

ESTABLISHED 1861

CLARKSBURG, W. VA., TUESDAY, MAY 11, 1915

WAR BETWEEN ITALY AND CENTRAL EMPIRES

REGARDED SURE IN CITY OF ROME

And in the City of Paris It is Rumored Germany and Austria Have Declared It.

COUNTER CLAIMS MADE

As to the Progress of War at Various Points in the Official Statements.

War between Italy and the central empires is now regarded in Rome as almost unavoidable. There is said to be only a slender chance that an agreement will be reached. Military preparations are being pushed vigorously and political opposition to war apparently has largely died away.

In Paris it is rumored Germany and Austria have declared war on Italy, but so far as is known there is no basis for such reports.

LONG DISTANCE FIRE EXCHANGED BY FLEET

LONDON, May 11.—A Petrograd dispatch says a squadron of cruisers of the Russian Baltic fleet, while cruising in the south Baltic in the region of Windau, a seaport in Courland, exchanged long distance fire with a hostile cruiser and torpedo boat, which took advantage of their superior speed to escape southward and avoid an engagement.

ALLIED OFFENSIVE IS BEING CONTINUED

LONDON, May 11.—The allied troops on the Gallipoli peninsula continued their offensive Friday and Saturday according to an Athens dispatch. They are reported to have occupied important positions in spite of the desperate resistance offered by the Turks whose total losses are estimated at 45,000 men. The hospitals in Constantinople are said to be crowded and wounded are being sent to Komieg in Asia Minor.

FRUITLESS ATTACK IS MADE BY THE TEUTONS

PETROGRAD, by way of London, May 11.—An official statement issued last night by the general headquarters says: "In the region of Uzsook pass, the enemy made a fruitless attack on Saturday. Several enemy columns attacked a position held by two of our companies in the section of the Javorina mountains chain on the slopes of Lomnitza. The enemy's losses were so heavy heaps of bodies interfered with the fire from our trenches. Our troops in spite of the enemy's machine gun fire swept the enemy from the whole region. The same day after a desperate fight the enemy forced a Russian detachment near the village of Zaleski to retire to the left bank of the Dnieper. Sunday night our vanguard having crossed the Chabouki front, we took three hundred prisoners, one gun and many machine guns."

FRENCH TOWN IS BEING BOMBARDED ONCE MORE

PONT-A-MOUSSON, France, May 10.—This town which probably holds the record for bombardment by the Germans, again is being subjected to an intense fire. A shell recently fell in the kitchen of a house occupied by a family named La Jaille, without injuring anyone, but a few days later another shell landed in a bedroom killing one person and injuring three.

NEUTRAL ITALY URGED BY GERMAN EMPEROR

ROME, by way of Paris, May 11.—The Agency National says Emperor William has written to Dowager Queen Margherita, mother of King Emmanuel, pointing out advantages which would accrue to Italy should it remain neutral and urging her to intervene to avoid a conflict with Austria. The widow of King Humbert is quoted as having replied to the German ruler: "In the House of Savoy we reign one at a time."

ALLIES ARE REPULSED WITH HEAVY LOSSES

CONSTANTINOPLE, by way of Amsterdam and London, May 11.—The following statement was issued today by the Turkish war office: "On the Dardanelles front the enemy made four desperate attacks near Burnu Sunday night but were repulsed with heavy losses. Three enemy battalions were annihilated. Monday afternoon the enemy constantly carried away wounded to their boats. In the south near Seddul Bahr the enemy attacked under the protection of naval guns but owing to

our counter attacks his assaults were unsuccessful."

PRESIDENT'S DECISION IS NOT MADE AS YET

WASHINGTON, May 11.—The president today said that he would make a decision on the Lusitania case as soon as he had all the elements in mind. For the present he had nothing to add, he said, to his statement of last Saturday night which was that he was considering "very earnestly but very calmly the right course of action to pursue," and that he knew the country expected him "to act with deliberation as well as with firmness."

The president made it clear that he was expressing a personal attitude in not referring to any specific case. That led to the belief in many quarters that he president had not reached a decision in the Lusitania case and was speaking his personal feeling as to the idea of the United States should have in this situation as well as other phases of the world wide war. It was taken that he was endeavoring to explain broadly that the United States should seek to serve the cause of humanity by using its influence to secure an adherence to the rules and principles of international law wherever they have been contravened.

