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GERMANS RELEASE FORT DOUAMONT

Suffered Enormous Losses Under a Rain of Shot and Shell from the French

ATTACK AFTER ATTACK MADE AGAINST THE FORT

Several Times the Attacks Were Put Down With Heavy Losses—Two Fresh Divisions of Bavarians Were Used—The French Still Retain the Immediate Approach to the Fort—French in Spirited Counter Attacks Recaptured German Trenches on the Southern Outskirts of the Village of Cumieres—Austrians Are Keeping Up Their Violent Offensive Against the Italians.

Under a rain of shot and shell which inflicted enormous losses, the Germans have again taken Fort Douamont, northeast of Verdun, from the French. As if somewhat to even the score, the French in spirited counter-attacks northwest of Verdun recaptured from the German trenches of the southern outskirts of the village of Cumieres, which the Germans had occupied in the late fighting, and also stopped with their artillery several attempts of the Germans to debouch from the village.

TO TEST SANITY OF BOY INDICTED FOR MURDER

Harold Croft to be Taken to School for Feeble-Minded.

Boston, May 24.—Harold Croft, a 16 year old boy under indictment for murder, was released on \$10,000 bail in the superior court today at the request of District Attorney Pelletier as a step in an unusual experiment. Bond was furnished by a member of the district attorney's staff.

A BILL TO RECOVER TITLE TO 3,200,000 ACRES OF LAND

Granted to the Oregon and California Railroad 50 Years Ago.

Washington, May 24.—A bill to recover title to 3,200,000 acres of land worth more than \$30,000,000 granted to the Oregon and California railroad by the federal government fifty years ago was brought up in the house today. The measure would authorize suit against the railroad for recovery of funds received for sale of 800,000 acres of lands at more than \$2.50 an acre, contrary to provisions of the original grant.

HENRY FORD REPLIES TO NAVAL LEAGUE

Conditions Under Which He Will Appear in \$100,000 Suit.

Detroit, Mich., May 24.—Henry Ford replied by letter to a telegram from Robert M. Thompson, president of the Navy League, in which Thompson notified him that the league had begun suit for \$100,000 against Ford.

OFFICERS SELECTED FOR PROGRESSIVE CONVENTION.

Raymond Robins of Chicago Chosen as Temporary Chairman.

New York, May 24.—Raymond Robins of Chicago was selected as temporary chairman of the national convention of the progressive party at Chicago at a meeting here today of the executive committee of the progressive national committee.

Cabled Paragraphs

Italian Ship Sunk. London, May 25, 12.50 a. m.—The Italian ship *Oreallia* has been sunk off Barcelona, according to Lloyd's.

Appointed Bishop of Omaha. Rome, Italy, May 24.—The Most Rev. Jeremiah J. Hart, archbishop of Manila since 1912, has been appointed bishop of Omaha.

NOTES HANDED BRITISH AND FRENCH AMBASSADORS

Protesting British Treatment of Neutral Mails on the High Seas.

Washington, May 24.—Identical notes renewing the protest of the United States against British treatment of neutral mails on the high seas were handed to the British and French ambassadors today by Acting Secretary Polk of the state department. The documents were signed by Secretary Lansing in his home, where he has been ill for several days.

CONSTRUCTION WORK HELD UP AT NEW HAVEN.

Strike of Hod Carriers and Laborers Becomes More General.

New Haven, Conn., May 24.—The strike of hod carriers and laborers on construction work was more general today than at any time in the past week. A contracting firm brought them here from Boston and offered street payments but these men quit work today.

FIRST MOTORCYCLE COMPANY IN UNITED STATES ARMY

Organization Was Begun at Fort Bliss Yesterday.

El Paso, Texas, May 24.—Organization of the first motorcycle company in the United States army was begun at Fort Bliss here today.

BIGAMY IS DISCLOSED BY NON-SUPPORT ARREST.

Frederick Alexander Saunders of New London Arrested in Torrington.

