

LITTLE HEAVY FIGHTING IN WAR THEATRES

French Troops Make Slight Gains in Territory About Verdun.

ITALIANS ADVANCE AGAINST AUSTRIANS

British Prime Minister Encounters Trouble Over Disarmament in Ireland.

London, May 15.—Little heavy fighting is in progress in any of the various war theatres.

The French in the Meuse to the east of Verdun, in a surprise attack, have cleared the Germans from the trenches over a front of about 200 yards and also have put down in Champagne several German attacks. Bombardments alone are taking place around Verdun.

Along the British line in France, bombardments and sapping operations are being carried on at various points. East of Loos, the Germans succeeded in gaining a hold in the British trenches.

The Italians in the Monte Adamello zone have succeeded in occupying positions in the sector between Scozzo de Fargera and Cronzo di Lares, which are of great strategic value in their movements against Trent. The Italians also have made further progress against the Austrians on Mont Sperone.

Austrians Repulsed. Attacks by the Austrians to the north of Lenzumo were repulsed by the Italians. Elsewhere along this front, there have been only artillery engagements.

Little fighting of moment is going on in the Russian territory.

In the Caucasus region, the Russians are continuing their advance against the Turks, according to Petrograd. In the operations toward Mesopotamia, having Bagdad as its objective, the Turks are declared to have retreated, but before the Russians, abandoning war material. The Russians are pressing on in pursuit.

The differences between Greece and the Entente powers have been amicably settled, according to an announcement of the British foreign office.

Ulsterites Balk. The British prime minister, who has been in conference with the Ulsterites at Belfast, it is reported from that city, received little encouragement in his endeavors to bring the Ulsterites and Nationalists to an agreement with respect to Ireland.

The question of general disarmament of unauthorized forces did not meet with the approval of the Ulsterites.

Ottawa, Ont., May 15.—Four Austrian prisoners of war were killed and 15 wounded as a result of an outbreak in the internment camp at Kapuskasing, on the Transcontinental railroad, 60 miles west of Cochrane, according to reports which reached the militia department here tonight.

Belfast, May 15.—Herbert H. Asquith, the British prime minister, arrived here today from Dublin, where he has been investigating the various phases of the recent uprising. Mr. Asquith, who arrived in the private motor car of Baron Wimborne, former lord lieutenant of Ireland, was tendered a luncheon by the lord mayor, and then had a conference with leaders of the local commercial community. This conference lasted three hours. Mr. Asquith immediately after the conference returned to Dublin by automobile. He was enthusiastically cheered by thousands of the populace.

Ottawa, Ont., May 15.—Major General Sam Hughes of the militia announced that he sent Major Loeie, commanding the Ontario military district, to the camp to take charge of the situation. Details of the revolt are meagre and Gen. Hughes declined to discuss until he has received reports from Gen. Loeie.

Do Not Want Peace. The speech of President Poincare, at Nancy, Sunday, in which he declared France does not want Germany to offer peace, but desired that she should ask peace of France is widely commented on today by the newspapers as the final and authoritative announcement of the French policy on the subject of peace.

The discourse of the President of the Republic is more than an impressive, oratorical manifestation, and there is no need for deception in Berlin or the capitals of neutral countries where the idea of eventual mediation is entertained among those without authority and without responsibility.

CAN'T REACH DECISION. Los Angeles, Cal., May 15.—The jury trying David Chaplan for murder in connection with the destruction of the Times building, reported tonight for the second time today that they were unable to reach a verdict. Judge Frank R. Willis again ordered the jury to resume its deliberations, which began Saturday afternoon.

Committee Will Fight Brandeis

Washington, May 15.—It now appears practically certain that the issue over the nomination of Lewis D. Brandeis to the supreme court of the United States is to be fought out in the senate without recommendations from the judiciary committee, which has considered and investigated the case for more than three months.

Although no authoritative announcement has been made regarding the attitude of the judiciary committee, it was reported after a protracted session of the committee today that a favorable report on the nomination could not be agreed upon.

WILL REOPEN NEGOTIATIONS WITH ENGLAND

Recent German Note Creates Embarrassing Situation for U.S. Diplomats.

