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HEAVY BATTLES TO THE NORTH OF VERDUN

German Infantry Employed Liquid Fire in Vicious Attack Against the French Front

TEUTONS REPULSED BY FRENCH CURTAIN OF FIRE

A Fresh German Division, Brought Up From Some Remote Point, Participated in the Operations—Attacking Forces Suffered Heavy Casualties—Berlin Reports Repulse of French Who Attacked the Village of Vieux—Petrograd Announces Capture of German Trenches in the Lake Narocz Region—Russians Also Have Made Gains Against Austrians in Galicia.

Heavy battles have been in progress northwest and northeast of Verdun and on the northern part of the Russian front, where the Russians are keeping up their strong offensive against the Germans. In all these zones the losses have been large, while the changes in position have been relatively unimportant.

W. J. BRYAN OPENS CAMPAIGN IN NEBRASKA

Speaking in Favor of a State Prohibition Amendment.

Lincoln, Neb., March 20.—William Jennings Bryan here tonight opened the campaign in Nebraska, speaking in favor of a state prohibition amendment. Mayor Charles W. Bryan, of Lincoln, brother of the former secretary of state, is a candidate for a democratic nomination for governor.

NEWLY CONSTRUCTED HAT FACTORY AT DANBURY BURNED

Total Loss About \$30,000—One Hundred Persons Thrown Out of Work.

Danbury, Conn., March 20.—The Finson-Doyle hat factory in North street was practically destroyed by a late tonight. The building, a three story frame structure, was also occupied by John H. Fairbanks and John Malcolm. The total loss is estimated at \$30,000. About 100 persons will be thrown out of employment temporarily.

CHANGE OF VENUE GRANTED WILL H. ORPET.

Accused of Killing Marian Frances Lambert in Chicago.

Waukegan, Ill., March 20.—Will H. Orpet, University of Wisconsin student, accused of killing Marian Frances Lambert, was granted a change of venue today from Judge C. S. Edwards of Waukegan, to another judge of the same circuit.

FINAL COTTON GINNING REPORT OF CENSUS BUREAU

11,183,182 Five Hundred Pound Bales Exclusive of Linters.

Washington, March 20.—The final cotton ginning report of the census bureau issued today shows 11,183,182 running bales, or 11,183,182 steamer bales, of 1915 crop. Those figures are recorded as the official statistics of production for the crop.

OBITUARY.

C. J. H. Woodbury, Lynn, Mass., March 20.—C. J. H. Woodbury, secretary of the National Association of Cotton Manufacturers since 1904, and a writer on historical, engineering and economic subjects, died today. He was born in this city in 1851.

Movements of Steamers.

Lisbon, March 16.—Arrived, steamer Roma, New York via Ponta Delgada. Falmouth, March 19.—Arrived, steamer Rotterdam, New York for Rotterdam. New York, March 20.—Sailed, steamer Baltic, Liverpool via Halifax. Kirkwall, March 18.—Sailed, steamer Bergensjord (from Christiansand), New York. Genoa, March 19.—Arrived, steamer Italia, New York. Sailed, steamer Laermans, New York.

Torrington Woman Suicides.

Torrington, Conn., March 20.—Mrs. H. E. Nodine committed suicide tonight at her home by gas asphyxiation. She had been dependent since the death of her daughter several months ago. She leaves her husband and three daughters.

Paraphrased Paragraphs

Nothing Known of Note from Holland to Germany.

London, March 20.—The Netherlands foreign office declares that nothing is known there concerning the severe note from Holland to Germany in connection with the Tubantia announced in the newspaper Nieuw Van Den Dagh, says a Reuter despatch from The Hague. The foreign minister is conferring with representatives of the navigation companies, the correspondent adds.

CROSSED ATLANTIC IN HIS WIFE'S TRUNK.

Captain Roever, German Engineer, Must Have Had Fine Voyage.

London, March 20, 3.00 p. m.—After crossing the Atlantic from New York in his wife's trunk, Captain Roever, a German engineer, was detected by the British at Kirkwall and interned, according to a story appearing in Danish newspapers today and forwarded by Reuter's Copenhagen correspondent.

