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TEUTONS LAUNCH ANOTHER ATTACK AGAINST VERDUN AND ARE STOPPED

Terrific Infantry Assaults Between Meuse and Douaumont Are Checked Except In Chauffeur Wood, Where Gain Is Made

ARTILLERY BELCHING AT GALIC POSITIONS

Russians Resist Great Offensive of Austro-German Armies Against Dvina and Ikskull, While Slavs Near Trebizond

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)
LONDON, April 18.—The ninth week of the battle of Verdun, the greatest in point of numbers engaged, has seen numbers lost that the world has never seen, begun with fresh but unavailing attempts on the part of the Germans to launch powerful infantry attacks from the line of the Meuse to Douaumont. The curtain of French fire stopped these attacks at all points save one, for in the Chauffeur wood the Germans claim to have gained a slight foothold in the positions that belonged to the French.

Teutonic Artillery Belching
The Crown Prince's artillery spent the day hammering the French lines guarding Hill 304, and it is expected that heavy infantry attacks will follow this bombardment, which was directed for the most part against the second-line trenches of the Gallie defenders. At Avcourt, also, and at Cole de L'Homme Mort the Teutons' artillery kept up a ceaseless rain of high explosive shells. This attack ran as far as Cumieres, but there have been no further infantry attacks in that sector.

Ein German Offensive Fails
On the eastern front, where the Russians and the Germans have been at grips for weeks past, the Germans attempted a big offensive, pouring a hail of shells against the Russian lines protecting the Dvina and Ikskull positions. The Slavs were prepared, however, and claim to have driven the attackers back with heavy losses. In Galicia, too, the fighting has been heavy, but so far the Russians have beaten off the Austro-German armies and have even gained considerably.

Russians Hearing Trebizond
On the Black Sea front the Bulgarians commanded by the Grand Duke Nicholas are moving forward without a halt. Yesterday they drove the Turks out of the city of Karabulak, less than sixteen miles from Trebizond fortifications, and are pursuing them toward the last-named city.

RIOTS OCCUR IN ATHENS

ATHENS, April 17.—Riotous demonstrations developed today when an attempt was made to break up a meeting of followers of former Premier Venizelos. Venizelos is an avowed supporter of the Entente cause and has been urging that Greece join the Allies actively. The riots resulted in a number of shots being fired. The authorities took a hand, arresting a number of the Venizelos wing.

CAPTAIN VON PAPAN UNDER INDICTMENT

Former Attache Accused of Plot To Destroy Canal

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)
NEW YORK, April 17.—Indictments were returned by the federal grand jury here today against Capt. Franz von Papan, former military attache of the German embassy in Washington, and four others, all charged with alleged plotting to blow up the Welland canal, on the Canadian border of the United States. The indictment was based on the testimony of the supposed German spy plotter, Horst von Goltz, who has been under arrest for some time and who it is understood, testified that von Papan engineered the plot to dynamite the waterway. Von Papan has since been recalled to Germany, at the demand of the United States.

DUMA HAS BEEN SUSPENDED

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)
LONDON, April 18.—A Renter despatch from Petrograd received here last night, announced that an Imperial ukase has suspended the sessions of the Duma and the council of the Empire until May 29.

MAKING LAST ATTEMPT TO AVERT FINAL OVERTHROW

Organizing New Cabinet In Hope of Winning Peace From Revolutionists

FORMER MINISTER TO JAPAN MAY BE MEMBER

Chinese In United States Striving Hard To Balk Plans For Big Loan

(Special Cablegram to Hawaii Ship.)
TOKIO, April 18.—It is now reported in official circles here that Yuan Shih-kai is planning one last effort to avert the overthrow of his power in China, and as a final resort is going to form a new cabinet, in the hope that it will have the effect of pacifying the revolutionists by convincing them of his strength, while at the same time soothing their prejudices against him because of his monarchical aspirations.

Representative At Work
A special representative of the president is already at work gathering timber for the new cabinet, and it is believed here that Liu Tsung Yu, former Chinese minister to this country, just recently recalled is one of the first men to be selected as a member of the new government.