Torrington, Conn., May 24.—The arrest yesterday of Frederick Alexander Saunders for New London county officers on the charge of non-support of a wife and child in Old Lyme disclosed the fact that he had two wives, the second being Calista Rogers, to whom he was married here under the name of Frederick Alexander Campbell on April 25.

SOUTH DAKOTA FOR CUMMINS FIRST; THEN FOR HUGHES

This is the Plan for Delegates to the Republican National Convention.

Pierre, S. D., May 24.—Lieutenant Governor Peter Norbeck has won the republican nomination for governor of South Dakota, according to returns from yesterday's primaries, available today.

RUBLEE REMAINS WITH FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION

Notwithstanding Action of Senate in Rejecting His Nomination.

Washington, May 24.—George Rublee was in office today as member of the federal trade commission, despite the senate's refusal yesterday to reconsider its former rejection of his nomination.

FOUR MINERS BURNED TO DEATH IN NEVADA

Heavy Damage Done—Fire Started Through Fuse Blowing Out.

Reno, Nev., May 24.—Four miners were burned to death and heavy damage done in the old Belcher works of the Yellow Jacket mine at Gold Hill adjoining Virginia City, as a result of a fire that broke out last night in a 1,400 foot level. At 1 o'clock today it was still burning but was under control.

Kentucky Democrats Endorse Wilson

Lexington, Ky., May 24.—The democratic state convention which met here today elected eight delegates at large, two delegates and two alternates from each of the eleven congressional districts to the democratic national convention at St. Louis and instructed them to vote for his re-nomination of President Wilson.

President Back in Washington.

Washington, May 24.—President and Mrs. Wilson returned from New York shortly after midnight after attending the wedding there of Dr. Cary T. Grayson and Miss Alice Gertrude Gordon.

Separate Peace Talk in Commons

ARTHUR PONSONBY ATTACKS GOVERNMENT'S DIPLOMACY

EDWARD GRAY REPLIES

Ponsonby Condemned Prolonging the War Merely for the Sake of Obligations to Great Britain's Allies.

London, May 24, 10.34 p. m.—In an impassioned speech in the house of commons tonight on the question of peace and the propriety of "employing the American press as a platform," subjects unexpectedly raised by Arthur Ponsonby, liberal member for Strirling, Scotland, in a strong address attacking the government for allowing diplomatic negotiations to stand in the way of possible peace overtures, Sir Edward Gray, the British foreign secretary, set aside all ideas that peace negotiations were possible at the present stage and plainly stated that the position of the allies was in no way changed.

No Time to Talk Peace. Sir Edward declared that it was impossible to discuss the terms of peace without a previous agreement between the entente allies. Further, he expressed the decided opinion that the hostilities had not yet reached a stage where it was possible to talk of peace, especially as the German public was admitting that "the fed with lies" by the ministers.

American Press as a "Platform." Mr. Ponsonby's reference to the use of the American press as a "platform" was the outgrowth of a recent interview with Sir Edward Gray. Sir Edward in replying to this attack, while admitting that the use of the American press for the purpose of policy ought first to be made to stand in the way. He contended that since German statesmen constantly are giving interviews and statements to the American press, it would be pedantry which would hinder British statesmen from considering these statements in the interest of their own country.

Mr. Ponsonby argued in favor of countenancing peace possibilities and against prolonging the war merely for the sake of obligations to Great Britain's allies. The speaker urged that the war had to be continued until (Continued on Page Eight)

Wilson at Gordon-Grayson Nuptials

CAME TO NEW YORK ESPECIALLY FOR THE CEREMONY

OCCUPIED FRONT PEW

President and Mrs. Wilson Joined Other Guests in Showering the Newlyweds With Confetti.

New York, May 24.—President and Mrs. Wilson were the chief guests today at the wedding of Dr. Cary T. Grayson, the White House physician, and the president's cousin, Charles E. Grayson, of Washington and New York, in the chapel of St. George's church. The president came especially for the ceremony and departed soon afterward for Washington.

