

DEATH GRAPPLE BEFORE VERDUN

Longest and Most Desperate Battle of War Enters Upon Fourth Month.

GERMANS MUST TAKE DEAD MAN'S HILL

Without Undisputed Possession of Plateau of Douaumont Hope of Taking Verdun is Remote — Dead Man's Hill and Sister Eminence, Hill No. 304, Form Key to Whole System of Defenses.

Paris, May 22.—The battle of Verdun, the longest and most bitterly fought individual struggle of the war, entered on its fourth month today. The Germans are hammering at Dead Man's Hill, where the most furious and bloody fighting of the three months' contest has taken place. Clinging desperately to the trenches they have wrought from the French on the lower slopes of the hill, the Teutons have hurled 60,000 men, backed by sixty batteries of guns of all calibers, forward along a seven-mile front, from Avocourt wood to the Meuse, in a desperate effort to seize the coveted summit.

The Germans have succeeded in gaining a footing in the French first line at a cost of severe losses but judging from the experience of the past it will not be a difficult task for the French to dislodge them.

Must Take Heights. That the Germans must continue their tremendous onslaught on Dead Man's Hill or abandon the idea of taking Verdun seems obvious.

This blood soaked summit and its sister eminence, Hill No. 304, form the key of the whole system of Verdun defenses. The fire from their batteries flanks the Douaumont plateau across the river. Without the undisputed possession of this plateau, military critics agree that no attack on Verdun has any chance of success.

French troops occupied several block houses in Avocourt wood on the Verdun front in the course of severe fighting last night. The strategic west of Dead Man's Hill was retaken. The war office statement today says the German attacks with infantry were repulsed.

East of the Meuse infantry fighting occurred at the Hautmont quarries, captured yesterday by the French. The Germans attacked these positions, the statement asserts, and were repulsed with heavy losses.

Withdrawing Austrian Troops. A neutral diplomat who has just returned from Albania is quoted in a dispatch from Athens as stating that the Austrians have withdrawn 50,000 troops from Albania within the last three weeks. According to this diplomat, the Austrians have left only small detachments to guard the towns they have occupied, leaving a garrison of 300 at Fier and 400 at Berat. The remainder of the troops left in the country are concentrated at Durazzo.

The abandonment of the Albanian front is said to be due to the impossibility of bringing up supplies. (The statement that the Austrians are withdrawing their main forces from Albania apparently conflicts with recent dispatches from Athens and Paris, which stated that the Teutons were about to launch an attack in force against Avlona, the only town that remains in possession of the Italians. On May 19 the Austrians were reported to have assembled a fleet of 150 transports at Fiume to transport supplies, and troops to Durazzo.)

OCCUPY ARMENARA RIDGE.

Austrian Troops Capture Strategic Point on Tyrolean Front. Berlin, May 22.—Austro-Hungarian troops have carried the peak of Armenera ridge, the scene of some of the heaviest fighting in the recently inaugurated offensive along the southern Tyrol front. This announcement is made in the official Austrian report of May 21.

More than 3,000 Italians were captured on Saturday by the Austrians who also obtained possession of several villages. They took twenty-five cannon and eight machine guns, the statement says.

Constantinople advices to the Overseas News Agency report the defeat of the British forces in a battle with rebel tribesmen in the province of Darfur, in Anglo-Egyptian Sudan.

It is said the British sent two transports with English and Hindu troops to Port Sudan on the Red sea, whence they advanced to attack the tribesmen and were defeated by forces under Ismail of Darfur.

Harassing German Shipping. London, May 22.—Russian submarines continue to harass German shipping in the Baltic. An Exchange Telegraph dispatch from Copenhagen quotes the Politiken as saying the German steamship Worms, of 4,428 tons gross, is believed to have been one of the latest victims. The Worms left Sweden several days ago and has not been reached.

It is also reported that the Swedish steamship Rosalind struck a mine near Stockholm last night and sank. The crew was saved.

COME TO SECURE SPY LINCOLN.

Scotland Yard Officers to Take German to London For Trial. New York, May 22.—Chief Inspector Alfred Ward and an assistant from Scotland Yard arrived from Liverpool today to take back to England the con-

fessed German spy and former member of the British parliament, Infatius T. Lincoln. Lincoln is wanted in London to answer a charge of forgery. His extradition was ordered by the supreme court of the United States, after Lincoln had appealed to that court on the allegation that he was wanted in London, where they would try him as a spy.

Lincoln was first arrested here in August last year but escaped from jail in the following November and was at liberty until February last, when he was rearrested.

TANQUARY IN DENMARK.

