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FRENCH FORCE BACK GERMANS FROM VERDUN

Give Way Before Onslaught, Then Open Tremendous Concentrated Fire.

ROUTED IN DISORDER

Even Woods Fail to Afford Shelter to Fleeing Teutons.

EVERY ATTACK REPULSED

Berlin Also Admits British Have Regained Ground Lost Earlier Near Ypres.

(By International News Service.) London, April 4.—The French have inflicted a severe repulse on the Germans northeast of Verdun, according to the Paris night official report.

For three days there has been a series of attacks and counter-attacks on the two miles of front between the Vaux and Douaumont forts of so desperate and large a character as to be styled a major engagement. As a result of Sunday's fighting, Monday found the Germans in possession of strong French positions southeast of Douaumont and in the Callette Wood, between Douaumont and Vaux, and about three and one-half miles northeast of Verdun.

Today the Germans after an all night bombardment, made a determined attempt to still further push back the French. At 3 o'clock in the afternoon the masses of the crown prince's infantry moved in assault on the French first line south of Douaumont village.

Met by Tremendous Fire. The French met the assault with such a tremendous barrier, machine gun and rifle fire that the Germans, according to the French report, fell back with heavy losses.

On the retiring German army the French instantly concentrated every available gun and the Germans were not only repulsed, but driven "in disorder" to the Chaufour Woods, northwest of Douaumont. Even the woods did not shelter them, the French report says, and the day ended with further losses inflicted by the concentrated French fire.

Simultaneously with this attack on the Meuse, the Germans also attacked Houdcourt on the west of the river. This attack the French also claim to have repulsed.

The Germans in their official statement admit the recapture by the British of a mine crater at St. Eloi, south of Ypres.

Holland To Spend Millions In U. S.

Purchasing Agency Will Buy Goods Formerly Supplied by Germany.

(Special to The Washington Herald.) New York, April 4.—Representatives of the Holland government arrived here today on the steamer Nieu Amsterdam to establish a permanent bureau for the purchase of supplies formerly obtained in Germany.

They predicted an annual expenditure of at least \$10,000,000, and declared that already orders approximating \$5,000,000 had been placed here with American manufacturers.

J. C. Aulerfer and J. E. Inckel are the representatives. They said that the purchasing-bureau here would be a permanent one and that the main purpose was to buy supplies of electrical equipment and machinery for Dutch colonial possessions.

BANDIT HOLDS UP LIMITED.

Robber Lines Passengers Up, Taking Cash and Jewelry. Denver, April 4.—The Union Pacific Overland Limited, westbound passenger train, the finest train on the Union Pacific system, was held up tonight at 8:45 o'clock, five miles west of Cheyenne, Wyo., by a lone bandit. From information received by telephone from the scene of the hold-up, the bandit lined the passengers up as he went through the sleepers and got about \$500 in cash and a large amount of jewelry.

After the robber had obtained all the cash and valuables he could from the passengers, he jumped from the train at Corlet Junction and escaped in the darkness.

Defends Bagdad Campaign.

London, April 4.—Secretary for India Chamberlain today denied the published suggestion that the advance against Bagdad was ordered by ignorant politicians against the advice of the commander-in-chief in Mesopotamia.

195,000 Women Make Munitions.

London, April 4.—One hundred and ninety-five thousand women are manufacturing munitions, it was officially announced in the House of Commons this afternoon.

Deadly Flying Torpedo Used on Land by Germans

(Special to The Washington Herald.) Chicago, April 4.—The deadliest weapon the Germans have in use in the war is a flying torpedo. It wipes out an entire company if it lands within twenty feet of the trench.

Such is the statement of Lieut. S. C. Chapman, a Chicagoan, who enlisted in the French army at the outbreak of the war. He was wounded in the fighting at Verdun, being home on furlough. "Verdun will never fall," he said today. "The French have enough artillery and ammunition to fight the Germans for the rest of their natural lives. The Germans weren't touching us when I left. With all their great big guns they have only one effective missile. This torpedo is about a foot and a half long, and is winged," he said today. "A soldier sends it out from the trench by the aid of a heavy spring, which he pulls back. It travels about two hundred feet."

KING HONORS IRISH GUARDS

Royal Family Pays Striking Tribute to Bravery at Ypres.

