

GERMANS FAIL TO PIERCE LINE BEFORE VERDUN

Powerful Assaults Upon the Center Are Repulsed By Soldiers of France

EFFORTS TURNED TOWARD FLANKS

Battle for Great Fortress Still Raging With Big Loss on Both Sides

London, March 6.—With the French center in the Douaumont sector apparently still holding firm against the desperate assaults of the crown prince's armies, the Germans are again turning their attention to the flanks of the French positions around the stronghold.

Artillery activity in the Woivre region was reported in the Paris night bulletin, the fire centering upon the regions of Haudamont and Fresnot, about ten miles southeast of Verdun.

The heavy artillery of the Teutons is pounding the defenses across the Meuse river. The French are ready for an infantry attack there but it is doubted in Paris if the Germans will attempt the storming of the commanding position to reach which their troops would have to deploy over a mile wide plain under a destructive cross fire.

Furious Attacks Made.

Testing of the French strength by furious assaults on the main defenses is continuing. In yesterday's attack on the lead of the Douaumont sector, near the Cote Du Poivre, French lines also held firm, according to Paris, while in front of Douaumont German assaults were temporarily suspended, the heavy French artillery continuing its answer to the rain of giant shells which the Teuton 42's and similar big pieces were pouring upon the defensive trenches.

Correspondents who have been at the front quote French military men as declaring that the German achievements so far in the great battle for Verdun have resulted merely in restoring the lines to the positions they occupied before the French in local attacks, began expanding the defensive area about the fortress. Verdun itself is now under German artillery fire but, according to correspondents, little damage has been done.

Plan New Offensive?

Indications that the Germans may be planning another offensive movement on the western front are contained in reports from Dutch sources that important troops movements are going on behind the front in Belgium. Forty thousand German cavalrymen are said to be on their way to the battle line near Ypres, in which sector the famous German attempt to break through and reach Calais occurred in April, 1915.

FRENCH STAND FIRM.

Paris, March 6.—Yesterday was a good day for the French at Verdun, according to information received this morning, and public confidence is greatly strengthened by the news of the continued repulses of the German attacks. In military and political circles lively satisfaction is expressed regarding the situation and the opinion now begins to prevail that the great efforts of the Germans will be more easily disposed of than was at first expected.

Having failed to make any impression on the Douaumont position and on Vaux to its right, the German general staff determined to smash the French left on the Vacheraville woodcote du Poivre position. Without regard to cost the best troops were hurled forward but with no more success than elsewhere. Pomeranians and what was left of the Brandenburgers dashed themselves vainly against the French, who stood as immovable as a rock wall.

Heaps of Dead Left Behind.

As at Vaux the Germans finally fell back, leaving heaps of dead on the ground. The French infantry, supported by their formidable artillery, which will never henceforth lack ammunition, showed themselves able to resist every onslaught. On the left bank of the Meuse artillery on both sides thundered all day. The French infantry in that section has little to do, but it remains there ready for any emergency, although the military experts believe it doubtful that the Germans will attempt to storm La Mort Homme key position, for to do so they must deploy over a plain a mile wide under cross fire from the heights around.

It is chiefly the French artillery which is involved in the Woivre fighting. The French hold the outskirts of the village of Manheulles firmly and have stopped all attempts and the Germans to debouch in that direction.

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PAPACY WANTS TO BE REPRESENTED AT PEACE MEETING

HIGH OFFICIAL AT VATICAN DEFENDS RIGHT OF POPE TO TAKE A PART.

Rome, March 6.—Monsignor Benigni, who was undersecretary of state in the vatican administration during part of the pontificate of Pope Pius X, has written an article for the Nuova Antologia review on the question of the participation of the holy see in the peace conference which is expected to be held at the conclusion of the war.