OFFICIAL STATEMENT BY FRENCH WAR OFFICE

PARIS, May 11.—The French war office this afternoon issued the following statement: "One of our aviators yesterday bombed a hangar for dirigible balloons at Maubeuge and started a fire. An aviator of the enemy threw bombs on the railroad station at Doullens, twenty miles north of Amiens, without doing any damage. Another aviator of the enemy pursued between the Argonne and the Meuse by a French aviator was compelled to come down within the German lines, where his machine took fire. The Germans brought down yesterday a British aviator and British soldiers were successful in bringing down two German airmen.

In Belgium near St. George's, the enemy endeavored to recapture positions taken by us the day before yesterday but were repulsed. North of Arras, our progress continued. Monday evening we took possession first of the cemetery and then of the village of the town of Arancy and also of the road from Arancy to Saucourt. Arancy is now invested by our troops on three sides. The forces brought by the enemy from Lens and Douai were not successful at any place in getting the advantage. These attacks took place in front of Saucourt and in the village of Loretta, at Loos, at the town of De Loretta, at Loos, at and at Neuville Saint Vaast. At this last mentioned place we gained some territory. Monday night the enemy suffered a further check. Counter attacks north of Neuville Saint Vaast preceded by a violent bombardment were completely repulsed and we retained all ground gained by us at the same time inflicting heavy losses on our assailant.

Following the bombardment at Dunkirk yesterday morning, during which three shells fell without hurting anybody or inflicting any damage, the Germans threw eleven shells on the southeast of Dunkirk. Twelve persons were killed and eleven were wounded. Our batteries at once opened fire and they put a stop to the shelling of the enemy which was not resumed during the day."

SERIOUS ACCIDENT

BUCKHANNON, May 11.—Carey, of Wheeling, a bookkeeper for the Newcomer Automobile Company here, is in a local hospital suffering from concussion of the brain as the result of an accident at the garage when a man was removing a tire from an automobile when the rim sprung from the wheel and struck him in the head. It will be some time before he will be out of danger.

ON EVE ORDER

GENEVA, Switzerland, by way of Paris, May 11.—All Italian officers and men in Switzerland, up to the age of 43, were ordered yesterday to join their regiments. Austrian and Bavarian forces are concentrating in the tyrol.

