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BATTLE OF VERDUN AGAIN IN FULL SWING

Heavy Offensive of Germans is Meeting With Strong Opposition by the French

VIOLENT ATTACKS BY TEUTONIC INFANTRY

French War Office Reports All Attacks Were Put Down, With Severe Losses to the Enemy—Northeast of St. Mihiel the French Guns Have Been Worked Effectively Against the German Positions—In the Steppois Region of Alsace a Heavy Artillery Duel Has Been in Progress—British Along the Ypres Canal Have Retaken 800 Yards of Trenches Lost Feb. 14—Situation Unchanged in Russia and on the Austro-Italian Front.

The Germans have resumed their heavy offensive in the region of Verdun, with the French everywhere strongly opposing it. While over most of the front from the east of the Meuse down into the Western region the German big guns have been active around Douaumont, the Teutons launched several infantry attacks of extreme violence. These the French war office declares, were put down by the French troops, whose fire dominated the enemy ranks. Le Mort Homme, the Col du Poivre and the Douaumont sector particularly have suffered heavy bombardment.

Northeast of St. Mihiel the French guns have been worked effectively against the German positions. In Alsace in the region of Steppois a heavy artillery duel has been in progress.

HARVESTER CO. SUBMITS DAILY AND MONTHLY BALANCES To Senate Committee Handling the Sial Investigation.

Washington, March 2.—Charges that the International Harvester company had attempted to prevent the Continental and Commercial National Bank of Chicago from lending money to help finance the Mexican canal project followed today by placing in evidence in the senate's sial investigation a statement of the company's daily balances and monthly averages at the bank for the last three years.

The average balance for November, 1915, when Sol. Wexler, then a New Orleans banker, was negotiating with Arthur Reynolds, vice president of the bank, was \$1,276,600. It was then, Wexler charged, that Reynolds said Cyrus H. McCormick, president of the Harvester company, had threatened to withdraw the company's business if the bank gave aid to the financial project. The next month, December, 1915, the average balance was \$198,300. In January, 1916, it was \$43,100.

A telegram received from the Harvester company declared that its account had been withdrawn from the bank and accounted for its reduction as follows:

"Last week in December, 1915, institution mentioned offered to sell us \$479,000 par value our notes at two and interest on the Hartford and New York company, Mr. Goodrich said. He added that the company, which originally conducted the line, failed without paying a single cent, on the dollar."

GOODRICH TESTIFIES AT NEW HAVEN HEARING Says Boats Must Tie Up if Separated From New Haven Road.

Boston, March 2.—The Hartford and New York Transportation company would be forced to tie its boats to the docks at New York, Bridgeport and Hartford if the Interstate Commerce Commission should compel its separation from the New Haven road. This statement made by Charles C. Goodrich, vice president of the transportation company, who appeared today at the closing session in this city of the commission's inquiry into the petition of the New York and New Haven Railroad for retention of its Sound steamship lines, was in reply to a question from the commission as to what would happen if the railroad's plea were denied.

No independent steamship company could run successfully on the routes now covered by the Hartford and New York company, Mr. Goodrich said. He added that the company, which originally conducted the line, failed without paying a single cent, on the dollar.

ROOSEVELT HAS NO INTENTION OF ENTERING PRIMARY CONTEST Has So Informed Secretary of State Stevenson of Illinois.

Springfield, Ill., March 2.—Secretary of State Stevenson received a letter today from John W. McGrath, secretary to Theodore Roosevelt, stating that Mr. Roosevelt "has no intention of filing a petition as a candidate in the primary of any party in Illinois."

The letter was in reply to one written by Mr. Stevenson asking if it was Mr. Roosevelt's intention to permit the use of his name as a presidential candidate in the spring primaries.

RURAL MAIL CARRIER AND HIS WIFE KILLED. Their Automobile Collided With Maine Central Passenger Train.

