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Atlanta Wrecked By Flames

COMPARATIVE CALM IS HOVERING OVER BIG BATTLE FRONT

British Forces Consolidate Efforts to Make Another Plunge Toward Drocourt Line

(By Associated Press)

Another of the periods of comparative calm which is always followed by attainment by British troops of objectives has fallen over the entire front between Arras and Queant. The British here are resting, unhampered by German troops except for artillery fighting on the various sectors. They are consolidating their lines and making ready for another plunge toward the Drocourt-Queant line. As they rest the British are secured in their possession of all the Hindenburg line except about 2,000 yards directly west of Bullecourt.

Except in the neighborhood of Campagne the southern end of the line held by the French also is calm. In this section the Germans threw heavy bombardments against the trenches taken from them in Sunday's fighting near Moranvilleres.

Austrian troops continue heavy bombardments in the Trentino sector in the Austro-Italian theatre, evidently in an attempt to destract the Italians from their offensive.

Fighting was furious throughout Monday in the Tolmino region, both the Italian and Austrian war offices claiming successes. Vienna says the Italians penetrated the Austrian positions on Vodice, near Monte-Santo, but were repulsed. Italians, on the other hand, claim the capture of the hill between Palliova and Britova and the extension of their positions on Vodice.

Artillery duels continue on the Macedonian front. Isolated infantry engagements also are taking place.

An apparent calm seems to have settled on the line from the Baltic into Rumania held by the Teutonic allies and the Russions. Official reports from this section say that the only fighting has been rifle fire and scouting operations.

INGENUITY OF BRITISH DISCOVERS NEW SCHEME FOR ATTACKING U-BOATS

LONDON, May 21—Reginald Joseph, director of food economy, in an address delivered at Edinburg said:

"We have been able, thanks to the ingenuity of the admiralty and the skill of our sailors, to make attacks by a new method on the German U-boats, which so far have been attended by success. I think that success will continue. It would frame another trick and meet produce an earlier termination of the war than those in high command allow themselves to hope for."

Dry Farming Carried on Among Egytian Farmers

CAIRO, Egypt—A report from the government's Arab Bureau of the Subject of agriculture in Palestine says:

"In the neighborhood of Jerusalem a good deal of scientific dry farming is being carried on, the ground being kept loose by continual tillage. The Arabs do not use harrows, but the Jewish colonists have introduced the harrow and the American 'pulverizer' with excellent results.

Plowing, chiefly in use in Palestine are the primitive Arab plough and the German plough used throughout the Jewish and German colonies. Yields results are said to be heavy and the share unsuitable. In the orangery, the and other plantations American plows are used exclusively and the American zig-zag harrows."

TODAY'S CALENDAR

Local forecast for today: generally fair; moderate to fresh southerly winds.

AT THE THEATRES

Arcadia—E. H. Sothern and Peggy Hyland in "The Chattel"—a five-part Vitagraph feature.

Queen—C. Aubrey Smith and a strong supporting cast in Augustus Thomas famous play—"The Witching Hour."

TODAY'S CALENDAR

County Commissioners' Court in session today.

Four Thousand in One Week Will Be Aimed at By U. S. Marine Corps

FOUR THOUSAND

WASHINGTON, May 21—In the greatest recruiting drive this city attempted the United States Marines will conduct a national recruiting week from June 16 to 23 in an attempt to raise their ranks "Four Thousand Recruits for Saturday Night," a result.

Governors, mayors, business and professional men, patriotic organizations, women's clubs, schools, theatres and newspapers will be asked to participate in this work. It is desired that the marine corps be recruited to full war strength of the earliest enlistment moment as the "soldiers of the sea" will be among the first to fight overseas.

More Expensive to Feed Small Chicks Than Hogs

LONDON, May 21—Keep clear ahead of chickens, is the government's latest advice to householders bent on maintaining the food supply at the least possible expense. It appears that it costs four to feed a big fat hog as it does to feed a little chicken. Chickens eat too much corn, for want of which Britain racing to stand to be hatched in this country, while pigs will clean up all the waste and refuse from the table.

RUSSIAN WOMEN BEING LURED INTO SLAVERY

PETROGRAD via London, May 21—The disappearance recently of many young women of aristocratic families resulted in an investigation which uncovered a widespread plot to lure women and girls into "white slavery" after they had been drugged.

Details of the plot were obtained by militiamen who raided the headquarters of the band, where they found most of the missing women. Many of the women were under the influence of drugs.

