINING AT WESLEYAN.

100 Students Enrolled for Signal Corps, Machine Gun and Infantry Drill.

Middleton, Conn., Feb. 23.—The Wesleyan alumni council today announced the appointment of a committee to investigate the possibility of developing the plan of a voluntary military training at Wesleyan.

ARRESTED ON SUSPICION OF BEING JEAN CRONES.

Sayre, Pa., Holding Man Pending a Complete Description.

Sayre, Pa., Feb. 23.—A man who the police claim answers the description of Jean Cronos, wanted in Chicago on charges of having poisoned the soup provided at the University club banquet, was arrested here today.

FREIGHT CARS TOPPLED OVER AT WAREHOUSE POINT.

Two Cars Split a Switch on a Siding and Jumped the Track.

Windsor Locks, Conn., Feb. 23.—Two freight cars on a long train on the New York, New Haven and Hartford railroad split a switch on a siding tonight and jumped the rails.

BRITISH STEAMER WESTBURN IS NOW A GERMAN PRIZE.

Has Put in at the Canary Islands For Repairs—Flying German Flag.

London, Feb. 23, 10:25 p. m.—A despatch received from Santa Cruz, Tenerife, Canary Islands, says the British steamer Westburn, which was captured for repairs flying the German flag and with a prize crew of seven men, is now a German prize.

ABOARD AMERICAN SHIP

American Consul at Shanghai Sends a Partial Report.

Washington, Feb. 23.—The American consul at Shanghai, China, today submitted a partial report to the state department regarding the seizure of thirty Germans aboard the American steamship China by a British warship.

WHEAT CROP INJURED BY FROSTS AND FLOODS.

Fully One-third of Crop in Illinois Has Been Killed.

Springfield, Ill., Feb. 23.—Fully one-third of the wheat crop of Illinois has been killed this winter by frosts and heavy rain, it appeared at the immigration office at Calais, Me., and applied for admission to the United States.

WOULD FURTHER DIVEST N. H. ROAD Massachusetts Public Service Commission Sends Report to the Legislature

ONLY ESSENTIAL PARTS OF SYSTEM ALLOWED

Recommendations Call for the Eventual Relinquishment of All Real Estate and Other Property Not Used for Railroad Purposes—Commission Held That the New Haven Road Could Retain Interests in Its Steamship Companies "Provided the Consent of the Interstate Commission Was Secured."

Disposal of Rutland Railroad.

Disposal of the Rutland Railroad company stock should be required within three years of the date of the sale of the railroad.

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HEARING ON MILK RATES IN NEW ENGLAND

Wholesale Dealer Says B. & M. Should Have Made \$30,000.

Boston, Feb. 23.—At the resumption today of the investigation by the Interstate Commerce Commission of milk rates in New England, counsel for a wholesale dealer claimed that the Boston & Maine railroad instead of carrying milk last year at a loss of \$121,000 should have had a surplus of \$30,000 on this business.

Mr. Hall drew from Professor Cunningham the statement that the charge in the computation included \$137,000 for the cost of locomotives and overhead expenses which the witness considered should be apportioned to the milk service.

APPEALS FOR PAROLE OF 14 LABOR LEADERS

Serving Sentences in Leavenworth Penitentiary for Dynamite Conspiracy.

Washington, Feb. 23.—Appeals for the parole of 14 of the labor leaders serving sentences in Leavenworth penitentiary for the dynamite conspiracy, of which the destruction of the Los Angeles Times building was the climax, were considered today by the parole board.

FOUR FINGER PRINTS ON BEER BOTTLE

Completes Chain of Evidence in Murder of Miss Julia Heilner.

New York, Feb. 23.—Four finger prints on the beer bottle which was used in the murder of Miss Julia Heilner in Brooklyn in April, 1915, were recovered by the Chicago police, completing the chain of evidence implicating Joseph P. Hanel, the woman's husband.

CHICAGO WOMAN SAYS CRONES HAS LEFT COUNTRY

Sends Letter to Chief Biskaski of the Bureau of Investigation.

Washington, Feb. 23.—Chief Biskaski of the Bureau of Investigation, department of justice, today received a letter from a woman in Chicago, declaring she has knowledge that Jean Cronos, wanted in Chicago on charges of attempting to poison several hundred persons at a banquet in that city, has left the country and is now on the high seas.

SHORTAGE OF LONGSHOREMEN KEENLY FELT AT LIVERPOOL

Outgoing Steamers Forced to Delay Sailing Dates.

Liverpool, Feb. 23, 2:07 p. m.—Difficulty in getting a sufficiency of labor to load outgoing steamers and other considerations have necessitated a postponement of the sailing dates of several trans-Atlantic mail boats.

OBITUARY

Miss Adele M. Fields.

Seattle, Wash., Feb. 23.—Miss Adele M. Fields, author, lecturer and missionary, died here today. She was 72 years old.

Miss Fields' activities included writing a dictionary of the Saxtons River, a compilation of Chinese fairy tales, biology on which she was an authority, and a number of other books. She was the study of ants, and active participation in equal suffrage affairs.