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BOMBARDMENT CONTINUES NORTH OF VERDUN WITHOUT ABATEMENT

ALTHOUGH GERMAN ATTACK AS A WHOLE HAS HAD LESS DRIVING POWER, SHIFTING FROM POINT TO POINT.

In Meantime French are Delivering Vigorous Counter Strokes—Hand-to-Hand Encounters Engaged in Last Night Near Douamont, and French Claim Germans Were Repulsed—Germans Captured Village of Manhuelles, but French Have Drawn up to the Boundary of the Town—Germans Occupied Small Section of French Trenches in Lorraine, but French Claim Later to Have Driven Them Out—Berlin Announces German Progress in the Woevre Drive. Capture of Five Important Towns—Taking of Sixteen Thousand French Prisoners at Douan.

The bombardment north of Verdun continues with intensity although the German attacks as a whole have less driving power. The pressure is being shifted from point to point. Meanwhile the French are delivering vigorous counter-strokes. Hand to hand encounters occurred near Douamont last night, and the Germans were repulsed according to the French statement, which says that the Germans captured Manhuelles village but that the French drew up to the western boundary of the town. The Germans occupied a small section of French trenches in Lorraine, but were driven out, according to the French report.

The German war office announces progress by the Germans in the Woevre drive, the capturing of five important towns and more than sixteen thousand prisoners at Douamont.

Petrograd declares that the Turks are evacuating Trebizond and the neighboring Black Sea towns.

British February Losses.

London, Feb. 29.—The British casualties in all areas during February total 739 officers and 17,847 men, according to published lists.

French Cruiser Sunk.

Paris, Feb. 29.—The auxiliary French cruiser Provence was sunk in the Mediterranean Saturday. It is officially announced today. Two hundred and ninety-six survivors have been landed at Malta. The ministry of marine estimates the number of survivors at eight hundred and seventy.

Italy Requisitions Ships.

London, Feb. 29.—It was announced in the house of commons today that Italy has requisitioned thirty-four of the thirty-seven German steamers interned in Italian ports.

German Attacks Repulsed.

Paris, Feb. 29.—Attacks by the Germans to the north of Verdun, where the battle for the fortress is still raging fiercely, were driven back by the French fire and counter attacks, according to the official communication issued by the war office last night.

Hand-to-hand encounters occurred to the west of Fort Douamont and the Germans were driven from a small redoubt which they had taken. At Fort Douamont, where the fighting has been heaviest, the situation is unchanged. In the village of Douamont, a few hundred yards from

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SEVENTY-ONE MEN ENTOMBED

EXPLOSION IN DAVIS COAL COMPANY'S MINE AT KEMPTON, W. VA., ENTOMBS MANY.

THIRTY-NINE SAFE

Thirty-Nine Have Been Recovered With Four Dead and Two Probably Fatally Injured—Rescuers Working to Reach Those Entombed.

Kempton, W. Va., Feb. 29.—Seventy-one miners were entombed in the Davis coal company's mine here today by an explosion.

Thirty-nine of the men have been recovered, four of them dead and two probably fatally injured. The remainder were unhurt, except those still in the mine, and the rescuers are now working, trying to reach them.

Fifty-two of the men have been rescued alive, while nine men are still missing and six dead this afternoon.

Stockman Found Dead in Barn.

Lehigh, Okla., Feb. 28.—D. C. Koogler, a well-known stockman of Coal County, was found dead in his barn at 5 o'clock Saturday morning, with his throat cut and a razor in his hand. The verdict of a coroner's jury was that he came to his death by his own hand.

Funeral arrangements will be made as soon as word is received from his brother, who lives in Kansas.

SCATTERING OF DOPE FIENDS AND VENDORS

REPORTED THAT WIRT, SAID TO HAVE BEEN HAVEN FOR THE ADDICTS OF THE PILL, HAS WITNESSED EXODUS.

It was reported some time ago that Wirt was a good place in which to live for the addicts of the drug that soothes, as the drug in all its various ramifications was easily obtainable, but since a special officer from the state and national government has been known to be working in this vicinity, there has been a scattering of the users of the drug, and now they say that "dope" of any kind is extremely scarce in the oil field metropolis.

It is confidently expected that something is about to drop in the select circle of users and vendors of the drug, and under the terms of the Harrison act, it is going to be rather hard on those caught selling the stuff in defiance of law. Before the Harrison law went into effect all towns in the southern portion of the state were infested with those unfortunates addicted to the drug habit, as it was infested with those unfortunates addicted to the drug habit, as it was but little trouble to secure the "dope," but since that time there has been a falling off, until about the only ones the officers have to deal with are strays from other places, who are given short shift here.

It is alleged that considerable bootlegging of the stuff has been going on lately, and for that reason an investigation was made to determine the facts. The officer who was here is evidently satisfied with his search, and vaguely hinted that something is going to happen in the near future.

Change in Time Card.

Effective Sunday, February 27, the O. N. M. & P. railroad made a slight change in its time card in the arrival of trains from the west, as follows: No. 2, which has heretofore arrived at 10:30, now arrives at 10:45 a. m., and No. 4, which heretofore arrived at 6:30, now arrives at 7 p. m.

