

FRENCH HIT TEUTON LINE FOR ADVANCE NEAR VERDUN

Win Strategic Positions Held By Germans Northeast of Dismantled Fortress After Bitter Struggle and Paying Big Cost

BERLIN REPORTS CAPTURE OF 1300 PRISONERS

Russians Successfully Repulse Attacks Made Against Lines In Divinsk Region; Announce Gains In Caucasus In War With Turks

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.) LONDON, May 22.—The French are countering hard on the Germans at Verdun, according to official reports issued last night by the Paris war office. The official communiqué announces the capture of two German trenches and the important strategic positions north of Houdermont, where eighty prisoners and a number of machine guns were taken by the attackers.

The fighting on several sectors of the Verdun front began again yesterday morning early, and continued fiercely during the day. On the road between Eanes and Haucourt, west of the river Meuse, the French counter-attacked the Germans, beating them out of trenches they had captured, and forcing them back to their original lines. The losses on both sides are reported to have been heavy.

Northeast of the former French fort, the defenders attacked the Teutons in the strategic positions surrounding the old quarry near Houdermont. Here the fighting, which was preceded by heavy artillery bombardments, was notably hot, and the Germans were unable to withstand the rush of the French infantry. Four machine guns were taken besides a number of prisoners.

French Prisoners Taken

Berlin despatches claim notable gains in this section of the French front. The official statement says that the Crown Prince has taken 1500 prisoners, including sixty-one officers, a large number of machine guns and eight cannons.

The French official statement says nothing regarding this gain, confining itself to declaring that "on the remainder of the front the fighting was mainly by artillery, save for the number of aerial combats recorded."

The aerial fighting yesterday was exceptionally active. A squadron of German aeroplanes sailed over the Channel port of Dunkirk night before last, dropping a number of high explosive bombs. Twenty shells were dropped in all, killing four and wounding fifteen. Yesterday the attack was renewed by another squadron, which dropped at least one hundred bombs on the outskirts of the city, killing two soldiers and a child, and wounding twenty others.

Teuton Birdmen Killed

A fleet of allied planes rose to the attack of this second squadron, and a desperate aerial fight followed, in which two of the German aeroplanes were shattered by rifle fire, and brought to the ground.

Early yesterday morning, immediately after the night air raid by the Germans a squadron of fifty three allied aeroplanes flew over the German camps at Weygand and Ghisteltes, Belgium, dropping 250 bombs, with great effect.

Georges Boillot, the French winner of the grand prize of the Paris automobile club for 1912 and 1913, was killed yesterday in an aerial duel between his machine and five German aeroplanes of the latest model. The unequal fight ended with the plunge of Boillot to the ground.

African Raid Cairo

On the other fronts the German aviators are also reported to be active. Cairo was attacked aerially yesterday by a squadron of Turkish and Turkish aeroplanes, which flew above the city, dropping explosives. Two were killed and a number not reported, were wounded.

Upon the eastern front the Germans have renewed their offensive against the Russians holding the positions in the vicinity of Bloukist, north of Lake Ilisen. The heavy columns and artillery attacked furiously, but were driven back with enormous loss by the Muscovite troops, who held their ground by a narrow margin. Reports from Petrograd. In the region of the Divinsk, north of Lake Miazdel, the Germans attacked again, the Teutonic infantry making use of explosive bullets. In their effort to break through the Russian defense.

Slavs Report Advance

The official Petrograd statement does not mention the juncture of the cavalry column sent by the Grand Duke Nicholas, and the British force under General Sir George Goringe, but it announced that the Ottoman armies operating in defense of Mosul, and the Bagdad railroad have been driven still farther south and west, and the Russians are continuing to advance in the direction of the city and the last line of communications between the Turks in Mesopotamia and their base of supplies in Constantinople.

Texas Town Destroyed By Tornado

Nine Persons Killed and Thirty-Eight Injured By Storm That Wiped the Little Town of Kemp City, Oklahoma, out of Existence

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.) DENNISON, Texas, May 22.—Nine persons were killed and thirty-eight injured last night by a tornado that wiped the little town of Kemp City, Oklahoma, out of existence.

The wind came without warning, sweeping across a wide district of plain, uprooting trees, overturning houses and barns, scooping streams of water empty and driving the water in stinging hail like drops before it.

Kemp City stood squarely in the path of the storm and felt the full brunt of the wind. The houses on the outskirts of the town went down before the blast, overwhelming their occupants. It was here that most of the fatalities took place, the people not having time to escape from the wind.

The tornado played strange freaks, lifting roofs from houses and carrying the shaggy frame work for miles, only to blow them to finders at the last. Some houses were picked up bodily and overturned, while others were crumpled up under the force of the wind and were scattered far and wide.

