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NO LET-UP IN FURY OF VERDUN BATTLE

Germans Are Keeping Up Unprecedented Bombardments and Vicious Infantry Attacks

FRENCH REPLYING TO GERMANS SHOT FOR SHOT

Teutons Have Made Another Gain, Occupying French Trenches to the Southwest of Fort Douaumont—Northwest of Verdun the Germans Have Increased Their Artillery Fire, Around Hill 304, Probably in Preparation for Another Infantry Attack for Possession of Vantage Point—Rome Reports the Repulse of Austrians in the Region Southeast of Trent and Across the Border In Italy—Petrograd Reports a Junction of Russian Troops With the British Forces in the Region of Kut-el-Amara.

The battle of Verdun continues unabated. On both sides of the Meuse river, northeast and northwest of the fortress, the Germans are keeping up their unprecedented bombardments and vicious infantry attacks, while the French are replying to the German guns virtually shot for shot and under a withering fire holding the Germans at almost every point.

One more gain, however, has been made by the Germans. After recapturing Fort Douaumont and taking trenches south and southwest of the fort, the Germans to the west have occupied a section of French trenches following a series of attacks, in all of which they were repulsed with heavy losses except the one where they penetrated the French lines.

Around Douaumont a heavy artillery duel is in progress, and northwest of Verdun the Germans have increased their artillery fire against the French on Hill 304, probably preparatory to another infantry attack for possession of this much-fought-for vantage point.

A German attack against the Russians west of Dalen island gave them momentarily the possession of a Russian advanced trench, a counter-attack by the Russians dislodging the invaders. An attempt by the Teutons to advance against the Russians north of Olyka station, southeast of Lutsk, was repulsed by the Russians.

In the region southeast of Trent and across the border in Italy, Rome reports the repulse of Austrian attacks and the throwing back of the attackers in disorder. In the Astico-Rosina region the Italians are replying effectively to the bombardment of the Austrians. In the Ausigo-Sugana valley district the situation is unchanged.

Petrograd reports a junction of Russian troops with the British forces in the region of Kut-el-Amara. The Russians came from the region of Kermanshah and Kasr-i-Shirin, in Persia, northeast of Bagdad. This announcement probably refers to the force of Cossacks which was officially reported several days ago from London to have joined the British.

In connection with the fighting near the Persian front, Constantinople reports that the Turks have stopped the advance of the Russians in the region of Kasrh-i-Shirin and also defeated Russian detachments at Sulaminish, north of Kasrh-i-Shirin.

Unofficial advices from Athens say that a heavy bombardment and infantry engagements have taken place from Doiran to Gievgeli, on the Macedonian front, and that entente allies have dropped bombs on several towns in Serbia held by the Teutonic allies.

80,118 NAMES ON ROSTER FOR BOSTON PREPAREDNESS PARADE

Include Delegations from Nearly Every Branch of Civil Life.

Boston, May 25. — Indications that nearly 100,000 persons would march in the civilian preparedness parade to be held here on Saturday multiplied with every mail today. Although the lists were supposed to close last night, enrollments continued to arrive augmenting the 80,118 names formally on the roster.

The list of marchers includes delegations from nearly every branch of civil life and from some semi-military bodies, and will represent several places outside this city and state. Women will appear prominently in the ranks. The state's delegation to congress will be largely in line, as will the governor's council and the legislature. Municipal employes will occupy an entire division. The heads of other city departments, including Nashua, N. H., will march here.

The route of the parade will be through the business district. It will be reviewed at the statehouse by Major General Leonard Wood, U. S. A., commanding the department of the east, and by Governor McCall, and at the city hall by Mayor Curley.

GIFT OF $100,000 BY E. B. ATWOOD OF STONINGTON

For the Purpose of Assisting Deserving Youths to Obtain an Education.

Stonington, Conn., May 25.—Eugene B. Atwood of this town, one of the owners of the Atwood Machine company, announced his gift of a fund of $100,000 for the purpose of assisting any deserving boy or girl to obtain a professional or business education. The announcement was made through State Attorney C. Hadlai Hull of New London, who with his son, Attorney C. Hadlai Hull, will act as trustees and managers of the money which will be known as the Eugene Atwood fund. It is not restricted in any way and will be available in the fall.

