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GERMAN REPLY TO NOTE HERE SATURDAY; SWISS BORDER IS CLOSED

U. S. TROOPES IN BATTLE WITH VILLISTAS

AEROPLANE AND ZEPPELIN FIGHT AMONG CLOUDS

At Altitude of Two Miles, French and German Aircraft Meet in Terrific Duel—Zeppelin is Damaged By Incendiary Bombs—Another French Plane, Armed With Cannon, Fires on German Torpedo Boat.

Paris, April 26.—A French aeroplane and a Zeppelin fought a duel at an altitude of 4,000 metres off Zeebrugge today. The aeroplane fired nine incendiary shells at the Zeppelin, which appears to have been damaged. The engagement, occurring more than two miles from the earth, was fought at 3 o'clock this morning.

At the same time another French aeroplane, armed with cannon, fired numerous projectiles at a German torpedo boat off Ostend.

A German aeroplane of the Fokker type was brought down in an aerial combat near Luneville, France.

FRANCE LINES BOMBARDED.

Paris, April 26.—French positions on the Verdun front, west of the Meuse were bombarded by the Germans last night. The attack was centered on Avocourt Wood and the first line trenches north of Hill No. 302.

DRASTIC STEPS PLANNED TO QUELL DUBLIN RIOTS; INSURGENTS KILLED

London, April 26.—The following telegram was received in London today from Baron Wilburne, Lord Lieutenant for Ireland, dated Dublin: "The situation is satisfactory. Stephens Green has been occupied. Eleven insurgents have been killed. The provincial news is reassuring."

Liberal Hall, headquarters of the Dublin rebels, and Stephens Green, which was captured by them, have been occupied by the military. Premier Asquith announced today in the House of Commons.

Martial law has been proclaimed in the city and county of Dublin, it was announced in the House of Commons.

BLAME DEATH OF MRS. COLGAN ON TROLLEY MISHAP

East Bridgeport Resident Suffered Nervous Shock From Collision.

That the death of Mrs. Dennis Colgan was due to a trolley accident in which she figured last July was the statement of Medical Examiner S. M. Garlick this morning after he had concluded an investigation into the cause of her demise.

Mrs. Colgan is the mother-in-law of Dr. J. L. Egan, living at Noble and Barnum avenues, and also of Dr. W. J. A. O'Hara, living at Kossuth street and Barnum avenues.

A party of relatives were enjoying an automobile ride with Dr. Egan last July. Mrs. Colgan and her daughter and two grandchildren were in the car.

The Egan car was brought to a stop at the intersection of Congress and Middle streets in order to allow a trolley car to turn into the trolley barn at that point. While the automobile was standing still another trolley car coming down Congress hill crashed into the Egan car and gave the occupants a severe shaking up.

Mrs. Colgan suffered a nervous shock, from which, in the opinion of the medical examiner, she never recovered. The funeral obsequies will be held tomorrow morning from the home of her son-in-law, Dr. J. L. Egan.

TRY TO BLOW UP EMBASSY

Athens, April 26.—A bomb thrown today with the supposed intention of blowing up the Bulgarian legation, struck the grating of a gallery window and rebounded into the courtyard, where it exploded. No one was injured.

LEWIS—WETMORE

Miss Winifred A. Wetmore, head bookkeeper at Huber Ice Cream Co., and Harold C. Lewis, assistant manager at the same plant, were married in St. Mary's rectory at 10:30 this morning. Mr. and Mrs. Lewis have left the city on a wedding trip.

SEVENTY FREIGHT CARS ARE BURNED AT POUGHKEEPSIE

Terminal of C. N. E. Road is Destroyed With Very Heavy Losses.

CONNECTICUT TOWNS SEND FIRE-FIGHTERS

Norfolk and Winsted Railroad Men Rushed to Aid Local Firemen.

Poughkeepsie, April 26.—Fire swept the Maybrook terminal of the Central New England Railroad early today with a loss of hundreds of thousands of dollars. Seventy loaded freight cars were destroyed.

Two large freight houses full of goods being transferred to and from Poughkeepsie bridge road were burned, together with two platforms also heavily loaded.

Maybrook is the junction of the Erie, Lehigh & Hudson and Central New England Railroads.

Winsted, Conn., April 26.—Gangs of men were sent from Norfolk and Winsted during the forenoon to assist in fighting the fire at the Maybrook terminal of the Central New England Railway.

Scatter As Auto Approaches But One Boy Is Hurt

All of a group of boys playing baseball in the roadway at Pembroke and Walter street shortly before noon today narrowly escaped serious injuries when an automobile drove among them.

Harvey Herin, aged nine, 206 Willard street, was struck by the automobile and suffered a compound fracture of the skull. He was taken to Bridgeport hospital where he is in a critical condition.

