

GERMANS ARE HAMMERING GATES OF VERDUN

French Take Initiative in Latest Counter Movement and Gain Ground; Ferocity of Invaders Unparalleled.

FRENCH ATTACK IN LORRAINE REPULSED

Russian Successes Indicate Early Fall of Bagdad, Pressing Junction of Russians and British on Tigris.

LONDON, March 4.—The German armies at the gates of Verdun are hammering hard with heavy artillery but at latest accounts had suspended infantry attacks. In the last fighting reported the initiative was on the side of the French, who were desperately driving back at the Germans in a counter attack which gained ground. German thrusts in the new phase of the struggle are delivered with heaviest force on the salient northeast of the fortress in which lies the Douaumont plain. Here the French were driven out of Fort Douaumont last week and just now from Douaumont village to the west.

In and around the village the battle has been raging with violence with heavy losses on both sides. Unofficial accounts assert that there has been nothing on the western front to equal in ferocity the attacks delivered by the Germans, while the French infantry are declared to be disputing every inch and to have forced the Germans to rest on their laurels so far, and leave the continuation of the battle to the German artillery.

Paris advices show that no doubt remains in the minds of the French that there is nothing in the nature of a feint in the German effort, the belief existing that the Crown Prince is determined to capture Verdun and if possible break through the French line and open the way to Paris. There has been some fighting further south in the line, the Germans reporting repulse of a French attack in Lorraine, in which the French had some initial success, but were forced to relinquish ground taken. Elsewhere there has been comparative quiet.

The Russian occupation of Bitlis in Turkish Armenia is regarded by Petrograd as an important development, opening further way to Bagdad for the Russian army. Military observers already have mapped the probable route of the Grand Duke Nicholas's armies over 400 miles to a junction with the British on the Tigris. It is believed the Turks now will be hampered in bringing reinforcements for the army defeated at Erzerum, while a southward thrust by the Russians has driven a wedge between the Turks in Armenia and those in Persia. The German Admiralty reported the sinking of two French auxiliary cruisers. This was denied by Paris.

URGES MERCHANT MARINE.

NEW YORK, March 4.—The need of an American merchant marine as a measure of preparedness in the event of war, was emphasized by Robert Woolry, director of the United States Mint, in an address at the National Democratic Club. Woolry said: "We need a merchant marine because if war comes, we will need ships, manned by Americans and flying the American flag on which to carry our goods to foreign lands and for colliers, manned by our own people whom we can trust. This is a phase of preparedness."

FRIENDS OF FREEDOM.

NEW YORK, March 4.—A new national organization to be known as "Friends of Irish Freedom" was formed by prominent Irishmen from all parts of the country at a conference called to outline the attitude they believed the Irish of the United States should assume towards England.

WILSON ENDORSED

DENVER, March 4.—The actions and policies of Wilson, in enforcing the rights of Americans and dealing with our foreign relations were approved and ratified in resolutions adopted by the Democratic State Central Committee.

NAVAL WAR GAME.

WASHINGTON, March 4.—Naval war games in which aeroplanes will do the scouting for the Atlantic battle fleet has been ordered on the southern drill grounds near Guantanamo. The order marks the first steps in the work of the aeronautical service co-ordinately with the battle fleet, as is being done by the European navies in the present war.

HUNT FOOLED BY CENTRAL COMMITTEE

Democratic State Central Organization Endorses the Administration of President Wilson.

SAME ACTION FOR GOVERNOR WITHHELD

James Douglas is Named As Delegate to National Convention in St. Louis with H. E. Fletcher As Alternate.

PHOENIX, ARIZONA

Territorial Library State Commission PHOENIX, ARIZONA. The administration of Governor Hunt on ground that committee was called together only for matters relating to national politics. Mulford Winsor began the preliminary moves to bring about endorsement of Governor Hunt but met defeat at every turn and endorsement resolution was not presented.

William Morgan of Yavapai county, moved to instruct the resolutions committee to deal only with national politics, which means the endorsement of Wilson. Mulford Winsor, of Yuma, leader of the Hunt forces, moved to lay that resolution on the table and leave the question to the discretion of the committee. It was apparent he intended to force that issue, and if the committee did not bring in a resolution endorsing Hunt would introduce one on the floor. The Winsor tabling motion was defeated 42 to 25. The Morgan resolution was adopted by the same vote, the result staggering the administration forces, who had counted on 36 votes solid, 33 opposed and 14 doubtful.