Rescue work already has been started, parties of men and nurses having been sent out from surrounding towns and cities to assist in the task of repairing the damage done by the storm, and caring for the injured. The list of dead and injured may be increased when the full reports have been received.

IRISHMAN ASSAILS SISTER OF ENVOY

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.) CHICAGO, May 22.—Sensational charges against Angela Spring-Rice, the sister of Ambassador Sir Cecil Spring-Rice, were made at a meeting of Sinn Fein sympathizers here last night.

James Larkin, the Irish labor leader, who was the chief speaker at the gathering, declared that the young woman was one of the most ardent advocates of the Sinn Fein cause, and had herself aided in the shipments of arms and munitions to the rebels in Dublin before the outbreak of the revolt.

The meeting was held to protest against the action of the British authorities in executing Connolly and other rebel leaders.

In the course of his address, Larkin, who was particularly heated in his denunciation of Great Britain's policy, was interrupted by one of the audience, who rose to protest against the violence of the remarks of the speaker, asserting that they did the cause no good. He, in his turn, was attacked by Larkin, and ejected from the meeting.

AMERICAN TROOPERS FIGHT WITH BANDITS

Members of Seventh Regiment In Skirmish Near Temosachic

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.) HEADQUARTERS UNITED STATES ARMY IN MEXICO (By wireless to Borden), May 22.—Attacked by bandits, thirteen troopers of the Seventh United States cavalry yesterday fought a brisk skirmish near the town of Temosachic. One of the Americans was shot and seriously wounded. The bandits, after keeping up their fire some time, were dispersed by repeated attacks made by the troopers.

COLUMBIA PARK BOYS KILLED IN AUTO CRASH

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.) SAN FRANCISCO, May 22.—Unfamiliarity with his new automobile caused Franklin Pierce to send his car through the grade crossing gate in front of an express train at Redwood City, California, last night, killing three of his passengers and injuring two others. The dead are C. Perera, Walter Brown and Harold Hooke. All the dead and injured are Columbia Park boys.

BRITISH SUBMARINE FLIES GERMAN FLAG

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.) BERLIN, May 22.—Despatches from Helmsborg, Sweden, to this city last night, declared that the British submarine which sank the German steamer Traue the other day, flew the German flag to deceive the steamer from the protection of Swedish waters.

NIPPONESE HEAR CONSUL GENERAL SPEAK ON PEACE

Mr. Moroi Thinks That After Great War World-Powers Will Provide Arbitration

NATIONS OF PACIFIC MUST BE IN ACCORD

Peoples of United States and Japan Are Constantly Getting Closer Together

(From Monday Advertiser.) Japanese Christians celebrated "Peace Day" last night at the Maiki Japanese Church, under the auspices of that congregation, and the edifice was crowded. In the audience were a number of American friends of the Japanese.

Rev. T. Okumura, pastor of the church, opened the exercises with prayer, after which a chorus composed of students of the Mills school sang a selection. The principal addresses of the evening were delivered by Hon. Rokuro Moroi, consul-general from Japan to Hawaii, and Secretary of the Territory Wade Warren Thayer. The address of Mr. Moroi was as follows:

"We are gathered here this evening to commemorate the first meeting of The Hague World Peace Congress which was held on May 18, 1899. The purpose of this commemoration of Peace Day is to promote the human ideals for world peace. The object for which this Peace Day is celebrated is being crushed at this very moment, and the nations which endorsed the principles of The Hague congress are in the midst of the bloody world conflict. Thus Europe, which was the very center of the efforts for world peace, is now a mighty battlefield of world-war. We are questioning today whether the reign of peace is really better for the world and whether war and murder are to be preferred to peace. We may appear ridiculous and inconsistent to celebrate this Peace Day this evening, and our efforts for peace may seem very hopeless.

"Yet as the earth is hardened as a result of a heavy rain, so we are convinced that, after the present world conflict, the reign of peace will be more permanent and lasting. As a matter of fact, war, viewed from one point of view, is a means toward the coming of peace in the world. In this considering the present world situation, the European war cry, which is being heard everywhere, may change, after the war, to a cry for peace, and will hasten the establishment of world peace. The Hague peace congress, after the present European conflict, without doubt, build up the foundations of peace which hitherto seemed impossible, and accomplish great things for the reign of peace in the world. I am fully convinced that this will be the result of the present world-war.

Peace a Natural Desire

"Therefore, this celebration of Peace Day and preaching for peace have a great meaning in having the day when all international disputes will be settled by means of peaceful arbitration. Peace, indeed, is a natural desire of mankind and is a high and ultimate ideal toward which all humanity ever strives. For the realization of this universal desire and ideal, the celebration of this kind is bound to make a great contribution.