FRENCH MEAT HIGH

PARIS, May 21—Prospect of the inauguration of two meatless days a week beginning tomorrow caused discrimination of the meat supply and a marked rise in prices at the central markets. Stock raises, fearing a reduced demand at the outset will break prices, and that the closing of slaughter for two days would involve rise in loss, diminished their shipments to per cent, and prices went up accordingly.

Mexican Cops and Soldiers Fight Battle

LAREDO, Tex., May 21—According to reports which have reached here from Monterrey a serious riot occurred in that city last Thursday between Carranza soldiers and city policemen.

A battle royal was fought in the streets of the old Hill prison station, which after volley being fired by the soldiers, which the police responded with revolver fire.

Twelve persons are said to have been killed, while many others were wounded. Quiet was restored after some time, but it is understood that firing recommenced the two companies fraternized.

The cause of the outbreak has not been learned here.

SPECULATIVE CLASS ONLY ONES SHOWING PESSIMISTIC SPIRIT

SUCH IS OPINION OF COTTON EXPERT WRITING FOR BIG NEW ORLEANS FIRM

NEW ORLEANS, May 21—It is obvious that the war will make necessary a far reaching readjustment of the nation's life, especially of its economic and business life, says Hermann & Wolfe cotton report. The change is already affecting the country in a marked way. Around bulwarks of extraordinary are being generally abandoned for a place to which commerce is to be kept a necessity. Waste is almost universally being eliminated. Many things for which we depended entirely on foreign manufacturers are now being successfully manufactured in this country. There are dependable evidences that the manufacture of other products will be developed at an early date. These will become permanent and universal assets. We will never go back to the foreign manufacturers again.

This business may have been expensive in money and have pinched and set scrapping for it. Certainly no important steps are being taken in any new venture until the venture has been thoroughly digested. These things have about them all the elements of primary strength and, with the elimination of waste, will have the most salutary effect on our business and industrial life and will go a long way towards preventing a period of reaction which does not follow the period of readjustment now on. It is a notable and encouraging fact that the possibility of the times and the western horn of it, has resulted entirely with the highly speculative classes. The business community has been maintaining and is still maintaining a wholly conservative attitude toward the present and the future.

The difference to the attitude of the two classes has certainly been conspicuous in the cotton world. The speculative class has been pessimistic for many months, they have believed that the export situation and business depression would put cotton down, and they are still believing the same thing today. The owners of cotton have been continuously optimistic. For many months they have steadily believed that cotton would ultimately bring a price commensurate with the profits of manufacturing it into cloth and the cost of producing it at the enormous cost of living. And they are marketing their cotton on that basis today. The records, we take it, make it plain as to which has been winner of the two.

It is well to remember the fact that the prospective great increase in food crops will give additional financial independence to the question of cotton—a position that has enabled it to withstand more adverse conditions in the past than are likely to develop in the future.

Mexicans Crack Chink's Head in Effort to Rob

GLOBE, Ariz., May 21—Two Mexicans split open the head of Ad Wing, a local Chinese merchant Monday afternoon when they attempted to rob his store. They were frightened away by the entrance of a customer and failed to secure anything.

Despite the fact that he is suffering from two serious wounds in his head, the Chinese merchant was resting easily in a local hospital late tonight and attending physicians say he will recover. He remained unconscious.

IRELAND TO BE SELF GOVERNED

PARLIAMENT ANNOUNCES CONVENTION TO FRAME CONSTITUTION

LONDON, May 21—For the first time in modern history the destinies of Ireland are to be placed in the hands of Irishmen alone.

British Prime Minister Lloyd-George announced in the House of Commons today that the government will call a convention of Irishmen to frame a constitution for Ireland and, if able, to agree upon a scheme for the administration of the affairs of their country. They will attempt to enact it into legislation immediately.

All sections, parties, creeds and factions with, Carsonites, farmer and even Sinn Feiner revolutionists—will be invited to attend the convention and to act together. If this final attempt succeeds it is considered that a political miracle will have been accomplished.

A great optimism is apparent regarding the outcome of the plan. For years signs as one has always stood before, against a home rule parliament. All party leaders, however, stated this day will recommend the proposals to their constituents.

If the attempt from the failure will despite the strongest chance that John Bull is greatly instrumental "suppression" of much of the force and it is pointed out that Ireland can hardly be hailed before the European peace conference as another Poland, while America and the colonies cannot longer reproach Great Britain with having neglected to set her own house in order.

