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BLOODY FIGHT PILING HEAPS OF DEAD UPON VERDUN FIELD

Official Statements From Both Sides Declare Nothing Like Struggle Now Taking Place There Has Been Seen In War

LOSSES OF CROWN PRINCE ARE REPORTED FRIGHTFUL

Teutons Hurl Masses of Men Against the French Positions Only To Be Thrown Back But Weight Gains Ground At Last

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)

LONDON, May 26.—Nothing like the bombardment that raged over the Verdun front yesterday has ever been known, according to the official accounts of the fighting on that blood-soaked field. The official writers have abandoned their well used adjectives and made use of one only—"unprecedented."

Unprecedented bombardments along the whole of the battered line, in the way the German and French communiques both describe the fray. The French are holding their ground at almost every point, and only in one or two giving slightly under the tremendous pressure that the Crown Prince is again bringing to bear upon Verdun.

One of the scenes of most desperate struggle was the quarry near Hamont. Here, where the fighting for months has been terrific, the German dead was piled high, as charge after charge broke down under the fire of the French seventy-five centimeter and machine guns.

Time after time the Teutons, acting under orders from the supreme command to take the quarry at no matter what cost, sprang forward to the attack, only to be driven back.

Of the fighting near Douaumont, the French say, the Germans took a section of one trench, after spending lavishly of their lives to win it, but everywhere else their attacks were repulsed with tremendously heavy losses.

Another Drive Expected
Over on the opposite of the Meuse the Germans are apparently preparing for another assault on Hill 304, which flanks the famous Le Mort Homme. Yesterday the Teuton staff began anew the bombardment of this position, evidently with the intention of paving the way for infantry attacks, which the French command expects will be made today or tomorrow.

Slaughter Is Frightful
Returning French soldiers and German prisoners taken in this fight say it was the bloodiest of all that have made the quarry historic. The French had machine guns in place and as the Germans came on, they waited until the foe passed out of the zone of the artillery fire and then began sweeping them with the spurring jets of bullets from the smaller deadliest guns.

But the German commanders were determined to take the ground, and despite all that the French could do massed troops at the point and battered the defenders with the heavy cannon, until the French line gave and the advance trenches defending the position fell into the hands of the German infantry.

French Beat Germans Back
"East of Cumieres, too, there was desperate fighting, say the official statements of both sides. Paris declares that much of it was done with the hand grenades with the French, in spite of heroic resistance on the part of the Germans, beat the Teutons back for minor gains.

West and south of Douaumont, say the German despatches, the Teutonic forces continued pressing the Gauls backward toward Verdun.

Wilson Thinks Mediation Is Not Timely

All Belligerents Must Desire Peace Before Good Offices Can Be Extended

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)

WASHINGTON, May 26.—President Wilson cannot act for peace until the warring nations have themselves reached a point where they are agreed upon terms that are satisfactory to all parties.

Such was the gist of a significant statement made to visitors at the White House yesterday. The President, in speaking of the possibility of neutral mediation between the fighting countries, in behalf of peace, said that could come only when a mutual understanding by belligerents of terms which would "conserve the interests of all" had been reached.

The callers gained the impression that Mr. Wilson is willing at any time to entertain suggestions from the belligerents that he should extend his good offices to bring the war to an end, but would do so on the lines he laid down.

Another step looking toward a possible mediation of this country in an effort to bring peace, was taken in the senate yesterday when Senator J. Hamilton Lewis of Illinois offered a resolution empowering the President, unless incompatible with public interest, to suggest that the United States is willing to mediate.

RAPE OF BELGIUM BARS WILSON

PARIS, May 26.—The Temps, one of the most influential newspapers in France, in an editorial leader printed this morning views with disfavor the reports that President Wilson is considering offering the services of the United States to bring the war to an end.

The editorial takes the position that the United States and the present administration has done nothing that would give it a claim to interfere in the war. In closing the writer says: "It would seem, to judge by what we have heard in this country, that President Wilson thinks his refusal to pass judgement on the really vital questions that have affected both neutrals and the belligerents in the war, have given him the right to interfere. He should remember that he has tolerated the violation of the neutrality of Belgium does not create for him the right to participate in the restoration of that country."