SAY VILLISTAS KILL AMERICAN

ADVICES REACH STATE DEPARTMENT OF KILLING OF AMERICAN NEAR DURANGO, MEXICO.

NO DETAILS GIVEN

Department of Justice Has Reports That Diaz Left United States on the Eighteenth for Vera Cruz State—May Start Another Revolution.

Washington, D. C., Feb. 29.—The murder of Grover C. Varn, an American citizen, by the Villistas at his home twenty miles north of Durango last night, was reported to the state department today in advices from Mexico.

No details of the killing are given.

Diaz Left for Mexico.

Washington, D. C., Feb. 29.—Reports to the department of justice today said that General Felix Diaz, who hopes to start a new revolution in Mexico, left the United States February 18th, on a ship from Tampa to Tierra in the State of Vera Cruz.

Man Shot to Death at El Reno.

El Reno, Feb. 28.—Thomas Baustert, a produce dealer of Okarehe, was shot to death early this morning, presumably by a burglar, at the home of a relative in this city where he and his family were visiting. A wife and a son, 3 years old, survive him.

LARGE ORDER FOR MEBANE COTTON SEED

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE WILL HAVE 1,000 BUSHELS FOR DISTRIBUTION AMONG FARMERS OF CARTER COUNTY.

The Chamber of Commerce has just placed an order for 1,000 bushels of Mebane cotton seed to supply the farmers of Carter county this season. The seed will be here ready for distribution about the 15th of March. All these seed have passed the government test, and are guaranteed to be absolutely true. The farmers will be supplied with them at \$1.50 per bushel. Cotton seed are going to be scarce in this county this season and the farmers are warned to place their orders early. The secretary of the Chamber of Commerce is now booking orders, and they will be supplied in the order in which they are received.

The time is rapidly approaching when farmers will be compelled to look for seed, and by placing their orders early there will be no delay when the time for planting arrives. Mail orders will receive prompt attention, or better yet, let every farmer when in the city come to the rooms of the Chamber of Commerce and place his order personally.

GAS EXPLOSION WRECKS STORE

Several Thousand Dollars' Damage to Building and Stock.

Guthrie, Okla., Feb. 28.—A gas explosion wrecked part of the store building in which the Rucker-Burton Mercantile company was preparing to open its new department store this afternoon, doing several thousand dollars' damage to the building, which was owned by W. F. Sultz, and as much more to the stock of goods. The employees of the store escaped unhurt, but T. A. Baggitt, a real estate man who had offices in the second floor, was found in the basement, badly cut and bruised and suffering from internal injuries.

GERMANY'S NEW SUBMARINE POLICY EFFECTIVE TONIGHT

ASSOCIATED PRESS INFORMED THAT THE NEW POLICY OF GERMANY AS TO SUBMARINES WILL BEGIN AT MIDNIGHT, TONIGHT.

Lansing Has Assurances from German Ambassador, However, that No Inoffensive Merchant Vessel Will be Sunk Without Warning—Washington Officials Believe that Americans Will be Safe and that Austrian and German Submarines Will Take Particular Care Not to Attack Without Warning Vessels Which Carry Americans—Two Italian Lines, the San Guglielmo and the Giuseppe Verdi, Cleared from New York Today with Mounted Guns Aboard, Assurance Being Given that Armament Was Purely for Defensive Purposes.

SENTENCED IN DISTRICT COURT TODAY

FOR VIOLATION OF PROHIBITORY LAWS, ONE CONVICTION YESTERDAY—RESULT OF COURT OF INQUIRY.

This morning in the district court the jury in the case of the State vs. Steve Talkington et al., after two and one-half hours' deliberation, returned a verdict of guilty of violating the prohibitory laws as charged in the indictment, and assessed the punishment of Steve Talkington at two years in the penitentiary and a fine of one thousand dollars. Gus Talkington, alleged associate in the business, was fined one hundred dollars and given a thirty-day jail sentence. Notice of appeal has not been given, but will probably be given this afternoon.

Yesterday afternoon, in the case of the State vs. Jack Catherly, for the same offense, the jury returned a verdict of guilty and assessed the punishment at thirty days in jail and a fine of five hundred dollars.

The case of the State vs. George Gordon, charged with violating the prohibitory laws, is on trial this afternoon.

Trade Extension Trip

Denison, Tex., Feb. 29.—For the purpose of getting better acquainted with the people along the M. K. & T. and M. O. & G. in Oklahoma, the Denison Chamber of Commerce is arranging for a trade trip on March 9th, as far north as Tupelo, Oklahoma. The trip will be made by special train, and the party will be composed of about 100 representative business men of Denison. A band will furnish music at the various stops which will include Colbert, Calera, Durant, Caddo, Caney, Atocha, Midway, Lehigh, Coalgate, Centralhome and Tupelo, on the Katy; Clarita, Wapanucka, Coleman, Kenfick, Achille and Kemp City on the M. O. & G. The schedule showing the time the special will arrive at each point, will be announced later.

CREST OF PROSPERITY NOT REACHED

STEEL ORDERS AGGREGATING FOUR MILLION TONS PLACED THIS YEAR—CREST OF BOOM NOT REACHED.