SPECIAL PROTEST ON INSPECTION OF MAILS

Washington, D. C., May 15.—Negotiations with Great Britain regarding interference with mails to and from the United States and interruption of neutral commerce by the British fleet are to be resumed in the very near future. A note insisting sharply on modification in the treatment of mails is being prepared at the State Department.

Secretary Lansing let it be known last week that the implied conditions in German note on submarine warfare, expressing confidence that the United States would hold Great Britain to compliance with international law, had made it difficult to proceed with the British negotiations. He said today, however, that these negotiations would be continued promptly in spite of the embarrassing situation.

Assistant Demand. The note now being prepared reiterates the original protests of the United States against the detention and interference with American mails. It is understood that the new demands will be more decided in language than the first.

A phase of interference with mails which will be made the subject of special protest is the custom of taking neutral ships into British ports for inspection and then removing the mails and sometimes subjecting them to long delay.

PICKING JURY TO TRY ORPERT

Trial of Former Wisconsin University Student Opens in Waukegon, Ill.

Chicago, May 15.—From a court room of farmers, whose hearts were back in the fields, which need attention, Zionites, whose religious rules would prevent them from inflicting the death penalty, three men were tentatively accepted today to try William H. Orpert, charged with the murder of Marion Lambert. Two of them probably will be excused, one because he has three motherless children to care for, and the other because of the serious illness of his wife. Alfred Stuckels, a teamster, although he said that circumstantial evidence would have to be "mighty strong" to convince him, was said to have a chance of remaining.

The trial opened in the barnlike old court house at Waukegon, before Judge Charles H. O'Donnely. Orpert, 20 years old, and pale from three months in jail, sat by his father, a bearded man of huge stature. His mother was also present.

Enters Plea of Guilty

Minot, N. D., May 15.—Roth Rorthouse entered a plea of guilty before Judge K. E. Leighton of the district court today to a charge of rape in the first degree and was sentenced to four years in the state penitentiary. The diabolical crime was committed against a young girl.

The criminal has a vicious record of crime behind him and was the beneficiary of the pardon board's parole. Some time ago he, in connection with another man, stole an automobile and fled to South Dakota, but was arrested and brought back and convicted. While serving time for this crime he was put on parole and before his parole had expired, committed the crime for which he was sent across again today.

IRISH LEADER TO FACE TRIAL FOR TREASON

Sir Roger Casement and Companion in Expedition Are Placed in Docks.

FORMER DIPLOMAT IS CENTER OF ALL EYES

Crown Attorneys Will Attempt to Establish Fact Casement Was Leader.

London, May 15.—The writing of a new chapter of the history of the Sinn-Fein rebellion was begun today, when Sir Roger Casement, knighted, in 1911, for services to the British government and Daniel A. Bailey, an Irish private soldier, one of his companions on the ill-fated submarine trip from Germany to Ireland, were placed in the docks of the Bow Street police court for preliminary examination on the charge of high treason.

While considerable testimony introduced by the Crown tended to incriminate Bailey, the main attack was directed against Casement, in an endeavor to enmesh him in a net of evidence which would establish without question the leading part it is claimed he played in the conspiracy, whose ramifications extended even to America.

Casement Takes Notes. Casement, himself, was the center of all eyes, during the day. He busied himself taking notes indicating that he intended to have a hand in the presentation of his defense. He was always self-possessed, and as the case went on, began to assume considerable assurance.

The testimony developed few thrills, the prosecution devoting its attention to showing how Casement carried on the alleged recruiting for his Irish brigade in German prison camps. The most dramatic part of the whole proceeding was the address of Attorney General Sir Frederick E. Smith.

Introduces Letter. During his address, the Attorney General introduced a letter written by Casement, thanking Sir Edward Grey, the British Secretary for Foreign Affairs, for the knighthood conferred upon him in recognition of his diplomatic services.

GOLDEN VALLEY AUTO CLUB ELECTS HEADS

Beach, N. D., May 15.—The Golden Valley Auto club held a well attended and enthusiastic meeting at the Morris Matison garage. At this meeting the annual election of officers took place, at which the following officers were elected:

President—J. P. Reeve.
Vice President—Jos. Kitchen.
Secretary—R. C. Fuller.
Treasurer—Dr. G. M. Foster.
Board of Governors—C. H. Moulton, J. Brown, C. Fakler, J. A. Koss, John Pierzina, W. C. Stuhr and C. J. Hahnman.