RUSSIANS BREAK GERMAN ATTACKS

On Austro-Italian Front, Latins Have Checked Terrific Drive of Teutons

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)

LONDON, May 26.—On the eastern front the Germans are reported to have unsuccessfully attacked the Russian line defending the positions west of Dailin Island. Here although they gained a momentary advantage they were finally forced to retreat under the fire of the Slav guns.

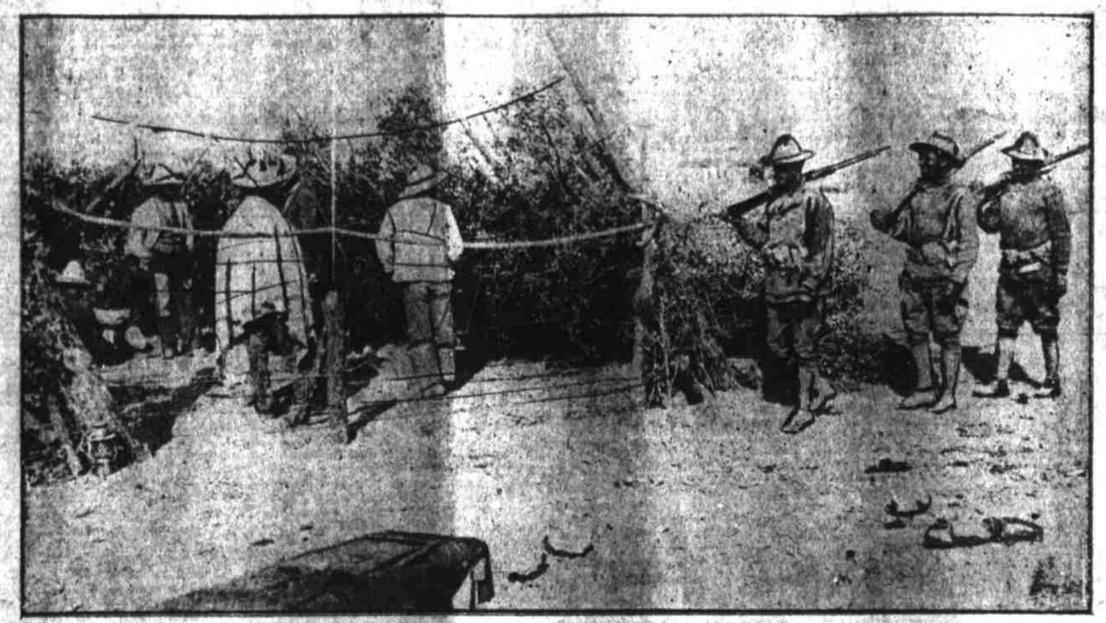
The Russians also repulsed an attempt to advance north of Olyka station. South-east of Trent, on the Austro-Italian front, and just across the Italian border line, Rome reported last night, the Latin troops have succeeded in stemming the onrush of the Teutonic army.

Here Austrian attacks broke down under the Italian fire and counterattacks forced the enemy to break and flee in disorder. On the line between Astico and Posnan the Italian artillery is answering the bombardment of the heavy guns of their foes. The situation on the Asiago and Sugana lines are reported to be unchanged, although heavy fighting there continues.

Unofficial reports from Athens say that there have been severe bombardments and infantry attacks on the sector between Doiran and Giavgheli, on the Macedonian front, and that allied aeroplanes have been active, dropping bombs on Serbian towns held by the Germans, although the Teuton anti aeroplane guns shelled them hotly.

HOLLANDER ARRESTED FOR PEDLING LETTERS
NEW YORK, May 26.—Adolph Deleuwe, a subject of Holland, was arrested by the so-called "bomb squad" of the general office yesterday afternoon, charged with revealing and attempting to sell government documents. Deleuwe is accused of having offered Capt. Guy Gaunt, the naval attaché of the British embassy, seven letters, bearing the seal of the German embassy at Washington.