In the meantime, despite efforts by the government, the revolution appears to be spreading with increasing rapidity over all of China. Hsueh, one of the richest of all the Chinese provinces, is now reported to have thrown off her allegiance to Yuan Shih-kai and to have joined the revolutionary forces against him.

Feeling In Japan Neutral
In Japan the feeling against Yuan is so far neutral, although there is a growing conviction that he had reached the climax of his power and will be soon overthrown. Despatches from the United States to bankers and other financial powers here yesterday urged that the appeal for a loan made recently by Yuan Shih-kai be refused. Other despatches have reached the Chinese members of the societies here, asking them to forward their demand that Yuan immediately relinquish his position and make way for a properly elected successor.

Would Balk Big Loan
It is reported here that Washington has been requested to deny the petition for a loan in the United States, made by the Peking government, but this has not been verified.

The Chinese foreign office yesterday announced that at Chang Chow Fu, thirty-two soldiers of the northern army and forty-two civilians have been killed by mobs. The rioting, it is said, has been stopped.

PASSENGER TRAIN BURNS WITH NUMBER OF VICTIMS

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)
PROVIDENCE, R. I., April 18.—The Boston and New Haven express of the New York, New Haven & Hartford railroad, last night collided with the rear end of a local at Bradford station, throwing the train from the rails, and setting the wrecked cars on fire. Rescue work was close at hand and scores are at work on the wreckage that is still burning. There is no report of any fatalities as yet, but the number of victims, it is feared that they may number a score.

JAPANESE SPECIE BANK TO OPEN HONOLULU BRANCH

(Special Cablegram to Hawaii Ship.)
OSAKA, April 18.—It was announced here yesterday that the Sumitomo (Bank), the largest private bank in the Orient, with a capital of yen 50,000,000 (\$25,000,000), and a surplus of yen 7,500,000, intends to open a branch bank in Honolulu immediately in order to handle the constantly increasing specie business between that city and Japan.

NETHERLANDS HAS BARRED CAPTURED GERMAN SHIPS

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)
BERLIN, April 18.—The Overseas News Agency last night reported that despatches from Holland announced that the Dutch government will not permit the German and Austrian vessels seized in Portuguese ports to enter any of the ports of the Netherlands.

JAPAN TO SEND TROOPS INTO SOUTHERN CHINA

(Special Cablegram to Nippo Jiji.)
TOKIO, April 18.—As the result of a conference between Mr. Hioki, minister for Japan in Peking, and the British minister to China, Mr. Jordan, the department of war of this country has decided to send troops to Southern China to protect the lives and property of foreign residents.

Senate and House Cannot Agree On Free Sugar Clause

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)

WASHINGTON, April 18.—The conferees from the house and senate discussing the repeal of the free sugar clause of the Underwood Tariff Bill were deadlocked all day yesterday.

Their is apparently very little chance of reaching a compromise. Senator Simmons predicted that the conference report merely will be an announcement of the conferees' inability to reach an agreement.



ARMY BILL AMENDMENTS ARE DEFEATED IN SENATE

Three Beaten and Still More To Be Considered

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)
WASHINGTON, April 18.—The senate yesterday turned to and defeated a number of amendments to the army reorganization bill, introduced by Senator Chamberlain.

The Reed amendment, providing for the establishment of from six to twelve training schools similar to West Point, was knocked out of the measure, as was the amendment introduced by Senator Lea of Tennessee, increasing the militia enlisted strength from 200 to 350 for each representative district.

The proposal put forward by Senator Works of California, that the army be raised to 250,000, the men to serve one month as soldiers and the remaining eleven months of the year as laborers in the reclamation and forestry services on the Pacific Coast, and in all the available of aeroplanes as auxiliaries to the coast guard service, in the handling of derelicts and distressed ships, a high-power aeroplane will be given to the service next week and will answer calls sent out by ships in peril. It will also guide the cutters to the scene, and in other ways aid the service.

COAST GUARD SERVICE WILL TEST AIRSHIPS

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)

WASHINGTON, April 18.—Byron R. Newton, assistant secretary of the treasury, yesterday announced that the department will conduct a test of the availability of aeroplanes as auxiliaries to the coast guard service, in the handling of derelicts and distressed ships. A high-power aeroplane will be given to the service next week and will answer calls sent out by ships in peril. It will also guide the cutters to the scene, and in other ways aid the service.

