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VERDUN ARTILLED ACTIONS INCESSANT

Germans are Aggressive in Region of Le Mort Homme; the French in the Argonne Forest

FRENCH ARMEN SHELL GERMAN POSITIONS

Fighting Between the Russians and the Germans and the Austrians Continues at Various Points, But No Important Changes Are Reported—Seven Italian Aeroplanes Attacked the City of Trieste, Easter Sunday, Killing Nine Civilians—In Mesopotamia the British Are Keeping Up Their Effort to Lift the Siege of Kut-el-Amara.

Artillery bombardments alone are taking place on the French and Belgian fronts, the scenes of the greatest activity being the region of Le Mort Homme and in the Argonne Forest, with the Germans the aggressors in the former and the French in the latter sector. French aviators in squadron formations have dropped large numbers of shells on German positions at Longfaucon, Stenay, Dun, and near Montfaucon. The fighting between the Russians and the Germans and the Austrians on the eastern front, continues at various points, but no important changes in position are reported. The same is true of the Austro-Italian zone. Vienna reports an attack Easter Sunday by seven Italian aeroplanes on the city of Trieste, in which nine civilians, five of them children, were killed and five wounded. The report says that because of this attack "the enemy forfeited every right to have his towns spared."

ON TRIAL FOR MURDER OF HER TWO CHILDREN

Mrs. Ida Sniffen Walters Rogers of New York—Jury Selected.

New York, April 24.—The selection of a jury and the presentation of the state's case against Mrs. Ida Sniffen Walters Rogers for the murder of her two children, Dec. 29, 1914, were completed in less than four hours today, after which, former Lieutenant Governor Lewis Stuyvesant Chanler, representing the accused woman, announced that instantly would be the main contention of the defense. Several witnesses, most of them neighbors of Mrs. Rogers, described her great love for her children and told of alleged irrational acts of the woman. Mr. Chanler announced when the trial was opened this evening that he would call a prominent New York alienist as a witness for Mrs. Rogers tomorrow. He intimated also that the case probably would go to the jury tomorrow.

PRIVATELY OWNED VESSELS AS AUXILIARY WARSHIPS

Orders Received at Mars Island Navy Yard to Make Inspection.

Vallejo, Calif., April 24.—Orders were received at the Mars Island navy yard today demand an inspection and survey of all privately-owned vessels in this district that might be available as auxiliaries in time of war. The order directed that a report be made to the navy department on all details of the work that would be required for the conversion of such vessels and that a list be furnished of the government or private yards at which the necessary work could be done within fourteen days after a declaration of hostilities by the United States. It is also ordered that the owners of all vessels suitable for auxiliary service be instructed to report at the ship yards to be designated immediately in the event of war.

GERMANY MUST CLEAR UP DOUBTS ABOUT THE SUSSEX

Frankfurter Zeitung Says So in Comment on American Note.

Berlin, via London, April 24, 10.20 p. m.—"The Sussex either was or was not torpedoed by the Germans," says the Frankfurter Zeitung. In its comment on the American note, "For the present we assume that Herr Von Jagow's statement was right and President Wilson's untrue. But Americans must be convinced by striking proofs of the falseness of their assertions."

SIR ROGER CASEMENT WAS CAPTURED ON GERMAN SHIP

Vessel Attempted to Land Arms in Ireland and Was Sunk.

London, April 24, 10.25 p. m.—Sir Roger Casement has been captured from a German ship which attempted to land arms in Ireland and was sunk. This official announcement was made tonight, as follows: "During the period between the afternoon of April 20 and the afternoon of April 21 an attempt to land arms and ammunition in Ireland was made by a vessel under the command of a neutral merchant ship, but which in reality was a German auxiliary, in conjunction with a German submarine. The auxiliary sank and a number of prisoners were made, amongst whom was Sir Roger Casement."

MIDDLETOWN MAN ASPHYXIATED BY GAS

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Cabled Paragraphs

Another British Steamer Sunk. London, April 24, 7 p. m.—The British steamship Parisiana, of 4,762 tons gross, has been sunk. The crew of the vessel was landed today. The Parisiana left Newport, England, April 20, bound for Norfolk.

CANAL WILL NOT HURT TRANSCONTINENTAL RAILWAYS

Owners of Ships Find Foreign Trade More Profitable. Washington, April 24.—Whatever promise the Panama canal may hold for steamship competition with so-called transcontinental railways, the interstate commerce commission was told today, it lies in the somewhat distant future. Officials of the chief steamship lines which used to ply from coast to coast, testifying in the reopening intermountain rate case, declared that not only had they ceased to operate their vessels via the canal but that there would be no resumption of the traffic, certainly not one year, probably for two, and maybe for much longer.

The commission heard two witnesses, H. H. Hamilton, general manager of the Luckenbach steamship company, and H. D. Jackson, vice president of the American-Hawaiian Steamship Company. To these companies, the former witness, Mr. Hamilton, testified that 25,000 tons of the trade between American ports before the European war. Through the Panama canal, the Luckenbach company will not resume coast-to-coast business before two years, Mr. Hamilton testified, and the American-Hawaiian line will not within one year, if then, according to Mr. Jackson.