Thomaston, Me., March 2.—Bart S. Smalley, a rural mail carrier, and his wife were killed today when their automobile collided with a Maine Central passenger train near Georges River station. At that point the highway takes a sharp dip to the level of the railroad and on the ice-covered surface it is said the machine became unmanageable and skidded against the train when Mr. Smalley set his brakes and attempted to stop at the crossing.

Cabled Paragraphs

British Recruiting Proclamation.

London, March 2, 2:04 a. m.—A proclamation will be issued Sunday calling upon April 7, married men between the ages of 19 and 27 years.

Queen Mother Elizabeth of Rumania Dead.

London, March 2, 10:30 p. m.—A Bucharest despatch received by Reuters a wireless message from King Ferdinand, says that the Queen Mother Elizabeth of Rumania (Carmen Sylvia) died this morning.

RUMORED CAPTURE OF GERMAN SEA RAIDER

Word Comes From Buenos Aires—Report Not Confirmed.

Buenos Aires, March 2.—Press dispatches from Montevideo say that a steamer arriving from Europe intercepted near the coast of Brazil a wireless message from the German cruiser captured by the British auxiliary cruiser Moeve. The Moeve, it is said, was taken by the British cruiser to the island of Trinidad. There is some doubt, however, as to the identity of the German vessel reported to have been captured. Another wireless message from Montevideo says the American steamer Santa Barbara has arrived at Montevideo, here called the German mine caller. A French cruiser which put out from Dakar, on the West coast of Africa, encountered a German raider, name not given and opened fire on her. Under cover of the darkness the German ship got away. She was damaged, however, on her upper works by the French fire.

Trinidad Has Heard Nothing.

Port of Spain, Trinidad, March 2.—Nothing is known here concerning the reported capture of the German raider Moeve.

5,000 CUSTOM TAILORS ON STRIKE IN NEW YORK For Higher Wages and Abolition of Sunday Work and Open Shop.

New York, March 2.—Five thousand custom tailors, many of whom were employed in Fifth avenue shops, struck today for higher wages and the abolition of Sunday work and the so-called open shop. The strikers said tonight that they expected 15,000 other workers to join the strike by Saturday, and that there was a possibility of the strike spreading to the 150,000 custom tailors belonging to the union throughout the country.

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St. Johns, N. F., March 2.—The British oil tanker steamer the San Onofre, which, with her coal supply exhausted, has been drifting for two days toward the ice fields off the coast, was picked up today by the Astubula, also a British oil tanker. A wireless message to this effect from the San Onofre added that the vessels were proceeding to this port, where they expected to arrive about noon tomorrow.

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IN BILL AGREED UPON BY HOUSE MILITARY COMMITTEE

170,000 REGULAR ARMY

425,000 for National Guard Within Five Years and 100,000 Men to be Enrolled as Federal Volunteers—Ready to be Submitted.

Washington, March 2.—Final agreement was reached by the house military committee late today on its bill for the increase of the army and it will be reported unanimously to the house early next week. In round figures the measure would authorize the formation of an army composed of regulars, national guardsmen and federal volunteers with a total peace strength of approximately 700,000 men.

Division of Troops.

It provides for a maximum strength of 170,000 fighting troops for the regular army, for a minimum of 425,000 for the national guard within five years and for organization of federal volunteers through an extension of a summer training camp idea. It is estimated that the army can be enrolled in the latter force.

Industrial and Technical Reserves.

The bill retains provision for organization of industrial and technical reserves to be behind the fighting lines and authorizes the creation of a board of officers to control an industrial mobilization in time of war or imminence of war. It also provides that manufacturers and other materials must give immediate preference to government orders in war time or when there is a danger of their being needed for the war.

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FOR MURDER OF H. B. CASE AT BARKHAMSTED

HANGED THIS A. M.

Both Men Went to the Gallows Calmly and Neither Made a Statement—Both Men Spent Their Last Hours in Prayer.

Wethersfield, Conn., March 2.—Isaac N. Williams of Bridgeport, and Harry E. Roe of Foughkeapele, N. Y., were hanged in the state prison here early today for the murder of County Commissioner Herbert B. Case at Barkhamsted in November, 1914.

