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DEADLOCK PREVAILS IN VERDUN BATTLE

Germans Unable to Advance and French Fail in Attempts to Expel Invaders

CESSATION IN CANNONADING NORTH OF VERDUN

The Only Infantry Engagement Was a German Attack to the West of Hill 304, Which Was Stopped by the French Curtain of Fire—Teutons Continue to Shell Russians at Ikskull Bridgehead—A Stubborn Turkish Attack in Armenia Was Put Down by the Russian Forces With Heavy Casualties—Vigorous Artillery Activity on the Macedonian Front is Reported.

The French and German forces fighting northwest of Verdun apparently for the moment at least are deadlocked, the Germans being unable to advance further and the French attempts to expel the invaders from captured positions being unavailing. East and northeast of Verdun, where respectively violent infantry attacks and bombardments have characterized the recent fighting, only intermittent cannonading is now going on.

The only infantry engagement reported anywhere along the French front was launched by the Germans against a French trench to the west of Hill 304, northwest of Verdun. The French, however, brought into play their curtain of fire and the Germans were unable to debouch.

The shelling by the Germans of the Russians at the Ikskull bridgehead on the eastern battle line, which has been in progress for many days, still continues. There has been artillery activity on various other sectors of the Russian front, but no important infantry manoeuvres have been reported.

The Russians in Armenia, however, have put down with heavy casualties a stubborn Turk attack and southward in the region of Mush, driven the Ottoman forces from their defenses in a mountain chain. In addition the Russians operating westward from the Persian frontier toward Baghdad have deluged the Turks from fortified positions and driven them farther westward.

The Gorlan bridgehead and the region around San Martino in the Austro-Italian theatre have been heavily bombarded. At San Martino, Vienna asserts that the Italians suffered heavy losses through the explosion of an Austrian mine. Bombardments have featured the fighting on the other sectors of this front.

Estimates in Paris from Saloniki are to the effect that there has been vigorous artillery activity on the Macedonian front. An Athens despatch says the Germans and Bulgarians in this region have heavily bombarded the village of Mayvada, their shells causing no damage.

Semi-official advices from Berlin say that the Turks are rapidly constructing a railroad through the desert preparatory to another advance on Egypt.

SCOTT-OBREGON CONFERENCE

RESUMED ON THE BORDER Unable to Agree About Stay of U. S. Troops in Mexico.

El Paso, Texas, May 9.—General Obregon, Juan Amador, Mexican sub-secretary of foreign affairs, General Scott, General Funston and A. J. McQuatters met in the American conference car shortly after 4 o'clock this afternoon for another conference. Tonight's conference, the fifth held, began shortly after 6 o'clock, with Generals Hugh L. Scott and Frederick Funston and General Alvaro Obregon and Juan Amador, Mexican sub-secretary of foreign affairs, present. A. J. McQuatters, military man, who has participated in three other conferences was present at the beginning, but withdrew after 6 o'clock, when the Mexican representative that his business connections rendered his presence undesirable.

It is understood that General Obregon again brought up the subject of a definite date for American troop withdrawal from Mexico. He stated that he was informed, it is said, that the American government is firm in its refusal to make this concession. It was suggested to him that in view of the Big Bend raid, under the nose of Carranza troops, the United States could scarcely consider the de facto government as fully capable yet of coping with the bandits.

In the fact of this statement, General Obregon is understood to have asked for more time to consult with General Venustiano Carranza. General Funston had planned to leave tonight for San Antonio, where at his headquarters in Fort Sam Houston he was to take charge of troop dispositions that will come with the despatch of 5,000 militia and regular army men to the border. After the conference, however, it was announced that he had postponed his departure.

Train Derailed on N. & W.
Portsmouth, Ohio, May 9.—A Norfolk and Western passenger train was derailed at Mineral Springs, Ohio, near here tonight, a engine and four coaches going over an embankment. No one was killed and no serious injuries are reported.