NUECES BAY PROJECT FAVORABLY CONSIDERED

INTERIOR DEPARTMENT EVINCES INTEREST IN PROJECT SUGGESTED BY REPRESENTATIVE POPE

WASHINGTON, D. C., May 21—W. C. Pope, who recently introduced in the Texas Legislature a resolution asking that aid of the Federal Government in the construction of a dam between Nueces Bay and Corpus Christi Bay to provide an irrigation reservoir, sent a copy of the resolution to Representative Slayden and asked Slayden's cooperation regarding the project.

The proposal is to construct a dam four yards in length to separate the fresh water of Nueces Bay from the salt water of Corpus Christi Bay, thus providing a reservoir some forty square miles in area, from which may be irrigated lands in Nueces, Aransas and San Patricio counties.

Mr. Slayden took the matter up with the Reclamation Service through the Secretary of the Interior Sunday and is in receipt of a letter from the chief engineer of the Reclamation Service expressing interest in the project and outlining under what conditions the Reclamation Service will undertake the preliminary survey and examination of the project.

American Nurses Killed En Route to Battle Front

NEW YORK, May 21—Two American nurses, members of an ambulance unit now on its way to France, were killed yesterday on board an American cross-Atlantic steamer, when pieces of a shell fired by a naval gun crew in practice, ricocheted from the water's surface and scattered among a group of nurses and surgeons. A third nurse was seriously injured.

The nurses who lost their lives were Edith Avery and Helen Woods, both of Chicago. The steamer returned to port this morning, with flags at half mast and bringing the bodies of the dead nurses.

A special board of inquiry will investigate the accident. Other versions of the affair say a gun exploded at the breech on account of a defective shell.

Food Control Measures Temporarily Laid Aside For Further Amendments

WASHINGTON, May 21—The Senate this afternoon temporarily laid aside all food control legislation. After several hours' debate the first bill providing for a food survey, licensing dealers and steps to prevent hoarding, was sent back to the agricultural committee for redrafting to include several of the various amendments offered.

BOXER TO TRENCHES

CLEVELAND—Johnny Kilbane, of Cleveland, another lightweight champion boxer, is ready for the trenches in France. Kilbane has enlisted in the Cleveland squadron of the cavalry.

METHOD FOR PUTTING DRAFT INTO OPERATION

Here is the way that the War Department will put into operation the selective draft—how a man now a civilian will within the next few months be converted into a soldier:

On June 5 he registers in the election precinct in which he resides. He goes on about his business.

After a delay of several weeks, perhaps a month or more, he is notified by the War Department either that he has been exempted from service or that he has been selected. If the latter, he is told when and where to report.

He reports at the time and place designated, probably a local armory, is given his equipment and transported to a concentration camp.

Failure to register means a term in the penitentiary after conviction in the federal court.

AMERICAN IS GIVEN HEARTY WELCOME BY LEADERS OF JAPAN

PLAN UNDER WAY TO INCREASE TRADE BETWEEN THIS COUNTRY AND ORIENT

TOKIO, May 21—Leading Japanese accorded a hearty welcome to Lindsay Russell, president of the Japan Society of New York, who is now visiting the Far East, and seized the occasion, also, to emphasize Japanese friendship toward the United States.

Among the many functions arranged in honor of Mr. Russell were dinners given by Baron Hachiroemon Mitsui and Baron Eiichi Shibusawa, speaking of Mr. Russell's work in the United states in bringing about a more sympathetic understanding of Japan and its people Baron Shibusawa said that he hoped Mr. Russell would bring back from his visit to China the conviction that China could best be developed by the United States and Japan working together.

"I consider" declared Baron Shibusawa, "that this cooperation is a most important point in the relations between Japan and America."

Mr. Russell said that the Japan Society of New York would at once form a committee of three to cooperate with a committee of the recently organized America-Japan Society of Tokio. He explained that there was a project on foot for the development of a Japan-American Chamber of Commerce with the object of encouraging trade, travel and the investment of American capital in the Orient.

Beats Child to Death As "Sacrifice to God"

KANSAS CITY, May 21—A story of fanaticism which led to the slaying as a sacrifice of 8-year-old Helena Beats by her father, Jacob Beats was announced by the police of Kansas City, Kan., who have Beats in custody. Beats, when found, was kneeling beside the body of his daughter, who had been beaten to death, clasping his hands and praying.

"It was God's will," Beats told the arresting officers as surreptitiously he was led away.

Police officials announced their belief that Beats was deranged and he is being held for a mental examination.

FEDERAL JURY WILL PROBE "PROTECTIVE ASSOCIATION"

DALLAS, Tex., May 21—The United states grand jury, empaneled here today, was directed to investigate the activities of the "Farmers and Laborers Protective Association of America" which is alleged to have organized a movement in Texas to fight conscription.