New York, Feb. 29.—Orders, aggregating four million tons, and valued at \$240,000,000, have been placed in the steel market since January 1st, and the crest of the boom is unreachably yet, according to statements made today. Even this tremendous prosperity, it is declared, will be surpassed before the close of the year.

Berlin, Feb. 29.—The Associated Press was informed today that Germany's new rule on submarine warfare regarding the treatment of armed merchantmen positively will be effective at midnight tonight.

Cabinet Discussed It.

Washington, Feb. 29.—Germany's last communication on submarine warfare was discussed in detail at today's cabinet meeting, but conclusion was withheld until the arrival of supplementary data from Berlin.

Italian Ships Have Guns

Washington, D. C., Feb. 29.—The Italian liners Giuseppe Verdi and San Guglielmo, at New York, with mounted guns aboard, were ordered cleared today on assurances from the Italian government that their armament is for defensive purposes only.

Claims Position Justified.

Washington, Feb. 29.—Germany in a formal note presented by Count von Bernstorff to Secretary Lansing Monday reiterated assurances regarding the future conduct of submarine warfare given in the Lusitania case, declares those assurances have not been modified by the memorandum setting forth its intention to treat armed merchantmen of the entente allies as auxiliary cruisers after midnight tonight, and attempts to justify the issuance of the memorandum by presenting evidence and assertions designed to prove that the British government has instructed merchantmen to use their armament for purposes of attack in violation of assurances given the United States.

All things considered, the state department is understood to feel that the possibility is more or less remote of difficulties arising in the near future as a result of the new German and Austrian policy. In the first place officials believe that commanders of German and Austrian submarines will take particular care not to attack without warning armed merchant vessels upon which there may be Americans.

This belief was strengthened by the declaration in the German note received today which was acquiesced in by Austria through Baron Zwiadnek, charge of the embassy here, that the orders issued to the naval commanders were so formulated as to prevent the destruction of enemy liners "on account of their armament unless such armament is proved."

Tulsa County Sheriff on Trial.

Tulsa, Okla., Feb. 28.—The trial of Sheriff James Wooley of Tulsa county on charges of failure to enforce laws against gambling and bootlegging, began in the district court today.

READERS READ THE READERS

The fact that even the smallest local reader in The Ardmoreite does not escape the eye of the bargain hunter was demonstrated when in Sunday morning's Ardmoreite, H. L. Crockett's Blue Bell butter local stated that he was selling this brand at 25c per pound. Mr. Crockett was kept busy all day Monday explaining that the price should have read 35 cents and late Monday evening he found time to phone us to please help him explain the error, which we gladly do.

WEATHER FORECAST	
New Orleans, La., Feb. 29.—	The weather forecast for Oklahoma for tonight is fair and warmer in the western portion. Wednesday partly cloudy.
Local Weather Report.	
Highest temperature yesterday	40
Lowest temperature last night	29
Highest temperature same date four years ago	56
Lowest temperature same date four years ago	29

PATENT MAY BE WORTH MUCH TO OKLAHOMA

NEW DEVICE FOR COTTON GINS, OWNED BY MAN NOW IN CITY, SAID TO BE MEANS OF PUTTING MONEY IN FARMERS' POCKETS.

C. W. Seguin, of San Antonio, Tex., who has been in the cotton gin business for 32 years, is in the city looking over local conditions with a view of opening an office here.

Mr. Seguin is the inventor of a valuable attachment for cotton gins that will revolutionize the ginning business if universally adopted. He is the patentee of an attachment to gin stands that will add from two to fifteen dollars per bale to every bale ginned. This especially applies to what are termed "Bollies," which he says can be made to bring the maximum estimate over the original price now prevailing.

His company have opened offices in Memphis for the purpose of getting his appliance on the market. Mr. Seguin states that the cotton crop in Oklahoma can be made to bring the farmers over two million dollars more than the usual price, with his appliance in use.

Mr. Seguin was in Oklahoma City, looking for a location, when he was induced by George Terry to come to Ardmore, which is nearer the center of the cotton raising section of the state. He states that the 1,160 gins in operation in the state have more stands to the gin, and gin more bales to the stand, than any other state in the union. Mr. Seguin is non-committal as to his future plans, as he desires to investigate more fully before deciding to locate an office here.

LIFE SENTENCE FOR NEGRO

Governor Ferguson Commutes Sentence of Negro.

Houston, Tex., Feb. 29.—Governor Ferguson today commuted to life imprisonment the death penalty of Henry Teneel, negro, charged with assault on a negro girl, to life imprisonment, the county authorities here were informed today. The execution was set for February 15, but a thirty-day reprieve was granted by the governor.

FIND BODIES IN RUINS OF TALOGA FIRE

FARM HOUSE OF E. M. CREED BURNED LAST NIGHT NEAR TALOGA, OKLA. BODIES WERE FOUND TODAY.

Taloga, Okla., Feb. 29.—The bodies of E. M. Creed, his wife, three children and two brothers, were found early today in the ruins of the Creed farm house, which was burned last night near here.