KITCHENER AFOOT LEADS REGIMENT IN REVIEW

Unprecedented Tribute Paid to Loyalty of Men of Erin on St. Patrick's Day.

(By JOHN L. BALDERSON. (Copyright, 1916, by the McClure Newspaper Syndicate.)

Somewhere in England, St. Patrick's Day.—The King's voice was a trifle husky. It was no public function, and felt that he was alone with his troops. Standing in the midst of a small barracks square in the country a mile from the nearest village, surrounded by 1,300 brawny Irishmen now trained and ready to take the places of their comrades who have fallen at the front, he had complimented the third reserve battalion of the Irish Guards on the splendid showing of its regiment in the field.

There were tears of pride and pity in the King's eyes, pride for the heroism of these men's comrades, pity for the hundreds who have fallen, and perhaps for these eager warriors so many of whom, he knows, must soon suffer in upholding the glorious, if brand new, honors of their organization. "After twenty-eight days of incessant fighting against heavy odds," the king faltered, "your battalion came out of line less than a company strong, with only four officers, a glorious tribute to Irish loyalty and endurance." He was speaking of the battle of Ypres.

The iron discipline which held the soldiers fast in their ranks faltered for a moment. The men wanted to shout their appreciation and love, but his majesty pulled himself together and went on in a strong voice, which seemed to me like that of Roosevelt, without the Colonel's rather disagreeable rasp.

He spoke of the shamrock sprigs which Queen Mary had just distributed and which each man wore in his cap. "It is the badge which unites all Irishmen," he said. "May it carry you to victory! In all trials to come my thoughts and prayers will ever be with you, and I wish you all good luck!"

Kitchener Leads Cheering.

Then occurred a remarkable scene. Grouped about the king were the war brains of the empire, Lord Kitchener, Gen. Sir William Robertson, Lord Roberts, of Ypres, and all the chieftains now in this country, assembled to do honor to Ireland, symbolized by this little group of reservists. There were

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Greece Orders Troops Off.

Berlin, via Sayville wireless, April 4.—The Overseas News Agency states that word has been received from Athens to the effect that the Greek government has asked the entente powers to withdraw the Anglo-French troops from Saloniki together with all the military establishments.

Cure for Typhus Discovered

Paris, April 4.—A cure for exanthematic typhus, the disease which ravaged Serbia, has been discovered by Prof. Roux, according to a report to the Academy of Medicine today.

Russian Commander Retired.

Petrograd, April 4.—Gen. Ivanoff, the famous Russian artillery commander, who took part in the Galician campaign and the capture of Przemyel, was retired today. Emperor Nicholas sent him a message of thanks for his services.

Holland Friendly With All.

The Hague, April 4.—Holland's diplomatic relations with all the belligerent countries are friendly, according to an official statement authorized here today.

Soldiers Find Dust Worst Enemy to Fight in Mexico

Even Snow Fails to Check Annoying Clouds of Alkali Powder in Camp at Casas Grandes, Says Weary War Correspondent.

(By GEORGE H. CLEMENTS. (Special to The Washington Herald.)

Field Headquarters Punitive Expedition in Mexico, by way of Columbus, N. M., April 4.—(Censored by M. C. Shallenberg)—We thought it would be a relief when the snow came, we did not even mind the biting cold, if we could get rid of the dust for a while, but the respite was nothing, for the snow was light, and again it is the same old story—dust to the right of us; dust to the left of us; dust everywhere, including your eyes.

This is surely a dusty camp, although one of the most admirably laid out camps in the world from a purely military point of view. However, this is the equinoctial season and the wind will insist on blowing, and when it blows the alluvial, which has been ground to a fine powder by the hoofs of thousands of men, rises in clouds to the temporary discomfort of man and beast.

"Does the wind always blow this way?" was asked of one of the scouts attached to the expedition, between gasps for breath, and while both questioner and questioned were wiping the tears and dust from their eyes. "Not always," as the reply. "Sometimes it turns around and blows the other way. That's the way we manage to keep the ground level in this vicinity."

Every One Wears Goggles.

It is an ill wind, however, which blows nobody good. The goggle makers of the United States are reaping a harvest, at least, so far as this outfit is concerned, as every man connected with the expedition, from commanding general to the teamsters, is provided with from one

to a half dozen pairs of the big eye protectors.

