

WEATHER FORECAST Fair tonight and Saturday.

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FIGHTING AT VERDUN CONTINUES VIOLENTLY

French Succeed in Regaining Some Ground Lost Yesterday

AUSTRIAN DRIVE INTO ITALY IS APPARENTLY SLACKENING AND ROME BELIEVES THAT CONDITIONS HAVE BEEN REVERSED

(Associated Press)

There has been violent fighting during the past twelve hours with few changes on the Verdun front, the French war office says.

The Austrian drive into Italy is apparently slackening. Rome has expressed the opinion that a continuance of the advance would show a reversal of conditions hitherto favoring the Austrians.

GERMAN ATTACKS CONTINUE

Berlin, May 26.—German troops continue their attacks on the east bank of the Meuse, extending to the French positions to the west of Haumont quarry and crossing the Douaumont ravine, the war office announced.

ACTIVITY AT SALONIKI

Athens, May 26.—The exceptional military activity at Saloniki is believed here to portend important developments.

SHOT DOWN A FOKKER

Paris, May 26.—Lieut. William K. Thaw, of the France-American aviation corps, shot down a Fokker aeroplane in the Verdun region yesterday.

ORANGE SPRINGS

Orange Springs, May 26.—Mr. W. P. Pogram while driving along the entry road one day last week saw a wire fence, beneath which was a black object.

CONFERENCE HERE

Mr. Perry and family of Edgar were guests of Mr. and Mrs. John Livingston Friday evening.

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good old fashioned picnics that occur every summer under the wide spreading oaks on the picnic grounds, and partake of some of the good things to eat that they are so busy trying to raise now.

ONE CENT SALE AT GERIG'S

Mr. J. B. Hall and Mr. Higgins were business visitors in Palatka Monday.

PRESIDENT TALKS OF PEACE MOVE

Gives Impression that he Would Entertain Suggestions of Extending His Good Offices

(Associated Press)

Washington, May 26.—President Wilson told callers today that the intervention of a neutral in behalf of peace in Europe could rest only on a mutual understanding by the belligerents that terms be arranged to conserve the interests of all, and of the world at large, rather than those of a particular nation or group of nations among the warring powers.

Mr. Wilson did not disclose any definite plan of action he may have formulated in regard to peace, nor authorize a formal statement of his attitude.

GREAT MAXWELL OIL MILEAGE

The item of cylinder oil in the operation of an automobile is quite an important one; it may be heavy or it may be almost nothing.

Mr. B. C. Webb of Kendrick, has had a Maxwell car three months. He has personally driven it every mile it has traveled and has himself put in very drop of oil and grease.

Mr. Webb says one cannot count the oil expense on a Maxwell at anything hardy, and tells of a trip he took in another part of the state, a distance of 110 miles, in a car of much lighter weight, on which trip the driver added three quarts of oil to his motor, a quart at each stop.

Don't forget to reserve your seats early Monday morning at the Court Pharmacy for the big musical comedy, "A Day on Coney Island." It

WORLD COURT ADVOCATES MEET

Two Thousand Are in Attendance on Sessions of League to Enforce Peace

(Associated Press)

Washington, May 26.—American advocates of an international federation to curtail war after the present European struggle met here for the first assembly of the new league to enforce peace.

The subject of former President Taft's address was an explanation of why the league's plan to form a federation of nations to use armed force to prevent war without first trying arbitration wouldn't violate the constitutional authority of the president and Congress to declare war.

The objects of the league are to enforce peace and not to urge President Wilson to take steps to stop the present war, Mr. Taft declared.

WAITE ON THE STAND

Denied Several Charges Made Against Him and Said He Considered Himself Sane

(Associated Press)

New York, May 26.—Dr. Arthur Warren Waite this morning denied ever telling the district attorney while he was in Bellevue that the "man from Egypt" killed Peck.

Waite denied that he ever planned or tried to kill his wife, and also denied faking insanity at Bellevue or in the Tombs. He believes himself sane.

JAIL IN MOBILE

GUARDED BY MILITIA

Precaution was Taken Following Talk of Lynching Negro But No Trouble Resulted

(Associated Press)

Mobile, Ala., May 26.—Alabama militia guarded the jail here last night for the second successive night. The militia was called out as a precaution against the lynching of a negro suspect, but the sheriff's statement that the negro wanted has not been caught together with the presence of the militia apparently ended the lynching talk.