Movements of Steamships.
Gibraltar, May 8.—Sailed: steamer San Giorgio (from Genoa) New York, Genoa, May 9.—Arrived: steamer Calabria, New York.
Rotterdam, May 8.—Sailed: steamer Nieuw Amsterdam, New York.

Pensions for Survivors of Indian War.
Washington, May 9.—The senate today passed the house bill granting pensions to survivors of Indian war from 1855 to 1891. It has been estimated it would increase the pension roll about 1,000,000 annually.

Harvard Man Honored.

Paris, May 9, 4:40 p. m.—Elliott Gowdin, of New York city, a graduate of Harvard, who just received the military medal and mentioned in the second time in army orders for his brilliant aviation exploits as a member of the Franco-American flying corps.

TO COMBAT RAISE IN PRICE OF ANTHRACITE COAL

Federal Trade Commission Threatens to Make Investigation.

Washington, May 9.—The federal trade commission announced today that if there was any further raise in the price of anthracite coal, the commission would take up with the department of justice the question of an investigation of the anthracite industry. The department had suggested the inquiry if prices are raised following the wage advance just given to anthracite workers.

The commission made public in connection with its announcement a letter deploring to the department's suggestion for an investigation of the anthracite industry, signed by attorney General Gregory, called attention to price raises that have followed other wage advances in the past, and said:

"In view of these facts, take the liberty of suggesting that if the advance in wages just agreed on shall be followed, as in the past, by an increase in the price of anthracite coal, the federal trade commission will, under authority of section 8 of the act creating it, institute a searching investigation in the operations and accounts of the great producing companies for the purpose of ascertaining all the facts upon which such increase in price may be based, and if necessary, relation between any increase in the cost of production due to advance of wages and the increase of profits caused by the increase in price.

The trade commission replied: "If the situation should develop as you suggest, the commission will be glad to take the matter up with you further, with a view to making such investigation as the public interest may require."

"It has been stated in the public press, with apparent authority," the attorney general wrote the commission, "that, having agreed to an advance in wages, the railroad coal companies will now use that as an excuse for materially increasing the price of anthracite coal to the consumers."

"It has been stated in various legal proceedings against the anthracite roads that on similar occasions in the past, when wages have been advanced, the railroad coal companies, under the pretext of increasing prices for the purpose of meeting the increased cost of production resulting from higher wages, have made much greater increases than were necessary for that purpose."

FORMER U. S. CAVALRYMAN KILLS UNCLE IN BRIDGEPORT
Declares It Was to Avenge an Outrage Upon His Mother.

Bridgeport, Conn., May 9.—Michael Rialzo, Jr., a former United States cavalryman, was held in jail of \$5,000 in city court today, on the charge of assault with intent to murder, committed last night when he shot Angelo Rialzo, his uncle, three times.

Before the ex-soldier's arraignment, he paid \$2500 bail and was set for 7:15 this morning, but news of his death had not reached the court officials. Tomorrow morning he will be charged with murder.

He relies upon his story that he shot to avenge an outrage upon his mother, committed in Palermo, Italy, ten years ago, when she with her American born family were visiting her father.

"The man who does not fight for his mother is a coward," said the prisoner in a statement made to the police, which he freely acknowledged the shooting. He said his grandfather seven years ago told him the story when he visited Italy.

The prisoner, who gave himself up to the police after the shooting, is a native of Geneva, N. Y., and a graduate of the Syracuse university school. He is a skilled machinist. Enlisting in the United States army in 1910, he was discharged when it was found that he was too young for the service.

COMPROMISE LOOKED FOR ON ARMY REORGANIZATION

Conferees of Senate and House Will Renew Deliberations Today.

Washington, May 9.—Agreement on the army reorganization bill was in sight tonight. Conferees of the senate and house, who will renew deliberations tomorrow, expect to be able to reach a compromise so that the first of the big defense measures may be on the president's desk next week.

That the senate conferees would have to surrender the regular reserve of 261,000 men, which the house so strongly repudiated yesterday, was admitted tonight by senate leaders, but they hope to retain the provision of the house bill authorizing civilian instruction camps so that military training for thousands of citizens may be afforded.