The camp is located on the left bank of the beautiful Rio Casas Grandes, on a few hundreds of the millions of acres which make up the baronial estate of the Corralitos Land and Cattle Company. The river at this point is bordered with groves of immense cottonwoods, which, judging from their great size, must be hundreds of years old, and the camp ground, when the men and horses first arrived, was covered with a thick growth of "sacaton," a coarse species of grass. This grass, for a few days, had the effect of keeping down the dust; but the trampling of thousands of iron-shod hoofs soon destroyed the grass and ground the soil into impalpable powder, to be the sport of the equinoctial winds, to the great discomfort of the campers.

Correspondents Live Well.

Some mention has been made in this correspondence of the pretty gold pennies being turned by the inhabitants of Colonia Dublan through providing the officers and men of this expedition with such articles of food as are not issued from the commissary department of the expedition. It is probably true that there is not a woman in the colony who can bake bread, cakes, pies, doughnuts, or other delicacies of that nature, who has not been kept busy since the day the troops arrived, mixing dough or tending the ever hot oven, and at the same time adding appreciably to her store of good American dollars.

Those who have cows are making money, too. There is a great demand for fresh milk, and as it brings 10 cents a quart, the cows are earning their keep and leaving a surplus for their owners.

M. E. PASTORS ARE ASSIGNED

Rev. James Shera Montgomery Transferred to Calvary Church.

Rev. W. I. McKenney Leaves Ryland, to Be Succeeded by Rev. J. H. Jefferies—Other Changes.

(By International News Service.)

With the U. S. Army in the Field in Mexico (via aeroplane to Columbus, N. Mex.), April 4.—Two of the army aviators had a narrow escape last night while flying through the mountains between headquarters camp and Nampiqua, one of the advanced bases of the expedition.

It was very cloudy, and the officer who was driving had lost his goggles. From his seat behind the driver the other man suddenly saw a black wall looming up dead ahead of the machine and he yelled in the pilot's ear. The latter then saw the danger, and depressed the nose of the flyer until it fairly slid down toward the ground. A short distance farther on the straight course and they would have collided with a mountain.

The aviators had to stop for the night and they alighted near a couple of Mexican huts. The officers spent the night with one of the families, sleeping "mid dogs, chickens, and children. The Mexicans expressed themselves as pleased over the advent of the American troops and declared hostility to Villa.

The long-hanging clouds have made flying dangerous and difficult, but the dapper little fellows in their leather head-guards and leather jackets were dropping in and out of the sky with dispatches and mail matter as unconcerned as if the weather aloft was perfectly clear. "Oh, yes; it is a bit cold up yonder," said one of them, in response to a query. "A bit cold, but we don't mind it so much."

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Driven Insane by "Poison Pen" Note

Authorities Believe Woman's Letter Made Maniac of Slayer of Five.

(Special Cable to The Washington Herald.)

New York, April 4.—The district attorney of Suffolk county believes that Capt. W. N. Donley, the Babylon, L. I., bayman, was driven insane by a "poison pen" letter written by a woman. Donley yesterday shot five persons, barricaded himself in his home, where he held Sheriff O'Dell and a posse of deputies at bay for hours and then committed suicide.

The letter is in the hands of the authorities. It was one of two received by Capt. Donley before he started upon his mad shooting career. The identity of the writer was not disclosed. She is said to be a middle-aged woman who has resided in Babylon for many years.

Denmark Tightens Embargo.

Copenhagen, April 4.—The chamber of deputies has adopted a bill inflicting a maximum penalty of two years' imprisonment, besides a fine, on traders attempting to re-export goods.

AIR MEN HAVE A CLOSE CALL

Drive Headlong Into Fog-Hidden Mountain in Mexican Chase.

Scouts Declare Mexicans Seemed Pleased Americans Were Bringing Protection from Bandits.

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Roosevelt Casts Progressive Vote

Significance Seen in Coming Visit to Faction-torn Massachusetts.

(Special to The Washington Herald.)