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DISHONEST ADVERTISING THROUGH THE MAILS

Supreme Court Decides That Exaggeration is Equivalent to Fraud.

Washington, April 24.—In defining today more clearly than ever before that constitutes dishonest advertising through the mails, the supreme court held in effect that advertisers, even though they give purchasers no inducement to buy, are guilty of fraud if by exaggerated advertising propaganda they have led the purchaser to believe that he is buying a product of superior quality which in fact is of inferior quality. The court declared the decision will pave the way to scores of prosecutions and make possible the enforcement of a much more stringent federal supervision of mail advertising.

ONE MAN KILLED IN AUTO ACCIDENT IN NEW HAVEN.

A Woman Probably Fatally Injured—Two Others Slightly Hurt.

New Haven, Conn., April 24.—One person was killed, one probably fatally injured, two others slightly injured and a woman probably fatally injured, in an automobile accident on Dixwell avenue last night. Lawrence Hayes, aged 25, of Naugatuck, died soon after the accident. Miss Margaret Talbot, aged 25, of Naugatuck, is in a hospital with cuts on her head. Leonard Joy, aged 19, of 1320 North Main street, was injured, driver of the automobile, who suffered minor injuries, is being held by the medical examiner pending an investigation by coroner M. G. Daniel King of Naugatuck, the fifth occupant of the car was not hurt.

ZEPPELINS VISIT EASTERN COUNTIES OF ENGLAND.

Reports Say That Only Incendiary Bombs Were Dropped.

London, April 25, 3.07 a. m.—Three Zeppelins visited the eastern counties last night, dropping incendiary bombs, according to the official announcement. The conditions were ideal for the Zeppelin raiders. There was a light easterly wind, which had generally been considered unfavorable for Zeppelins, but it was little more than a mild breeze and any threat of rain which might have been expected was dissipated by a favorable breeze. The raiders appeared at about the customary hour and seemed a little uncertain as to their location, as the early reports showed that only incendiary bombs were being dropped.

NO CASUALTIES IN RECENT AEROPLANE RAID ON SOFIA.

One School and One House Damaged by Explosion of Bombs.

Berlin, April 24 (By Wireless to Sayville).—No casualties were caused by the recent aeroplane attacks on Sofia, that city the Overseas News section says. One school and one house were damaged by the explosion of two large bombs dropped from the aeroplanes. "The fiercer at the same time," the message continues, "dropped proclamations in which the capture of Erzerum by the Russians was announced. This caused amusement, inasmuch as Bulgaria is perfectly informed about Erzerum."

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Villa Bandits Have Been Dispersed

DRIVEN COMPLETELY FROM THE STATE OF CHIHUAHUA.

500 MILES FROM BORDER

Letter from American Field Headquarters Indicates That the Work of the Punitive Expedition Under General Pershing Has Been Thorough.

Field Headquarters, April 20, by courier to Columbus, N. M., April 24.—There are indications in the Villa territory of Mexico that the work of the punitive expedition under General Pershing has been accomplished. Villa Outlaws Dispersed. The Villa bandits have been dispersed from the territory of Chihuahua, almost completely from the state of Chihuahua, a distance of nearly 500 miles south of the American border.

Democratic Leaders Threaten to Force Legislative Program Through With the Aid of Special Rules—Speaker May Appoint Conferees.

Washington, April 24.—Aroused by two occasions today in keeping the army bill as amended by the senate from going to the house, the democratic leaders declared tonight that they would further delay they would force legislative program through with the aid of special rules. Speaker May Appoint Conferees. A rule to discharge the military committee from further consideration of the army bill and to permit the committee to report, was adopted after debate on one motion to reconsider, will be reported by the rules committee tomorrow. Majority members of the committee will suggest an hour's debate on the motion, but if this is not agreeable to the republican minority, debate will be limited to 30 minutes on each side.

Small Detachments Successful.

In no instance has one of these small detachments failed, nor have the Americans, as the Mexican advisers predicted, been threatened with attack from the superior forces of bandits whom they sometimes followed.

The Parral Fight.

In the Parral fight there was a fifteen mile retreat by the Americans but this was due to the American commander's desire not to let the bandits, which led him to permit only a few of his men, the best shots, to remain in the area.

Man's Point of Order Sustained.

Earlier in the day Mr. Mann had pointed out this afternoon when Speaker Clark sustained a point of order raised by Mr. Mann on a rule designed to amend the army bill to conferees without an intervening motion.

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Condensed Telegrams

All Washington State armories have been placed under guard.

Pope Benedict urged peace in his Easter message to the United States.

The American Red Cross has begun a campaign for 1,000,000 members.

Navigation on the Great Lakes was opened at the harbor of Fort William, Ont.

Heavy damages have been caused by floods that inundated Winnipeg, Manitoba.

J. Irwin, of Tientsin, China, found in a cave the bones of a dragon 60 feet long.

The American liner Philadelphia sailed from New York for Liverpool with 500 passengers.