THIRTEEN WOMEN FINED $5 AND COSTS.

For Rioting In Rectory of a Church at Bridgeport.

Bridgeport, Conn., May 25.—Thirteen women, arrested for rioting in the rectory of the Church of Saunts Cyril and Methodius were fined $5 and costs in city court today. Judge F. A. Bartlett warned the women that they must settle peaceably their differences within the church.

TO MAINTAIN DISCIPLINE TO FRIVOLOUS PLEASURES

General Conference of M. E. Church Retains Restrictions.

Saratoga Springs, N. Y., May 25.—The penalty of expulsion contained in paragraph 271 of the discipline of the Methodist Episcopal church for the members who play cards, dance, attend the theatre or engage in other similar amusements, will remain in effect for another four years at least, as the result of action taken today by the general conference. An attempt, which was led by Chancellor James Day, of Syracuse University, to secure the removal of the prohibition, failed by a vote of 484 to 360. The figures are almost identical with those of four years ago, when a similar proposal was defeated.

CATHOLIC CLERGYMEN DENY CHARGES OF MAYOR MITCHEL

That They Were in a Conspiracy to Discredit City Administration.

New York, May 25.—Roman Catholic clergymen whose telephone wires were tapped during the investigation of charitable institutions took the witness stand today before the legislative committee headed by Senator George F. Thompson and flatly denied the charges of Mayor Mitchel that they were involved in a conspiracy to discredit the city administration through attacks upon the department of charities.

They made the counter-allegation that the mayor played a prominent part in a conspiracy designed to discredit the administration of Catholic orphanages. The priests asserted that after discovering their telephones had been tapped they deliberately planned to trap the mayor by pre-arranged conversations and that they were successful in their purpose. While admitting certain parts of the overheard conversations which were read to the committe yesterday by Mr. Mitchel, the witnesses protested that his account of these talks was, in the main, accurate. They contended that the language used, much of which was ungrammatical, was not theirs.

Whatever was said in the conversations about spiriting witnesses out of the city to prevent them from appearing before the charities investigating committee was deliberately planned to delude the mayor and his associates with the end in view of proving that their telephones had been tapped, they declared. The clergymen contended that all they sought for the institutions in which they were interested was "a square deal" which had not been given them.

The witnesses, who appeared today were Monsignor John J. Dunn, Monsignor Luke J. Evers, Rev. William B. Farrell and Rev. Joseph P. Dineen.

JAIL SENTENCES FOR ALLEGED LEADERS OF RIOT

Six Others Were Fined $20 and Costs Each in Ansonia.

Ansonia, Conn., May 25.—Two alleged leaders in the strike riot at the plant of the Ansonia Manufacturing company last week were today given jail sentences and fines; six others were fined $20 and costs each, and another man was allowed to go free.

Sam Koopla and Michael Schmoccky were the ones sent to jail. They will serve a term of four months in addition to paying a fine of $25 each.

A KENTUCKY FEUD BROKE OUT IN GENERAL BATTLE.

Has Been Dormant Some Time—One Man Killed, Two Men Wounded.

Lexington, Ky., May 26.—The Kimbell-Lacy feud in Wayne county, which has been lying dormant for some time, broke out today and in a general battle, June Kimbell was killed and Calvin and George Lacey badly wounded, according to word received here. It was not reported how many took part in the battle.

Cobbler Killed in His Shop.

Lonsdale, R. I., May 25.—Henry S. Briggs, an aged cobbler, was found dead in his shop today, the victim apparently of an attack by robbers. He was known to carry considerable money, which was missing when the police searched the body.

Cabled Paragraphs

Temps Opposed to Peace Negotiations

Paris, May 25, 7.30 a. m.—The Temps in an editorial today again goes on record as not favoring any idea of peace negotiations. "It seems," says the Temps, "that President Wilson thinks his refusal to pass judgment gives him a right to intervene. To have tolerated the violation of the neutrality of Belgium does not create for him the right to participate in the restoration of Belgium.

Crown for M. Venizelos.

Paris, May 25, 1.15 p. m.—The electors of Mytilene, the home of former Premier Venizelos, of Greece, have opened a subscription which has already reached the sum of 30,000 drachmas, with the object of presenting to M. Venizelos their deputy in the Greek chamber, a crown of gold set with precious stones, says a Havas despatch from Athens under date of May 24.