AMERICANS ON BOARD SHIP SUNK BY TEUTONS

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)
WASHINGTON, April 18.—William Smith and Nathan Tillman, Americans were on board the British steamer Eas sea City, when she was destroyed by the shell-fire from a German submarine on April 9, when off Cardiff.

SCENES AT VERDUN—Cabaret Keeper, Only Civilian Left, Authorized To Remain To Serve Passing Soldiers, and (Below) Last Family of Old Folk About To Start From Their Home



AVIATION SERVICE GETS SHAKING UP

Lieutenant-Colonel Reber Is Relieved of His Command of Signal Corps

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)
WASHINGTON, April 17.—A severe shake-up in the United States army aviation service, evidently partly due to the charges against the management of the aviation school at San Diego, was made apparent today in orders from Secretary of War Baker.

Secretary Baker, announced that Lieut.-Col. Samuel Reber has been relieved as chief of the aviation section of the signal corps office, and that the whole question of the management of army aviation will be reviewed by a committee of the general staff. Capt. William Mitchell of the signal corps (general staff) will succeed Colonel Reber until the committee has made its recommendations.

Earlier in the day reprimands and censures of officers in the aviation service had been announced.

As a result of the investigation of the army authorities into the situation at the San Diego aviation school, given in part out of the charges of favoritism and incompetency voiced by Lieut. Col. Lewis E. Goodier, the President has approved the recommendation of the secretary of war that Colonel Goodier be reprimanded. Secretary Baker has also censured Brig. Gen. George Scriven, chief signal officer, and Colonel Reber for improprieties in connection with the case.

PRESIDENT'S 'LAST' NOTE FINALLY IS COMPLETED

Contents 'Most Emphatic' Mr. Wilson Has Ever Approved

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)
WASHINGTON, April 18.—President Wilson has completed his last note to Germany, said by those who are acquainted with its contents to be the "most emphatic" the President has ever approved.

It will not be made public until it reaches the officials at Berlin.

The President, Governor Stone of the senate foreign affairs committee and members of the cabinet yesterday held a conference over the terms of the note.

Lord Northcliffe's publications, particularly the Times and the Daily Mail, are exceedingly bitter in their attacks upon what they describe as "the inefficient ministry." They review the war and the alleged war blunders and failures.

So grave is the situation that a cabinet council has been called to discuss it, and spent most of yesterday going over the whole problem. While it is certain that some action will be taken soon, it is regarded as unlikely that there will be general conscription.

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'HELPING HUMANITY' SOLE EXCUSE FOR WAR

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)

WASHINGTON, April 17.—Addressing the Daughters of the American Revolution, assembled today in their annual convention, President Wilson declared that the only excuse the United States can ever have for engaging in war is that of helping humanity.

"America will have forgotten her traditions," he asserted, "if she fights merely for herself."

MAY REMOVE OBJECTION TO IMMIGRATION BILL

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)
WASHINGTON, April 17.—The Bureau of Immigration bill containing the so-called "Hines law" provision, but with an amendment, which it is such, meets the objections of the President, was reported to the senate today with a recommendation that it be passed. The President objected to the section which deals with exclusion of political offenders.

VILLAREAL IS IN REVOLT

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)
SAN ANTONIO, April 17.—Mexican advisers say that Gen. Villareal, one of the lesser faction leaders, is attempting to start a revolution against Carranza.

DEATH OF VILLA NOT CONFIRMED IN WASHINGTON NOR AT BORDER

Nearest Approach To Corroboration of Story That Body of Bandit Has Been Exhumed Comes From Major Howse

OUTLAW HAD BEEN SEEN IN VICINITY OF GRAVE

Official Announcement By General Carranza That Desperado Is No More Will Be Accepted and U. S. Troops Withdrawn

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)
WASHINGTON, April 18.—Official and unofficial effort to prove the death of Francisco Villa have been unavailing so far. Consul Letcher, to whom the Associated Press telegraphed yesterday for corroboratory details of the exhuming of Villa's body, or of the death of the bandit chief, has replied from his office in Chihuahua that he has "heard nothing of it."