BEACH TO GET DAY ELECTRIC SERVICE

Beach, N. D., May 15.—The electric light company has practically completed the installation of their new machinery and beginning with next Monday they state that their patrons will have continuous service. Most everyone who uses power will throw out their old gasoline engines and install electric motors. The company has experienced much trouble in getting the necessary supplies and for that reason the day service has been greatly delayed.

Don't Forget YOUR Vote for President

Every mail yesterday brought in large numbers of ballots in The Tribune's presidential straw ballot. All votes should be in by next Friday. The results will be interesting in the extreme.

The Tribune wants an expression from every reader. Be sure and vote today.

TOURISTS MAKE SLOW PROGRESS OVER BAD ROADS

Pathfinders Land in Barnesville, Minn., After a Most Strenuous Day.

WILL LEAVE FARGO TOMORROW MORNING

Barnesville, Minn., May 15.—Through 65 miles of mud, in a rain and snow storm, making an 18-mile detour by reason of faulty guiding, the National Parks Highway Twin City-Yellowstone Park tourists' Pathfinder party battled its way today, landing in Barnesville at 6 o'clock.

Twelve miles out of Barnesville, the luggage car left the road and slewed into a deep ditch, overturning, where the party labored two hours with block and tackle before they finally rescued the machine, using the pathfinder car and the combined strength of the five members of the party as motive power to accomplish this. While Barnesville is not on the route that will be taken by the tourists, this city was included in the Pathfinders' trip because of the desire of the tourists to avoid the heavy gumbo roads in the Lake Park district, made practically impassable by a three days' rain that is still falling tonight.

Reached Are Bad. The Pathfinders left Detroit, Minn., at 10:30 p. m. yesterday, and were eight and a half hours on the road covering 65 miles. They made an 18-mile detour through faulty guiding, which added no little to the day's festivities. The party will remain in Barnesville till 11 o'clock tomorrow and will drive only to Fargo on Tuesday, remaining there until Wednesday morning before continuing the trip across North Dakota.

Everybody well and happy, reported Harrington tonight. The party will reach Bismarck either Wednesday night or Thursday.

Methodists Will Fight New Rules

Saratoga Springs, N. Y., May 15.—Two vigorous contests in the conference of the Methodist Episcopal church were forecast tonight, when the committee on Episcopacy had voted to make a supplemental report to make an increase in the number of new bishops to be elected, and the committee on the state of the church had decided against striking from the requirement of church membership, the prohibition from theatres, cards, and dancing. Most recommendations, it was predicted by all leaders, would meet with much opposition.

MANY KILLED AND INJURED AS RESULT OF BLAST

Crystal Restaurant at Akron, Ohio, Collapses When Dynamite Explodes.

DOZEN PERSONS KILLED AND A SCORE INJURED

National Guards Called Out to Restrain Mob That Gathered Near Ruins.

Akron, Ohio, May 16.—At least a dozen persons were killed and nearly a score injured early this evening, when the old Beacon Journal Building, occupied by the Crystal Restaurant, collapsed as a result of a blast of dynamite in an adjoining excavation.

Seven identified and three unidentified bodies have been recovered and two now missing are thought to be in the ruins. Battery "B," Ohio National Guards, Field Artillery, was called out to aid the police in restraining a crowd of more than 10,000 persons, who packed the streets at Main and Quarry, where the accident occurred.

A tremendous roar, echoing the screams of the dying people, brought thousands to the disastrous scene in the heart of Akron's business district. Instantly the entire city rallying under the shock plunged to the work of rescue.

A great pile of ruins, broken timbers twisted steel, and tons of brick and mortar, buried the victims, who a moment before were dining in the restaurant. Eight bodies were soon taken out of the wreckage, after firemen, police and volunteer workers had worked frantically digging through the debris.

Rushed to hospitals. Nineteen more, many of them fatally injured, were extricated and sent to the City and Peoples hospitals. Only two or three of the others known to have been in the restaurant succeeded in escaping before the crash. George Zerris, who with his brother, Augustus Zerris, owned the restaurant, escaped from the kitchen of the collapsing restaurant, together with a cook and two dishwashers, but all were injured by falling brick.