Presidential Party. The president and his wife, accompanied by Secretary and Mrs. McAdoo, Miss Helen Woodrow Bones, the president's cousin, Charles E. Crane of Chicago, and John Randolph Boling, a brother of Mrs. Wilson, arrived at the chapel promptly at 4 o'clock and the ceremony was at once begun.

No Bridesmaids. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. William J. Cox, of Philadelphia, who used the Episcopal service. Mr. and Mrs. Wilson were seated in the front pew of the chapel which was solidly banked with white flowers.

Three Weeks' Wedding Tour. Dr. and Mrs. Grayson left tonight for a three weeks' wedding tour and (Continued on Page Six)

CONVENTION OF FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S CLUBS

Delegates From All the States, Cuba, Porto Rico, Alaska and Philippines.

New York, May 24.—Nine thousand delegates, alternates and visitors from all the states of the union and from Cuba, Porto Rico, Alaska and the Philippines, filled the Seventh Regiment Armory here tonight at the first general session of the thirtieth biennial convention of the General Federation of Women's Clubs. More than two thousand spectators were turned away because of the throngs in the armory, 1,500 were men.

The auditorium began to fill at 7 o'clock. An hour later the crowd before the battle cruisers, in to be closed and police reserves were called. Five women were overcome in the crush and received attention at an emergency hospital at the armory with five doctors and ten nurses in attendance.

With the arrival of Governor Whitman and Mrs. Whitman the convention opened formally at 10 o'clock. Mrs. Percy V. Penneybacker, president of the federation, Mrs. William Grant Rogers, president of the New York biennial board, which arranged for the convention, presided with Mrs. Penneybacker. Miss Margaret Wilson, daughter of the president occupied the seat of honor between them.

SURGICAL OPERATION PREVENTED BY HEAVY SEA

Captain of Greek Liner Died While Surgeons Were Holding Radio Conversation.

New York, May 24.—While two ships' surgeons were holding a wireless conversation to save his life, Captain Peter Paleologos, of the Greek liner *Vaslo*, died of appendicitis in mid-ocean on the last trip to Piraeus from New York, according to Captain Charles Zagoras, of the sister ship *Patris* which arrived today.

When Captain Paleologos was taken ill Dr. Helms, his ship's surgeon, consulted at once by wireless with Dr. George Vaslo, the chief doctor in Gibraltar, rather than risk it with the ship pitching in the heavy sea. The captain died the next day.

BREAK IN STRIKE OF BOSTON CLOTHING WORKERS

Settlements Reached With Some of the Manufacturers.

Boston, May 24.—One thousand of the four thousand union clothing workers who went on strike Tuesday for an increase in wages and shorter hours, returned to work today, settlements having been reached with some of the manufacturers, according to officers of the Amalgamated Clothing Workers of America. Union leaders said that prospects were bright for an early adjustment of differences with the other employes concerned.

\$25 Fine For Misbranding Bottle.

New Haven, Conn., May 24.—For misbranding a bottle in which had been packed a product of a medicinal character, the Athoporus company of New Haven, was fined \$25 by Judge Thomas, of the federal court, today.

David Lamar Surrenders.

New York, May 24.—David Lamar today surrendered to the federal authorities and was taken to the Tombs prison to await removal to Atlanta penitentiary to serve his two years' sentence for impersonating a congressman.

Condensed Telegrams

Cash contributions to the 4th German war loan have reached a total of \$2,229,750,000.

A Japanese firm has loaned China \$3,000,000 yen on security of iron mines in Hunan Province.

Woman suffrage was endorsed by the Methodist Episcopal General Conference at Saratoga, N. Y.

A gigantic industrial fair will be held in London soon after the war, to increase Great Britain's trade.

England conscription bill is now before King George for signature, the House of Lords having passed it.

Forty thousand circulars urging public school students in Toledo to "swat the fly" are being distributed.

Direct cable communication with Shanghai has been restored, the Commercial Cable Company announced.

Adolph von Batocki, president of the Province of East Prussia, has been appointed food dictator of Germany.