Both Men Were Calm.

Both men went to the gallows calmly and neither made a statement. Williams was the first to be executed. Accompanied by Rev. William H. H. entered the death chamber at 12:06:02. At 12:06:22 the prison guards had strapped him, placed the death cap over his face and sprung the trap. At 12:12:00 he was pronounced dead and the body was lowered in the coffin and removed.

Spent Last Hours in Prayer.

Williams' body was claimed by relatives and the state claimed Roe's body. Both men spent their last day on earth quietly and their last hours were occupied in prayer with their spiritual advisors.

Story of the Crime.

The crime for which Roe and Williams paid the penalty of the law was committed Nov. 28, 1914, in the little general store of Mr. Case at Barkhamsted. Mr. Case, who was a county commissioner, former town treasurer and postmaster, was alone at the time, preparing to close the store for the night. The two men, whose motive was robbery, entered the store and beat Mr. Case severely with an iron wagon axle that he held the next day without regaining consciousness.

Williams Attempted Suicide.

A few weeks after the murder Williams and Roe were linked with the crime, as they had been seen together near the store on the night in question. Williams was arrested in Bridgeport Jan. 15, 1915. Roe at that time was in jail at Foughkeapele, serving a sentence for burglary. The trial began in Hartford, Conn., on Feb. 1, 1915, and lasted 15 days, during which time Williams attempted to commit suicide by cutting the veins of his wrists. The jury's verdict was guilty in the first degree, and the pair were sentenced to be hanged Dec. 8. A stay of sentence was secured, however, and this week the board of pardons held a special hearing at which both men swore they were innocent. They claimed they were in Foughkeapele on the night of the murder.

NEGRO DELEGATES TO CALL ANOTHER STATE CONVENTION

Not Satisfied With Representation Accorded Them in Kentucky.

Lexington, Ky., March 2.—Negro delegates to the republican state convention, which was held at Louisville, yesterday, announced today upon their arrival here that they would call another state convention within the next thirty days to select an entirely new delegation at large, consisting of only four members.

BRITISH RELEASE AN INTERNED AMERICAN.

Ulric Parker of Brownsville, Tex., Has Been Held Since Last June.

London, March 2, 2:24 p. m.—Ulric Parker of Brownsville, Tex., who has been interned since last June near Edinburgh, has been released by the British government.

BRITISH DESTROYER VIKING WAS BLOWN UP BY MINE

All Aboard, Numbering About 70, Were Lost.

New York, March 2.—The British destroyer Viking was blown up by a mine about Jan. 9 and all of her officers and crew, numbering about 70, were lost today. The vessel, which reached here in a letter to relatives of the commander, Thomas Christopher Williams. No previous indication that the Viking had been destroyed has come from the war zone.

ARRANGING FOR A NICARAGUAN RAILWAY.

Sale of Wharf and Terminal to Americans Sanctioned by the Congress.

San Juan del Sur, Nicaragua, March 2.—Both chambers of congress have sanctioned the sale by the government of the wharf and adjacent land at San Juan del Sur to American interests for the construction of a railroad from this city to Granada, on condition that the railway be completed within four years. The railroad company is also to build a larger wharf at Granada.

Condensed Telegrams

The fourth German loan will be unlimited.

Russia has expended 8,000,000,000 rubles on the war in 1915.

Copper exports from Atlantic ports during February amounted to 29,868 tons.

United States Mints during February turned out 5,830,000 coins, worth \$5,935,590.

Governor Fielder of New Jersey signed the bill creating a State budget system.

Three German steamships arrived at Malmö, Sweden, to transport 10,000 horses to Germany.

Thirteen persons were killed by an avalanche in Stelvio Pass, on the border of Tyrol and Italy.

Thirty delegates from the United States, to the Evangelical Congress at Lima, Peru, arrived there.