VILLISTA Outlaws Who Took Part In Raid On Columbus, New Mexico, In Stockade and Closely Guarded By American Colored Troops At Namiqupa, From Official Photograph of Expeditionary Forces In Southern Republic To Capture Villa



Great Russian Army Joins British Forces

Main Column in Mesopotamia United With Generals Lake and Gorgeing Against Turks

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)

PETROGRAD, May 26.—The Russian war office last night announced officially that the Muscovite column, which has been operating in Persia, and for several weeks has been moving south among the foothills of the Pusht-i-Kuh mountains, on the western frontier of Persia, has now succeeded in effecting a junction with the British troops under the command of Gen. Sir Percy Lake and Gen. Sir George Gorgeing, in the vicinity of Kut-el-Amara.

Apparently this column entered Mesopotamia by rounding the southern arms of the Pusht-i-Kuh range in the vicinity of Kutbi, and moved west and north-west flanking the Turks, who have been holding the Es Sinn lines below the ill-fated town of Kut, where General Townshend was compelled to surrender to hunger and superior numbers.

Forces Are Scattered
They apparently have scattered their forces somewhat, for Constantinople reports having defeated several scouting parties in that section of Mesopotamia. In order to have reached the neighborhood of Kut-el-Amara, the Slav column must have made one of the most brilliant marches of the war, flanking the large Turkish force that lay between them and their objective point, the British command on the Tigris.

Several days ago it was officially announced by Sir George Gorgeing that a division of Coscahs had, by a daring ride, flanked the Turks and reached the vicinity of Kut, joining forces with him. The arrival of the main body, reported last night, gives a much needed reinforcement to the British army on the Tigris, and threatens the Turkish forces with the heaviest defeat the Ottoman army has yet suffered.

Turks Between Two Armies
Some months ago a large Russian force, operating from Hamadan, Persia, was reported to have forced the pass west of Khanykin, in the northern reaches of the Pusht-i-Kuh range, and north-west of Bagdad. The official announcement last night did not state whether this force has moved westward, but military observers here are of the opinion that it has been acting as a support for the column now co-operating with General Lake, and they point out that if this should prove to be the case, the Turks south of Bagdad are almost certain to be cut off and crushed between two armies.

MAP Showing Le Mort Homme Sector of Verdun Front, Including Famous Hill 304. Both Important Positions Are Still Held By French Troops Against Titanic Thrusts of Germans



MEASURE SUGGESTS NAVY MAIL SERVICE

Warships Proposed As Carriers, To Fight For Delivery

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)

WASHINGTON, May 26.—Representative Tague of Massachusetts would have the United States mail for European countries carried in American cruisers with instructions to fight to "the last ditch" against any interference.

In a resolution introduced in the house yesterday Mr. Tague proposed that the post office department be authorized to send all mails to Europe in warships, to be assigned to the duty by the navy department. The resolution continues by declaring that "any further interference with our mails be resented by such ships with all the power of our navy."

AMERICAN GOVERNMENT IMPORTS GERMAN DRUG

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)

NEW YORK, May 26.—Half a million dollars worth of the drug "salvarsan" has been received from Germany under a special agreement between this government and those of the Entente Powers. The shipment was made under the special order of the German Emperor, following long negotiations with the state department. France and Great Britain both issued assurances that they would not confiscate the shipment.

ITALIAN GUNBOAT SINKS AUSTRIAN IN ADRIATIC

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)

ROME, May 25.—News has been received here that an Austrian gunboat and an aeroplane have been destroyed in an engagement with an Italian gunboat in the Adriatic sea.

POISONER TELLS COURT HE IS CONFIRMED THIEF

Father of Doctor Waite Says Insanity Runs In Family

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)

NEW YORK, May 26.—Dr. F. C. Waite, the young dentist accused of having poisoned his father-in-law and mother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Pecks of Detroit, admitted on the stand at his trial yesterday that he is a "congenital thief," and that he has been "unable to stop stealing even when he wanted to."

He told the court that he has been stealing all his life. As a boy he stole from his family, and when at college he stole from his room-mates and classmates. After he left college he frequently stole from his employers, and had been found out cheating at pool.

The prisoner's father was also a witness, and told of a strain of insanity that runs in the Waite family, and the young man's counsel told the court that the defense was prepared to prove that Waite was insane when he poisoned the Pecks.

CHINESE REVOLUTIONISTS WIN VICTORY IN HUNAN

(Special Cablegram to Liberty News.)

SHANGHAI, May 25.—Revolutionary troops have gained victories in Hunan, and parts of Szechuan. It is announced that republican leaders will hold a meeting in Shanghai some time next week.

