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## Continue Great Battle For War Racked Verdun

Germans and French Struggle Fiercely for Possession of Renowned Fortress.

### ITALIANS REPORT AUSTRIAN REVERSE

Rome Tells of Check for Dual Monarchy's Men in Trent Region—Unofficial Accounts of Heavy Bombardment in the Balkans.

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 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 after a series of attacks, in all of which they were repulsed with heavy casualties 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 activities 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 Palen 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 Olayka station, southeast of Lutsk, was repulsed by the Russians.

In the region southeast of Trent and across the border of Italy, Rome reports the repulse of Austrian attacks and the throwing back of the attackers in disorder. In the Astico-Polina region the Italians are replying effectively to the bombardment of the Austrians.

In the Asigo-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 Kasr-i-Shirin and also defeated detachments at Sulamanish north of Kasr-i-Shirin.

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

King George has signed the military service bill, under which all males between the ages of 18 and 41 years may be called to the colors.

David Lloyd-George, the British munitions minister, will attempt to bring harmony out of the discord among the Irish factions. The task is undertaken at the request of Premier Asquith and the Irish leaders have agreed to confer with Mr. Lloyd-George in an endeavor to reach the desired end.

### CLUB TO MEET

All democratic voters of Tabernacle precinct will please see A. P. Plyler for enrolling and registering for said precinct. Please attend to this at once.

J. A. STEWART, Chairman.  
S. H. PLYLER, Secretary.

## ENDORSE ADEQUATE NATIONAL DEFENCE

Commercial Bodies of U. S. Vote Overwhelmingly for Preparedness.

### FAVOR UNIVERSAL SERVICE

Would Have Nation Restore to Second Place Among the World's Naval Powers.

Washington, May 25.—Advanced preparedness steps, including universal military training, a building programme that would restore the nation to second place among the world's naval powers and an army increase that would meet the recommendation of the general staff have been endorsed by overwhelming majorities in a referendum just completed among commercial organizations throughout the country holding membership in the Chamber of Commerce of the United States.

The referendum, which officials of the Chamber declares to-night had furnished the first authoritative index to preparedness sentiment among business men, brought out the largest vote yet recorded in the series of canvasses made by the organization on public questions. Member bodies in forty-three states and in Alaska, the Philippines and Hawaii participated.

On the broad question of "general preparedness" 970 organizations voted favorably and only eight negatively. The vote for universal military training was 889 to 56. The navy increases proposed in the query submitted were endorsed, 952 to 10, and the army increases, 946 to 21.

### Council of Defense

A proposal to create a council of national defense to aid in developing the army and navy along the lines of a continuous policy and to act in an advisory capacity with the president and congress was endorsed, 912 to 46. A correlative proposal for a staff of industrial mobilization to aid the defense council by insuring effective availability of the nation's economic resources was given 925 favorable votes to 47 against it.

Creation of the general staff of the navy was endorsed, 946 to 19, while 960 votes were recorded in favor of additional officers of the regular army and an officers' reserve corps and only nine against. By a vote of 935 to 29 the members approved a proposal for an adequate munitions reserve. Under another plan, endorsed 940 to 26, the purchase price of munitions in war time would be fixed by a prearranged agreement between manufacturers and the government.

The referendum was based on the recommendations of a special committee, of which Bascome Little, of Cleveland, is chairman. In announcing the result to-night officials of the Chamber said they would consider themselves bound by it to work for a national defense system framed along the lines indicated.

### CLOSING EXERCISES HEATH SPRINGS HIGH SCHOOL

The closing exercises of the Heath Springs High school will begin Sunday and continue until Tuesday evening. Sunday the baccalaureate sermon will be preached by Rev. T. W. DeVane at the Presbyterian church, Monday evening, May 29, beginning promptly at 8:30 o'clock the closing exercises will be presented. Tuesday evening in the Masonic hall, beginning promptly at 8:30 o'clock, the senior class will present a home talent play, entitled "Tony the Convict."

The public cordially invited to attend these exercises.

## Better Babies Contest In Lancaster June 1 and 2



HON. CHARLES D. JONES

Mayor City of Lancaster; President, First National Bank, and interested in many other business institutions, who was to-day unanimously elected Chairman, Group Six, South Carolina Banker's Association.

### SESSION WILL CLOSE PRESBYTERIAN GENERAL ASSEMBLY ENDS TO-DAY.

Atlantic City, N. J., May 25.—With the question regarding relationship of all Presbyterian theological seminaries to the church and to the assembly in the hands of an investigating committee the 128th annual meeting of the Presbyterian general assembly will end to-morrow without a single contest of any consequence having reached the floor of the convention. All the important questions, including charges of heresy against the New York Presbytery, have been settled in committee.