Uncompleted war orders amounting to \$85,000,000 are held by the Winchester Repeating Arms Co.

There are now at the state prison in Wethersfield 656 inmates, a greater number by 23 than ever before.

The British tank steamer Spirax was burnt to the water's edge in the Manchester, England, ship canal.

Many wounded soldiers about Verdun have been drowned by the waters of the Meuse and Orne rivers.

By the vote of 11 to 7, the House committee on insular affairs ordered a favorable report on the Philippine bill.

The building of the New Jersey Merchant Marine at Hoboken, N. J., was destroyed by fire at a loss of \$1,000.

Crown Prince Frederick William will be made a field marshal of the German army if he succeeds in capturing Verdun.

A report from Vienna states that Germany and Austria are planning to establish an independent kingdom in Poland.

Twenty-four persons lost their lives in accidents in New York city during February.

Juan T. Burns, Mexican Consul at Galveston, has been appointed Consul General at New York, succeeding Dr. Alfredo Castrely.

The United States Scout cruiser Birmingham and seven torpedo boat destroyers arrive at San Juan, Porto Rico, for manoeuvres.

Receipts for duties at the New York Custom House in February amounted to \$14,095,654, the largest for any month during the war.

The crew of the Swedish steamer Torborg, sunk by an Austrian submarine in the Mediterranean, has been landed at Leghorn, Italy.

Wednesday was the last day for the voluntary enlistment of single men for the British army. There was no rush of recruiting, as expected.

Secretary Redfield reinstated Robert Field and Charles E. Kilfill, suspended as steamboat inspectors in connection with the Eastland disaster.

The striking employees of the General Ordnance company, Derby, met and appointed a committee to present their demands to the company.

Former Mayor Oliver B. Munroe, of Merose, aged 59, for many years a financial and textile editor, died of a brain ailment at Melrose Highlands, Mass.

A committee from the Department of Labor will be sent to Alaska to act as arbitrators in the strike of the employees of the Government railroad there.

Total production of iron in the United States in 1915 amounted to 10,862,213 tons, according to a report of the American Iron and Steel Institute.

The appointment of Prof. Ernesto Quesada of the University of Brazil, as professor of Latin American history and economics at Harvard was announced.

The body of Dwight F. Mallory, athlete and clubman of Baltimore, who has been missing for several weeks, was found in Chesapeake Bay, near Rock Hall, Md.

The condition of Dr. James B. Angell, aged president emeritus of the University of Michigan, who is critically ill at Ann Arbor, Mich., was slightly improved.

Returned Australian soldiers will be granted land by the government of New South Wales, which will also loan money to the soldiers to buy stock and farming implements.

Traffic among islands in the Philippines is seriously hampered by the withdrawal of a number of coastwise trading vessels which have entered the foreign trade service.

Rev. William Albert Smith, who recently resigned the pastorate of the Second Baptist church at Suffield, Ct., has accepted a call to become pastor of the First Baptist church of Hebron, Me.

Colonel Walter H. Taylor, well known throughout the south, died of pneumonia at his home in Norfolk, Va., aged 74 years. He was adjutant to General Lee in the Civil War and served in every campaign with Lee.

E. J. Burkett of Lincoln, Neb., former United States senator, filed with the Iowa secretary of state his affidavit of candidacy for the republican nomination for vice president of the United States.

Nine hundred employees of the John B. Steeple plant in Philadelphia went on strike, demanding the reinstatement of a discharged employee. The men claim that they were discharged for trying to organize the workers.

Louis Bianchetti, accused of strangling a woman in a hotel in Cleveland, O., was convicted of manslaughter, the jury returning a verdict after six hours' deliberation. He was charged with first degree murder.

The production of copper in the United States last year exceeded all previous records.

Great Non-Partisan Debate in Senate

NOW CERTAIN PRESIDENT WILL BE SUSTAINED

ON AMERICANS' RIGHTS

Washington, March 2.—Out of a stirring day's developments in President Wilson's fight with congress, the administration forces in the senate tonight emerged with pledges of enough votes to kill Senator Gore's resolution to way to Americans of armed ships of European belligerents and to restrict that congress stands behind the president in his negotiations with Germany.