Winsor lost the first brush of the meeting when he introduced a resolution for the appointment of a credentials committee of five members. Neil Bailey objected on the ground that Winsor was present only by proxy, and had no voice until he was seated by the credentials committee. Winsor was excluded and later seated by the committee. Objections were also made to seating Senator Fred Colter of Apache county, but the credentials committee decided that Colter was entitled to a seat.

Fred Colter, Apache, was elected national committeeman, defeating Reese Ling, candidate for reelection. That was only a crumb of comfort for the administration forces. The defeat of Ling was a concession to the Cochise delegation, a majority of which were for the administration.

The resolutions adopted endorse President Wilson and declare in favor of national woman suffrage and for presidential preference primaries. The following delegates to national convention were named:

- Apache, Navajo, Coconino—George Babbitt, Flagstaff; R. G. Cresswell, Winslow, alternate. Maricopa, Pinal—M. J. Dougherty, Mesa; Tom Wills, Florence, alternate. Mohave, Yavapai—J. J. Hawkins, Prescott; I. M. George, Kingman, alternate. Cochise—J. S. Douglas, Douglas; Mrs. H. E. Fletcher, Hereford, alternate. Pima, Santa Cruz, Yuma, George Mitchellson, Yuma; H. W. Purdy, Nogales, alternate. Greenlee, Graham, Gila—F. B. Laine, Clifton; John F. Weber, Safford, alternate.

BRITISH STEAMER SUNK

LONDON, March 4.—British steamer Teutonia, 4524 tons, was sunk, according to Lloyd's. The crew is safe.

FOUR HUNDRED COMMUNITIES IN U. S. TO CELEBRATE BABY WEEK



A few "better babies."

The saving of 200,000 babies whose lives are needlessly snuffed out every year in the United States is the aim of the leaders in the nation-wide Better Baby Week to be held March 4 to 11.

More than 400 communities have completed plans for baby week, aided by the children's bureau of the United States department of labor. During baby week the needs of children will be so presented that all parents in these communities will realize these needs and will want to give their children the best possible care. They will know that this is their privilege, as well as their obligation.

Hundreds of women in this city, as well as thousands throughout the country, are trying to do away with the old belief that the rate of mortality among children who had not reached the first anniversary of their birth was a wise dispensation of nature intended to prevent children with a weak constitution from becoming too plentiful. In his place they are trying to make mothers realize that a great infant mortality is a national disaster.

CONFERENCE OF MAYORS AT AN END

Heads of Many Cities Endorse Preparedness, Plans Urge Congress to Take Steps to Make Them Effective.

ST. LOUIS, March 4.—The two-day conference on national defense closed with a banquet at which the speakers included Former Attorney General Wickersham, Mayor Thompson, of Chicago, and Miss Anne Morgan, of New York.

The conference adopted resolutions declaring for universal military training, a navy to make the United States first on the seas, the locating of arsenals and munitions plants in the interior, the mobilization of the physical resources of the country, the standardization of materials used in war and the organization of a transportation service for its use.

Congress is urged to pass laws making the resolutions effective. Mayor Thompson said: "Apparently, as a people, we have failed to profit by our own experience. The Revolutionary War was won by sheer audacity and a remarkable display of nerve against tremendous odds. The victory was no more due to our ability than to our opponents' assiduity. The civil war took awful tolls on both sides, because neither was prepared. It is a reproach to us that we don't learn from our own history."

PRESIDENT TAKES REST.

WASHINGTON, March 4.—The President and wife left on the Mayflower for a week-end trip down the Potomac to Chesapeake Bay. They will return Monday.

KILLS CAPTOR—ESCAPES.

OAKLAND, March 4.—While walking along the street under arrest, an unidentified man drew a revolver, fatally shot his captor, Patrolman Gushe, and escapes in the crowd.

POLISH PRIEST KILLED

ST. PAUL, March 4.—In the presence of several worshippers, Rev. Henry Jajski, aged fifty, pastor of the Polish Catholic Church here, was shot and killed at the church by Agnes Dudek, aged thirty-eight, who told the police the priest had wronged her. A nephew of the priest said Mrs. Dudek had annoyed him for several years and Jajski believed her demented. She was held on the charge of murder.

INDICTED AGAIN.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 4.—New indictments charging conspiracy to conduct a military enterprise against England, were returned by the federal grand jury against the German consul Franz Bopp, and six others, as a substitute for the similar indictment rendered invalid when Judge Doelling sustained the demurrers yesterday.

