

MOST IMPORTANT NEWS OF WORLD

BIG HAPPENINGS OF THE WEEK CUT TO LAST ANALYSIS.

DOMESTIC AND FOREIGN ITEMS

Kernels Called From Events of Moment in All Parts of the World—Of Interest to All the People Everywhere.

European War News

The Italians have been driven from their entire position on Lavarone plateau, the Austrian war office announcement says. It is stated that the Italian defeat is steadily becoming more serious. The number of Italians taken prisoner has been increased to 23,883.

French infantry stormed and captured German positions in Fort Douaumont after a powerful artillery preparation, the Paris official report says. The Germans still hold the northern part of the fort, but a number of prisoners were captured by the French. German positions on the entire front were captured.

Several lines of British positions on a front of about one and one-third miles have been captured by the Germans southwest of Givenchy-En-Gebelle, it was officially announced at Berlin. German troops also stormed French positions on the eastern spur of Hill 304, on the Verdun front. A thousand French soldiers were captured.

German seaplanes raided the east coast and the County of Kent. The war office announced that one person was killed and two injured by German bombs. One seaplane was destroyed.

George Boillot, French automobile racer and aeronaut, has been killed in a fight with five German aeroplanes. He succeeded in bringing down one of the German machines before a bullet pierced his heart.

Seven aeroplanes, of which two were German and five French, were shot down in action on the western front during the day. The German statement reports the destruction of four French machines in a single engagement.

Russian troops have joined the British at Mesopotamia and an allied drive on Bagdad is now believed to be imminent. The Russians, after a wild and adventurous ride from Persia, joined the column of Gen. Sir G. Gorringe, which is fighting its way up the Tigris toward Kut, says dispatches to London.

The terrific German offensive west of the Meuse which was believed to have reached its climax with the capture of first-line trenches in the Avocourt woods and on Hill 304, developed new violence and resulted in a new advance of the Germans on the western slopes of Dead Man Hill. The French defeat at this point is officially admitted in the communique received from Paris.

Domestic

Five men were shot, one seriously, in a strike at the plant of the Ansonia Manufacturing company at Ansonia, Conn.

Theodore Roosevelt accepted the support of a committee of 24 leading Republicans who asked him at his home in Oyster Bay, N. Y., to be a candidate for president. He indicated that he had found the country in the heroic mood he had demanded, in his Trinidad speech, as a condition of his candidacy.

Rock Island Arsenal is to be made one of the greatest munitions factories of the country under appropriations made by the house committee on appropriations at Washington, the plan to be perfected by the war department. A field artillery ammunition plant costing \$1,250,000 is to be erected at this arsenal.

An absolute decree of divorce was awarded at Saratoga, N. Y., to Mrs. Louise Lord Caldwell, lately of Paris and formerly Mobile, Ala. Edward S. Caldwell made a fortune installing gas plants in southern cities.

Jose Buenostrico and Melquades Chaps, Mexicans, convicted of the murder of A. L. Austin and his son Charles, in the Mexican border raids last fall, were hanged at Brownsville, Tex.

The northern Baptist convention at Minneapolis empowered a commission to sit as a court of all differences between affiliated societies and thus bring about more effective co-operation between Baptist organizations.

More than \$300,000 worth of whisky, beer and gin has been seized by representatives of the state attorney general's office in raids on 30 places in Glard, according to information received at Montgomery, Ala.

The Supreme court at Washington annulled as unconstitutional the Wisconsin statute making it the duty of state officials to revoke the license to do business in the state of any foreign corporation which shall remove into any federal court any action against it by any citizen of the state upon any claim or cause of action arising within the state.

The Michigan statute imposing a high license tax upon public employment agencies and forcing them to give bond to the state and submit to strict regulations by the state commissioner of labor was held constitutional by the Supreme court at Washington. The court upheld the conviction of LeRoy Brazeo of Detroit, Mich., for violation of the act.

Testimony of Dr. Albertus Adair Moore, the physician who attended John E. Peck, millionaire drug manufacturer of Grand Rapids, in his last illness, for whose murder Mr. Peck's son-in-law, Dr. Arthur Waite, was placed on trial at New York, indicated that Doctor Waite feared some time before his arrest that he might be accused of causing the death of his father-in-law.

A four-day convention, with nomination of presidential candidates on Friday, June 9, was announced at Chicago in the official program of the Progressive national convention, beginning June 7. Victor Murdock, chairman of the Progressive national committee, will call the convention to order at noon on Wednesday, June 7.

A hint that he may soon move for world peace was dropped by President Wilson in an address to a tremendous gathering assembled at Charlotte, N. C., to honor the little band of mountaineer farmers who 141 years ago announced their independence of Great Britain in the Mecklenburg declaration.

Justice Charles E. Hughes of the United States Supreme court is leading in the Oregon primary preference vote for Republican nominee for president.