FLAG DAY PROCLAMATION.

Governor Holcomb Calls Upon All Citizens to Renew Their Allegiance to This Country.

Hartford, Conn., May 25.—Gov. Marcus H. Holcomb today issued his Flag day proclamation as follows:

STATE OF CONNECTICUT.
By His Excellency,
MARCUS H. HOLCOMB,
Governor.

A Proclamation.

At a time when the life of the nation flowed smoothly and men were apt to forget that liberty and political equality had been purchased only at a high price of blood and suffering and maintained only by the everlasting vigilance of men who held them dear, the legislature set apart a day for the consideration of the principles out of which the nation sprang and upon which rests its greatness.

In the present cataclysm in human affairs, when the old order changeth and the old standards are shaking upon their pedestals, there is less need of reverent memories and calm deliberation, but there is an infinitely greater need of a burning faith in the eternal soundness of those ideals and of a high resolve that they shall be maintained at any cost.

On the fourteenth day of June, then, which the legislature has designated as

FLAG DAY,

I call upon all citizens of the state, wheresoever they may have been born and whatsoever be their condition, to renew their allegiance to this country and to consecrate to the maintenance of the ethings for which it stands all that they possess of wealth and strength, of faith and courage.

(SEAL)

Given under my hand and the seal of the state, at the capitol at Hartford, this twenty-fifth day of May, in the year of our Lord one thousand, nine hundred and sixteen, and of the independence of the United States the one hundred and fortieth.

MARCUS H. HOLCOMB.
By His Excellency's Command:
CHARLES D. BURNES,
Secretary.

MAJOR MOTON INSTALLED AS PRINCIPAL OF TUSKEGEE

Will Endeavor to Follow Out the Policy of Late Booker T. Washington

Tuskegee, Ala., May 25.—Major Robert R. Moton, a negro of unmixed blood, was installed here this afternoon as principal of Tuskegee Institute, founded by the late Booker T. Washington for the industrial education of the negro race.

In his installation address, Major Moton indicated he would endeavor to follow out the policy of Dr. Washington.

"While the outlook was never more hopeful, the negro problem is not yet solved," said Major Moton. "While there is great encouragement in the fact that 70 per cent. of the negro population can read and write, it ns not safe to assume that 70 per cent. of the negroes are fully and truly educated. Our progress in this country has been wonderful and we have every reason for rejoicing; but shiftlessness, disease, inefficiency and crime are entirely too prevalent among our people. Color and conduct still count in this question, but let us remember that conduct counts more than color."

GREAT CONGRESS OF WOMEN OF THE AMERICAS IN 1920

To be Urged by President of General Federation of Women's Clubs.

New York, May 25—In her annual address tomorrow before the thirteenth biennial convention of the General Federation of Women's Clubs, Mrs. Percy V. Pennybacker, the president, will urge the women of the United States to take the first step in a struggle for internationalism, by calling a great congres sof the women of the Americas for 1920. She will recommend, she said tonight that "under the proper conditions the United States government be asked to help finance such a congress."

The co-ordination of the efforts of the women of North and South America in behalf of world peace, Mrs. Pennybacker beleves, will go far toward accomplishing that end. In line with this idea, Mrs. Pennybacker at today's session approved the report of the executive committee, recommending affiliation of the federation with the national council of women.

GLASS WORKERS STRIKE AT MERIDEN SETTLED.

Silver Workers of International Silver Co. Are Still Out.

Meriden, Conn., May 25.—The strike of the glass workers of the International Silver company, which has been on since last October was settled according to an announcement made by George H. Wilcox, president of the company. About 150 are involved.

The strike of the silver workers, affecting several thousand workers in this city and in Wallingford is still unsettled.

The glass workers, it was announced will be put to work as soon as places for them can be found. They will return on a fifty-five hour a week basis. The details of the settlement were not given out but it was stated that it was satisfactory to the men and the company. In heir original demands the glass workers asked for a nine hour day and increase in wages.

Capt. I. R. White, D. S. O., son of the late Sir George White, a field marshal in the British army, was convicted at Averdare, Wales, of violation of the defense of the realm act, and sentenced to three months' imprisonment.