Replying to one of the objections raised by the Italian press against the intervention of papal delegates, namely that the heads of all other churches would claim a similar right of representation, Monsignor Benigni says that all heads of religions should and a great majority of them will inevitably be represented at the prospective conference, as not the archbishop of Canterbury but the king of England is the head of the established church of that country, the emperor of Russia is head of the orthodox Greek church of Russia, the king of Prussia is head of the Evangelical church of Prussia and the sultan of Turkey and the emperor of Japan are heads of the dominant religions of their empires.

ZEPPELINS KILL TWELVE

German Airships Make Successful Raid on British Coast Towns; Thirty-three Injured.

London, March 6.—Twelve persons were killed and thirty-three injured in last night's Zeppelin raid. Three Zeppelins took part in the attack. This information was given out officially today.

The statement follows: "The number of Zeppelins which took part in last night's raid is now believed to have been three. "After crossing the coast the airships took various courses and from the devious nature of their flight apparently were uncertain as to their bearings. The area visited included Yorkshire, Lincolnshire, Rutland, Huntingdon, Cambridgeshire, Norfolk, Essex and Kent."

PLAN STATE CONVENTION

Republican Central Committee Meets in Des Moines to Consider Details of Campaign.

Des Moines, March 6.—Consideration of proposed dates and locations for the state republican convention was taken up immediately today when members of the republican state central committee went into session here. It was expected that the committee also would consider the necessity of holding the presidential preference primary.

Different opinions have been expressed regarding the legal necessity of holding the so-called first republican convention and in the absence of any ruling on the matter from the attorney general the state committee is expected to take the matter into its own hands.

The committee also may take up consideration of a successor to the late C. M. Junkin of Fairfield, committeeman from the first district.

CRIMINALS HAVE AID IN ESCAPING

Chicago, March 6.—A powerful organization exists for the purpose of assisting fugitive criminals, to whom the war has closed the capitals of Europe, to escape to Havana, according to the belief of State's Attorney Hoynes.

Traces of the organization, it was said, have been brought to light in the search for a widely known criminal wanted here as a witness. It was pointed out that the stringent regulations in Europe have rendered valueless the fraudulent passports formerly employed by escaping criminals and that Havana is within striking distance of Palm Beach, a fashionable American winter resort.

It is asserted that the organization has been perfected to a point where criminals are warned of a pending attempt to extradite them from Cuba in time to escape to Honduras, where there is no extradition to the United States, or to some of the nearby islands where they may hide in safety.

U. S. CONSULAR AGENT DIES.

Washington, D. C., March 6.—Olney Arnold, American diplomatic agent and consul general at Cairo, Egypt, died yesterday in a hospital at Lisbon, Portugal. Advice to the state department from the American consul there told of his death but did not state the cause.

BRYAN ON HAND TO FIGHT WILSON

Pacifist Leader at Capital to Advocate Resolution Warning Americans

MATTER COMING TO VOTE IMMEDIATELY

German Documents Showing British Abuse of Guns on Ships Received

Washington, D. C., March 6.—The house rules committee today agreed upon and will bring into the house tomorrow, a special rule for four hours' debate on the McLemore resolution, warning Americans off armed ships of the European belligerents. This action puts the much discussed resolution into a parliamentary position where administration leaders are confident they can kill it.

While the rules committee was meeting Representative Bailey telephoned invitations to senators and representatives to lunch with William J. Bryan at 1 o'clock at a hotel near the capitol. About twenty members of congress were invited, most of whom are strong advocates of a warning resolution.

Mr. Bailey declined to make public his entire invitation list but some of those invited were Senators Kern and Vardaman and Representatives Callaway and Slayden, Texas; Tillman, Arkansas; Helvering and Ayres, Kansas; Steele, Pennsylvania; Hensley, Missouri; Stephens and Schallenberger, Nebraska; Dill, Washington; Van Dyke, Minnesota; Sison, Mississippi and Tavenner, Illinois.

Efforts were made to invite men regarded as particularly friendly to Mr. Bryan and to draw representatives from as many different sections of the country as possible.

When the senate convened Senator McCumber of North Dakota, author of a pending resolution of warning, discussed the subject.