### TRADESVILLE NEWS

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Melton and family of Cheraw motored to Tradesville the past week to visit the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Laney. They were accompanied by Miss Fay Laney who has been spending awhile with her sister and friends in Cheraw.

Messrs. N. J. and S. D. Laney of Bishopville motored to Tradesville Sunday to visit their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Laney.

Mr. S. D. Laney motored to Lancaster Monday. He was accompanied by his sisters, Misses Minnie and Fay Laney and also their guest, Miss Jessie Funderburk of Pageland.

### DORAL-KAN SAYS



Fair Friday and Saturday.

"There are a great many people who seem to think that doing the right thing is all that is necessary. However, the way we do things has much to do with results."

### IRISH QUESTIONS MAY BE SETTLED

Lloyd-George Undertakes Difficult Task

London, May 25.—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 it had been predicted that a heated and acrimonious debate would follow Premier Asquith's executed statement regarding the situation and the government's proposal 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 Redmon, the Nationalist leader, arose 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. Redmon 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 declared 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.

### EUGEN CLUB MEETING

The Elgin Home Demonstration Club held its first meeting Friday afternoon, May 19, 1916, at the home of Mrs. R. D. Hagins.

The members assembled at the appointed time and were invited into the kitchen where preparation of food for the fireless cooker was begun. After this, the regular meeting was held. The president of the club, Miss Estelle Bailey, presided. The secretary called the roll, after which several new members were added.

Miss Edna Bailey then read the outline of the year's course. A very interesting talk on home conveniences and labor saving devices was given by Miss Creighton.

After this the cooker was opened and the contents served to the members.

The meeting adjourned to meet again on June 16, 1916.

MRS. R. D. HAGINS,  
Secretary.

### A BUSY DAY FOR LANCASTER

Friday, May 26, has been a very busy and interesting day in the city of Lancaster in many ways. A conference of Group Six of the South Carolina Banker's Association was held and prominent bankers from all parts of the state were present. A complete resume of this meeting will be published in Tuesday's issue of the News.

In addition to the above, parties for and against the proposed new county of Catawba appeared before Judge Ernest Moore for the purpose of discussing the issue. A complete resume of this hearing will appear in Tuesday's issue of the News also.

Civic League Working Hard to Make Undertaking a Success From Every Standpoint.

### MOTHERS URGED TO ENTER BABIES FOR FREE EXAMINATION

Specialists Sent Here to Examine All Babies—Rules and Regulations Governing Contest.

In connection with the "Better Babies Contest" which will be held at the Graded school building, Lancaster, Thursday and Friday, June 1 and 2, all mothers are urged to enter their babies for the purpose of having them given a thorough examination by specialists sent here for that purpose.

Please remember this is no "Beauty Contest," gotten up for the purpose of designating the most beautiful baby in the community, but is simply a business proposition to acquaint you with the true condition of your baby from a health standpoint. Also remember there is no cost in connection with same; the examination is absolutely free, so do not hesitate longer, but get in direct touch with Mrs. W. H. Millen and enter your baby. Each mother is required to furnish a baby blanket and towel to be used in connection with examination.

### Object

The Better Babies Contest is a popular, yet scientific movement to insure better babies and a better race. Physical and mental development only are considered; mere beauty does not count.

The Better Babies Contest insures a better race of Americans, because it teaches parents how to improve the physical condition of children already born and to protect those yet unborn.

It arouses interest in the conservation of child life and health and in all forms of child welfare work.

It forges a connecting link between parents and teachers, between the home and the scientific study of child life.

It promotes civic interest in children of the community, their schools and their recreations.

And, finally, by means of a uniform score card, it will supply to the medical profession what has long been wanting—scientific data concerning the normal child.

The Better Babies Contest is most valuable to the community when it is conducted along educational rather than competitive lines. The greatest return which parents and children secure from the contest is more knowledge and better care through the examination of the child by competent physicians. Small defects are uncovered and remedies are suggested.

Parents leave the contest knowing more about their children than they ever knew before, and the children are given a better start in life because of the knowledge gained by the parents. If this matter can be brought clearly before the parents, and if children are entered, not for prizes but for information and help, the contest will be placed on the highest possible plane.

### Classification of Babies

- Class No. 1  
Country Boys, six months to one year.
- Country Girls, six months to one year.
- Country Boys, one year to two years.
- Country Girls, one year to two years.
- Country Boys, two years to three years.
- Country Girls, two years to three years.
- A prize offered to the sweepstake boy and sweepstake girl.
- Class No. 2  
City Boys, six months to one year.  
City Girls, six months to one year.  
City Boys, one year to two years.  
City Girls, one year to two years.

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