Cloture Rule on Naval Bill Debate

DECIDED UPON BY DEMOCRATIC HOUSE LEADERS

DEBATE TO END JUNE 2

All Three of the Administrations Big Preparedness Measures Moved Forward Toward Enactment Yesterday.

Washington, May 25.—Democratic house leaders prepared today a rule to close all debate on the naval appropriation bill on Friday, June 2 at 4 p. m. The bill probably will be called up next Saturday.

All three of the administration's big preparedness measures moved forward a step toward enactment today.

$150,000,000 For Army.

The army appropriation bill, carrying $150,000,000, was agreed upon by the house military committee. Secretary Baker now is going over the reorganization bill and as soon as he makes a report the president is expected to sign it.

A LASTING SETTLEMENT OF THE IRISH QUESTION.

Demonstration of Unity in House of Commons With That Object.

London, May 25, 6.55 p. m. — The house of commons has rarely seen a demonstration of greater unity than was displayed this afternoon when the leaders of all factions flocked to the standard of the prime minister in an effort to achieve a lasting settlement of the Irish question.

This was the more remarkable because a heated and acrimonious debate had been predicted to follow Premier Asquith's expected statement regarding the situation and the government's proposals for a solution of the problem. Mr. Asquith's speech took an unexpected turn, for instead of giving details, he made an earnest plea for the settlement of the Irish question by agreement among the contending parties in Ireland and announced that David Lloyd George had undertaken the delicate task of bringing the hostile factions together.

The premier concluded with an appeal that for a time all debate on the question, both in the house of commons and outside, be suspended, in view of the adverse effect such argument might have on the difficult undertaking facing the government.

The premier's speech was heard with intense interest by the members and he had scarcely resumed his seat when John Redmond, the nationalist leader, rost and acquiesced in the premier's request, adding, with a voice filled with emotion, his ardent desire for a solution of the difficulties of his country.

Mr. Redmond was quickly followed by his political arch-enemy, Sir Edward Carson, who tendered his support to the proposition, and by the independent Irish leader, William O'Brien, who did likewise.

These speeches effectively obliterated party lines for the moment and those members who had come prepared to attack the government fell in with the leaders and the question was dropped.

BRITISH MILITARY SERVICE FILL SIGNED.

In Giving Sanction, King George Issued Message to the Nation.

London, May 25, 6.30 p. m.—The signature of King George was today affixed to the military service bill recently passed by parliament.

In giving the royal sanction to the bill, King George issued the following message to the nation:

"To enable our country to organize more effectively its military resources in the present great struggle for the cause of civilization, I have, acting on the advice of my ministers, deemed it necessary to enrole every able-bodied man between the ages of 18 and 41.

"I desire to take this opportunity of expressing to my people my recognition and appreciation of the splendid patriotism and self-sacrifice they displayed in raising by voluntary enlistment since the commencement of the war no less than 5,041,000 men—an effect far surpassing that of any other nation in similar circumstances recorded in history and one which will be a lasting source of pride to future generations.

"I am confident the magnificent spirit which has hitherto sustained my people through the trials of this terrible war will inspire them to endure the additional sacrifice now imposed upon them and that it will, with God's help, lead us and our allies to a victory which shall achieve the liberation of Europe."

MEDIATION RESOLUTION INTRODUCED IN SENATE

Would Authorize President Wilson to Propose a Truce.

Washington, May 25.—A resolution requesting the president, unless incompatible with the public interest, to suggest to warring nations of Europe that the United States undertake mediation, was introduced in the senate late today by Senator Lewis of Illinois, to lie on the table for discussion later.

The result would authorize the president to propose that the belligerents declare a truce and that each of them select a neutral country as its representative on a board of arbitration thus created; each selected neutral would name one member of the board ovr which the president or his representative would preside as referee. Under the plan each belligerent would present its demands or claims to the board which would be authorized to arrive at an equitable adjustment.

The resolution recites that it is suggested as an expression of the desire for world peace and not of favoritism for any of the belligerents.

Will of Robert Hale ives Goddard.

Warwick, R. I., May 25.—The will of the late Robert Hale Ives Goddard, capitalist and manufacturer, was admitted to probate this afternoon by Judge Harry C. Curtis. The bond was fixed by the court at $3,000,000, the largest ever ordered by this tribunal, to return an inventory of the estate, the value of which, it is believed, will exceed this sum.