"The country, while ever ready to defend the rights of its citizens, does not want the citizens to lead us uselessly into war," he said. "True American patriotism demands that no American should jeopardize a peaceful settlement nor precipitate a grave crisis."

Man is Chered.

When Representative Gardner declared in the house that there should be a clear vote on the subject, Republican Leader Mann announced he was against bringing the matter up in the house at all.

"I have believed," said Mr. Mann, "in letting the house attend to its constitutional duties and letting the president attend to his constitutional duties."

The house resounded with cheers when Mr. Mann took the floor and assailed Americans who might involve the country in war by traveling on armed ships.

"I hope our citizens never will be put to the test of having to fight because some fool has involved us by entering upon a joy ride," he shouted.

The special rule will provide that after the four hours' debate the McLemore resolution will be before the house for action. The program is to table it, as was done with the Gore resolution in the senate, thus expressing the sentiment of a majority of the house that no legislation whatever regarding the traveling of Americans on armed ships shall be enacted.

GERMAN DOCUMENTS HERE.

Washington, D. C., March 6.—The appendices to Germany's declaration of the new submarine campaign, upon which Berlin is relying to prove that British merchant ships, armed ostensibly for defensive purposes, have been using their armament offensively on the submarines, under orders of the British admiralty, arrived this morning at the state department.

When President Wilson and Secretary Lansing have had opportunity to go over them very thoroughly they probably will take the next step in the negotiations with Germany.

TRAMPS KIDNAP CHILD

Eight Year Old Boy Gets Off Rock Island Train at Muscatine and Escapes From His Captors.

Muscatine, March 6.—Cold from exposure, faint from hunger and hysterical from fright, an 8 year old boy dropped from a Rock Island freight train which stopped at West Liberty last evening. He told a story of having been kidnaped by two tramps in his home town of Coal Valley, Ill., and of being held a captive in the empty car. His captors left the train at Rock Island, intent upon getting something to eat, and threatened him if he attempted to escape. When he recovered himself he gave his name as Earl Wiley of Coal Valley and his father was at once communicated with. Authorities are now seeking to arrest his captors.

NEW ARMY BILL PROVIDES LARGE DEFENSIVE FORCE

HOUSE COMMITTEE INTRODUCES MEASURE DESIGNED TO PROTECT THE COUNTRY.

Washington, D. C., March 6.—With the introduction of the house army bill by Chairman Hay of the military committee, the second of the national defense measures recommended by President Wilson was before congress. The house bill was accompanied by a report which asserts that the committee believes it has embodied in the measure "every feature necessary to bring about a reasonable plan for national defense."

As completed the measure proposes to increase the regular army to 140,000 fighting troops which means the addition of 40,000 men and 7,429 officers. It also provides 786 additional officers for detached service with the national guard, military schools and elsewhere.

A maximum strength, however, is fixed at 170,000 men. The bill provides for federalization of the national guard under a militia pay bill substantially similar to that proposed in the senate bill. The house plans, however, differ from the senate bill in that the president is authorized to draft national guardsmen into the federal service on the outbreak of war. The ultimate strength of the guard is greater under the house plan since the minimum force of 425,000 is stipulated to the organization within five years. The senate plan provides for approximately 250,000 guardsmen.

In the house bill as in the senate an officers' reserve corps is provided for but the house plan would double the enrollment at the military academy. The force of 1,324,790 men trained for military service "will be at once available upon the passage of this bill." To reach this total he relies upon the regulars with a strength of 140,000 and a reserve of 60,000, upon 129,000 national guardsmen, the guard's present strength, and upon 95,750 regulars or national guardsmen.

CONGESTION ON ROADS DISCUSSED

Washington, D. C., March 6.—Congested conditions in freight terminals of trunk line railroads entering New York and other Atlantic coast seaports and the best way for the carriers and the shippers to relieve the situation, were topics for discussion today at an informal conference between the interstate commerce commission, the railroads and all others concerned.

COL. HOUSE BACK TO MAKE REPORT

FRIEND OF PRESIDENT IS TALKING ABOUT EUROPEAN TRIP.