Under the house bill as it stands thousands of civilian training camps must be instituted under direction of the secretary of war.

DISPOSITION OF TROOPS IN VICINITY OF EL PASO

Battalion of Infantry, With Machine Guns, Stationed at Stock Yards.

El Paso, Texas, May 9.—A battalion of the Twentieth infantry numbering about 250 men was moved from Fort Bliss late this afternoon and stationed near the stock yards, dominating the Mexican section of El Paso. The stock yards are about a mile from the river and Juarez. The battalion carried machine gun equipment.

Two companies of the Twentieth were stationed at the Court House and two at the Union station. All are under command of Colonel Hasbrouck.

MISSING WOMAN WAS FOUND AT NORWALK

Mrs. John H. Eldred, Who Had Disappeared from Cohasset, Mass.

New York, May 9.—Mrs. John H. Eldred of Cohasset, Mass., whose husband, a paper manufacturer, reported to the police that she had disappeared last Thursday from a hotel in this city, was found today in Norwalk, Conn., Mr. Eldred announced tonight. No further explanation was given.

Democrats in State Convention

HOMER S. CUMMINGS CHOSEN TEMPORARY CHAIRMAN.

CHEER WILSON'S NAME

A. T. Miner of New London Wins District Delegateship by a Single Ballot

Bryan F. Mahan as Delegate-at-Large from Second District.

New Haven, Conn., May 9.—Homer S. Cummings, national committeeman from Connecticut, as temporary chairman of the democratic state convention, which tomorrow will choose a delegation to the St. Louis convention, tonight praised President Wilson and his administration and assailed in caustic language those who have criticized the president and his acts.

Slandering Public Officials.

Mr. Cummings said that "such are the necessities of partisanship that politicians who place party and not America first are criticizing the administration, maligning the president, slandering our public officials and hysterically calling for a change in leadership."

He said that a characteristic form of criticism was to be found in the recent address of United States Senator

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Julian Oleinowick of Northampton, Mass., serving a life sentence for manslaughter, attempted to kill himself with a razor in his cell at the Massachusetts state prison, causing wounds which probably will prove fatal.

Suspicious Deaths in Home For Aged

POLICE ASSERT 20 OCCURRED AT WINDSOR INSTITUTION.

Senators Caused in Windsor by Alleged Revelations—Medical Examiner Says He is Convinced of Innocence of Mrs. Amy E. Archer-Gilligan.

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The police assert that at least twenty deaths have occurred at the home under suspicious circumstances in the last five years.

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Fares Rebated

Mammoth Street Carnival Every Day

Two Free Shows Daily

Condensed Telegrams

Rumania's internal loan has been over-subscribed.

The Supreme Court recessed until Monday, May 23.

England is now building airships of the Zeppelin type.

Champion Copper Co. declared a dividend of \$6.40 a share.

Representatives of all Spanish railway employes voted to strike.

Striking street car employes at Schenectady, N. Y., returned to work.

A canal connecting Marzeilles with the River Rhone has been officially opened.

British imports in April increased \$10,250,000, while exports increased \$3,240,000.

Shipment of fresh and cured meats from Chicago last week totaled 40,550,000 pounds.

Application for a rehearing in the case of David Lamar, was filed in the Supreme Court.

Two hotels and several amusement places on the Boulevard at Revere, Mass., were burned.

More than 1,000 striking employes of the International Harvester Co. in Chicago went back to work.

Fire in the Snyder & Fancher wholesale grocery house at Middletown, N. Y., caused \$70,000 damage.

William M. Ingraham, former Mayor of Portland, Me., took the oath of office as Assistant Secretary of War.

All classes in the Alabama State University, Tuscaloosa, Ala., have been closed by an epidemic of diphtheria.

Corn receipts at Chicago last week totaled nearly 2,100,000 bushels, the largest for the period in many years.

President Wilson nominated Eugene E. Reed of New Hampshire to be member of the Philippine Commission.

A \$1,400 contribution was received by the conscience fund of the Treasury Department from Plainfield, N. J.