"It is with such thoughts as these that I attend this celebration of Peace Day, and herald and hope with you for the triumph of the peace ideal. It is beyond all doubt that such a gathering as this, where the representatives of Japan and the United States are met together, tends toward making the realization of peace vitally important and urgently necessary.

"It is unnecessary for me to say that Hawaii is the center of the Pacific, where the waves of its mighty ocean respond to the melodies for peace and the ever-blossoming flowers paint the color of a universal happiness and prosperity. Yea, the very winds and the sunshine and all creatures are singing more lasting and, especially, deeper. I mean to say that we should strive toward a deeper spiritual understanding between the two great nations in the Pacific of which we are representatives.

"Respecting this understanding between the two countries, I feel that we have yet to do much, for along this aspect of the relation very little has been done. I am fully persuaded to believe that, if the Japanese people understand the real American spirit and the American people understand the real spirit of the Japanese people, they will have an essential agreement with each other and the differences in their manners and customs will, accordingly, be fittingly harmonized. I cannot doubt the fundamental agreement between the American and Japanese spirits. Hawaii is the most appropriate place for the cultivation of the spiritual understanding between the two countries. For here in these islands the two peoples are living in harmony and in peace. What these peoples are bound together by ties of spiritual forces; they will furnish a model of real harmony and goodwill to those who are unacquainted with such a model, and exhibit a miniature of world peace. I am led to believe that the two events, above referred to are great means toward the furtherance of this spiritual understanding.

"In conclusion, I earnestly request that you will strive with me for the cultivation of this much-needed spiritual understanding between the two nations and thus establish a real basis of lasting peace and goodwill."

REPUBLICANS START ROOSEVELT CAMPAIGN

They Will Feel Out Public Pulse Regarding Colonel

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.) NEW YORK, May 22.—Headed by George Von L. Meyer, secretary of the navy under President Roosevelt, prominent Republicans of this state have organized a committee to work for the nomination of the colonel at the Chicago convention next month. It was announced after the formation of the committee that the nomination campaign will be extended to every State in the Union immediately, and a general "feeling out of the pulse of the public" will be undertaken.

FIGHTING DESPERATE ON SOUTHERN FRONT

Recent Successes of Austrians Have Cost Them Dearly

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.) GENEVA, May 22.—The fighting between the Italians and Austrians continues desperate, according to despatches to this city from points near the firing lines.

It was reported here last night that the Austrian success has been particularly marked at high price. Thirty-five hundred Austrians wounded have been taken to hospitals in Ljubach, and other reports say that the total Austrian loss since the beginning of the offensive last week cannot be less than 8000, killed wounded and missing.

Between eight and ten army corps are said to be operating on the Austrian side against the Italians in the province of Trent.

BERLIN CLAIMS VICTORY

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.) BERLIN, May 22.—The war official statement issued last night reported new fighting on the Verdun front, with marked German gains. The Crown Prince is said to have captured 1500 unarmored French prisoners including eight cannons in the last assault upon the French positions in the region of Le Mort-Homme. The statement says that the lines have advanced on the south and southwestern slopes of the famous hill.

is a realization of the spirit of Confucianism, Buddhism, and the Bushido. Indeed, this noble and just attitude of the planters' association will do much to bring about a better understanding between the planters and the laborers and will contribute, in no small measure, toward the peace between America and Japan.

"The other is the amendment made by the United States senate to certain objectionable features of the Burnett Immigration Bill. When this bill was passed by the house and turned to the senate, the Japanese people in Hawaii felt some measure of uneasiness. Yet they had an absolute confidence in the righteousness of the American people, and believed that the senate, in fairness to the dignity of Japan, would remove the objectionable features of the bill, and they did not even dream of the possibility for its passage unamended.

Clouds Are Cleared Away

"Therefore no Japanese thought of doing anything in the event of the passage of the bill—such a thought was altogether unnecessary. It is on reading an article, published by a Japanese in a newspaper, suggesting an objectionable feature of the Burnett Immigration Bill, which this bill was passed by the house and turned to the senate, the Japanese people in Hawaii felt some measure of uneasiness. Yet they had an absolute confidence in the righteousness of the American people, and believed that the senate, in fairness to the dignity of Japan, would remove the objectionable features of the bill, and they did not even dream of the possibility for its passage unamended.