Washington, D. C., March 6.—Col. E. M. House, who returned yesterday from Europe, is understood to have told President Wilson today that he found no more prospects for peace during his recent visit to the capitals of belligerent nations than he did on his visit last spring.

Washington, D. C., March 6.—Col. E. M. House, who returned yesterday after visiting Berlin, London and Paris as a special envoy of President Wilson, conferred with the president this morning on his mission.

Col. House today parried questions as to the status of the armed ship controversy with the statement that those in Washington knew more about the subject than he did. He refused to discuss pending diplomatic questions. He said he expected to see members of the cabinet and some personal friends before leaving for New York.

When Col. House left for Europe reports that he went to investigate the peace situation were denied by the president and Secretary Lansing.

It was understood today that Col. House expressed great admiration for the way American diplomats abroad were carrying on their work. He detailed to the president the state of public sentiment in Germany, France and England and is understood to have had much to say on the feeling in Germany in support of the submarine policy.

TODAY IN CONGRESS

SENATE—Debate on Shields' water-power bill continued.

Indian committee resumed consideration of appropriation bill.

HOUSE—Rules committee considered rule on McLemore resolution.

Admiral Fletcher testified before naval affairs committee.

TRAP THIEVES ENTERING HUB

Merchant and Officers on Job When Culprits Get Ready to Make Haul

GOODS WORTH \$300 FOUND AT HOMES

Wealth of Clothing Taken on Nightly Visits; Lads Admit Their Guilt

A series of thefts in which hundreds of dollars' worth of clothing was stolen was interrupted and two of the culprits arrested about 1 o'clock Sunday morning by Deputy Sheriff Charles Doran, Merchants' Police Charles Saunders and Officer Charles Kapp of the local police force, assisted by H. G. Anderson and Gus Hallberg, a clerk in the Anderson clothing store. The thefts have covered a period of seven to eight weeks and Anderson's Hub clothing store was the victim of the thieves. The arrest followed the trapping at the store of a pair of the robbers who are believed to work in a band of at least five. George Eaton and William Blackley are the lads taken by the officers and they have been in the county jail since their arrest. Both were bound over to await the action of the grand jury under \$500 bonds by Police Judge Russell this morning. Statements made by the lads to the officers enabled Saunders and Kapp to locate a large quantity of the stolen goods and these have been returned to the store. There is still a number of articles missing that have not been found but the loot unearthed will reach a value of more than \$300.

Thief Covers Long Period.

Mr. Anderson said today that the robberies have been carried on for a period of seven to eight weeks and all attempts to catch the thieves until that of Saturday night have been fruitless. Four visits have been made by the robbers to the store and each trip took place on a Saturday night.

The methods employed by the lads, according to Mr. Anderson, show systematic planning and execution worthy of finished crooks. Lookouts and sentinels were employed and a check kept on the movements of Mr. Anderson and the employees of the large store, hence the difficulty in trapping the thieves at work.

Kept Tab on Anderson.

One lookout was generally stationed at the corner of Market and Main streets to give the signal when the proprietor boarded the street car for his home on Saturday nights after the store closed. Others were stationed in the vicinity of the building where they could signal the workers on the inside if all was well. The gang, some of whom had been employed in the building when it was remodeled several months ago and were familiar with the cellar and the various doors, etc., were thoroughly acquainted with the surroundings both as to the rear of the store, the means of entry and the fact that the lights from the workshop of the Lowenberg bakery played on the back portion of the clothing store and made entry a risk save on Saturday nights. The fact that the bakers work every night but Saturday gave the thieves a chance to work at their scheme of robbery with apparent ease on that night.

The cellar extends back farther than the rear walls of the store, owing to a heating plant having formerly been located there. The roof of this part of the cellar has a small scuttle barely large enough for an average person to crawl through and it is by way of this scuttle that entry and exit have been made.

Prepare for the Visitors.