PLANS FOR THE PARK

Mr. Harold B. Swope, landscape architect, will be asked to begin at once the preparation of preliminary plans for the proposed city park.

UNION STATION MAY BE CHANGED

NEW DEVELOPMENTS SEEM TO INDICATE A POSSIBILITY OF SECURING MASTERS' PROPERTY

New developments seem to be more favorable to a change of the union station from the site upon which it is building to the H. B. Masters' property.

Mr. Parsons has wired President Nash of the council, in reply to the latter's telegram of yesterday, that he will return to Ocala at his earliest convenience to again consider the matter with council.

MUSIC RECITAL

By Pupils of Miss Marguerite Porter at the Baptist Church Last Night

The piano pupils of Miss Marguerite Porter gave their annual recital last evening in the Baptist church, where electric fans, ample seating capacity and decorations of handsome palms and baskets of oleanders furnished a suitable setting for the pretty pupils in their fluffy white dresses.

ONE AMERICAN DEAD

Jose Soncorne, another Mexican, was also killed. One American was killed and two wounded.

BREAKING DOWN THE BARRIERS

Dixie Highway Association Busy Trying to Clear a Thru Route to Miami

Word has come from official circles of the Dixie Highway, in Chattanooga, to the effect that President Allison of the association has just completed arrangements for the last remaining county between Nashville and Chattanooga, which provides definitely for the removal of the only barrier to through travel from Chicago to Tallahassee.

There is still a barrier, however, between Tallahassee and Gainesville. Good roads must be had between these places.

When the Central Florida Highway Association convenes in Orlando June 22, reports will be called for on the carrying out of the pledges of the various counties to put their roads in good condition.

Commissioner McRae was recently quoted as saying that something like 50,000 automobiles were brought into Florida by tourists this winter.

See the famous "Beauty Chorus" in the "Coney Island" show. They will sing and dance all the latest songs of the day.

Auto for hire, phones 145 and 123.

CARRANZA TROOPS REPORTED HOSTILE

Barbed Wire Barriers Were Thrown Across Roads and Truck Train was Halted

(Associated Press)

Columbus, May 26.—Animosity on the part of soldiers of some Carranza commands along the Mexican lines of communication has been encountered by American truckmen recently, according to stories brought here.

VILLA BANDIT KILLED

Field Headquarters, near Nami-quipa, Mexico, May 25, by wireless to Columbus.—Candelario Cervantes, a Villa bandit leader, was killed by Mexican troops south of Cruces today.

Duet, Hungarian Rhapsodie—Marie Robertson, Christine Close.

Talk on Musical Games—Marie Robertson and Christine Close. Polish Dance—Ellen Stripling. Narcissus—Lillian Thomason. Polka de la Reine—Mabel Aiken. Scarf Drill (a study in rhythm)—Junior class accompanied by Mrs. Vinton.

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BUMPER CROPS FOR MARION

Big Increase in Staples and Livestock

AGENT REPORTS THAT COUNTY WILL CONTINUE TO LEAD IN GENERAL AGRICULTURE

"It looks as though the largest corn crop in the history of the county will be produced this year, and while oats were a very poor crop the farmers appear determined to have more and better hay than ever before," said R. W. Blacklock, county agent, U. S. department of agriculture, when asked today for his opinion on crop conditions in this county.

"Taking conditions all over the county," Mr. Blacklock said, "I think that the farmers will produce more beef and pork this year than ever before, and, with the better facilities of marketing promised, that they will be greatly encouraged and that another year will find Marion county still farther in the lead as a general farming county."

Mr. Blacklock has been at work as county agent for 13 weeks and is pleased with the results he has been able to obtain.

"I have had 114 consultations in my office," he said, "have written 338 letters, distributed 456 bulletins and circulars, made 21 visits to demonstrators, 84 visits to corn club boys, held 16 meetings, visited 164 farmers on their farms, and inoculated 609 head of hogs. In doing this work, I have traveled 2456 miles by train team and auto."