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SUGAR PLANTATIONS SHOWING INCREASES

Dividends Paid in 1915 Markedly Gain Over Those of Year Before

An interesting comparative statement of sugar statistics appears in the current issue of *Traveller*, showing the figures of twenty-two sugar properties, all in Hawaii except the San Carlos Milling Company. The total capital of the combined properties is \$63,200,000 and the net earnings of twenty of the properties in 1914 were \$5,727,054; in 1915, \$17,004,210, all the properties earning.

The net earnings of the properties paid dividends in 1914 amounting to \$7,517,928 and in 1915 eighteen paid \$9,701,152. The undivided profits of sugar in 1914 were \$11,844,880 and last year for all \$17,586,766. Cash on hand and credit with agents of eighteen in 1914 was \$6,035,429 and in 1915 twenty-two had \$9,414,643. The production of the twenty-two properties in sugar in 1914 was 229,194 tons, and 442,676 tons in 1915.

Paahau Highest

For 1915, Paahau shows the highest average return on sugar sales, after deducting marketing expenses, its net being eighty-four dollars and seventy-five cents a ton, while H. C. & S. shows the greatest profit a ton of sugar, or \$49.39, while Pioneer Mill made sugar cheaper than any of the others, producing it for thirty-seven dollars a ton. Included in the profits a ton sugar shown are sundry other earnings.

The figures published it would appear that the average net return on all sugar manufactured by the companies mentioned, after deducting marketing expenses, was eighty dollars and fifty-four cents. The average cost of production, including interest and depreciation, but not market expenses, was sixty dollars and seventy-two cents and profits a ton of sugar produced, including sundry other earnings of the properties were thirty-six dollars and seven cents.

Trent Trusts predicts a rosy outlook for San Carlos Milling Company, the first sugar plantation financed in the Philippines by Hawaiian capital. The outlook is stated to be quite encouraging at present and the quantity of sugar to be produced is far beyond the original estimate. The latest information from the San Carlos manager states that the output of the mill will be 13,000 tons, of which the company share will be about 5300 tons.

Production Cost Lowered

By reason of the larger crop the cost of production will be materially reduced; last year it was fifty-seven dollars and fifty-four cents per ton of sugar company's share while the manager claims it will be forty-three and thirty-two cents this year or a saving of fifteen dollars and twenty-two cents per ton of sugar. When the outlook for obtaining a charter to transport the crop to either San Francisco or New York was decidedly discouraging, low offers being close to fifty dollars a ton of sugar, the company sold 2500 tons of this year's crop to refiners in Japan at sixty-six dollars a ton f. o. b. San Carlos. The shipping situation has cleared somewhat and the company is just about to close a contract to ship the balance of its sugar to San Francisco at approximately twenty dollars a ton for freight, etc.

If the entire crop (company's share) were sold to refiners in Japan on the same basis as the 2500 tons, namely sixty-six dollars a ton net San Carlos, the company would make a profit this year of \$125,000 or twenty-three dollars and sixty-eight cents per ton. Assuming, however, that one half the crop will bring six cents a pound, \$120 a ton and allowing a marketing expense of thirty dollars a ton, thus obtaining an average sale price of seventy-eight dollars a ton net, a profit of thirty-two dollars and sixty-eight cents a ton, or \$173,200 would result.

UTILITIES IN MAUI RECEIVE CRITICISM

Telephone Company Praised By Utilities Commission

Maui's public utilities, particularly the Lahaina Ice and Electric Company and the Island Electric Company of Wailuku, were investigated last week by the public utilities commission and their services and manner of keeping their books gone into thoroughly.

The books of the Lahaina corporation were not satisfactorily kept to the minds of the commissioners, who considered that although an adjunct of the Pioneer Mill Company, the ice company was a distinct corporation and it should be treated as such. The service was found to be good.

The Island Electric Company was found to be in not such a good condition physically as it should be and that it was being run at too much expense. The installation of the new power plant and generator was explained to the commissioners and it is anticipated that with a qualified electrician in charge of the works and the proper machinery the service will be greatly improved.

The Maui Telephone Company was found to be in good condition in all things and praise was extended to the management.

CANVASS BY POSTAL CARD

A postal card canvassing campaign has been started for the civic convention and county fair to be held in Hilo September 21 to 25. Personal solicitation is being made and a general invitation to all to visit the Crecent City is being distributed.

FAMOUS COSSACKS MAKE DARING RIDE ON MOSLEM FRONT

Flanking Turkish Forces In Mesopotamia, Grand Duke Nicholas Makes Bold Strike That Lands His Troops Upon Line Where Gen. Sir George Goringe Is Advancing

(ASSOCIATED PRESS BY FEDERAL WIRELESS) LONDON, May 22.—Flanking the Turkish forces confronting Gen. Sir George Goringe, in Mesopotamia, a division of Russian cavalry has effected a junction with the British army, after one of the most daring rides in the history of this great war.