THREATEN TO PILLAGE EL TIGRE

Force of Villa Soldiers Said to be on the Road to Sonora Mining Camp and Ready to Again Sack the Camp.

AID IS DISPATCHED FROM STATE CAPITAL

Trouble Had Near Torreón from Canuto Reyes and Contreras. American Physician Ordered to be Killed.

DOUGLAS, March 4.—Two hundred Villa troops are advancing on El Tigre, Sonora, from San Pedro, Chihuahua, where they looted the stores and made the townspeople prisoners, according to official dispatches received by Consul Lefevier. De facto government troops are moving to El Tigre to reinforce the garrison, said to consist of less than twenty men. Villa troops are reported as passing Ojitas Pass, near the Chihuahua-Sonora line. Approximately twenty Americans are at El Tigre. Villa is quoted as saying that the Americans who did not leave immediately would find their graves there.

AID ON THE ROAD

DOUGLAS, March 4.—A special train with a hundred soldiers for El Tigre leaves Hermosilla tonight for Naco, according to a message to Agua Prieta officials. The United States will probably be asked to permit the passage to Agua Prieta. Latest reports from El Tigre state the Villa raiders only number seventy.

TROUBLE NEAR TORREON

EL PASO, March 4.—Canuto Reyes, and Calisto Contreras, rebel leaders, have been carrying on active operations south of Torreón while seeking peace with the Carranza government, according to information received here. Reyes is said to have captured two Americans at Villesca and threatened to execute them. He finally obtained \$500 ransom and released them. At this time a messenger from Reyes is on the way to Juarez to procure amnesty.

AMERICAN ORDERED EXECUTED

SUPERIOR, Wis., March 4.—Dr. J. A. Rene, formerly prominent as a Superior physician and who has been at Mazatlan for the past three years, will be shot March 15 by the Carranza authorities, according to a message received by his former medical partner.

Rene went to San Diego from Superior an d became connected with one of the Mexican factions. His partner has retained attorneys to appeal to the United States in an effort to save him.

GENERAL NOBLE DIES.

INDIANAPOLIS, March 4.—General Charles Noble, retired, died suddenly at his home of heart disease. He was a native of Ohio.

LAFOLLETTE'S HAT IN RING

MADISON, Wis., Petitions for placing the name of Senator LaFollette on the official ballot as a candidate for the Republican nomination for President, were filed in the office of the Secretary of State.

ANNUAL TRACK MEET

NEW YORK, March 4.—The annual track and field championships of the Intercollegiate Association of Amateur Athletes of America awarded to Harvard at the meeting of the representatives of institutions composing the organization. They will be decided at the Cambridge stadium May 26 and 27.

CHAMBERLAIN PROPOSES RADICAL POLICY

Bill Introduced in Senate Offers More Sweeping Military Changes; More So Than Wilson Had Planned.

WOULD DOUBLE REGULAR ARMY

Measure Suggests Volunteer Force for Peace, Federalization of National Guard and Training for All.

WASHINGTON, March 4.—The first national preparedness measure to reach either house for consideration was introduced in the Senate by Senator Chamberlain, chairman of the Military Committee. He proposes an even more sweeping change in the military policy than that outlined by President Wilson in his annual message. Aside from a plan to virtually double the regular army, the bill has four striking features, which are as follows:

Authorization of a purely federal volunteer force for peace times. Authorization of a definitely enlisted reserve for peace times with men of every profession and calling whose training fits them for special duty in troops during war times. Federalization of the National Guard, under pay provision. Authorization of an officers' reserve.

For the regular army the bill provides a peace strength within five years of 178,000 men. The percentage of men to each company in peace strength would be increased in the interests of efficiency and full war strength would be 225,000 men to consist of sixty-five infantry, twenty-five cavalry and twenty-one field artillery regiments, in addition to staff and other special corps and coast artillery. The mobile army would consist of four infantry divisions and two cavalry. A corresponding increase is proposed in general officers, the rank and pay of lieutenant general to be given the Chief of Staff.

SEIZED ON THE SEAS.

HONOLULU, March 4.—Details of the seizure of thirty eight men from the American steamer China off the Japanese coast, in February, were brought here by passengers on a vessel when it put in here on its way to San Francisco. It was boarded by 12 men and a lieutenant. The hat band bore the word "Cerberus", a vessel of the Australian navy. Two were seized and taken from their wives. Six were Austrians, one was a Turk and thirty-one were Germans.