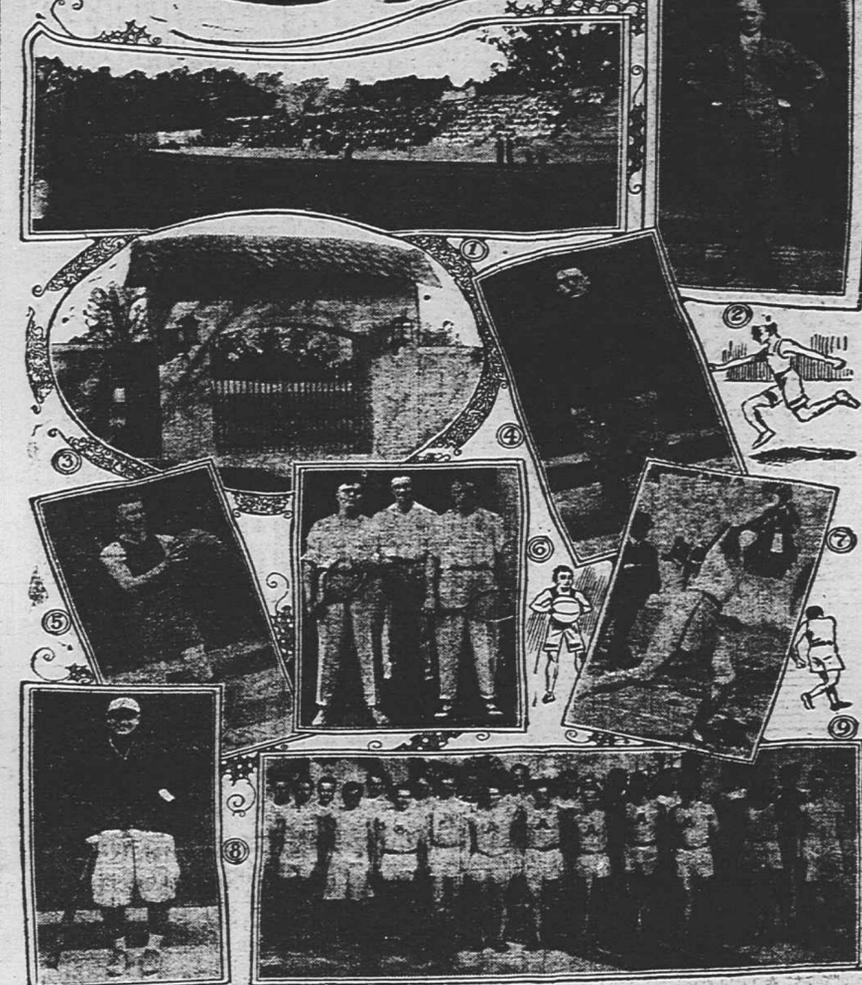
RHOADES FUNERAL

Funeral services over the body of Mrs. Oda Rhoads, wife of Alonzo Rhoads, of Bristol, will be held at 2 o'clock tomorrow afternoon in the Methodist Episcopal church at Bristol and burial will be at the Odd Fellows cemetery at Salem.

Miss Lucy Henderson, of Fairmont, is visiting Miss Jessie Ward and other friends here.

Lloyd Hursey was a business visitor here Tuesday from Shinnston. E. J. Thomas, who visited friends here, has returned to his home in Washington, D. C. Mrs. M. A. Thompson, who visited her brother, Dr. B. V. Aris, returned to her home in Washington, D. C. Monday night.

ATHLETICS AT ALLEGHENY COLLEGE



(1) The grand stand in Montgomery field. (2) Prof. C. E. Hammet, coach. (3) Entrance to Montgomery field. (4) Capt. Al. Munhall, of 1914 champion football team. (5) Capt. O. J. Graham, of the champion 1914-15 basketball team. (6) Brownell brothers and Cox, undefeated tennis champions. (7) C. M. Dotterer, champion of Western Pennsylvania discus throwers. (8) E. A. Robinson, captain 1914 baseball team. (9) Track team, 1914.

MEADVILLE, Pa., May 11.—There will be a reunion of famous college athletes here during the celebration of the one hundredth anniversary of the founding of Allegheny college next month, at which will be present informally many men famous as gridiron stars, or team captains in other branches of sports in years gone by. The men on the various athletic teams now in college are arranging for several exhibition games and will plan to do everything possible to show former stars that Allegheny college has not gone back, but forward in athletics in recent years.

Allegheny has always had a creditable standing in athletics. In basketball she has been for years king in Western Pennsylvania. She has never attempted to do much with baseball as spring comes late and the season is half over before the diamond can be got into shape.

In the last years football has come to the fore by leaps and bounds. In 1913, seven games were won out of a schedule of eight. Last fall thence

eleven went through the season without a single defeat, its most notable victories being those over Carnegie Tech, 26 to 7; University of Rochester, 6 to 0 and Grove City, 40 to 0. The basketball season just closed leaves Allegheny college champions of the state of Pennsylvania. Twelve games were played, six of them on strange floors and eleven of them were won, the only defeat being that at Syracuse, with Syracuse university. Among the scapes that dangle from Allegheny's belt are those of Rochester university, University of Pittsburgh, champions of the state college league; Ohio Wesleyan, Carnegie Tech and Western Reserve. The game with Syracuse university was the first athletic contest lost since the opening of the college year in September.

Last spring in tennis, Cox, Bright and the Brownell brothers won every match in which they competed in intercollegiate tennis. Cox, a senior next year, is a great athlete, a star in football, basketball and tennis. His forward passing and open

field running in football are of the highest. Bright and his deadly shooting and elusive foot work in basketball have been the despair of opposing guards through two seasons. Fifty-nine goals to six for his opponents in the season just finished, is a record seldom seen. In football, the man who gained over 200 yards along in line plunges against Grove City last Thanksgiving; Dotterer, who broke the Pennsylvania intercollegiate records in the shot and discus at Schenley Oval, Pittsburgh last spring; "Osh" Graham, captain of this year's championship five, a veteran guard, four years on the varsity, known and feared all over the western part of the state; Dunbar, his running mate, with twenty-nine field goals to his credit as against fourteen by opposing forwards; Thomas, in football, basketball and track; Pierson, captain-elect of the 1915 eleven; Gilbert, Allshouse, Baker and Brooks in football; Fahr and Wells in track are some of the stars who have carried the blue and gold to the fore.