Courtmartial For Texas Militiamen

116 WHO FAILED TO RESPOND FOR BORDER SERVICE

ORDERED BY PRESIDENT

Guardsmen Are Subject to Fines or Imprisonment, as the Court May Direct, With the Approval of President.

Washington, May 25.—One hundred and sixteen Texas militiamen who have failed to respond to the call for service on the Mexican border will be courtmartialed by President Wilson.

Fine or Imprisonment.

They will be subject to fines or imprisonment, as the court may direct, with the approval of the president. Secretary Baker announced today that the guardsmen would be tried promptly under the Dick law, reversing a previous decision to delay action in order to deal with the cases under the new Hay-Chamberlain army reorganization bill. The president himself will appoint the courtmartial and Major General Funston has been instructed to recommend its members, a majority of whom must be officers of the Texas National Guard.

Awaiting Report About New Mexico and Arizona Guardsmen.

So far no steps have been taken toward prosecuting New Mexico and Arizona guardsmen who, like the Texans, have failed to "present themselves for muster" a further report from General Funston regarding them is awaited.

Statement by Secretary Baker.

Secretary Baker tonight issued the following statement explaining the action of the war department:

"The Dick bill provides as an offense the failure on the part of men of the national guard to present themselves for muster when called upon by the president to do so. One hundred and sixteen members of the Texas National Guard are reported to have failed to so present themselves. Under the Dick bill they would be guilty of failure to present themselves for muster.

Hereafter Call Will Mean Muster.

"When the pending legislation is approved and the militia of the states is reorganized and federalized thereunder, the obligation of the enlisted men of the national guard will be to preserve constitutions of the United States and their respective states and the lawful orders of the president and the governors of their respective states. Thereafter when the president issues a call to the national guard the call will of its own force muster each member of the national guard into the federal service and it will no longer be necessary for the men to 'present' themselves for muster.

"The offense denounced by the Dick bill therefore will be impossible as it will not be required that the men should 'present' themselves for muster.

Liable to Punishment.

The Dick bill, not being repealed expressly, remains in force. The 116 men in question having taken an oath to preserve the constitution of the United States and to obey the lawful orders of the governor of Texas and not having yet taken an oath to obey the president as commander-in-chief, must still present themselves for muster. They are capable, therefore, of committing the offense in the Dick bill and are, therefore, liable to punishment.

"I have decided to have the court martial assembled by command of the president and have asked General Funston to recommend the members thereof. While I shall not prescribe, I shall be inclined to recommend that the proceedings be abated in cases where the men are willing to take the oath."

JUDGE FINED MEN $150; BUT APPROVED THEIR ACTION

Two Prominent Louisiana Men Engaged in Prearranged Fist Fight.

Baton Rouge, La., May 25.—Adjutant General McNees and A. D. Stewart, a prominent New Orleans hotel man, each paid $150 fine in city court today for their pre-arranged fist fight on the capitol lawn yesterday, which they designated as "an affair of honor." Judge Odom in imposing the fines said:

"Personally I approve of this method, but it is against the law and I will have to fine you."

OBITUARY.

Leander E. Whipple.

Greenwich, Conn., May 25.—Leander E. Whipple, widely known as a metaphysician and founder of "The Metaphysical Magazine," died at his home here today after a short iness, aged 67. He was the author of a number of works on metaphysical subjects. A sister and a brother survive.

Le Baron C. Colt.

Bristol, R. I., May 25.—Le Baron C. Colt, son of United States Senator Colt and vice president of the National India Rubber company, died today from injuries received on May 18 in an automobile accident. Albert C. Cheesbrough, a yacht designer, was killed instantly in the accident when their car skidded in approaching the Colt residence. Mr. Colt was 41 years of age.

Jared Jaines.

Glastonbury, Conn., May 22.—Jared Jaines, a retired sea captain, died tonight at his home here, after a short illness, aged 69. He followed the sea, most of his life and was captain of various coastwise steamers.

At the time of the General Slocum disaster, he was one of those who assisted in the rescue work. In 1909, he picked up a disabled excursion steamer off Glen Cove, N. Y. The steamer had on board 200 members of an Odd Fellows' lodge and later the lodge gave him a present of a gold medal in recognition of his bravery.

