

FIERCE ATTACK OF GERMANS AT VERDUN FAILS

French Machine Guns Repel Repeated Charges at Hill 304.

TEUTON LOSSES HEAVY

Defenders Hold Trenches in Face of Two-Day Bombardment.

LOST TRENCHES RETAKEN

Paris War Office Reports Breakdown of Foe's Assaults in Meuse Sector.

(By the International News Service.) Paris, May 9.—The latest offensive of the crown prince against Verdun has failed, according to the French official statement issued late tonight.

This attack, one of the most desperate and powerful yet made, began on Sunday simultaneously on both sides of the Meuse, then shifted to and concentrated on the west. The great German aim was to smash the Hill 304—Deadman Hill line. The assault here culminated in the advance on Monday night and Tuesday morning of three tremendous bodies of German infantry. One was thrown against the trenches northeast of Hill 284; the second against the French positions on Hill 287, about a mile and a half to the west, and the third against the woods of Avocourt, a mile further to the southwest. The attack on Hill 304 was made at 3 o'clock this morning, and all three, it is officially reported, were crushed by the French artillery fire, and to the Germans resulted only in very serious losses.

Machine Guns Crumple Attack

The French ascribe their success in breaking down the German assaults to the splendid work done by machine guns and automobile rifles in the front-line trenches. The German artillery bombardments are said to have been overwhelming, but the French held out their underground shelters and then decimated the approaching infantry before the attack was organized.

In Champagne our artillery shelled German trenches and batteries to the north of Ville Sur Tourbe as well as their lines of communication in the region of Somme Py. On the left of the Meuse the bombardment was less violent during the day. An attempted attack by the Germans against a trench west of Hill No. 304 was stopped short by our barrage fire and the enemy was not able to debouch.

To the right of the Meuse and in the Woivre there was intermittent artillery fighting.

No Answer from Berlin Expected

Germany Said to Look Upon Sub Controversy as Entirely Closed.

A reply by the imperial government to President Wilson's latest note to Germany is extremely unlikely in the opinion of officials of the State Department and the German Embassy.

So far as the German Embassy is concerned the controversy as to methods of submarine warfare is now a closed book. The embassy is said to believe that President Wilson's note was not calculated to affect the situation one way or another, but was primarily intended for placing the President on record before the American people.

It is also believed by embassy officials that the Lusitania case will be closed at once; for the State Department, in answer to the German communication of February 15, 1915, said the Lusitania settlement proposed by Germany would be agreed to by the United States as soon as the United States was satisfied with Germany's pledges for the future regarding submarine warfare; and Secretary Lansing now has said that he is satisfied.

25,000 TAILORS TO STRIKE

Clothing Workers' Union Calls Out Chicago Cutters and Trimmers.

Chicago, May 9.—The Amalgamated Clothing Workers of America, in biennial convention at Rochester, N. Y., today declared a strike in the Chicago clothing market affecting 25,000 workers.

The local officials of the union have already called out 600 cutters in local shops, and it was stated tonight at the union headquarters that 2,000 will be out by tomorrow. According to union officials, a general strike of cutters will cripple the clothing houses, as the other departments are helpless without the cutters and trimmers.

Bullets Answer Cry for Food

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ROBERT CARTER. BREAKING UP THE PARTY.

BLAST KILLS 5, WOUNDS 35

Double Explosion Wrecks Munitions Plant of Atlas Powder Co.

ALL WINDOWS IN JERSEY SUMMER RESORT SMASHED

(By the Sun News Service.) Dover, N. J., May 9.—Five men were killed and approximately thirty-five injured, many of them seriously, in a double explosion at the war munitions plant of the Atlas Powder Company, near Landing, shortly before 1 o'clock this afternoon. Windows in Lake Hopatcong, summer hotels, and in towns for miles around, were shattered. The shock was felt throughout Northern Jersey.

At practically the same instant two dynamite mixing houses were blown to atoms. It is not known which exploded first, but that the shock of the first instantly set off the explosives in the other building is certain, though the two buildings were a considerable distance apart. Besides the two mixing houses a storage house for nitro-glycerin was destroyed. The explosion shook the surrounding country with the force of an earthquake, rocking houses on their foundations, breaking down ceilings and shattering windows. There is not a single whole window within three miles of the scene of the explosion, and a number of the older houses nearly collapsed.

Most of the injured were reported to have been cut by flying glass or bruised by the falling of ceilings in other buildings.

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Enemy Aeros Could Destroy City Over Night, Says Peary

Admiral Tells Chamber of Commerce Tramp Steamer Miles Off Coast Could Send Aerial Squadron to Raze Capital.