CARRANZISTAS ROUT TWO VILLISTA BANDS

Twenty-Three Outlaws Are Slain In One Engagement

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)

WASHINGTON, May 26.—Despatches from Chihuahua last night reported that a force of Constitutionalists under the command of Colonel Fuentes attacked and routed a band of outlaws in Northern Zacatecas, early yesterday, killing twenty-three and capturing ten, and eighty-six horses.

Other bands of Villista outlaws were routed by the Carranza troops yesterday, according to advices from Trevinos.

The Villa commander, Gen. Gregorio Arda, was killed and his band scattered. Two other bands also were smashed by Carranza soldiers.

SLAV HOSPITAL SHIP DELIBERATELY SUNK

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)

WASHINGTON, May 26.—The Russian embassy yesterday made public findings of the court of inquiry that investigated the sinking of the Russian hospital ship Portugal in the Black Sea some weeks ago. The findings declare that the ship was plainly marked with a large red cross on both sides, and on the funnel, so that there could have been no mistake. It is further asserted that the submarine that fired the torpedoes that sent the vessel to the bottom, followed the Portugal for some time before firing the projectile.

NO SAFE CONDUCT OFFERED TO YUAN, DECLARES JAPAN

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)

TOKIO, May 25.—The Japanese foreign office today denied a report from Peking that Japan has offered safe-conduct to President Yuan Shih kai to leave China.

BUSINESS MEN ALMOST UNIT FOR DEFENSE ARMY FAVORS

Commercial Organizations Affiliated With Chamber of Commerce Return Preparedness Referendum With Approval

PROGRAM OF GENERAL STAFF SWEEPS COUNTRY

By Vote of 970 To Eight That Many Branches of National Body Ask of Congress Legislation To Safeguard Peace

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)

WASHINGTON, May 26.—By a vote of 970 to eight, the business and commercial organizations affiliated with the Chamber of Commerce of the United States have gone on record, by means of a referendum, as favoring the program of preparedness laid down by the general staff of the army.

These figures, given out last night at the headquarters of the federation, based upon a poll of the entire country, are absolutely overwhelmingly in support of the preparedness program in its most advanced form.

The questions propounded by the Chamber of Commerce of the United States were such that the voting organizations had an opportunity to explain exactly where they stood regarding the proposed universal training. In this the vote was almost on a par with that cast for preparedness, and the question of the increasing of the navy until it occupies second place among the navies of the world ran neck and neck with the others.

The proposal to increase the army along the lines laid down by the general staff received hardly an opposing vote in the hundreds cast, the support given it being far in excess of the hopes of the most optimistic members of the chamber's staff, when the count of returns began.

HOUSE ENDORSES GREATER NAVY

WASHINGTON, May 25.—A bigger navy for Uncle Sam, and without delay, is demanded by the Republican members of the committee on naval affairs, in a report made to the house today by their minority.

The minority report follows the majority report, which was submitted a few days ago.

The house Republicans in their report denounce the naval appropriations as estimated by the Democratic majority, declaring the estimates altogether inadequate for the navy increases which must be made, and say that vital features of an expansion program have been ignored by the Democrats.

Declaring that the U. S. navy should stand second among the world's war fleets, the minority charge that the majority ignored both the opinions of experts and the recommendations of Secretary Daniels and reached a compromise which is unsatisfactory.

N. Y. K. BOATS ORDERED TO TOUCH AT HONOLULU

(Special Cablegram to Nippo Jiji.)

TOKIO, May 25.—At a meeting of the directors of the N. Y. K. yesterday afternoon in this city, it was decided that in the future all N. Y. K. boats passing through the Panama Canal would touch at Honolulu. There are a number of these steamers plying the Atlantic, and the announcement is causing much discussion in Japanese shipping circles.

MAY SHORTEN DEBATE ON NAVAL BILL IN HOUSE

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)

WASHINGTON, May 25.—Democratic house leaders are preparing a rule by which debate on the naval appropriation bill closes on June 2 and a vote be taken. The bill will probably be called up for debate next Saturday.

BRITISH STEAMER SUNK

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)

LONDON, May 25.—The British steamer Washington has been sunk by a submarine. No word has been received of any casualties in connection with the sinking.