Saturday night Mr. Anderson was determined if possible to trap the thieves because he had been foiled on former attempts and he notified Deputy Sheriff Doran to come to the store about midnight. Earlier in the night four of the gang were seen at the rear of the store about 10 o'clock but they scampered away, apparently by signal from a lookout, shortly before Merchants' Policemen Saunders made the rounds in that vicinity. Mr. Anderson then posted a man in the third floor of the building where he could command the rear of the store and when the lights were extinguished Mr. Anderson started as usual for the corner of Market and Main streets, where he boarded a car but left it at the railroad crossing and, walking around the block, came back to the store. The lookout was called in. Mr. Doran arrived and the three men took stations inside the store to await developments.

It was after midnight when the deputy sheriff arrived and the trio did not have to wait for a great length of time before they heard the thieves in the cellar. Unable to move from their places until they heard the robbers prying open the door at the cellar stairway, they then took new positions where they were able to get the drop on the thieves.

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WILSON SELECTS OHIO LAWYER FOR WAR SECRETARY

NEWTON D. BAKER NOMINATED FOR POST VACATED BY LINDELEY M. GARRISON.

Washington, D. C., March 6.—Newton D. Baker, former mayor of Cleveland, has been selected by President Wilson for secretary of war. The president and Mr. Baker have been close friends for some time. Mr. Baker is said to be in close sympathy with the president's policies and is known to have had the support of some members of the cabinet for the war office.

Mr. Baker is 44 years old. He was born in Martinsburg, W. Va., and at the age of 25 was appointed private secretary of Postmaster General Wilson in President Cleveland's cabinet. In 1887 he began the practice of law at Martinsburg but not long thereafter moved to Cleveland where he became city solicitor in 1902. He held this office for ten years until his election as mayor. In 1914 he was reelected mayor for a two year term.

For years Mr. Baker has been closely identified with the reform movement in Cleveland. He brought about an adjustment of the street railway franchises in Cleveland.

At the time of the Baltimore convention when President Wilson was nominated Mr. Baker was prominently mentioned for the vice presidency because of the fight he made in support of Mr. Wilson.

Mr. Baker has been known for years as a leader of the Ohio bar and is highly regarded by the president as a lawyer.

Mr. Baker was known as the original Wilson man in Ohio. At the time of the Baltimore convention in 1912 Judson Harmon, former governor of Ohio, was candidate for the presidential nomination and controlled a majority of the Ohio delegation, but Baker was for Wilson and swung with him a number of northern Ohio delegates. The successful fight, which he personally led on the floor of the convention to prevent the adoption of the unit rule saved these Ohio votes to Wilson.

Mr. Baker is a member of the Ohio state democratic committee and chairman of the executive committee of his county committee. He has the record of having run for public office in Cleveland during fourteen consecutive years without defeat. He declined to run for office again in order to devote his time to private law practice.

APPEALS TO REPUBLICANS

President Wilson Calls on Leaders of Opposition to Stand by Him in His Alien Policy.

Washington, D. C., March 6.—President Wilson appealed directly to Representatives Bennett and Lenroot, republican members of the house rules committee today to consider the armed ship issue without partisan bias and assist in getting a vote on a resolution warning Americans off armed ships. For an hour he discussed the foreign situation with the two republican members and told them of the necessity of demonstrating that reports abroad that the majority of congress was not with him are erroneous.

After the conference Mr. Lenroot said the republicans had no intention of bringing party considerations into the issue. Both he and Mr. Bennett refused to discuss the details of the conference.

CAPITAL STREET CAR MEN STRIKE

Washington, D. C., March 6.—The capital of the United States realized fully today that it had a street car strike. When the companies began running cars this morning with a few men who stuck to their posts, recruit crews of inspectors, clerks, machinists and former employes they gave service about 25 per cent of normal.

The result was that the few cars operating between 8 and 9 a. m. were overloaded and thousands of people walked. So far the strike has proceeded without violence. Leaders have urged the men to be peaceable and to remain away from saloons. Conferences between strike leaders, railway company heads, the board of commissioners which governs the District of Columbia, and representatives of the department of labor, in progress here all night, continued today.