Movements of Steamships.

Glasgow, May 24.—Arrived: Steamer Pomeranian, Boston.

Kirkwall, May 23.—Sailed: Steamer Helig Olav (from Copenhagen) New York.

Liverpool, May 24.—Sailed: Steamed Celtic, New York.

Kirkwall, May 23.—Sailed: Steamer United States (from New York) Copenhagen.

Condensed Telegrams

Turkey and Rumania have instituted negotiations for a commercial treaty.

Villa is reported in hiding at Hacienda Mimbera, about 135 miles from Jiminez.

Elmira, N. Y., voters have rejected a plan for the commission form of government.

The lava flow from the volcano at Manna Loa, at Honolulu, is reported to have diminished.

Spain will act with the United States to aid in getting Red Cross supplies admitted to Germany.

The French sailing vessel Mysotis was posted at Lloyds as "probably sunk." She is long overdue.

The German submarine U-22 struck a German mine at Zeebrugge, Holland, and was seriously damaged.

The captain and crew of the Russian bark Regina, sunk by a submarine, have been landed at Barcelona, Spain.

A call for a state prohibition convention to be held at Clarksburg, W. Va., on June 7 was issued at Wheeling.

Headquarters for four candidates for the Republican nomination for president were opened in Chicago yesterday.

Fire wrecked the plant of the Kalbfeisen Chemical Co. in Brooklyn, causing damage estimated from $100,000 to $125,000.

King Nicholas of Mentenegro issued a statement disavowing the actions of Prince Mirko, his second son, now in Vienna.

The Chicago Board of Trade will be closed May 30, Memorial day, June 3, Preparedness day, and June 5, Judicial Election day..

Soup kitchens to feed the 53,000 striking garment workers in New York city will be opened by the Garment Workers' union.

A report from London states that Prince von Buelow may soon succeed Count von Bernsdorff, as ambassador to the United States.

Reports of the coming visit of the kaiser to the Austrian front have led many Italians to demand that Italy declare war on Germany.

John F. Finnegan of Rome, N. Y., was sentenced to serve five years in Atlanta prison for embezzling funds of the Rome National bank.

Clarence Bedford, 15, fell 100 feet down an elevator shaft at the Blatchford Shoe Co. plant at Buffalo, N. Y., fracturing his skull and hip.

All machinists, moulders, pattern makers and boiler makers employed in shops at Mobile, Ala., will get an eight-hour day with nine hours' pay.

The National Amalgamation of Textile Workers in session at Boston declared in favor of an eight hour working day for all mill operatives.

By a vote of 468 to 325, the Methodist Episcopal general conference at Saratoga, N. Y., decided to continue publication of all church magazines.

A large crowd witnessed a fire that caused $10,000 damage to the eight-story office building at 1 and 3 Ann street, just off Park Row, New York.

General objection to the proposed advance in fares on the Bay State Street Railway System will give way to Boston remonstrants beginning May 31.

Counsel for Will Orpet, on trial under a charge of murdering Marian Lambert, announced that the parents of the girl had been subpoenaed in the case.

William J. Bryan declared that he does not place much reliance in published reports that prohibition leaders are counting on him as their presidential candidate.

Great Britain will investigate the case of John Kilgalion of New York, a college student at Dublin, taken to England charged with participation in the Irish uprising.

Miss Stillemann, an American, imprisoned at Warnemunde, Germany, for carrying a secret code, has been released and is leaving for her home in the United States.

There is at present a 50 per cent. shortage of ammunition for United States coast defenses, compared with a 25 per cent. shortage at the beginning of the European war.

Henriette Holstein, convicted of poisoning her hurband, daughter and stepson, was beheaded in Berlin for the crime. A headsman with a broadaxe performed the execution.

Dr. Lauro Muller, Brazilian minister of foreign affairs, will start early in June for a trip to the United States. He has been granted a leave of absence of four months because of ill health.

Robert Hammond, who arrived at New York from San Francisco Tuesday, after making a record trip driving an Empire car, has offered to race anyone across the continent for a $10,000 purse.

Lord Robert Cecil of the British foreign office stated in the house of commons that England would not allow the exportation of $30,000,000 worth of dyestuffs from Germany to the United States.