The driver was Stanley Duchworth of 454 Stratford avenue. He brought the child to the hospital and then reported the matter to Lieut. John Quinlivan at the second precinct station.

Witnesses to the accident say that Duchworth was not to blame and he was not held.

Gives Singer Co. His Invention But Doesn't Get Paid

Claiming that the Singer Manufacturing Co. failed to keep an agreement to pay him for an invention, John Raycroft of this city has brought suit against the sewing machine concern for \$2,000. Papers in the action were filed today in the superior court.

Raycroft claims that in 1914 he was engaged by Philo M. Beers, in charge of the needle department, to set up a machine for polishing and finishing needles. Beers told him, the plaintiff says, that he would be reimbursed if he devised a satisfactory machine. Raycroft worked 27 weeks on the problem and finally set up a machine that was satisfactory. Machines of this type were installed and saved the Singer Co. considerable money, Raycroft declares. He says he demanded payment from the company, in accordance with the agreement, but was unable to collect anything.

MacConnell Accepts Worcester Position

James MacConnell, assistant superintendent of the Bridgeport Christian Union mission, at 24 Bank street, has resigned his office there and accepted the office of superintendent of the Bethel Mission in Worcester, Mass. He left this city today for Worcester.

Mr. MacConnell visited the local mission about six years ago. He was down and out at the time and addicted to drink. Under the guiding hand of the Rev. C. W. Simpson, superintendent of the mission he became converted.

YALE PHOTOGRAPHER DEAD.

New Haven, April 26.—Algeron E. Corbin, for many years a photographer of this city, dropped dead upon the street today. For a long period up to recent years Mr. Corbin made photographs of Yale crews, baseball athletic and other teams and as his work along this line brought him in touch with undergraduate life for a generation he had a wide acquaintance among Yale men.

FORECLOSURE ACTION

I. W. Birdseye of this city brought proceedings in the superior court today to foreclose on Read street property now in possession of Rosina Varone. It is claimed that in 1912 Dominick Varone borrowed \$3,400 from Burr & Knapp and mortgaged the property for security. The property was afterwards transferred to Rosina Varone. I. W. Birdseye received the mortgage on assignment from Burr & Knapp. Several local firms have attachments on the property.

NOTE ON U-BOATS DELAYED

German Papers Take Serious View of Situation—Kaiser May Return to Berlin to Complete Answer.

American Travelers Seeking To Leave Germany Are Held Up at Swiss Frontier By German Patrols Under New Order.

Berlin, April 26.—The American note may not be expected before the end of the present week. It may be presented by Saturday.

Swiss Border Closed

Geneva, April 26.—German newspapers are now taking a more serious view of the German-American situation. They say Emperor William is expected to return to Berlin from General Headquarters.

In the meantime, Americans attempting to leave Germany by way of Switzerland are encountering difficulties. Many of them are held up at Constance.

The German-Swiss frontier has been closed since Monday afternoon, even to mails. Foreigners now in Germany have been informed that they will be allowed to leave the country before 20 days have elapsed.

TO CONFER WITH KAISER.

Berlin, April 26.—Chancellor von Bethmann-Hollweg and Admiral von Holländer, chief of the naval general staff, departed for headquarters on the evening train to consult with Emperor William in regard to the reply to the American note.

The chancellor's conference with James W. Gerard, the American ambassador, yesterday afternoon, lasted for half an hour.

THROWN FROM CYCLE, HOOKER IS NEAR DEATH

Fifth Street Man Strikes Bridge Girder After Wheels Collide.

Catapulted from his motorcycle when the machine collided with a bicycle on the Yellow Mill bridge draw this morning Alvin Hooker, age 23, 73 Beardsley street, struck head foremost against an iron girder on the bridge and suffered a compound fracture of the skull. He is in a dying condition later, at St. Vincent's hospital.

The accident occurred just east of the power box on the draw. Hooker was on his way to work at the Automatic Machine Co. on East Washington avenue. As he neared the center of the bridge he attempted to pass a bicycle ridden by Edward Hayden of 55 Fifth street. In turning from behind Hayden's bicycle the motorcycle collided with the rear of the wheel. The cycle turned upside down while Hooker was hurled through the air. He struck head-on against a girder.

Hayden was knocked from his bicycle but was uninjured except for a few minor abrasions on his legs. Hooker lay limp and helpless in the roadway. He was picked up by Hayden, assisted by Charles Brunnerman of 55 Beardsley street and John Saul of 256 Connecticut avenue. A passing automobile was stopped and Hooker was conveyed to the emergency hospital.

Dr. E. B. Weldon saw that Hooker was suffering from a compound fracture of the skull and his brain was exposed. He was transferred to St. Vincent's hospital in the emergency hospital ambulance and an operation was performed by the hospital physicians this morning in an effort to save his life. Hooker was unconscious at present hour. His condition is critical.