Action in the senate, it is believed, will be followed promptly by stiffening of sentiment in the house against the president's decision on the matter.

Great Non-Partisan Debate.

In one of the greatest non-partisan debates the senate has seen in years, Chairman Stone of the foreign relations committee declared he was not

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DECISION IN CASE OF BRITISH LINER APPAM

Sent by State Department to German Ambassador.

Washington, March 2.—The state department today sent to Count Von Bernstorff, the German ambassador, its decision in the case of the British liner Appam, which was captured by a German raider and brought into American waters. Announcement of the contents will be withheld at the request of counsel for the German government, pending a decision in the libel action brought by agents of the original British owners in the federal court at Norfolk.

Consequently, the court will be allowed to interpret the Prussian-American treaty, which is claimed by Germany to provide that a German prize may remain in American waters indefinitely, with immunity from legal proceedings instituted by the original owners in an attempt to regain possession of the ship. In awaiting an interpretation of the treaty by the courts the state department is acting in accordance with precedents.

The executive branch of the government always has refrained from interfering with a judiciary in such cases.

It is believed the case of the Appam ultimately will reach the supreme court, no matter what may be the decision in the federal court. However, the court decide, however, that it has no jurisdiction in the matter, the decision of the department may be made public immediately.

The communication to the ambassador was in reply to a note sent by him to Secretary Lansing protesting against the libel suit asking that the court be informed that under the terms of the treaty such action was improper.

The case of the Appam is expected to come before the court in November, 1918.

BATTLESHIP PENNSYLVANIA COMPLETES ACCEPTANCE TRIALS

In Some Respects Has Exceeded Expectations.

Newport News, Va., March 2.—The new battleship Pennsylvania returned to the ship yard here tonight after completing her acceptance trials off the Atlantic coast. Her builders announced that she had successfully met all tests and in some respects had exceeded the expectations.

The Pennsylvania's acceptance trials, in addition to making 21.75 knots against required 21 knots in her speed trials, made 21.8 knots on England, had averaged 21.65 knots on her twelve hour run off the Virginia capes, handling herself well despite a heavy sea. She consumed 15,500 tons of fuel oil in the test, which was with a margin of more than 15 per cent.

The navy trial board left for Washington tonight to report. Officials of the ship yard expected the vessel to be turned over to the government in about two months.

GEN. BENJAMIN ARGUEMEDO EXECUTED AT DURANGO.

Was Leader of Opposition to the De Facto Government.

El Paso, Tex., March 2.—Gen. Benjamin Arguedo, leader of the opposition to the de facto government in Durango and the Laguna districts, was executed after court martial at Durango City yesterday, according to a despatch received today from General Murguía, military commander of Durango state, by the Mexican consulate here.

The consulate received an official despatch from Mexico City stating that Zapata forces, defeated at Umalas, Puebla, are dividing into small groups. Gen. Arnolfo Gonzales, it was stated, had been named governor of Durango state.

"It is ridiculous on all sides that Felix Diaz is in Oaxaca," the despatch added.

Official denials of operations by adherents of Felix Diaz in the Douglas district, Sonora, made by the Mexican consul at Douglas, Ariz.

CHARGED WITH DOUBLE MURDER IN ANSONIA.

Antonio and Joseph Dora Held in New York For Extradition.

Elizabeth, N. J., March 2.—Charged with a double murder in Ansonia, Conn., Antonio and Joseph Dora, brothers, and Camilla Montalban were held here today to wait extradition proceedings. They were arrested last night upon information furnished by the Ansonia authorities. Lieutenant Downey of the Hartford police identified the three men today. They also alleged to have fatally shot Domenico and Paola Montalban on January 8.

The police say Camilla Montalban told them that her shoemaker because he had killed his brother.