The American steamer Ventura reported on her arrival at Sidney, N. S. W., that she had picked up at sea wireless messages from the station at Tuckerton, N. J., while 9,000 miles from the plant.

Richard Ahearn of New Britain, who was injured in a head-on automobile collision at Laurel Park, near Manchester, Wednesday night, died last night in a Hartford hospital. He was 32 years old.

Public opinion in Greece has been greatly excited by the news that Teutonic submarines have torpedoed the Greek steamships Adamantios Korais and Anastasios Coroneos, and the Greek ship Istros.

A gift of $600,000 to the endowment fund of the institution from J. Ogden Armour was announced last night by Dr. Frank W. Gunsaulus, president of the Armour Institute of Technology, Chicago, at the commencement exercises of the school.

WAITE TELLS OF IDIOSYNCRACIES

Bared Sordid Secrets of His Life in an Effort to Save Himself From the Electric Chair

CALM AND COLLECTED AS HE TOOK THE STAND

Prisoner Commenced His Life's Story by Recalling That as a Child He Was Cruel to Animals—Made Frank Admission of a Series of Thefts—His Total Thefts During His Freshman Year at the University of Michigan Amounted to About $500—Was Expelled From His Fraternity When a Sophomore for Stealing—Later Stole $1,500 While Working for a Dentist Supply House—Made a Living in Canada by Cheating at Pool—Told of Wooing Miss Peck—Almost Broke the Engagement Two Weeks Before Their Marriage—Prior to His Marriage to Miss Peck He Put Ground Glass in Marmalade and Gave it to Her and Frequently Gave Her Virulent Germs—Gave Mrs. Peck Millions of Germs, Including Typhoid, Diphtheria and Pneumonia.

New York, May 25.—Dr. Arthur Warren Waite calmly recounted on the witness stand today in an effort to safe himself from conviction for murder, by showing that he was of unsound mind, how he attempted to cause the death of Miss Katherine Peck, the wealthy aunt of his wife and his own benefactor, by feeding her disease germs. He told also of trying to kill his wife's parents, Mr. and Mrs. John E. Peck, in the same way before resorting to poison. He testified, in addition, regarding his relations with Mrs. Margaret Horton, his "studio" companion.

Put Ground Glass in Marmalade.

Waite said he put ground glass in a can of marmalade and gave it to Miss Katherine Peck prior to his marriage. He also put disease germs in a can of fish and gave that to her. Afterwards he frequently gave her germs of other varieties, including typhoid, while he was studying bacteriology.

Tried to Produce Germs Himself.

He tried to produce the germs himself, he said, but his cultures failed and he purchased them. He was able to buy germs of diphtheria, pneumonia, influenza, spinal meningitis and other diseases.

"What did you want of the germs?" he was asked.

"I wanted to give them to certain people," he replied.

Germs Not Virvulent Enough to Suit Waite.

The trouble with the germs, Waite

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ROUND TABLE CONFERENCE TO SETTLE IRISH DIFFICULTY

David Lloyd George Consulting With Various Irish Leaders.

London, May 25, 9.30 p. m.—David Lloyd George, stepping temporarily from the minister of munitions to a sort of round table conference to settle the Irish difficulty, is a striking illustration of how at all the great crises and emergencies during the war this statesman has come to the front as a strong man and saviour of the country. In the early days of the war he gained an enviable reputation in the eyes of the men of all parties for his capable handling of the nation's finances and then came to the rescue in the military emergency as head of the ministry of munitions to provide the army with shells.

Lately, it was undoubtedly his forceful personality which converted the country, in the face of the strongest opposition, to universal military service. Now he steps into the breach to solve one of the most difficult political problems ever presented to British statesmen—to reconcile the apparently irreconcilable sections of the Irish people and establish home rule in Ireland.

How soon Mr. Lloyd George will be able to arrange a formal conference and exactly what shape the conference will take is still unknown. He has been engaged for some days in informal talks preparatory to such a conference and it is understood that besides John Redmond, the Irish Nationalist leader, and Sir Edward Carson, the Ulster leader, the conference will include Herbert Samuel, the home secretary, who had much to do with framing the finance clauses of the home rule act. Other names mentioned are ohn Dillon and oseph Devlin. It is asserted that the proceedings of the conference will be quite confidential and that the place of meeting will be Mr. Lloyd George's private room at the ministry of munitions in Whitehall.