First Member of Polar Expedition to Return From Frozen North. London, May 22.—The first member of the American Arctic Crocker land expedition, Prof. Maurice T. Tanquary, of Chicago, arrived in Copenhagen today on the steamship Hans Egede, from Greenland. He reported good scientific results had been obtained by the expedition.

The remaining members of the exploring party, which is headed by Donald B. MacMillan, have been forced to stay at North Star Bay, as the relief ship Cluett was unable to get thru the ice. The arrival of Professor Tanquary at Copenhagen is reported in a dispatch from the Danish capital to the Central News Agency.

Professor Tanquary and two others of the expedition sledged all the way south overland with the object of reaching the first Danish steamer sailing, but only Tanquary succeeded in getting on the vessel.

The expedition will reach home, it is expected, during the summer.

NINE DEAD IN OKLAHOMA STORM

Kemp City Destroyed and Many Persons Killed or Injured — Business Blocks and Residences Completely Destroyed.

Denison, Tex., May 22.—Nine persons were killed and thirty eight injured and Kemp City, Okla., eight miles east of Denison, was wiped out by a tornado which Saturday night swept a path three-quarters of a mile wide and five miles long in the Kemp City section.

Twelve business houses, a two story hotel and sixty residences were demolished in Kemp City. This was the second time in recent years that the little town of 300 inhabitants has been visited by a tornado.

Eight of the dead were killed in the town while the other victim, a child, was killed in the collapse of his father's home just across the Red river in Texas.

The dead: Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Cox, Dr. and Mrs. William Brinson, Chaney Butler, cashier of the bank of Kemp, M. E. Thomas, postmaster, Arlie Pleasant, Mrs. J. W. Hives, 8-year-old daughter of Dr. J. J. McCullough.

Of the thirty-eight persons injured, thirty-six are residents of Kemp City, two daughters of Dr. McCullough were hurt at the time their younger sister was killed in the McCullough home, five miles east of Denison.

Most of those injured were caught in the collapse of buildings or while trying to reach storm cellars shortly after the storm broke at 9:23 p. m. Saturday.

Fatal Storm in Alabama. Birmingham, Ala., May 22.—Three persons, two white and one negro, are dead, and ten more are injured as the result of a cyclone which struck Sunnyside and Songo, ten miles south of Birmingham, today.

WAR RELICS ARRIVE.

Shipload of Booty Taken by French to Be Exhibited in New York. New York, May 22.—The unusual sight of a foreign steamship coming into port with her decks loaded with boxes and cases containing aeroplanes, hydro-aeroplanes, cannon and other war appliances, was witnessed here today with the arrival of the French steamship Lafayette from Bordeaux.

The war equipment was listed on the ship's manifesto as weighing fifty tons and having a value of \$200,000, belonging to the French government and the greater part of it is booty captured from the Germans. It has been loaned by France to the exhibit committee of a bazaar to be held next month by friends of the entente powers to raise funds for relief work. The exhibits were sent under the charge of the Marquis de Polignac.

CONSIDER CHICAGO SCALE.

Recommended by Secretary Wilson in Adjusting Wages at Arsenal. Washington, May 22.—Secretary Baker said today that upon reconsideration Secretary Wilson, of the department of labor, had recommended that wage scales of Chicago machinists be considered in readjusting wages of Rock Island, Ill. war department employees at the arsenal.

An earlier decision had excluded the Chicago scale from consideration. General Crozier, chief of ordnance, is expected to announce soon the new arsenal schedules.

MORE MARINES LANDED.

Steamer Panther Carries Reinforcements to Santo Domingo. Santo Domingo, May 22.—The United States auxiliary steamer Panther, with marines on board, arrived today. The new contingent will reinforce the detachment of marines already landed in connection with the disturbances growing out of the recent revolutionary outbreak.

DR. BLESSING DEAD.

Was Physician With Nansen Polar Expedition in 1895-96. London, May 22.—The death in Christianity of Dr. Henrik Grove Blessing, who was a physician with the Nansen polar expedition, 1895-96, is announced in a Central News dispatch today from Copenhagen.

TROOPERS MAY BE IN DANGER

Funston's Headquarters Un-easy Over Sibley's Command.

LITTLE COMMAND TO BE REINFORCED

Snipers Harassing Rear Guard of General Pershing's Force—American Mining Properties Looted by Bandits — Outlaws Active in Cuatro Ciénegas, Birthplace of General Carranza.

Marathon, Tex., May 22.—Both Colonel Sibley and Major Langhorne are now on the American side of the line after their hunt for the Glenn Springs bandits.