TROUBLE IN CONSTANTINOPLE.

LONDON, March 4.—Advices from diplomatic sources at Constantinople said an attempt had been made to assassinate Enver Pasha, the War Minister, who was wounded. The Duke of Mecklenburg, "in view of the gravity of the situation" telegraphed the German Emperor asking him to send reinforcements to Constantinople. The Sivo powder magazine was blown up as a result of a fire.

SUBMARINE DISABLED.

WASHINGTON, March 4.—The submarine K-6, en route to maneuvers at Key West, developed engine trouble on the East coast of Florida. It will be towed to its destination by the naval tug Peoria and the coast guard cutter Tampa. The destroyer MacDonough is standing by.

AUTO SPEEDERS HURT.

LOS ANGELES, March 4.—Arthur Kincaid, mechanic, and Omar Toft, driver, were injured, the former seriously, when their racing automobile crashed through a fence on the new Ascot Speedway during practice.

EXPLOSION ON DESTROYER.

SAN DIEGO, March 4.—Three seamen, working in the hold of the United States destroyer Preble, were injured by an explosion of a can of gasoline. Three men on the Iris were also injured. Arthur Grossert, the coxswain of the Preble, may die.

FALL OF BAGDAD IMMINENT

LONDON, March 4.—The fall of Bagdad is considered imminent, according to an Athens dispatch.

HOUSE AGAIN IN POSTPONEMENT OF ACTION

Tuesday is the Earliest Date at Which Vote on Resolution Warning Americans Off Ships will be Taken.

WASHINGTON, March 4.—The House again postponed action on the proposals to warn Americans not to travel on armed ships, the defeat of which has been requested by the President to strengthen his hands in the negotiations with Germany. It was decided a vote will be taken not sooner than Tuesday. A day of conferences and maneuvering left room for a doubt than ever as to just what form the House action will finally take.

The President's supporters reiterated there was no doubt the House, sooner or later, would follow the lead of the Senate and kill the warning proposals. The problem of framing a parliamentary plan remained unsolved. Some believed the arrival of Bryan, to fill a speaking engagement, might complicate the situation. Bryan conferred with many friends and discussed the Congressional warning, which he favors, but decided he came to help organize the opposition to the President.

TO REITERATE DEMAND.

WASHINGTON, March 4.—The United States is preparing to make formal demands on Austria as a result of the attack by a submarine on the American tank steamer Petrolite. A note will be dispatched in the next few days. It is authoritatively stated the United States will stand by its original contentions; to ask an apology and punishment for the submarine commander and reparation for damage to the vessel and injuries to the members of the crew hit by a piece of shell.

Austria's reply to the first communication in formed the State Department that its version the submarine commander thought the Petrolite was an enemy ship disguised by the American flag, and that he believed the Petrolite was about to ram the submarine. The State Department has since obtained information from the crew of the Petrolite contradicting this version.

FULTON-FLYNN MATCH

MILWAUKEE, March 4.—Fred Fulton and Jim Flynn were matched for a ten round bout here March 17.

LAW PARTNER OF BRANDEIS ON STAND

Bankruptcy Case of James Lennox, in Which Appointment for Supreme Court Was Involved.

WASHINGTON, March 4.—Brandeis' law partner, E. F. Clennen, was cross-examined for three hours before the Senate sub-committee investigating Brandeis' fitness to be a Supreme Court Justice. Counsel for those opposing the confirmation asked about the Lennox bankruptcy case and finally decided to summon James Lennox, the principal in that litigation. Brandeis' opponents charged he was guilty of unprofessional conduct in filing an involuntary bankruptcy petition against Lennox, based on an assignment he is alleged to have previously advised Lennox to make.

BRITISH INFORMATION BUREAU.

WASHINGTON, March 4.—State Department officials withhold opinions regarding the new bureau of information through which England undertakes to inform American importers to Scandinavian countries of liability of their goods to detention at blacked lines, until it is ascertained what extent the new arrangement affects American commerce with neutral countries.

MEXICAN REVOLUTION PLANS.

SAN ANTONIO, Tex., March 4.—Reports by United States officials concerning the Felix Diaz junta here state that several plans are being considered, one being to initiate expeditions to the lower Rio Grande Valley in Sonora late in the summer. Overtures to certain Villa generals are said to have failed.