By request of the United States, Canada has forbidden Americans serving in Europe to use the name "American Legion."

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Texas Rangers Kill Villa Bandits

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NO AMERICAN LOSSES

Additional Troops to the Number of 5,000 Are Under Orders for Border Duty, Including 4,000 Guardsmen of the Border States.

Marathon, Texas, May 9.—Captains Fox of the Texas Rangers reported this afternoon to Colonel Sibley that seven posse had engaged a small band of Villa bandits across the Rio Grande and had killed several of them. There were no American losses.

8,000 ADDITIONAL TROOPS FOR THE MEXICAN BORDER

Including 4,000 Guardsmen of Arizona, New Mexico and Texas.

Washington, May 9.—With 8,000 additional troops under orders for the Mexican border, including 4,000 national guardsmen from Arizona, New Mexico and Texas, administration officials felt tonight that serious steps had been taken to prevent raiding of American border towns by bandits. Meanwhile the final outcome of the conference at El Paso between Major General Scott and General Obregon, the Carranza war minister, was awaited with considerable anxiety.

President Wilson and his cabinet discussed the Mexican situation today, but the president had authorized the new troop orders before his advisors gathered. General Scott and General Funston recommended early in the day that additional forces be sent to the border. After an exchange of telegrams, General Funston suggested that the national guardsmen from the three states named be called out in addition to the sending of all of the regular infantry to join his command. His suggestion was promptly approved and orders despatched.

Cabinet Members Pessimistic.

After the meeting some members of the cabinet were frankly pessimistic over the delay of General Obregon in ratifying the agreement with Carranza, who indicated that the agreement had been approved by General Carranza and officials here were at a loss to understand Obregon's action. No word from General Scott came to enlighten them. The American officer was awaiting word from the Carranza war minister expecting that instructions necessary to would be then forthcoming, although his report did not forecast their probable nature.

No Change in Policy.

The majority of the president's advisors believed that the final policy would be ratified and that the border situation would clear itself quickly thereafter. It was clearly intimated in all quarters here, however, that there would be no change in the policy of the Washington government; that the troops would stay in Mexico until the border was safe from incursions, the raiders would be pursued across the line every time they became active and that the whole strength of the national army would be used, if necessary, to protect the border.

Papers Prepared to Call All Guardsmen.

Secretary Baker said the question of calling guardsmen from other states into the service was under immediate consideration. It was learned, however, that General Funston already had been supplied with all papers, forms and instructions necessary to muster into service the guardsmen of all states near the border and that ordnance and quartermaster stores to outfit all such troops on a full war basis are held at convenient points for quick distribution.

LARGE BODIES OF BANDITS JUST SOUTH OF RIO GRANDE

Long Range Fight Between American Soldiers and Bandits.

Marathon, Texas, May 9.—The two troops of the Eighth Cavalry now moving toward Bouquillas on the Rio Grande are camped tonight at Miller's ranch, 70 miles from here, while the two troops of the Fourteenth Cavalry and a machine gun troop that left the Marathon base this morning pitched camp 30 miles south at Henderson's ranch.

These troops probably will concentrate at Bouquillas, where Colonel E. Sibley has a command headquarters. After a conference with Major George T. Langhorne, determine their disposition. Captain Caspar Cole, of the Fourteenth Cavalry, who has been making observations along the Rio Grande to determine the whereabouts of Villa bandits, came in tonight from Bouquillas and made a report to Colonel Sibley.

A long range fight across the Rio Grande between a detachment of American soldiers and bandits took place near Bouquillas yesterday afternoon. Captain Cole, reporting the fight said he did not injure anybody was killed or injured. Captain Fox, of the Texas Rangers, however, said he believed several Mexican bandits were hit.

Captain Cole informed Colonel Sibley that the troops have several large bodies of bandits probably 500 in all, operating along the south side of the Rio Grande. He said he was convinced that there was many Mexican sympathizers with the bandits on the American side who were co-operating with them.

NO MEASURES TO PREVENT U. S. TROOPS CROSSING BORDER

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