Colonel Sibley's detachment of the second expeditionary column reached Boquillas, on the American side of the international boundary, yesterday afternoon, according to information brought here today.

Previously Colonel Sibley has been reported as turning back to get in touch with Major Langhorne's detachment, which was rumored to have been in close touch with Yaqui Indians.

Two motion picture photographers brought the news of the arrival at Boquillas. They said the forces came back intact, having "not even lost a wagon wheel."

San Antonio, Tex., May 22.—Some anxiety as to the reported situation of the American troops south of Boquillas was dispelled today at General Funston's headquarters.

No official reports, however, indicate any hostile movements near Colonel Sibley's troops.

When last accounted for Major Langhorne and his two troops of the Eighth cavalry were moving forward to join Colonel Sibley. It is probable, if the little force is in danger, a portion of the Sixth cavalry will be used as a reinforcement.

Officers at headquarters were inclined to regard the sniping to which the rear guard of General Pershing's troops had been subjected as the action of a reduced force of Villistas and relatively unimportant.

The report brought into Marathon last night by Capt. H. L. Evans that two troops of the Fourteenth cavalry had faced about to reinforce Major Langhorne's detachment, said to be threatened by Yaqui Indians south of border, was still unconfirmed early today.

Mining Properties Looted.

El Paso, Tex., May 22.—American and other foreign owned mining properties at Cuatro Ciénegas were looted by bandits on May 15, according to reliable information received here today.

The looters previously had attacked Sierra Mojada and among them were a number of the bandits who raided Glenn Springs and Boquillas, Tex. After pillaging the offices, houses and store houses, they carried their booty to the country between Cuatro Ciénegas and San Pedro, where they went into hiding.

According to the same information the country between Cuatro Ciénegas, which is the birthplace and home of General Carranza; Sierra Mojada and San Pedro contains numerous bandits. Up to a week ago these had not felt the pressure of General Trevino's troop movements.

Advices received here say nothing regarding the presence of Yaqui Indians at Cuatro Ciénegas.

New Note From Carranza.

Washington, May 22.—The state department has been advised that a new note from General Carranza on the Mexican situation probably will reach Washington today or tomorrow. Special Agent Rodgers in Mexico City has been unable to report what is called for in the new communication.

Mr. Rodgers has advised the state department that Carranza officials in Mexico City feel the border situation is less critical. Some officials believe it possible that the new note deals with the Glenn Springs raid. Representations were made by the state department at that time, which have not been answered.

It is believed the new American expedition sent over the line after the raid may be the cause of the coming note.

Border reports insist that Colonel Sibley is already withdrawing his forces to the American side, but Secretary Baker reiterated today that General Funston had not so advised the war department.

LIQUOR QUESTION IN MEXICO.

Stirs Up Further Friction Between Officials in Sonora. Douglas, Ariz., May 22.—Further friction between Gen. P. Elias Calles, military commander in Sonora, and Adolfo de la Huerta, civil governor, recently appointed by General Carranza, is currently reported along the border. The first chief is said to be upholding the civil governor against Calles.

The first official act of Huerta, upon reaching Hermosillo, the state capital, was to announce that beer would be sold in Sonora. Since then a saloon has opened at Naco and others are reported to have been opened elsewhere in the state.

General Calles always has enforced a policy of absolute prohibition and is reported to be against any change. The civil governor, under instructions from General Carranza, has given the Calleses, Calles company permission to export several thousand cases.

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T-R. BULLETIN. NEWS OF THE DAY

The Weather. Sun rises May 23 at 4:57; sets 7:17. Iowa—Fair tonight and Tuesday partly cloudy; Wednesday a change in temperature.

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to London tomorrow. The general note was framed by the state department but the president is including some of his own language. The note is understood to protect particularly against the British practice of taking vessels into British ports and there examining and detaining mail going to and from the United States and not consent to the continuance of the policy, to which it already has objected.

LAST WEEK OF CONFERENCE.

Methodists to Complete Great Mass of Unfinished Business by Saturday. Saratoga Springs, N. Y., May 22.—The task of completing a great amount of unfinished business faced the delegates to the Methodist general conference, who today began the fourth week of the quadrennial session. In the expectation of final adjournment by Friday or Saturday, action probably will be speeded up and extra meetings are contemplated.

The question whether missionary bishops shall be elected for Malaysia and Africa, was the order of the day, postponed from Saturday.

A resolution introduced by J. Frank Hanly, former governor of Indiana, to abolish the office of missionary bishop, was tabled, and the conference ordered a ballot for missionary bishops.