Blasts of dynamite set off in an excavation for a new building directly north of the restaurant unsettled the foundation. The restaurant was a one-story structure with a two story false front, and the latter toppling backward added a weight of many tons to the falling ruins.

Place Was Crowded. The crash came at 6:10 p. m. in the midst of the dinner, when the restaurant was crowded and when thousands were on the streets during the evening rush. So suddenly did the ceiling come in and the walls crumble that those who were not instantly killed were knocked unconscious.

Mrs. W. C. Lawson, who escaped strangely from the table where she, her husband, and their eight-year-old daughter, Mary, were dining together, was the first person rescued. The first body to be dug up from the debris was that of little Mary Lawson, her daughter. Firemen dug her out. She probably had been strangled to death by a cable falling on her. A piece of bread she was eating was still clutched in her hands.

Appointment of Mr. Rublee Is Held Up

Washington, D. C., May 15.—The nomination of George Rublee, of New Hampshire, as a member of the Federal Trade Commission was rejected today by the Senate. Senator Gallinger, the republican leader, had opposed the nominee for 15 months, on the ground that he was "personally anxious to him," and the power of the Senatorial courtesy traditions that he won his point by a vote of 42 to 36 in spite of a vigorous and insistent fight by the administration for confirmation.

Mr. Rublee who has been serving on the Commission since soon after it was created will lose his place on the Commission, and lose his salary unless the Senate amends its action.

NON-PARTISAN LEADERS FILE STATE TICKET

List of Candidates Endorsed by Socialists and I. W. W. Is Filed.

FRAZIER AND HALL ARE THE HEADLINERS

Nomination petitions for the various candidates for state offices endorsed by the Non-Partisan league, the I. W. W. and the bulk of Red Socialists in the state were filed with the Secretary of State yesterday, by the League leaders.

Lynn J. Frazier for Governor and Thomas Hall for Secretary of State are the headliners for the Reds. The complete ticket as filed yesterday is as follows:

Lynn J. Frazier, for Governor.
Thomas Hall, for Secretary of State.
William Langer, for Attorney General.
S. A. Olness, for Commissioner of Insurance.
John N. Hagan, for Commissioner of Agriculture and Labor.
S. J. Aandahl, for Railroad Commissioner.
M. P. Johnson, for Railroad Commissioner.
F. M. Casey, for State Treasurer.
J. E. Robinson, for Judge of the Supreme Court.
Luther E. Birdzell, for Judge of the Supreme Court.
R. H. Grace, for Judge of the Supreme Court.
N. C. MacDonald, for Superintendent of Public Instruction.

FOURTEEN KILLED AT DU PONT PLANT

Part of a Munition Factory at Gibbstown, N. J., Wrecked by Explosion.

Gibbstown, N. J., May 15.—At least fourteen men were killed and about 30 injured today in a terrific explosion at the Reuno Plant of the Du Pont Powder Company, near here. The blast occurred in the building in which crinoline is manufactured and wrecked that structure and three others.

Some of the injured were taken to a hospital in Camden and other places, while about a score, who received minor wounds, were treated by physicians at the Powder plant. The cause of the explosion is not known, and according to officials of the company may never be ascertained, as all those believed to have been in the building where the first explosion occurred are dead.

NEW OFFICER AT GRAND FORKS BANK

H. P. Rice, Formerly of Colgate, N. D., Made Assistant Cashier at Scandinavian-American

Grand Forks, N. D., May 15.—H. P. Rice, formerly of Colgate, N. D., has been appointed assistant cashier of the Scandinavian-American bank of this city, succeeding H. Graver. Mr. Rice has arrived in Grand Forks with his family and will begin his new duties at once. He is thoroughly familiar with conditions in North Dakota, having lived all of his life in the state. He is a native of Hope and for the last ten years has been connected with the Colgate State bank.

WIFE TO TESTIFY

New York, May 15.—Mrs. Clara A. Waite, arrived here today from her home in Grand Rapids, Michigan, accompanied by her brother, Percy Peck for the trial of her husband, accused of the murder of her father. The trial is set for next Monday.

STATE OFFICIALS AWAIT REPORTS OF CONFERENCE

Believed That "Unwritten Agreement" Was Made Between Scott and Obregon.