Oyster Bay, N. Y., April 4.—Col. Roosevelt is going to Boston on Sunday for a stay of two days. His trip to Massachusetts, where there is a factional fight going on among Republican candidates for delegates-at-large to the Chicago convention, is ostensibly for the purpose of attending meetings of the board of overseers and alumni of Harvard, but it would not be surprising if some of the Republican leaders, notably those of the pro-Roosevelt group, should seek political conferences with him while he is there.

The Colonel came down to the village this evening to vote in the primary election.

"Theodore Roosevelt, ballot No. 6, Progressive ticket," sang out the poll clerk.

French Use New Shells Each Weighing a Ton

(Special Cable to The Washington Herald.) Paris, April 4.—The French have ready for use their new 16-inch guns, which are able to fire a more devastating explosive shell than the German 18-inch gun.

Two giant shells for this gun, exhibited in Paris, stand five and one-half feet high, each, and weigh more than a ton.

ASKS DIVORCE FROM WAITE

Poisoner's Wife Charges Him with Attempting to Kill Her.

NAMES MARGARET HORTON AND OTHERS UNKNOWN

Complaint Makes Direct Accusation that Defendant Killed Mr. and Mrs. John E. Peck.

(Special to The Washington Herald.)

Grand Rapids, Mich., April 4.—Mrs. Clara Louise Peck Waite filed suit for divorce from Dr. Arthur Warren Waite in the Superior Court here today.

In her bill of complaint she charges her husband, now under indictment in New York for the murder of her father, John E. Peck, gained her consent to marrying by fraud; that he treated her with extreme cruelty after marriage; plotted to murder her father and mother, and did accomplish that crime, and intended to kill her, and other members of her family.

It is also charged that Dr. Waite had unlawful relations with a Mrs. Margaret Horton, and other "persons unknown to the plaintiff."

Mrs. Waite charges that her husband began to treat her cruelly immediately after their marriage, September 9, 1913, and conducted himself toward her in an "unkind, cruel, harsh, brutal and inhuman" manner, and that this continued until she was forced to leave him.

Mrs. Waite avers that she left her husband about March 17 because she feared for her life.

The complaint makes direct charges that the defendant administered poisons which caused the deaths of Mr. and Mrs. John E. Peck.

Ford May Try To Win Peace Alone

Flivver Maker Contemplates Another Trip to Europe in May.

(Special to The Washington Herald.)

Detroit, April 4.—Prior to her departure for Stockholm to join the neutral conference for peace, Henry Ford today had a conference with Emily Balch, Jane Addams was also present.

Miss Addams explained to Mr. Ford just why she was unable to sail on the now famous "peace ship" last fall. "I tried hard to go, but severe hemorrhages settled the question," said Miss Addams. "The newspapers misrepresented me by saying I was not sick. I hope to go later, but am still under a strict diet by my physician's order."

It is quite possible that David Starr Jordan, who spent Monday with Mr. Ford, will go to Stockholm in the near future.

"The conference cannot die," said Mr. Ford today. "Peace is the greatest thing in the world, and I am satisfied with what has been done by the conference up to the present time, and believe it will result in much good. If the delegates think best, I may go over myself in May."

DEMOCRATS WIN IN CHICAGO.

Factional Fights Cause Landslide in Aldermanic Elections.

Chicago, April 4.—Factional fights in the Republican ranks over the selection of a national committeeman at the primaries next Tuesday, at which time the delegates to the national convention will also be named, brought a near-Democratic landslide in the aldermanic elections in Chicago today. Early returns indicate that the mayor was only able to elect three of his seventeen candidates in normally Republican strongholds.

PERILS OF SEA INCREASE.

Skipper Reports Mine and Submarine Greater Than Ever Before.

New York, April 4.—Capt. DeHeuvel, master of the steamer Nieuw Amsterdam, said today that the waters at the southern end of the North Sea, the Straits of Dover and the English Channel are more dangerous now than at any time since war began.

U. S. TROOPS KILL 30 OF VILLA'S BAND IN SURPRISE ATTACK

Tenth Cavalrymen Charge Bandits While Resting Near Aguas Calientes, Taking Many of Their Mounts.

REPORT IS SILENT AS TO VILLA

Both American and Carranza Authorities Admit They Have Lost Trail of Outlaw Chieftain in the Sierra Madre Region.

(Special to The Washington Herald.)