All foreigners entering Guadalupe hereafter must have passports issued by French consuls at the ports of departure.

Maj. Gen. Wood has accepted an invitation to review with Gov. McCall and others, Boston's preparedness parade.

Directors of the Chicago Board of Trade have been petitioned to close the Exchange on Saturday, June 3, Preparedness Day.

Mortimer O'Conner, an American citizen, has been arrested in North Kerry, Ireland, in connection with the political disturbance.

Mrs. Louis Brayton of Madison, Wis., celebrated her 104th birthday. She never rode in an automobile or saw a motion picture.

China has purchased 7,500,000 silver pesos from the Philippines insular government. The latter cleared 20 per cent on the deal.

Murry C. Vandiver, well known politician of Maryland for the last 50 years, died of general debility at Silverville, Md., aged 71.

James J. Hill is reported to be improving from an illness which has kept him at his home at St. Paul, Minn., for several days.

The crew of the Greek steamer *Adamantios Korais*, sunk in the Mediterranean by an Austrian submarine, was landed at Marseilles.

After working one day, following a three weeks' strike, 1,500 miners went on strike at the Lehigh Coal Co.'s collieries at Tamaqua, Pa.

A strike of employees of the National Railway of Mexico has resulted in the suspension of service between Manzanillo and Mexico City.

Two new aeroplanes have arrived for army service at the border. The manufacturers, however, neglected to send propellers with the planes.

Col. John L. Phillips, surgeon of the army medical corps, shot and killed himself at an army hospital at Washington. He had been in poor health.

An appropriation of \$200,000 for military instruction of the organized militia at the forthcoming national encampment was voted by the Senate.

Striking silk mill workers at Allentown, Emmaus, Walnutport, Slatington, and Catasauque, Pa., returned to work, having been granted increased wages.

A masked bandit rifled the registered mail on a Texas & Pacific train bound from New Orleans for Fort Worth, and escaped near Kaithville, La.

A membership of 42,666, with a treasury of \$154, was reported at the annual convention at Boston of the Massachusetts Catholic Order of Foresters.

The seventh annual convention of the American Iron Steel and Heavy Hardware Association opened at Pittsburgh with more than 30 delegates present.

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Bobby Hammond, driving an Empire car, arrived at the New York City Hall from San Francisco, having made the trip in 6 days, 11 hours and 52 minutes.

Gov. McCall reappointed Stephen O'Meara, police commissioner of Boston. The position carries a salary of \$7,500 annually. The appointment is for five years.

Reports from Stockholm say there has been a crop disaster in Russia, frost destroying all winter crops of the northern and middle parts of the Russian empire.

The General Assembly of the Cumberland Presbyterian church at Birmingham, Ala., adopted a report urging its member churches to devote more attention to revivals.

John Redden, a merchant, was found murdered in bed at his home at Warden, Va. His body had been hacked with a hatchet, and the bed set afire in an effort to hide the crime.

The success of a campaign to raise \$25,000 for an endowment fund was announced at the annual meeting of the Alliance of Unitarians and Other Liberal Christian Women at Boston.

Walter Lewandowski, arrested in Brooklyn, confessed to the murder of his mother, Mrs. Frances Lewandowski, a servant employed at Coney Island. She had refused his demand for money.

The Duke of Connaught, a field marshal in the British army, and personal aide de camp to King George, arrived at Rome from the French front. He will visit the Austro-Italian front.

"Studio" Woman In Waite Trial

MRS. HORTON CAST BORROWING GLANCES AT ACCUSED

RELATIONS PLATONIC

The Accused Was Pale and Ill at Ease as Mrs. Horton Testified—Wife of the Prisoner Sobbed at Intervals.

New York, May 24.—Mrs. Margaret West Horton, the young woman with whom Dr. Arthur Warren Waite, confessed poisoner of his wife's parents, studied languages and shared a "studio" in a fashionable New York hotel, described late today at Waite's trial for murder what she considered the dual character of the prisoner. This alleged double life of Waite, the evil side of which, she asserted, manifested itself in the form of a "little man from Egypt," gave the first inkling of the theory upon which Waite's lawyers will proceed in their efforts to prove he was insane at the time he killed John E. Peck.