Victor H. Jacobson of Bridgeport was fined \$20 and costs in city court for reckless driving.

Gen. Carranza is reported to have beaten Gen. Obregon in a flat fight during a Cabinet meeting.

London manufacturers are working on an order for 3,000,000 Cosack boots for the Russian army.

Gen. Henri Philippe Pétain, French commander at Verdun, celebrated his 50th birthday yesterday.

Typhus is increasing in Tokio, according to reports received by the public health service in Washington.

The Montgomery-Ward Co. has sold its clothing stores in the business as less than the market price.

Mrs. Emmeline Pankhurst, the English suffragette, "hit the trail" at the Biederwold revival in Plainfield, N. J.

Dr. Leland E. Cofer, newly appointed health officer at the port of New York, assumed his duties at Quarantine.

"Shakespeare Week" will be observed this week in all the parks, playgrounds and recreation centers in New York city.

Gov. Whitman announced that he would sign the Stivers bill providing for compulsory service in the National Guard.

Mrs. E. Hann, wife of a wealthy grocer in Oak Park, Ill., died under circumstances that the police were called in.

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THREAT TO TIE UP COASTWISE CRAFT

Made by the Officials of the Marine Engineers' Beneficial Association of New York

Would Include Coastwise, Sound and River Steamship Traffic as Well as Towing and Lighterage Craft in New York Harbor and Tributary Waters—Various Companies Affected Are Given Until May 1 to Reply—Declaration Made That Vessel Captains, Mates, Firemen and Deckhands Also Will Quit Work Out of Sympathy.

New York, April 24.—A threat to tie up all coastwise, sound and river steamship traffic, as well as towing and lighterage craft in New York harbor and tributary waters, was made tonight by officials of the Marine Engineers' Beneficial Association. Demands were made for increases in wages averaging approximately four-tenths of a cent per hour, and for a revision of the regulations governing employment. The various companies affected are given until May 1 to reply and in the event of a refusal, it is declared, the men will quit work out of sympathy for the strikers. The Marine Engineers' Beneficial Association has 10,000 members, including that ninety-nine per cent of the engineers employed on coastwise, sound and river steamship traffic. There are three classes of marine service included in the demands of the engineers, as follows: The Atlantic and Gulf service; ocean-going coastwise tug boats engaged in the fishing and oil industries on the Atlantic coast; and the Hudson River, Providence and Fall River and harbor excursion boats.

STRIKE RIOTS IN PITTSBURGH WESTINGHOUSE PLANT

Deputy Sheriffs and Railroad Detectives Wield Clubs Freely.

Pittsburgh, Pa., April 24.—The first serious rioting in the strike of 13,000 employes of the Westinghouse Electric and Manufacturing company in East Pittsburgh occurred tonight. Several shots were fired and an unidentified striker and a strikebreaker were injured. The trouble was the climax of a day of disorder during which deputy sheriffs and railroad detectives frequently used their clubs.

POWERFUL INFLUENCES AT WORK IN GERMAN POLITICS

In Opposition to Severance of Diplomatic Relations.

Washington, April 24.—Indications that powerful influences in German politics are opposed to any action by the Berlin government which might lead to the severance of diplomatic relations with the United States are reported in confidential dispatches received today by the state department from Ambassador Gerard. Socialists and labor leaders are reported to be particularly averse to any such move.

Other dispatches from Mr. Gerard were said to contain strong intimations that the Berlin government would make some concessions to the United States in reply to the note demanding the immediate abandonment of present methods of submarine warfare. It is still uncertain, however, whether the concessions will be sufficiently broad in their scope to meet the American demands.

Officials allowed it to become known that Mr. Gerard's dispatches indicate that Germany would go to great lengths to preserve friendly relations with the United States. It is understood to have gained his view during conversations with Berlin officials, including Foreign Minister Von Jagow.

HOMER S. MUMFORDS MAY SUCCEED M'COOMBS

As Chairman of the Democratic National Committee.

Washington, April 24.—Choice of the man who will manage President Wilson's campaign for re-election as chairman of the democratic national committee to succeed William M'Coomb's decision that his personal affairs demanded that he step up the chairmanship after five years of active service was made known to the press today. It is understood that the public today with the press's reply.

SEVEN VILLA FOLLOWERS ARE CONDEMNED TO DIE

Were Captured After the Raid on Columbus—Execution Set for May 19.

Deming, N. M., April 24.—The seven Villa followers who were captured after the raid on Columbus and convicted of murder in the first degree were today condemned to die May 19 by Judge Edward L. Medler.

The prisoners pleaded that they were ignorant of where they were going at least time of the raid and that they were forced to follow Villa under penalty of death.

Some of the bandits listened unmoved to the sentence of death, but the seventh, Jose Ransel, who had been wounded in the raid and was carried to Columbus for medical attention, Judge Medler ordered the prisoners to the Santa Fe penitentiary for safe keeping.

SUGAR AND MILK SOLD AS ASPERIN.

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