FOUR DROWNED

When Their Yawl is Caught in Current in "Bear Trap" in Ohio River.

EAST LIVERPOOL, O., May 11.—Four persons were drowned here today when a yawl in which they were passengers became caught in the current in the "bear trap" and were swept over dam No. 7 in the Ohio river at Midland, Pa., near here. The drowned are William H. Taylor, 45, chief engineer at the dam; his wife, daughter, Celol, 13, and son, Stanley, 6. The bodies have not yet been recovered.

STATEMENT

Is Formally Presented to the State Department by German Count.

WASHINGTON, D. C., May 11.—Count Bernstorff, the German ambassador, today accepting as authentic the text of Germany's formal expression of regret for the loss of Americans on the Lusitania which was received in last night's news dispatches, formally presented a statement today to the state department. The official statement has not yet reached the embassy because of the difficulties of wireless communication.

Dr. Samuel E. Strother, of Salem, visited the city Tuesday.

STORK BRINGS NO. 17.

GRAFTON, May 11.—A few days ago the stork visited the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. K. Lenton, near Ellenboro, Ritchie county, for the seventh time and left a fine baby boy. The numerous children and grandchildren of Mr. Lenton gathered at his big country home and helped him to celebrate his seventy-second birthday. His wife has only seen fifty summers.

BOMBS DROPPED.

PARIS, May 11.—A German aeroplane flew over St. Dennis, a suburb of Paris, this morning and dropped two bombs. One missile wounded five persons while the other fell on a building without causing damage.

FLOWERS MAY RECOVER.

French Flowers, a local barber, who attempted to commit suicide last Friday evening, when he took four different kinds of poison, is resting easier in a local hospital today and it is thought that he will recover.

John C. Bond, of Charleston, adjutant general of the state militia, was a visitor here Tuesday.

John D. Pickens, of Quiet Dell, transacted business here Tuesday.

TEN MORE BODIES BROUGHT TO PORT

BROADDUS

Institute Announces Its Commencement Calendar from May 28 to June 9.

Broaddus Institute at Philippi announces the following commencement beginning May 22 and ending June 9: Friday, May 28, 8 p. m.—Recital of intermediate pupils in music and expression. Friday, June 4, 8:15 p. m.—Graduating recital in expression—Eva Howell, Lucille Crim, Anna Leo Dyer. Saturday, June 5, 8:15 p. m.—Expression and music recital. Sunday, June 6, 11 a. m.—Sermon to graduating class—President Elkanah Hulley. 8:30 p. m.—Vesper service (campus.) Monday, June 7—Broaddus Day, reunion of old students; baseball game, Broaddus vs. Alumni; 8:15 p. m.—Class day exercises; 9:30 p. m.—President's reception. Tuesday, June 8, 10:30 a. m.—Annual board meeting (Broaddus); 8:15 p. m.—Recital of advanced pupils in music. Wednesday, June 9, 10:45 a. m.—Graduating exercises of senior class.

DO NOT FEAR SEA PERILS.

HUNTINGTON, May 11.—Despite the disaster to the Lusitania, Mrs. A. Holt and her two children, of this city departed for New York where they are booked for passage on a Cunard liner for London. Mrs. Holt will spend the summer in England and will be joined by her husband in August. "There is no more danger now than there has been in the past," said Mrs. Holt, "and the ship company has promised protection to all passengers." Mr. and Mrs. Holt are natives of England. They came here about three years ago.

CIRCUIT COURT.

The case of C. V. Drago, et al against C. S. Bates in the circuit court has been settled. A. R. Watson's suit against William H. Corwin has been continued. A continued order has been entered in the case of Ellen Munis et al against Clarksburg.

RAY SHOOK ARRESTED.

Ray Shook is a prisoner in the county jail awaiting a hearing before Justice Jackson V. Carter on a charge of bootlegging whiskey. Shook was arrested in Broad Oaks Monday night by Deputy Sheriff Vannort and Matthey. He will be arraigned for a hearing in a few days.

B. Merendino, of the law firm of Stout and Merendino, has gone to New York on account of the serious illness of his father, who resides there.

Gordon B. Late is here from Independence on business.

And also Two More at Another Point with a Tug Still Out on a Hunt.

TWO MAY BE AMERICANS

As Papers and Articles Found on Them Indicate They Are From Connecticut.