Cast Borrowing Glances at Waite. Mrs. Horton, who cast sorrowing glances at Waite as he sat outwardly ill at ease not more than twenty feet from her, followed Mrs. (Continued on Page Eight)

FATALLY HURT IN HEAD-ON AUTOMOBILE COLLISION

Chauffeur Arrested for Driving While Under Influence of Liquor.

South Manchester, Conn., May 24.—Richard Ahearn of New Britain was perhaps fatally hurt in a head-on automobile collision with a car driven by John Simpson of East Hartford. Ahearn was thrown out into the roadway and his skull fractured. He was taken to a hospital where it was said his condition was hopeless. The others involved in the smashup was seriously hurt. McClunie was arrested charged with driving an automobile while under the influence of liquor.

TWO SEPARATE INVESTIGATIONS IN WIRE TAPPING OPERATIONS

One by Legislative Committee—Other by District Attorney.

New York, May 24.—Two separate investigations were continued today into the wire tapping operations of the New York police. One was by the legislative committee headed by State Senator George F. Thompson and the other by District Attorney Mitchell.

The committee permitted Mayor Mitchell to take the witness stand and read into records conversations alleged to have been heard over tapped wires during the investigation of charitable institutions, after warning him that it considered the conversations "irrelevant" and inadmissible as evidence.

The district attorney conducted a "John Doe" inquiry into the tapping of the telephone line of the law firm of Seymour & Seymour. One of the witnesses who appeared before him was Bartlett Carnahan, a physician who testified that he installed a telephonic eavesdropping device in the lawyers' offices at the instigation of the W. J. Burns District Attorney.

John Doe also testified that he saw William J. Burns personally open a desk in Seymour & Seymour's offices, take papers from it, read them and make shorthand memoranda from them. Smith told Mr. Swann that his father had sold a telephone "tap" to Burns.

In his testimony before the Thompson committee Mayor Mitchell reiterated his charge that the telephone wires of Roman Catholic parishes and others had been tapped during the charities investigation because of the discovery that there was a conspiracy to divert the city's money to more particularly the department of charities headed by John A. Kingsbury, who was indicted yesterday for his part in the wire tapping activities.

Rev. William B. Farrell announced tonight that he intended to institute a civil action against Mayor Mitchell, charging defamation of character.

BOUNTYFUL GIFTS OF A CHESHIRE MAN.

Hobart Williams Gives Property Valued at \$4,500,000 to Chicago Institutions.

Chicago, May 24.—A gift of a business building in Chicago's downtown district valued at \$2,500,000 has been made to the University of Chicago by Hobart Williams of Cheshire, Conn. It became known today. A few days ago Mr. Williams announced a gift of \$2,000,000 to ten Illinois educational and charitable institutions.

The property given the University of Chicago is under lease for 99 years at an annual rental of over \$100,000, and out of this sum Mr. Williams reserves \$60,000 a year during his life. The donor also gave property valued at \$200,000 to St. Luke's hospital and property valued at \$100,000 to the Young Men's Christian association.

Mr. Williams formerly lived in Chicago.

EVELYN NESBIT THAW MARRIES DANCING PARTNER

Was Divorced from Harry K. Thaw Last Month.

New York, May 24.—Evelyn Nesbit Thaw, divorced by Harry K. Thaw last month and Jack Hifford, her dancing partner, returned here tonight after a busy trip to Baltimore and announced that they had been married in Maryland.

Movements of Steamships.

Bergen, May 23.—Arrived, steamer *Bergensford*, New York.

Cedix, May 23.—Arrived, steamer *Antonio Lopez*, New York.

New York, May 24.—Arrived, steamer, *or Fratic*, Saratoga.

Killed by a Pitched Ball.

Oil City, Pa., May 24.—James O. Brown, aged 16, was hit and killed by a pitched ball while playing baseball today.