BORDER PATROL CAN HANDLE THE SITUATION

Chase for Villa at a Standstill; Funston Is Rearranging His Forces.

Washington, May 15.—Both the state department and General Carranza are awaiting detailed reports of the recent El Paso military conference before seeking an agreement as to the border situation through diplomatic conversations. Gen. Scott, chief of staff of the army, returned here today, optimistic over the military situation, confident that the meeting between him and Gen. Funston on the one side and Gen. Obregon, Carranza's war minister, on the other, had created a better understanding between the two governments, which might form the basis for the protocol.

Elisio Arredondo, the Mexican ambassador designate, asked for instructions last week, but Gen. Obregon will probably not reach Mexico City for several days. The state and department's advices showed no change today along the border. Administration officials express confidence that the forces now under Gen. Funston's command will be able to protect the border in such fashion that repetition of the Glenn Springs raid will be impossible unless there is a general anti-American outbreak beyond the border, in which Carranza's troops participate.

Unwritten Agreement. Gen. Funston's new plan for coordinating the work of the border guards was regarded in some quarters here as tending to confirm indications that an unwritten agreement as to steps to be taken was reached by the El Paso conference.

No official would admit, however, that a plan of action had been agreed upon by the conference.

Gen. Scott's presence will confer length with Secretary Baker tomorrow, and later with Secretary Lansing. There is no need for haste in the formulation of a protocol, it is felt by officials here, if Gen. Pershing's force is not to engage in active operations beyond the line.

The war department has had no advices mentioning Villa's name for many days. Some officers are inclined to believe that he is either dead or has slipped away into hiding, to recuperate from serious wounds. At the moment, he has ceased to be a factor in the border situation, whatever part he may play in the future.

Rearrange Forces. San Antonio, Texas, May 15.—Major Gen. Frederick Funston and his chief of staff, Major Malvern Hill Barnum, worked out many details today of the plan of reorganization of the border patrol, while reports from Gen. Pershing and from the Big Bend district served to emphasize how incidental the American operations south of the border have become.

Gen. Pershing's troops drew closer together and gave no signs that the early resumption of the chase for Villa was contemplated.

Col. Sibley is driving his little command of cavalry, some 60 miles south of Boquillas, but there is displayed little hope that he will capture the bandits or rescue Jesse Deemer, carried away there.

The safeguarding of the Southern Pacific railway from here to El Paso was decided today and as quickly as possible troops will be sent to every bridge along the line.

In the event of military operations on a big scale the use of that railway would be imperative.

New Army Plans. Columbus, N. M.—Aeroplane machine guns and bomb dropping devices arrived here today for the use of the First Aero Squadron. Army aviators here denied knowledge as to whether the planes to be sent into Mexico are to be equipped with the devices. The corps have been working to bring the feet into field service. However, it was stated tonight that some of the machines is ready for Mexican service.

Mexicans Build Roads. Field Headquarters, via motor to Columbus, N. M.—Another failure of Villistas to spread revolt against Americans has been registered here in the employment of forty Mexican laborers from the town of Las Cruces, at road building, under the direction of the Engineer Corps, attached to the expeditionary force. This road is for the use of the army motor trains.

When Candelario Cervantes, the Villistas leader, entered Las Cruces with some of his followers the other week, he threatened with death any Mexicans thereafter caught working for or selling food to any American soldiers.

Find Missing Trooper. Marathon, Texas.—F. Sanderson, the lost trooper of Company "A," 10th Cavalry, was found today by Chantrell. (Continued on page three.)

Yellowstone Pathfinding Crew on Way to Lay Out Route for Tour in July, May Arrive in Bismarck Tomorrow



W. H. George (at wheel) driver; Homer George (right) a Detroit, Michigan, newspaperman, in front; T. C. Thompson, Northwestern Chalmers distributor, (left) and Pathfinder C. S. Harrington, (right) in tonneau. C. H. Hinkley, vice president Chalmers Motor Company, Detroit, Michigan; I. A. Hentchell, automobile editor, Minneapolis Tribune; Ray Tennant, city editor St. Paul Dispatch, are also in the party. They are expected to pass through Bismarck Tuesday or Wednesday. The crew left St. Paul at noon Saturday in a drizzling rain but arrived at Little Falls, 110 miles away, that night. Roads were reported to be in good condition that far.