Hooker has no relatives in this country. He came here a short time ago from Bloomingfield, Central America. He was employed at the Wolverine Motor Works for a short time and later took a position at the Automatic Machine Co. Officials of the latter company say they will care for Hooker.

SCHOOLHOUSES OF BRIDGEPORT FAR OVERTAXED

More Pupils on Half Time Session Than Ever Before In City History.

NEW BUILDINGS NOT ENOUGH FOR RELIEF

Portable Buildings and Short Periods Haven't Solved Problem.

More pupils are attending half time sessions of the public schools at present than ever in the history of the city of Bridgeport and it is doubtful if even the recent \$300,000 bond issue will be sufficient to build schools enough to meet the situation.

At a special meeting of the board of education, which will be held this evening arrangements will be made for a school in Wayne street. The committee on school houses, Elmer H. Havens, William R. Webster, Jr., and Nathaniel W. Bishop, contemplate an eight-room building with an assembly hall. It may be that a 15-room building will be erected instead. Eight rooms will be added to Waterbury school, four rooms and an assembly hall to Garfield school, eight rooms to the Normal school in Clinton avenue, four rooms in the parochial school to the Hall school in Clermont avenue and a new school of eight rooms at least is to be built somewhere in Myrtle avenue. The board of education has adopted uniform plans for all schools. An eight-room addition will be made to Maplewood avenue school on a site purchased directly across the street from the school-house there.

The total registration of children between 4 and 16 years of age, enumerated to October 1, 1915, shows 29,949. Of these 19,950 are recorded in the public schools. Nearly 3,000 were estimated in the parochial schools and there are probably more at this time as it is estimated that the number of school children who have come to this city since the school census was made is about 5,000. The parochial schools are maintained by various parishes of the Roman Catholic churches without expenses to the city. They do not share in the public school funds.

Seven rooms are on half time at Waterbury school, four rooms at Maplewood school, two rooms at Garfield school and two rooms at Myrtle avenue school. In all it is estimated that 600 pupils can attend half time sessions only. Although there have been times within the last two years when the number of pupils on half time was a trifle larger, yet there were not so many schools at that time or so many portable buildings in use.

At present more than 650 pupils are taught in portable buildings of which three are in use at the Normal school in Clinton avenue, two at Waterbury school, one at Shelton, one at Lincoln, one at McKinley, two at Sheridan, one at Newfield, two at Wheeler, one at Myrtle avenue, one at Longfellow and one at Kossuth street schools.

In addition to the new high school, which was opened recently, there is the old high school now being used for the higher grades and teaching grammar schools. There are 39 domestic schools. The teaching force now numbers 503 in addition to Superintendent Samuel J. Slawson.

It is estimated that another year must elapse before the additional contemplated can be made and the new schools built. In the meantime the price of all building materials is steadily rising. Also the number of school children for whom educational facilities must be provided is increasing, due to the steady influx of working people here.

Between April 1, 1915, and April 1, 1916, it is estimated that approximately \$250,000 was spent for new school buildings now completed or under course of construction, but as will be seen by the figures above, even this vast sum was not sufficient to meet the needs for educational facilities. Most of the rooms that are of half time and the portable buildings in use are occupied by children who are just beginning their education.

British Envoy Here Receives Death Threat

Mulholland Has Plan For Max Ams Co. Case

The International Association of Machinists' plan in the case of the Max Ams Co. injunction is expected to reach this city tomorrow. F. J. Mulholland, noted labor lawyer, who conferred on the situation here Sunday, has consulted other legal experts in Washington and a plan of action has been outlined.

Mr. Mulholland is in Toledo today. He will not return to Bridgeport unless a permanent injunction is obtained by the Ams Co.

POLICE BOARD TO DEFER ELECTIONS UNTIL SATURDAY

Not In Accord on Promotion of Members To Subordinate Posts.

REDGATE IS SURE OF BEING HEAD OFFICER

Host of Applicants Are Recorded For 72 Vacancies As Patrolmen.

Inability upon the part of the police commissioners to agree upon certain men for promotions has caused a postponement of the meeting which had been scheduled for this evening. There is no doubt that Capt. John H. Redgate will be appointed Superintendent. The meeting at which time 72 new members of the department will be appointed will take place Saturday night, according to plans made today.

Among the candidates for sergeantcies regarded as certain are Denis Kehoe, Democrat; Alpheus Goulden, Democrat; John Barton, Democrat; Joseph E. Coughlin, Democrat; and Anton Herb, John Brown, Jr., George Benedetti, Republicans.