The possibility of union of all Methodists was brought two years near today by action of the general conference which unanimously adopted a resolution providing for an adjournment to a date to be fixed by the board of bishops.

This will permit a meeting of the conference in 1918, at the time the conference of the southern church will consider a joint proposal designed to effect the unity of these and other branches of the Methodist church.

The conference voted to postpone indefinitely the election of a missionary bishop for Singapore.

The first ballot for missionary bishops for Africa, one of whom is to be of African descent, resulted in no choice. For the territory outside of Liberia, Eben S. Johnson, of Sioux City, Iowa, led with 297 votes.

STORM DAMAGE NEAR COLO.

Barns Unroofed, Windmills Blown Down and Electric Wires Levelled. Special to Times-Republican. Nevada, May 22.—A heavy wind storm which passed over this section yesterday afternoon did considerable damage northwest of the city and also east of here. Over a mile this side of the high tension wires of the Fort Valley and Light Company from the plant in this city to Colo, were blown over and Colo was left without electricity. A number of barns were unroofed, several windmills were blown down and the roof was taken from the county farm school house, two miles northwest of the city.

FLEE FROM TEXAS BORDER.

Former Residents of Little Sioux Compelled to Return North. Special to Times-Republican. Little Sioux, May 22.—Mrs. Mary Wiley and grandmother, Mrs. Mrs. Jessie Wiley, and son, former residents of Little Sioux, fled from Texas by the serious conditions there, have returned here and will remain until border troubles are settled. They say that rioting and street fighting in El Paso is almost continuous and that American life and property are in constant danger. Northerners, they say, can have little idea of real conditions on the border.

CHAPMAN'S BODY FOUND.

Recovered From River Mile Below Point of Drowning. Special to Times-Republican. Iowa City, May 22.—The body of Lavern Chapman, drowned in the Iowa river May 14, was discovered this afternoon floating a mile from the scene.

Drinks Acid and Dies.

Belle Plaine, May 22.—Lyle Gordon, postoffice clerk, was arrested Saturday afternoon and taken to Cedar Rapids by a United States marshal, accused of robbing the mails of \$3,000. He is about 35 years old, married, and has one child. He was reared in Belle Plaine.

Suffrage For Island Women.

Washington, May 22.—By a vote of 60 to 27, the house in the committee of the whole today voted to grant suffrage to the women of Porto Rico. It was proposed by Republican Leader Mann.

WAITE DEFENSE TO BE INSANITY

State Preparing to Break Down Plea of Confessed Murderer.

TRIAL OF DENTIST IS UNDER WAY

Work of Securing Jury to Try Orpet Resumed—Four Hundred Witnesses Examined and Only Four Accepted — Lawyers Hope to Complete Jury by End of Week—State to Call Deaf Mute Who Saw Couple in Woods.

New York, May 22.—Four alienists headed the throng of witnesses in the criminal branch of the supreme court today for the trial of Dr. A. W. Waite, the young dentist charged with first degree murder in poisoning his father-in-law, John E. Peck, a wealthy manufacturer of Grand Rapids, Mich. Since he has confessed the murder, the prosecution believes that the defense will rely upon a plea of insanity. To combat this testimony the state has engaged three medical experts and summoned 115 witnesses.

Probably the most interesting figure at the trial, however, next to the prisoner himself will be his wife, Mrs. Clara Peck Waite, and Mrs. Margaret Horton, a New York singer, with whom Waite occupied at times a "studio" at an uptown hotel.

Waite occupied a seat between his attorneys, Walter R. Deuel and Joseph F. Crater. Mrs. Clara Louise Peck Waite, his wife, who it was announced would be a witness against him, was not in court.

A crowd gathered but few persons not connected with the case were admitted to the court room. Mr. Deuel in questioning witnesses laid stress on whether consideration would be given to evidence calculated to show the prisoner was "not well mentally" at the time he administered germ cultures to his father-in-law.

ORPET TRIAL RESUMED.

Jury Now So Completed Before End of Week. Waitegan, Ill., May 22.—The second week of the trial of Will H. Orpet opened today with the resumption of examination of prospective jurors. After a week's work, during which 150 men had been examined, the jury in the case, it is expected the jury will be completed before the end of the week.

It became known today that David James, the deaf mute who declared, at the coroner's inquest that he saw two persons, kiss while standing in the snow in Helm's Woods at dawn of the day which was Marian Lambert's last, will be called by the state to take the stand against Orpet. It has been believed the state had attached little value to the testimony.

James testified that he did not see the young people clearly but said the man left the spot alone. He was unable to identify Orpet as this man.

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