San Antonio, Tex., April 4.—A detachment of the Tenth Cavalry, under Col. Brown, surprised a band of Villistas Sunday at Aguas Calientes and killed between thirty and forty of the bandits. The cavalry dashed upon the bandits while its members were preparing dinner, and their mounts were turned loose to graze. It is declared thirty or more horses were captured by the American troops.

Such is the report which reached Gen. Funston this afternoon from Gen. Pershing. The American troops encountered the band Saturday, and had trailed it for nearly twenty-four hours through a rough country, and severe storm. No casualties in the American ranks are mentioned in the report. The scene of the battle was twenty miles southeast of Bachiniba.

The routed band, or rather those who escaped American bullets, started in the direction of San Antonio, Mexico, and were being pursued at last accounts by Brown and his men.

(News of Battle Withheld.)

TO EXECUTE 6 DIAZ PLOTTERS

Juarez Commander Thwarts Bold Plan to Capture Border City.

CONSPIRATORS TO FACE FIRING SQUAD TODAY

Gen. Gavira Declares Plot Originated in El Paso and Involves Many Others.

(Special to The Washington Herald.)

Juarez, Mex., April 4.—Six instigators of a plot to take Juarez and declare it for Felix Diaz, will be shot tomorrow morning in Juarez. Before the night ends more names may be added to the list.

The information that the plot has been discovered and the men sentenced, was officially made public this afternoon. The names of the plotters were not given, but all six of the men are in prison; as are also a half dozen more under suspicion. The first six admitted their guilt at the court of investigation, which has been in progress for five days.

The plot originated in El Paso, and some forty persons on the American side, mostly Mexicans, were implicated. The instigators of the plot secured quarters opposite the various barracks in Juarez. The method of attack was to have been to watch the barracks until only a few men were on duty, and then to open fire. When the trouble began recruits for the rebellion would cross from El Paso.

Gen. Gavira stated tonight that there was no question but all the men convicted are guilty, and that had the plot not been discovered in time an outbreak would have followed. He said the execution would be public, in order to serve as an example, and that it would occur some time tomorrow morning.

Maryland Adopts Military Service

New Law Anticipating Hay Bill Provides for "Unorganized Militia."

(Special to The Washington Herald.)

Annapolis, Md., April 4.—Very few of the members of the legislature, which adjourned sine die early this morning, realized that the new militia law adopted has made military service here compulsory.

The law is designed to prepare the National Guard for the Hay bill that is expected to pass in Congress, and provides for compulsory service. It divided the militia into "active" and "unorganized." The unorganized militia consists of all able-bodied citizens between 18 and 45, with the exception of a few designated classes. The active militia is the organized National Guard. Under the new law the Governor can call out the "unorganized militia" when the quota of the active militia fails to measure up to the Federal requirements.

This provision is only to go into effect in the event that the Hay bill becomes a national law.

Persian Prince Given Up as Dead.

London, April 4.—Prince Bahran, of Persia, a passenger on board the Channel liner Sussex, when that vessel was damaged by an explosion, was officially given up for dead today. Sir Edward Grey said in Parliament that there was no further hope that the prince survived.

LITTLE INTEREST IN N. Y. STATE PRIMARY

Vote About Normal Despite Few Contests on Ticket of Any Party.

(Special to The Washington Herald.)

New York, April 4.—Delegates and their alternates to the national conventions of the Democratic, Republican and Progressive parties were elected today at primaries held throughout the State. Members of the State committee and the county committees of the three parties were also chosen. Little interest was shown in the primaries.

Leaders here professed to be little interested in such returns as were obtainable tonight.

Confident that the Republican delegates to the Chicago convention will designate Mr. Barnes, the leaders here said tonight that they are in no hurry to name any one as his successor.

Early returns tonight indicated that the primary vote had been about normal. There was little trouble anywhere during the hours the polls were open.

Attempt on Czar's Life Reported.

Berlin (by wireless), April 4.—The overseas News Agency today gave out the following: "Reports from Petrograd state that a railroad watchman named Orlov received a Goakien from the Czar because he noticed that the railroad was damaged and halted the Czar's train. It is supposed that an attempt against the Czar's life was planned, but frustrated at the eleventh hour by the discovery of the watchman."