QUEENSTOWN, May 11.—The number of bodies of victims of the torpedoing of the Cunard liner, Lusitania, at Baltimore, a small seaport on the southern Irish coast, was increased this morning to ten. Two other bodies have been brought ashore at Castle Townsend, near Baltimore. Of the bodies at Baltimore six are of men and four of women. The Cunard line today sent a tug to Baltimore to bring all the bodies to Queenstown.

Relatives of survivors who had planned to leave today are going to remain over in the hope of the possibility of making further identification. It is reported here that one of the bodies at Baltimore had on it papers bearing the name of Harrison Main street, Bridgeport, Conn., and that on another there was found the circular of a firm called the Florence Company, tooth brush manufacturers in Connecticut.

The tug dispatched yesterday evening by the Cunard company to the scene of the disaster to look for bodies had not returned to Queenstown up to noon today.

"GAIN"

Is What President Wilson Says He Was Thinking When He Spoke Monday Night.

WASHINGTON, May 11.—President Wilson said today that his speech in Philadelphia last night was not a declaration of policy in reference to the Lusitania disaster; that he was not thinking of any special matter but of the newly naturalized Americans in his audience. The president used the expression that he was thinking of the "gain" some people were trying to raise.

ROAD SENTENCES

Are Imposed upon Three Men Caught Stealing Ride on Train.

Caught in the act of stealing a ride on a train in the local railroad yards by a Baltimore and Ohio policeman, men giving the names of C. T. Wolf, C. M. Woodlin and C. L. Walters were fined \$5 and costs each Tuesday morning in Magistrate T. G. Nicewarner's court and in default of payment they were sentenced to serve ten days at work on the county roads.

R. T. Martin, of Parkersburg, is a guest at the Gore.

NATIONAL PROHIBITION NIGHT AT TABERNACLE

With a Big Parade Just before the Services Are Begun by the Evangelist.

of the service which had been arranged especially for the colored folk of the city. The Rev. Mr. Hurley and the Rev. Mr. Jenkins were instrumental in having the meeting arranged and they occupied seats on the platform and assisted in the service.

A large audience of whites was also present and thoroughly enjoyed the meeting. There were six decisions. The coming week will be a busy one. Special services will be held every night during the week and many meetings will be held during the day. Shop meetings each day under the direction of Mr. Taylor will be held in many places. Wednesday morning Mr. Snyder will conduct a meeting at the store of I. B. Horner & Company at Bridgeport. Miss McCaughey will have her special meetings as announced. Thursday evening the business women will have a banquet at the First Presbyterian church and go from there to the tabernacle in a body.

Tonight will be the big demonstration in favor of national prohibition. The people of Clarksburg will endeavor to demonstrate that they think what is good for West Virginia is good for the nation. The assembly will meet at the St. Paul's Methodist Episcopal church, South, and form in line and march to the tabernacle. Mayor Gordon and the city police force, mounted, will lead the procession. They will be followed by various organizations and civic bodies as well as the population of Hamilton will have for his subject a question that many have been asking, "Can You Know You are Saved?"

Mr. Snyder returned Monday night from Marion, O., where he perfected plans for a campaign by Dr. Hamilton to begin next September. This will be the first meeting after the close of the Clarksburg campaign.

The noon luncheon at the First Methodist church are growing in interest and in attendance. There is no let up in the enthusiasm of the business men.

It was indeed a rare treat Monday night for tabernacle goes to hear the gifted negro preacher, Dr. H. G. Hoop, of Washington, Pa., in a sermon that has rarely been equalled in this city. A man of education, ability and power his sermon was a surprise to all. Eloquent and forcible in expression he held his audience spellbound from beginning to close. Pathos, wit and serious concern were interspersed all through the address. Special music by colored people also was a feature.

DECISIONS.

Monday night, colored people's meeting 6
Previously reported 4116
Total 4122

ANNOUNCEMENTS.

Tuesday Night, National prohibition night, sermon subject: "Can You Know You are Saved?"

Wednesday Night, Masonic night, sermon subject: "Shelter."

Thursday Night, New Fair Grounds night, sermon subject: "A Personal Call."

Friday Night, Bridgeport night, sermon subject: "Seven Devils."

Saturday Night, Hazel-Amas night, sermon subject: "Where Are You?"

Sunday, Special services morning, afternoon and evening.