Military London is stupefied by the news, but delighted beyond bounds, and the exclamation heard everywhere is: "If this had only happened a couple of weeks ago, before the fall of Kut-el-Amara and the surrender of General Townshend's forces!"

Details of Junction Not Known

No details of the ride have come to light as yet, and the despatches from the British front in Mesopotamia are bald in the extreme, merely stating that the Russians arrived there yesterday in force. No numbers are given, nor do military observers here venture to do more than guess at the size of the Slav command. It is supposed that the cavalrymen came from the Russian army corps which for weeks past has been threatening the Turkish positions surrounding Kaafikan.

Slav Corps Moves Against Bagdad

It is known from recent despatches that a complete Russian army corps has been advancing for more than a month across Kurdistan, in an effort to reach General Goringe, and assist the British operations against Bagdad.

Another Russian army has been operating from the North toward Bagdad, and according to the latest information made public by the Petrograd authorities had already crossed the line into Asia Minor from Persia, and was advancing rapidly in the direction of the Turkish city.

People of Bagdad Are Fleeing

These same despatches reported that fugitives from Bagdad are asserting that the population of that city are fleeing in large numbers towards the West. Bagdad is reported to be garrisoned by 20,000 Turkish troops, and although the defensive works were prepared under the directions of Marshal von der Goltz, it is not believed that the city will hold out long against a Russian attack. According to one report, von der Goltz himself was in charge of the Bagdad garrison, before his death, but there is no confirmation of this.

Armies of Grand Duke Formidable

Military critics calculate that the Russian army operating against Trebizond will be able to reach the Bosphorus by the end of May, and that the Russian army operating westward from Erzerum will reach Alexandretta in about a month. The armies of the Grand Duke Nicholas are exceedingly formidable, say these writers, and the Turks will be utterly unable to arrest their victorious march.

Other military critics express themselves at a loss to understand how the Russian cavalry succeeded in crossing the Tigris river, to reach General Goringe's positions, and many theories are advanced to explain the various possibilities.

Turks Being Slowly Cut Off

The news of the juncture raises at once the question how far the other troops under the Grand Duke Nicholas, which are known to be operating against the Bagdad railroad at Mosul, have succeeded in penetrating. Military men here are inclined to the belief that this has been done, and they point out that such a blow probably would be fatal to the Turkish army in the South, as it would mean the severing of the last line of communication with Constantinople, and the stoppage of the stream of supplies which are vital to the continued operations of any armed force.

BOY SCOUT STOPS A RUNAWAY HORSE

For Which Deed He Is Awarded 500 'Red' Marks

The court of honor of the Catholic Boy Scouts of Hawaii, in its yesterday's session awarded 500 "red" marks to First Class Scout P. Harvey Lee for stopping a runaway horse.

The accident took place a little more than a week ago, when about six forty-five p. m. of Friday, May 12, in Hotel street, near River, a horse broke away from a wagon driven by a Japanese, and ran at top speed in the direction of the market. The scout, mindful of instructions, ran at the side of the excited animal, grasped part of the harness, and then the mane, and gradually succeeded in bringing the horse to a standstill.

A policeman offered to induce the owner to give him a reward, but, like a good Scout, Harvey declined taking a reward for a good turn.

FOR A LAME BACK

When you have pains or lameness in the back rub the parts with Chamberlain's Pain Balm twice a day, massaging with the palm of the hand for five minutes at each application. Then dab a piece of flannel slightly with this liniment and bind it on over the seat of pain. For sale by all dealers, Benson, Smith & Co., Ltd., agents for Hawaii.

LACK OF FUNDS HOLDS UP WAIAKEA HIGHWAY

Road Cannot Be Built Until Money Is Available

Superintendent of Public Works Charles R. Forbes had a talk with the Hilo supervisors on the Waiakea road last week, in which it is said that he refused to permit the expenditure of the appropriation for the work, as it would not be sufficient to lay a concrete road.

The supervisors advised that the money be spent to go as far as it would and the county would make up the balance unless the legislature could be prevailed upon to supply more money.

This did not appeal to Forbes, who said that he would not consent to contract for the road until the money needed was available and that those wanting the road would have to wait.

WHARF AT KUHIO BAY TURNED OVER FOR FAIR

Hilo's county fair and civic convention will be held at Kuhio bay wharf. This news was given to the promoters of the events at the meeting of the public utilities commission recently in Hilo. The fair commissioners will have to guarantee that no smoking will be permitted on the wharf during the celebration and that the structure will be turned back to the harbor commissioners in the same condition in which it was before the fair.