SURRENDER CHARTER

SNYDER, Tex., May 21—The men who constituted the lodge of Farmers and Laborers' Protective Association at Dunn have surrendered their charter and disbanded since coming to realize the character of the organization.

Heavy patrol guards are maintained here to prevent trouble. Three additional arrests were made today on conspiracy charges.

BOSTON, Mass., May 21—The sinking of the Russian bark August by a German submarine 200 miles off the coast of Ireland three weeks ago was reported at an American port today by officers of a British steamer which rescued the crew of the August.

The bark was bound from Galveston to Sharpness, England, with a cargo of lumber.

HOUSES COVERING OVER 100 BLOCKS REDUCED TO ASHES

Property Loss Estimated At More Than Three Million Dollars, and Many Homeless

SOLDIERS ARE GUARDING PROPERTY

HOUSEHOLD GOODS STACKED HIGH ON ALL SIDES OF DEVASTATED AREA IN CONGLOMERATE MASS—ONLY ONE LIFE REPORTED LOST—NO LOOTING FOUND

ATLANTA, Ga., May 21—Thousands of people of this city are homeless tonight as a result of a fire which started in the Skinner Storage Company's plant in the northeastern section of the city and swept over more than a hundred blocks before it was under even partial control.

So far as has been learned only one life was lost, but the property loss is estimated by those familiar with valuations at more than three millions of dollars.

The bulk of the damage lies in the neighborhoods composed largely of homes valued at from $2,500 to $3,000.

The plant of the storage company in which the flames originated was surrounded by a number of small frame houses. From these the flames moved unrelentlessly, eating up home after home. Dynamiting was resorted to in an effort to stop the progress of the fire, but without avail.

When the flames jumped across Edgwood avenue and were being driven with incredible rapidity to a more pretentious part of the city a general call for aid went out to fire departments of Chattanooga, Macon, Augusta, Newnan, Marietta and Griffin, and Fort McPherson was called upon for all soldiers that could be spared. Business houses sent trucks for hauling extra hose and private automobiles were offered and accepted by scores.

While newspaper men were writing details of the progress of the flames their own homes were being reduced to ashes.

For blocks on all sides of the destroyed area tonight household goods are piled high in every conceivable shape and soldiers with loaded rifles stand guard.

As far as has been reported good order was maintained and no attempts at looting had been discovered.

At 9:45 o'clock tonight the flames had been considerably checked.

Mayor Chandler stated that rumors that the fire was of incendiary origin were absolutely unsupported.

Mrs. Bessie Hodges, the only person so far known to have been a victim of the fire, died of shock. Sixty others were carried to hospitals.

In the opinion of the fire chief the flames which swept through the large section from Decatur street north and northeast were under control before reaching the Atlanta baseball park.

CORPUS CHRISTI BOYS WILL PARTICIPATE IN BIG NEW YORK PARADE

NEW YORK, May 21—More than 100 cadets of the United States junior naval reserve, are expected to leave Camp John Paul Jones at Corpus Christi, Texas, next Tuesday and proceed to Camp Dewey near New London, Conn., for special training.

They will come East on a special train, stopping on the way at various cities where entertainments have been arranged in their honor by patriotic organizations.

The cadets will take part in the memorial day parade in this city before going to Camp Dewey.

WEATHER BULLETIN

WASHINGTON, May 21—The following bulletin was issued by the weather bureau today:

East Texas: Tuesday, generally fair, colder in the north. Wednesday, fair.

West Texas: Tuesday and Wednesday, fair.

Many Homeless Being Housed

ATLANTA, May 21—Late tonight several blazes could be seen in the northeast section of the city, but they were being quickly handled, and area of what formerly were sites of beautiful homes laid waste by dynamite acted as a safeguard against further devastation.

Tonight the city is virtually under martial law administered by soldiers who have been training at Fort McPherson and national guardsmen in camp here, under Colonel R. Noyes, U. S. A., who officially is under the guidance of the chief of police.

Thousands of homeless persons tonight are being housed as far in the Auditorium army hall, the negro Odd Fellows' hall and in hundreds of private homes. Most of them saved only what they could carry in their arms as household goods piled in the streets in advance of the flames were devoured in the rush of the conflagration.

For six hours dynamiting was resorted to and finally won the fight.

Fire fighting apparatus sent from other cities was of some aid and will be of more, as were after area is smouldering in ruins tonight while fire fighters await water to make them safe.