"The acreage devoted to general farming is unusually large this year, and the staple crops, as a rule, are in fine condition. The farmer who broke his land deep, and early, has without exception good crops, while the man who neglected these two first essentials of good farming suffered rather severely from the drought.

"The peanut crop looks good, and cotton is doing very well. Cane is not up to standard at present, but is improving.

"The truck crop has a smaller part in the county's agricultural program this year than usual. The late frosts, and dry weather, caused all truck to be rather late. The bean crop was almost a failure, while the farmer who gets busy and plants another crop on the same ground will recover part of his loss.

"The live stock suffered their part in the late drought, but the copious rains have made a wonderful improvement. The amount of stock is steadily increasing, and by the introduction of pure bred sires the quality is being rapidly improved.

"The hog crop is especially fine this year, and if the cholera remains under control and the farmers will take measures to prevent too large a loss from worms and lice, the amount of pork produced in the county will be far in excess of any previous year."

NEW SEABOARD SCHEDULE

The summer schedule of the Seaboard will go into effect Sunday. Train No. 3, local, will leave Jacksonville at 9:15 a. m., instead of 9:50 as at present; arriving at Ocala at 12:40 instead of at 1:15. Train No. 9, the Seaboard limited, will leave Jacksonville at 1:35 instead of 9:15, and reach Ocala at 4:30. The other trains will continue to run according to the present schedule.

CARD OF THANKS

On behalf of Co. "H," Uniform Rank, W. O. W., I wish to thank the public for the generous patronage given to the members of the company on the Woodmen picnic of yesterday.

THE WOODMEN AT EUSTIS

Large Ocala Delegation Enjoyed a Pleasant Day in the Pretty Lake County Town

"On to Eustis," the slogan sounded by Fort King camp some time back, when the local Woodmen decided to hold their annual picnic at Eustis, proved its popularity yesterday morning when the picnic train of ten cars, carrying nearly three hundred persons, pulled out from the Coast Line station.

At the several stations along the route at which the train stopped there were a number of accessions to the pleasure-bent throng.

Shortly after leaving Ocala the picnicers were startled by a loud noise issuing from the baggage car, in which the degree team boys were preparing the refreshments for the trip, but as the occupants of each coach recovered from their fright, they were relieved to find that it was only Jake Goldman, the first "news-butcher" out, proclaiming the sale of cold coca-cola. Jake was, soon followed by other boys who dispensed cold drinks and the other necessary refreshments that go to make a picnic spread keep in a good humor—and spend its money.

10:30 o'clock found the streets of Eustis thronged with Woodmen and their friends from Ocala and intervening points and the welcome that was given them was one that could only be extended by a town that had looked forward and planned to make its guests feel at home from the minute of their arrival, and in this the visitors had to take of their hats to Eustis.

As the people left the train the first glance conveyed the fact that the city was in gala attire. Flags and bunting were in evidence on all sides and the choppers were on hand to give any directions wanted and to help the visitors reach the grounds.

Talking about grounds—the only thing that can be said of the grounds, Eustis' city park, is that it is beautiful and its location ideal. With its large shade trees, benches and other conveniences it is a place hard to duplicate and one that brought home to every Ocala chopper and citizen present the need of such a place in their home city.

At 11:30 o'clock, Sovereign Dykes, postmaster of Eustis, called the crowd to order and introduced Mayor Kennedy, who extended a most hearty welcome to the choppers and their friends. Mr. Kennedy's address was responded to by Rev. Roy Bowers, on behalf of the visitors. Although Rev. Bowers is now a citizen of Eustis he formerly resided in Ocala.

Following Rev. Bowers, Past Consul Collins of the Eustis camp, made an address to the visitors which proved of much interest and in which he urged all present not to hesitate to name anything needed to add to their pleasure. Sov. Collins closed his talk by introducing a song of welcome, of his own composition, which was sung by two ladies of his city.

Consul Commander Lamar thanked the Woodmen and citizens of Eustis for their warm welcome and courtesies extended the visitors and in so doing made the local choppers "sit-up and take notice" as he had always heretofore disclaimed any ability at speech-making.

The program completed, Clairman Dykes announced that during the afternoon there would be a ball game, a number of cars would be at the disposal of the visitors and the boat would make a number of trips over the lake. He then announced that

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