The startling assertion that the National Capital could be destroyed by a tramp steamer equipped with a fleet of aeroplanes and that recent events have revealed a way by which Washington might be laid in waste was made last night before the Chamber of Commerce by Rear Admiral Robert E. Peary. The world-famed explorer, as chairman of the National Aerial Coast Patrol Commission, made the assertion as a preface to a plea for a hydro-aeroplane which he hopes will be the nucleus for equipment for the protection of the nation's Capital. He said: "If the air-line distance from Newport News to Washington is laid out due east from Washington, the other end of the line will be forty miles off shore at Cape Henlopen."

"During the past few months three steamers have entered Hampton Roads, without the slightest hint or news of their coming being known until they poked their noses inside the Cape. 'The smallest of these steamers, the Appam, could easily carry a squadron of twelve up-to-date aeroplanes."

"What do these facts mean? They mean this. That Washington is just as accessible to an air raid as Boston, New York, Norfolk, Charleston, or Savannah, or any of our seacoast cities. 'It means that any one of several European countries, by issuing an order today, could two weeks from today inflict damage upon this city greater than the entire cost of a suitable air service for this country, and could repeat here the scenes of horror, 'Continued on page two.

MARYLAND G. O. P. PICKS OLD LINE DELEGATES

Baltimore, Md., May 9.—In one of the liveliest State conventions held here in years, the Republicans elected delegates to go unpledged to Chicago, of whom only two are believed to be favorable to Col. Roosevelt's nomination. The big four includes O. E. Weller, Gen. Felix Agnus, of the American; Walter B. Miller, and Dr. J. McPherson Scott. Former Gov. Goldsborough endeavored to elect Col. E. C. Carrington, who led the Roosevelt contingent four years ago at Chicago, but the party leaders refused to accept him.

1,073 British Traded for Turks

London, May 9.—Gen. Sir Percy Lake, British commander in Mesopotamia, reported today that 1,073 wounded British soldiers have been received at British headquarters from Kut-el-Amara in exchange for wounded Turkish soldiers.

DENIES SHE KILLED AGED

Mrs. Gilligan Asserts Innocence of Deaths at Old Folks' Home.

POLICE EXPECT TRIAL TO BARE MANY MURDERS

(By the Sun News Service.) Hartford, Conn., May 9.—"I didn't do it; I didn't kill any of them," screamed Mrs. Amy Archer-Gilligan today during a third-degree procedure by Capt. Robert T. Hurley, of the State police, who was chiefly instrumental in developing the case against the woman which resulted in her arrest last night, charging the murder of Franklin R. Andrews, and inferentially her guilt of more than twenty murders of old persons, who have been inmates of her home for aged persons in Windsor, Conn., during the last five years. Mrs. Gilligan, whose first husband, William Archer, died five years ago, and the second husband, Michael Gilligan, two years ago, was up early today at the Hartford County jail, where she was locked up last night to await trial for first-degree murder following a preliminary hearing last night, when a plea of not guilty was entered for her.

By noon she had engaged as counsel Benedict M. Holden, a successful criminal lawyer. Mr. Holden directed Mrs. Gilligan to talk to nobody without his permission. The State claims the murder motive was money; that Mrs. Gilligan, as proprietress of the old folks' home, took \$1,000 or as much more as the individual case might stand, and guaranteed the inmate maintenance for life. The State contends that the quicker the inmates died after paying the more bank account for Mrs. Gilligan.

550 Officers Taken at Kut

Constantinople (via Berlin wireless), May 9.—Five hundred and fifty one British and Italian officers, 40 pieces of artillery, 20 machine guns and nearly 5,000 rifles were captured by the Turks at Kut-el-Amara, it was officially announced today by the war office.

Princeton Graduates 80 Ministers

Princeton, N. J., May 9.—Sixty young ministers were graduated from the Princeton Theological Seminary today. The president of the board of trustees, Rev. Maitland Alexander, of Pittsburgh, presided at the exercises.

WILSON CONSIDERS INTERVENTION NOW AS A POSSIBILITY

For First Time the President Prepares to Go Ahead With Expedition Should Mexicans Show Insincerity in Co-operation.

WILL CONCEDE NOTHING MORE

President Ready to Go Before Congress and Announce Firmer Policy in Restoring Order Along Border and Preventing Outrages.

Wilson Orders Coast and Field Artillery to Mexican Border

President Wilson last night ordered 1,000 coast artillery from Atlantic stations and five batteries of field artillery from Fort Sill, Okla., to the Mexican border. These forces will reinforce the 7,000 infantry and militia ordered to the border earlier in the day. With the 3,000 recruits recently sent to border points this will give Gen. Funston 11,000 additional troops to reinforce his border patrol or to reinforce the 12,000 men in Gen. Pershing's expeditionary army.

After the Cabinet meeting yesterday, an outline of the administration's present position on Mexico was obtained from a high official source. It follows:

For the first time President Wilson is considering the possibility of actual intervention in Mexico.