Captain Roever was an engineer at Kiao-chau, China. He escaped after the capture of Kiao-chau by the Japanese and made his way to New York where he and his wife sailed from Copenhagen. To escape detection, the captain arranged to cross the Atlantic in his wife's trunk. He remained in the trunk during the day-time, breathing through a ventilator inserted in the same plate, and emerged from the trunk during the night.

None of the passengers suspected the ruse, although it was noted that exceptionally large meals were sent to Frau Roever's cabin. At Kirkwall the captain left the trunk, fearing he would be detected when inspectors searched the luggage, and he was caught in the packing room. He was interned, but his wife was permitted to proceed, reaching Copenhagen yesterday.

1,322 DEER REPORTED KILLED IN CONNECTICUT.

Game Commissioner Believes Twice as Many Have Been Slaughtered.

Hartford, Conn., March 20.—"It is simply shocking to see the condition in which wounded deer are found throughout the state," says the game commissioner today in referring to the slaughter of the animal in Connecticut. The report of deer killed since the law went into effect. The number was 1,322. It is believed that twice as many deer have been killed but not reported. According to counties it is as follows:

Hartford county 244, New Haven 124, New London 176, Fairfield 109, Windham 143, Litchfield 297, Middlesex 125, and Tolland 98.

Superintendent Crampton said the condition of the lobster industry was causing some alarm. The catch of lobsters taken from the New England coast, of about \$5,000,000, is estimated to be about \$5,000,000. The nitrate plant sections are among those still to be considered.

Final Measure Must Be in Conference.

The final measure must be written in conference, as the senate and house proposals differ widely. Should the senate committee work out a combination of its own measure with the house bill, however, it appears likely that the final measure will be passed.

INFORMATION BUREAU FOR PRISONERS OF WAR

Established by Turkey at Instance of the American Consulate.

London, March 20.—Turkey has established a bureau of information for prisoners of war in London, which has received several thousand requests from relatives of British prisoners held by the Turks.

UNITED STATES SUPREME COURT FOR SAFETY.

Responsibility of Railroad Men Pointed Out in Reversal of Damage Award.

Washington, March 20.—In a "safety first" decision the United States court warned all railmen of their responsibilities to the public. It reversed a damage award to the estate of a fireman on the Great Northern, who was killed in a rear-end collision caused by his failure to flag an oncoming train.

DECLINES CHAIRMANSHIP OF SENATE PENSIONS COMMITTEE

Senator Bryan of Florida Has So Notified Senate Leader Kearn.

Jacksonville, Fla., March 20.—United States Senator Bryan of Florida, today telegraphed Senate Leader Kearn that he would not accept the chairmanship of the senate pensions committee made vacant by the death of Senator Shively. Senator Bryan is ranking democratic member, but he said he preferred that Johnson of Maine, or some other northern committee man be made chairman.

GALVESTON HEARS OF IMMEDIATE PEACE

In Cablegram Received by Shipping Firm.

Galveston, Texas, March 20.—"Immediate peace is in sight" is one sentence in a cablegram received today from London by a shipping firm, cancelling arrangements for chartering a considerable amount of tonnage.

DUTCH SHIPPERS THREATEN TO SUSPEND SERVICE

Must Ascertain Germany's Intentions Regarding Sea Warfare.

Amsterdam, March 20.—The Hindelblad says it has learned that the Prins her Nederlanden and Rotterdam Lloyd steamship companies are seriously contemplating the suspension of their whole service until Germany clearly defines her intentions regarding sea warfare. Their ships, the Prins her Nederlanden and Tambora, are now bound from Java, have been ordered to wait at Falmouth for further orders, according to the newspapers.

House Approves 1,000 Go On Strike at Torrington

HOPEFUL THAT FINAL VOTE MAY BE REACHED TODAY

ENTIRE WORKING FORCE OF UNION HARDWARE CO.

SUBSTITUTES DEFEATED

Bill Fixes Strength of Regular Army at 145,000 Men, Expandable to 175,000 by Executive Order if War is Imminent.