In the parliamentary lobbies today a feeling of optimism prevailed that the circumstances under which the parties are being called together offer a fair chance of settlement.

ACTION ON NOMINATION OF BRANDIES POSTPONED

Friends of Nominee in the Senate Consented to the Deferment.

Washington, May 25.—By unanimous consent, action on the nomination of Louis D. Brandies to the supreme court was postponed by the senate today at its executive session. Senators opposed to confirmation desired additional time in which to determine their course. With the understanding that opposition senators soon would reach a decision and with the hope that the brief postponement might result in an immediate vote on confirmation without debate either in executive or open session, friends of Mr. Brandies consented to the matter going over until tomorrow.

"BOMB SQUAD" OF NEW YORK POLICE MAKE ARREST

Adolph de Leeuw Charged With Revealing Contents of Government Documents.

New York, May 25.—A man giving the name of Adolph de Leeuw, 34 years old, a native of Holland, was arrested tonight by Captain Tunney, head of the "bomb squad" of the New York police, charged with revealing the contents of government documents and offering them for sale in violation of the penal law.

De Leeuw is accused of offering to reveal to Captain Guy Gaunt, naval attache of the British embassy, the contents of seven letters, four of which bore the seal of the imperial German embassy at Washington.

FEW DELEGATION CONTESTS FOR REPUBLICAN CONVENTION

Adoption of the Direct Primary Responsible for Harmony.

Chicago, May 25.—There will be fewer delegate seats contested in the republican national convention which opens here June 7 than in any national convention of the party in twenty years. With all the 985 delegates to the 1916 convention elected with the exception of those from West Virginia, which will be chosen by direct primary June 6, only 53 contests have been filed with Secretary Reynolds of the republican national committee.

Four years ago more than half the delegate seats were in dispute and the national committee held daily sessions for more than three weeks hearing contests. When the national committee meets June 1 to dispose of this year's contests, it will expect to complete its work in three days.

"The adoption of the direct primary in the election of delegates to the national convention by a large number of states is responsible for the great decrease in the number of contests," said Secre tary Reynolds. "This year more than 500 of the 985 delegates were chosen by the direct primary method."

Secretary Reynolds today issued an official list of the contests filed as follows:

Alabama—six delegates-at-large and one from ninth district; total 7.

Louisiana—four delegates-at-large and one delegate each from the first, second, third, fourth, fifth, sixth, seventh, eighth districts; total 12.

Mississippi—one delegates from the third district; total 1.

Missouri—two delegates from eleventh district; total 2.

Oklahoma—two delegates each from fifth and sixth districts; total four.

South Carolina—one delegate each from tht first, fourth and seventh districts; total 3.

Virginia—one delegate from the third district; total 1.

Texas—one each from the sixth and seventh districts and two from the fourteenth district; total 4.

District of Columbia—two delegates; total 2.

Georgia—four delegates at large and one delegate each from the first, second, third, fourth, fifth, sixth, eighth, ninth, tenth, eleventh, and twelfth districts, two from the seventh district; total 17.

Total number of delegates contested 53.

FOUR NOFWICH UNIVERSITY SOPHOMORES EXPELLED

Thirty Others Members Suspended—Result of a Hazing Prank.

Northfield, Vt., May 25.—Four sophomores of Norwich University were expelled and the thirty other members of the class suspended indefinitely today as a result of a hazing prank in which five freshmen were injured.

The hazing occurred several days ago when freshmen were compelled to "run the gauntlet" of the sophomores, who are alleged to have thrown them into a pond after beating them severely. Five freshmen suffered severe body bruises and were removed to the infirmary for treatment.

100 PER CENT DIVIDEND BY STANDARD OIL CO. OF OHIO

Capitalization Increased From $3,500,000 to $7,000,000.

Cleveland, May 25.—Stockholders of the Standard Oil Company of Ohio today authorized a stock dividend of $3,500,000 or 100 per cent. Action was also taken to increase the capitalization of the company from $3,500,000 to $7,000,000. The company's action was based on a surplus December 31 of $[illegible]