The nearest approach to corroboration of the story sent out yesterday by Mexican authorities on Sunday, is the report from Maj. R. L. Howse, commanding a squadron of the Eleventh Cavalry near Parral, to General Pershing. This report says that Major Howse has learned that Villa was seen about two weeks ago near the little pueblo of Sanloria, near where his body is reported to have been discovered by a Carranza band under the command of Col. Carlos Carranza, nephew of the "First Chief."

Report Seems Contradictory
This report is regarded here as more or less contradictory to the story of Villa's death. A detail in the major's despatch which is thought to add to the probability of the Mexican report, says that the spot where the body of Villa is said to have been found, is about two days' wagon ride from the nearest railroad station. This, it is pointed out in official circles, may have been the reason for the delay in the formal announcement of the discovery of the body.

In Washington and in San Antonio and along the border the feeling of doubt with which the story of the Carranzistas was received at first grows more acute as the time passes without confirmation. It was admitted, however, that the administration might consider a formal official statement from the Carranza de facto government that Villa is dead and out of the way for good, as sufficient reason for withdrawing General Pershing's columns from Mexico.

No Official Announcement
Nothing official has been issued concerning this, however, and so far it is merely one of the many reports that are sweeping official Washington regarding the situation in Mexico, and the resultant situation in this city.

In the meantime the problems growing out of the clash between American troops and the Mexican soldiers at Parral are becoming more difficult. The last report concerning that skirmish asserts that the Americans were decimated into Parral and then assaulted by the Carranza troops under the orders of their commander, General Lozano. In a report to General Pershing, General Pershing says that it was only after repeated invitations from an aide-camp of Lozano, that Major Tompkins consented to enter the town. The report also confirms the first despatches which reported that two privates were killed in the fight and that Major Tompkins and Lieut. James Ord and four others were wounded.

Pershing Expedition Halted
Despatches from Mexico declare that General Pershing and his men have been halted south of Parral, awaiting the ending of the negotiations between the two governments over the clash at Parral. These despatches also claim that General Obregon, a Carranza commander, has announced publicly that an American officer has admitted his culpability in entering the town. Nothing official from American sources has been given out regarding this statement, and the last official despatches from General Pershing merely ask for more civilian deaths.

The war department last night issued a recapitulation of the result obtained by the punitive expedition after Villa.

It shows that seventy bandits have been killed by American troops and six prisoners taken. There is no means of ascertaining the number of Mexicans wounded. Three American soldiers have been killed and thirteen wounded, while one is missing. Beside the Mexican bandits slain before reaching Parral, fifty Mexicans were killed in the fighting there, and many others wounded.

RAIDER WHICH SUNK SUSSEX IS CAPTURED

Captain and Crew Taken With Evidence of Attack

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)
LONDON, April 18.—The recent action made by the French government that it has proof positive that a German submarine attacked the British steamer Sussex, was based on the best possible evidence, says a despatch from Paris to the London Daily Mail, published this morning. The Mail's correspondent declared that the captain and crew of the diver that attacked the steamer are now prisoners of war in France, and that the documentary evidence of the assault, which Berlin denied, was obtained from the submarine itself, when she was captured by a French warship.

GERMAN IS INDICTED ON CHARGE OF PIRACY

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)
WILMINGTON, Delaware, April 18.—Ernest Hudson, alias Ernest Schiller, a German, accused of having attacked the captain of the British steamer Ma toppe, and have terrorized the crew by threats of blowing up the steamer with a federal grand jury on the charge of piracy on the high seas.

HAWAIIAN NATIONAL PARK BILL IS PASSED

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)
WASHINGTON, April 18.—The house yesterday passed the bill providing for the creation of the Hawaiian national park, containing 75,295 acres, and including the volcanoes of Mauna Loa and Kilauea, and the extinct crater of Haleakala. The measure will now go to the senate for action.

FORMER PLUNGER IS DEAD

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)
CHICAGO, April 18.—George Thompson, once king of the corn pit on the local grain market, and a prominent figure on the Chicago board of trade died here yesterday.