Washington, March 20.—By refusing definitely to increase the regular army provision of the Hay bill at 140,000 today made it almost certain that the measure will go to the senate virtually as framed, and by an overwhelming vote. Chairman Gray of the military committee was hopeful tonight that a final vote could be reached tomorrow.

President Approves Outline.

The net result of the day's debate on proposed amendments was to sustain the recommendation of the president as to the size of the regular army. The Hay bill carries virtually the program mapped out by former Secretary of War Taft, and approved by the president. He has approved its general outline, but stands uncommitted as to details.

Defeated Proposals to Increase.

Three times during the day the house defeated proposals to increase the peace strength of the regular army for a larger standing army had been made by executive order if war is imminent. The debate centered upon the Kahn amendment to fix the number of regulars at 140,000, expandable to 175,000 by executive order if war is imminent. The debate centered upon the Kahn amendment to fix the number of regulars at 140,000, expandable to 175,000 by executive order if war is imminent.

Majority of Workers Not Organized.

There was practically no disorder incident to the walkout. It is said that some of the women employees were considerably frightened when the word was given to stop work. There is a machinists' union at the factory, but the great majority of workers are not believed to be organized. Many of the employees are foreigners.

Meeting Behind Barricaded Doors.

After the walkout about 600 of the strikers entered the city hall, barricaded the doors, and refused to allow anyone to be present. The meeting was a short one and those present declined to discuss what happened. The streets were quiet tonight and there were no outward signs of the strike.

SMITH COLLEGE STUDENT HELD IN \$1,000 BAIL

Miss Irene Vose of Westerly Charged With Larceny—Story of Police.

Northampton, Mass., March 20.—Miss Irene Vose of Westerly, R. I., a graduate of Smith college in the 1913 class, and a post graduate student in the music department, was held in \$1,000 bail in district court this morning on a charge of larceny. She pleaded guilty and the case was continued for a week. Unable to furnish the required bail, she was committed.

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Condensed Telegrams

Mme. Ernestin Schumann-Heink is ill at Hanover, N. H.

Five degrees below zero was recorded at Williamsport Pa.

The home of George W. Clark, of Milford, was destroyed by fire at a loss of \$10,000.

Napier Lothian, for 40 years musical director of Boston dropped dead in a theatre in that city.

Six hundred applications for enlistment in the army were received at the Chicago recruiting stations.

Count Jacques Decazes military aviator and brother of Duke Decazes, has been killed in an air battle.

Appropriations aggregating \$1,200,000 to various institutions were announced by the Rockefeller Foundation.

The coldest March weather on record in central Pennsylvania was reported from various points of the state.

Mrs. Mary Gifford, who was burned in her home at No. 37 Hudson street, Newark, N. J., died in the City Hospital.

R. D. Cleveland, son of the late Grover Cleveland, was elected president of the freshman class at Princeton.

The third class cruiser Raleigh, steamed San Diego, after taking on ammunition at Mare Island Navy Yard.

A shortage of food which is becoming serious prevails at Torreon throughout the state of Durango, Mexico.

The American Fibre Co. of Berlin, has filed certificate of incorporation with the secretary of state showing a capital of \$450,000.

The annual report of the New York Eye and Ear Infirmary shows that 14,899 visits to its dispensary were made by sufferers.

A section of the upper wall of the underground railway now in course of construction in Berlin collapsed. Three workmen are missing.

Cardinal O'Connell inspected the new dreadnought Nevada at the Charleston Navy Yard and made an informal address to the crew.

Portugal was added to the list of countries to whose ports vessels are charged special premium rates by the United States war risk insurance.

Arthur Kunenmann, of Fredericksburg, Tex., found a silver coin minted in 1780 under Francis II, Emperor of Germany, King of Bohemia and Hungary.

Laden with sufficient food and other supplies to last 250 men for three months, the transport Hancock left the Philadelphia Navy Yard for Pensacola.

Secretary of War Baker was a guest and one of the speakers at the annual initiation of the Phi Gamma Delta Fraternity.

Six thousand actors, a greater number than have ever been on the stage at a previous drama in the history of the world, will take part in the Yale Pageant.