The action of the council in creating four more lieutenant left room for the appointment of Sergeants James A. Conroy, Thomas Flood, Charles A. Walker and James Walker. Sergeants Edward Wagner, John J. McGirr and James O'Connell already were selected. Sergeants Charles Suckley, Philip Blain, Fred W. Webb and possibly Lieut. William O'Leary will be made captains. Sergeants Edward O. Cronan will be lieutenant of detectives.

Ten policemen will be assigned to the detective bureau and some of the present attaches may be relegated to patrol duty.

Of the candidates for 72 new policemen, among those assured of success are: William Curry, 49 Burroughs street; the mayor's choice from the Liberty A. Co.; Milton L. Reed, 252 Nichols street; Thomas Conroy, 23 Cedar street; George A. Fitzgerald, 64 Cedar street; Daniel Fitzroy, 855 Noble avenue; Thomas Quinn, 131 Orchard street; John L. Lynch, 22 Berkshire avenue; John F. Hughes, 618 E. Main street; John McCreary, 157 Hamilton street; William H. Jagers, athlete, 263 Brooks street; Wilfred Walker, nephew of Sergeant James A. Walker, 163 Nichols street; Thomas F. Mulhan, 1226 Seaview avenue; Frank White, baseball pitcher, known as "Yellow," 198 Adams street; J. J. McDonough, 488 Wilnot avenue, a liquor dealer; Frank Barta, 23 Sherman street; George Grosshans, employed in public works department, living at 222 French street; Albert Grossarth, (alderman), 222 Harrah avenue; Thomas J. Gill, employed at Bridgeport Gas Co., 1315 Main street; Thomas F. Wolfe, trolley conductor, 164 Englewood avenue; David Bibbins, train caller at depot, 149 Parallel street; Harry Barnes, 259 Beardsley street and Thomas Miffoke, 1400 Stratford avenue.

CITY PAYS LAST INSTALLMENT ON HILLSIDE HOME

President F. William Behrens of the board of charities today made the last payment on the new Hillside home to the Osewanna Building Co. It totals a little over \$13,000. With the paying of the final amount the new home is virtually accepted by the city of Bridgeport.

The Osewanna Co. is bonded for \$2,500 and has given a guarantee of one year on the construction of the building, and a two year guarantee on the concrete work.

The week preceding Decoration Day will be known as Visiting Week at the new home. Citizens will be permitted to inspect the entire building. The home will be opened with ceremonies June 1. An elaborate dinner will be given to the members of the administration and a special menu will be afforded the inmates in that day.

Community Now Owns Almshouse—Prepare For "Grand Opening."

Major General Funston, in command of the Southern Department of the army, will attend the conference with General Scott. It is understood that several Carranza generals will be present with General Obregon, who is expected to arrive at the border before tomorrow night.

Irving R. Griswold, Rusted Broker, Is Suicide At 71

Winsted, April 26.—Irving R. Griswold, well known in this part of the state as a broker and investment broker with offices in Winsted, was found dead from inhaling illuminating gas today Medical Examiner Hubbert gave an opinion of suicide. Evidence pointed to the fact that Griswold, when partly dressed this morning, went into his dressing room adjoining a bedroom, turned on the gas and laid down on the floor, lying there. He had suffered from ill health for two years and this is thought to have led him to take his life. Mr. Griswold was 71 years of age and a native of Torrington.

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CAVALRY PURSUES BANDITS

Two of Dodd's Men Reported Killed and Three Wounded in Surprise Attack Against Big Force of Outlaws.

Villa Command, Under Four Chiefs, Is Scattered By Sudden Drive—Horses and Ammunition Taken By U. S. Forces.

Field Headquarters, via wire, less to Columbus, April 26.—

Two Americans were killed and three wounded in an engagement between cavalymen under Col. George A. Dodd and 200 Villa bandits at Tomachio, in the center of the Sierra Madres, in Western Chihuahua on April 22, according to an official report reaching here today.

The Villa command, under four chiefs, Baca, Cerevantes, Dominguez and Rios, was surprised in the late afternoon and routed. After the battle, the Americans found six dead Mexicans and nineteen wounded while a quantity of horses, arms and equipment was captured.

Several detachments of American troops have resumed active pursuit of Villa and are whipping the mountains north and west of Parral, where the bandit chieftain is reported to be hiding.

MEAGRE REPORT ON BATTLE

El Paso, April 26.—A report received here today that Col. Dodd's advanced cavalry detachment had an engagement several days ago in which both sides suffered losses. It was not indicated whether the battle was with Villa bandits or with Carranza troops. The information regarding the battle came in a private despatch but gave no information where the engagement took place. Advanced detachments of Col. Dodd's cavalry recently have been operating in the border zone just north of Sateve, supplying the country for Villa bandits.

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THE WEATHER

Weather: Unsettled, probably local showers tonight and Thursday.