Further raids into American territory by Mexicans will not necessarily force this step, but if the President becomes convinced that Carranza, Obregon and other members of the Mexican de facto government are temporizing and that they are insincere in their representations to the United States, he will sever all relations with them and intervene in earnest.

OBREGON AND SCOTT PARLEY

Mexican General Seeks Conference to Prevent Immediate Break With U. S.

GUARDSMEN MOBILIZE IN THREE BORDER STATES

(By the International News Service.) El Paso, May 9.—The Obregon-Scott conference was unexpectedly renewed at the suggestion of Mexican Minister of War Obregon this evening in an effort to prevent immediate hostilities between the military forces of the Carranza government and the United States. The conferees were together three hours and thirty minutes. At the conclusion of the meeting Gen. Scott announced there would probably be another meeting tomorrow. To counteract the false report that Monday's meeting ended with expressions of bitterness on both sides and an ultimatum from Obregon, Gen. Scott invited the Mexican official to remain for dinner at the private car. The invitation was accepted.

Notwithstanding this new move, indicative of peace, an authoritative statement was obtained that the punitive expedition and such additional forces as may be required will remain in Northern Mexico until outrages have been avenged and order is restored. The orders received by Gen. Funston from Secretary Baker following the Cabinet meeting today indicated that the administration contemplates intervention whether it is called by that name or not.

U. S. Troops at Front Warned

A long code message which was given right of way over all other official business explaining that a crisis was near at hand, was flashed by Gen. Funston to Gen. Pershing. Pershing was informed that Gen. Trevino had concentrated 15,000 Carranza soldiers near Chihuahua City. He was ordered to take every precaution against a surprise attack. The plan to make the Pershing expedition an independent mobile force which will be supported by railroad connections has been already completed. The National Guard ordered out by President Wilson is also mobilizing. Gen. Funston asked that the National Guard of New York and Pennsylvania be made ready to mobilize as soon as he disposes of the number included in the first call.

San Antonio, May 9.—Gen. Funston has designated Fort Sam Houston, San Antonio, as the mobilization point for National Guardsmen in Texas; Columbus for New Mexico, and Douglas for Arizona.

1,000 Coal Miners Walk Out

Harrisburg, Pa., May 9.—One thousand miners at the Short Hill collieries at Lyken walked out today because twelve men employed at the mine did not wear buttons showing they had paid their dues in the mine workers' union. This is "button day" in the district.

Regret Acceptance of German Note

London, May 9.—There is a tone of regret in British editorials on the note of the United States accepting the German reply.

Prepares for Intervention

Evidence of bad faith on the part of Carranza or Obregon will be sufficient to cause President Wilson to intervene. All military activity in this country now is directed with a view to possible intervention.

This new policy will be continued and the preparations for intervention increased, until it is definitely established that Carranza is not only willing but able to assist the American forces already in Mexico in their task of dispersing lawless bands and accomplishing in full the objects of the United States' expedition.

President Wilson was greatly irritated over the recent raid into American territory and there are indications that some persons associated with Carranza are attempting to put obstacles in the way of the punitive expedition. It can almost be said that the President is wavering between greater preparedness for intervention, his new policy, and immediate intervention.

To Concede Nothing More

There is not the slightest doubt in the minds of those who have talked with the President that he has no intention whatsoever of withdrawing the American forces from Mexico before they have accomplished their objective or of making any further concessions to Carranza of any kind. If conditions in Mexico continue to become worse, because of the hostility and interference of Carranza and sporadic raids on the border, the President will go before Congress with a special message. He will declare the necessity of the United States adopting a firmer course in dealing with the problem.

DENIES WITHDRAWAL DEMAND

Obregon Brands Report as "Mere Emanation of Yellow Press."

El Paso, Tex., May 9.—Gen. Obregon, in Juarez today, was asked by the Sun News Service representative regarding the truth of the report that he had demanded the withdrawal of the American troops. He said: "If I took the trouble to deny all such matters, I would have time for nothing else. They are merely emanations of the yellow press."

Gen. Scott was plainly worried and the hurried redistribution of regular troops about the city this afternoon indicated that the American officials were not taking any chances. El Paso tonight is under a heavier military guard than it has been for many months.

Attempt to Wreck Limited Fails

Dunkirk, N. Y., May 9.—An attempt was made today to wreck the eastbound Twentieth Century Limited on the New York Central Railroad by placing ties upon the track, but a serious accident was prevented by the vigilance of the engineer.

Loss in Chicago Fire \$500,000

Chicago, May 9.—Fanned by high lake breezes, fire today destroyed the immense plant of the Herhold Chair Company with a loss estimated at \$500,000. The factory was seven stories high and covered almost an entire block. The cause of the conflagration has not been determined.

Singer Arrested as Spy

Milan, May 9.—Countess Marie Labina, a singer, has been arrested here on a charge of espionage. The countess made her debut in Germany under the patronage of the Kaiser, whose interest in her created a sensation in court circles.