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Villa May Be Forced into Fight

WITH AMERICAN TROOPS WITHIN NEXT 36 HOURS

RADIO FROM CAMP

General Pershing Reports That Villa Has Been Defeated by Mexican Troops and is Fleeing North Toward the Americans.

San Antonio, Texas, March 20.—Francisco Villa may be forced into the fight with American troops within the next 36 hours if reports coming to General Funston's headquarters, both from General Pershing and from Mexican sources are correct.

Villa Reported Defeated. General Pershing reported today that Villa had been reported defeated by Mexican government troops near Cruces and that he was moving northward in retreat. General Pershing's report, however, was followed by the unofficial report that Villa was still fighting at Namiquip, south of Cruces.

May Move Northward. If the Carranza force wins in the fighting, Villa will have to move northward along a road over which a detachment of American troops is riding southward to leave the road and head for the Santa Maria mountains that parallel the road to the east, or to the Oriental Range on the west side.

American Detachment Advancing. The American detachment on the road along which Villa was reported to be advancing is one of three sub-divisions operating south of Casas Grandes. One column was sent towards Lake Babicora, 70 miles south of Casas Grandes; one towards Carmen, 65 miles from Casas Grandes; and the other south towards Cruces, 50 miles from Casas Grandes, which now has become the advanced base of the expeditionary forces.

SIX BIPLANES WITH AMERICAN TROOPS.

Are to Scout in the Mountains for Villa.

Columbus, N. M., March 20.—(By Wireless from General Pershing's Headquarters in Mexico.)—Six biplanes from the first aero squadron under command of Captain B. D. Foulois are today to scout the mountains for Villa. Two machines left Columbus last night, one this morning. Four spent the night in the vicinity of La Grulla. The other two were taken by Lieutenants S. C. G. Chapman, J. E. Carberry, H. A. Dorgue, T. S. Brown, R. H. Willis and E. S. Gonnell. W. G. Kliner, a seventh machine, has not been reported.

Additional troops arrived here to take the places of the thousand men who left to occupy temporary base to try and pursue Villa.

The above despatch was passed by the military censor.

No location of the temporary base is given in the despatch passed by the censor, but yesterday's wireless intimated that General Pershing had established headquarters near Casas Grandes, from which point he was sending out columns in pursuit of Villa.

Today's despatch apparently means that only 1,000 men, probably picked cavalry, are actually engaged in the chase after the bandit in the mountain retreats, while the remainder of about 4,000 in all, representing artillery, infantry and cavalry, are held at the Mexican base.

AMERICANS HAVE PERMISSION TO BUY SUPPLIES IN MEXICO.

No Danger of Friction Over Shipment Over Mexican Railways.

El Paso, Tex., March 20.—(Address (Continued on Page Eight))

SHORTAGE OF BUTTER AND POTATOES IN BERLIN.

Purchases Are Now Made on Presentation of Cards.

Berlin, March 20 (By Wireless to Sayville).—The new regulations in regard to distribution of butter and potatoes went into effect today, and the people of Berlin are now able to purchase these supplies only on presentation of cards.

Each person will be permitted to purchase 125 grams (about five ounces) of butter weekly and ten pounds of potatoes each twelve days.

It is understood this measure is a temporary one, to remain in force until the local shortage is remedied by better methods of distribution.

MAMMOTH FUR SALE ON IN ST. LOUIS.

More Than 1,500,000 Skins Are to Be Sold at Auction.

St. Louis, Mo., March 20.—Sale of 2,000,000 worth of undressed furs was opened here today. More than 1,500,000 skins are to be sold, and bidding probably will continue throughout the week.

Over 200 buyers from the eastern states and from Canada, and representing English, French and German houses, are attending the sale.

TAGGERT TO SUCCEED SENATOR S. F. SHIVELY.

Appointed to Fill Vacancy by Governor Ralston of Indiana.

Indianapolis, Ind., March 20.—Thomas Taggart, democratic national committee man, today was appointed United States senator to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Senator Benjamin F. Shively, by Governor Ralston. Mr. Taggart expects to leave for Washington immediately.

Exports of merchandise from the port of New York last week, as compiled by the New York Custom House, were valued at \$44,822,544. The imports for the week totaled \$24,014,951.