The men demand a minimum wage of thirty cents an hour and ten hours work within twelve consecutive hours. One company now pays twenty-two and a half cents an hour and the other pays twenty-five. The men contend that some of them are obliged by interrupted runs, to be practically on duty sixteen to eighteen hours to get in a day's work.

The railway company heads maintain that the strike was called practically without warning early Sunday.

DAUGHERTY IS AFTER MANY ON LIQUOR CHARGE

County Attorney Seeking to Get Injunctions Against Twenty-one Persons

MEN AND WOMEN ARE NAMED IN PETITIONS

Some Are Accused of Having Booze at Their Houses; Others Carry It

Twenty-one petitions have been filed with the clerk of the district court by the county attorney asking for injunctions to restrain twenty-one defendants from engaging in the sale of intoxicating liquors. All the cases are listed to be taken up during the March term which opens Monday, March 20, with Judge Seneca Cornell presiding.

Many Defendants.

The defendants named in the petitions and the location of the places in which they are said to have been bootlegging follow: Dennis Maloney, 325 West Mechanic street; John Jack Tuttle, carrying liquor on his person; James Brienidine, carrying liquor with him; Thomas Hammersley, 422 East Main street; Kalman Spivak, South Union street; Gandy Harlan, carrying it around with him; Mary Kuhns, Newton street; Fred Crayton, carrying it with him; Albert Larkin, carrying it with him; Albert Fern, carrying it around with him; George Chapman, 539 West Mill street; Frank Hiller, carrying it with him; Mrs. Ray Clutter, 325 South Union street; Albert Jenkins, carrying it around with him; Ruth Chesler, 325 Union street; Eddie Crutchfield, carrying it with him; Flo Reddick, 312 East Main street; Maude Silvers, 522 East Main street; George Murphy, 905 East Main street; Warren and William Hoogewoning, 215-217 South Union street, known as Hoogewoning's livery barn.

Must Provide for Child.

An order was signed Saturday afternoon by Judge Francis M. Hunter in the case of the State vs. John H. Haffer, convicted on the charge of child desertion. He is to provide every week for the support of the child and a bond satisfactory to the court has been approved. Should he fail to do this then commitment will issue and he will be sentenced as the law provides.

Overrules Timonds Motion.

Judge Vermillion has overruled the motion of the contestants to strike and hold the will of James Timonds inoperative. An amendment to the motion was overruled also. The hearing on the proponents' motion to strike has been continued until March 13.

Only One Court Now.

The district court today resumed its normal size. Judge Vermillion closed his three weeks' term on Saturday and returned to his home in Centerville. Judge Hunter is on his last week of this term now. Judge Anderson of Albia will come here for four weeks during April to assist Judge Cornell in the ten weeks' March term.

FEDERAL PRISON IS DISCONTINUED

Charleston, W. Va., March 6.—The West Virginia penitentiary will no longer be used as a prison for federal convicts, according to an order received by the U. S. district attorney here from the attorney general's department at Washington. The order says that males convicted by the federal court in the southern district of West Virginia will hereafter be committed to the federal prison at Atlanta, Ga., and female prisoners to the prison at Jefferson City, Mo.

SIXTEEN KILLED IN MINE EXPLOSION

Davis, W. Va., March 6.—The death toll resulting from the mine explosion at Kempton last Tuesday was brought up to sixteen with the death at a local hospital yesterday of one of the five men who were brought here badly injured. The others will recover. State Mine Inspector William Walkers of Maryland has posted a notice at the office of the Davis Coal & Coke Co., owners of the mine, saying that an investigation shows that the explosion was caused by a blowout shot.

NOTED IOWAN IS CALLED BY DEATH

New York, March 6.—Charles C. Nott, appointed to the United States court of claims by President Lincoln and chief justice of the court by President Cleveland, died here today at the age of 89.

Mr. Nott served in the civil war and gained the rank of colonel. He enlisted as a private in an Iowa cavalry regiment.