Mexican Revolt

Several thousand rounds of shrapnel ammunition reached Columbus, N. M., aboard 22 trucks from Namiqulpa, the most southerly of Gen. J. J. Pershing's chain of bases. Military authorities offered no explanation and refused to comment on a report that the bringing out of field ammunition presages the withdrawal of the artillery regiments.

The flying columns of the Eighth and Fourteenth cavalry, detailed by Maj. Gen. Frederick Funston to give chase to the bandit raiders of Glen Springs and Boquillas, have returned to American soil near Boquillas.

Two troops of the Fourteenth cavalry are making a forced march southward from a point 40 miles below the river to Cerro Blanco to re-enforce Major Langhorne's 90 troopers, who were reported at Marathon, Tex., beleaguered by several hundred Yaqui Indians.

Foreign

The last act in the domestic tragedy of Claude Grahame-White and his beautiful American wife is set for hearing in the divorce court at London at an early date. Mrs. Grahame-White charges Grahame-White is guilty of desertion, and, further, "that he was with some woman."

That Jeremiah C. Lynch, a citizen of the United States, was condemned to death by a British court-martial was officially admitted by the British foreign office at London. Lynch's sentence, as previously announced, has been commuted to ten years' penal servitude.

Washington

By a vote of 60 to 37 the house at Washington, in the committee of the whole, adopted an amendment to grant suffrage to the women of Porto Rico. It was proposed by Republican Leader Mann.

Attempted frauds and evasions of the income tax law aggregating \$8,380,185 have been frustrated by the treasury department, it was announced at Washington, during the first nine months of the current fiscal year. The \$8,380,185 has been added to the incorrect returns assessed against the delinquent corporations and individuals and will be collected.

The army reorganization plan developed in conference between the senate and house at Washington and providing for a larger standing army for the country, together with increased and enlarged defenses, was approved by the house by a vote of 349 to 25. The bill provides a standing army of about 218,000 men. The bill is now ready for the president's signature.

The administration shipping bill, designed to rebuild the American merchant marine through federal aid, passed the house at Washington by a vote of 211 to 161.

Germany, through Ambassador von Bernstorff, at Washington, has instructed all German consuls in the United States to admonish German citizens in their districts to observe American laws scrupulously. This is done in an effort to end various alleged violations of American neutrality.

TURKS FIGHTING ON THE WESTERN FRONT



In an effort to break through the British lines on the Yser and get to Calais, the Germans have brought some of their Turkish and Bulgarian allies from the Balkan front. The photograph shows a Turkish regiment deployed in skirmish line making its way over the sand dunes.

TEXANS FACE COURTMARTIAL

116 GUARDSMEN TO BE TRIED FOR INGROSSING CALL.

Secretary of War Reverses Decision—Accepts Advice for Prosecution—Gavira Asks Conference.

Washington, May 26.—Reversing his previous decision, Secretary of War N. D. Baker has announced that the 116 members of the Texas national guard who failed to present themselves for muster into the federal service, will be brought to court-martial immediately under the present law. Mr. Baker had intended to await the signing of the new militia law now before the president and proceed under its provisions.

Baker Explains Action. Secretary Baker explained his action by pointing out the differences in the enlistment oaths guardsmen are required to take under the Dick law and the new Hay-Chamberlain bill. The Dick law requires an obligation to defend the constitution and obey the orders of the governor of the state, but not the order of the president. The Hay-Chamberlain act requires an oath to obey orders of both the governor and the president.

On recommendation of Judge Advocate General Crowder, the secretary has decided the alleged offense of the guardsmen refusing to "present" themselves for muster was committed under the Dick law and trial should be under that law.

U. S. NOTE PROTESTING MAIL SEIZURES SENT TO ALLIES

Reiterates in More Vigorous Terms Objection to Practice of British and French.

Washington, May 26.—Identical notes renewing the protest of the United States against British treatment of neutral mails on the high seas have been handed to the British and French ambassadors by Acting Secretary Polk of the state department. The documents were signed by Secretary Lansing at his home, where he has been ill for several days.

The United States reiterates in more vigorous terms its objection to the seizure and detention of legitimate mail matter bound to and from the United States and insists, particularly that Great Britain stop the practice of seizing vessels on the high seas and taking them into port to subject mail aboard to local regulations. It probably will be made public Saturday.

ORPET PARENTS SUBPOENAED

To Appear as Witnesses for State at Murder Trial.

Waukegan, Ill., May 26.—Mr. and Mrs. E. O. Orpet, parents of Will H. Orpet, University of Wisconsin student on trial charged with the murder of Marion Lambert, his former sweetheart, and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Lambert, parents of the dead girl, have been subpoenaed as witnesses respectively by the state and defense, it was revealed at the trial. About 200 persons in all have been subpoenaed as witnesses.

Germans for Hughes.

New York, May 26.—German editors in the United States, asked by the Sun as to what is the attitude of the German-American voters toward Supreme Court Justice Charles E. Hughes as a presidential possibility, almost unanimously favor his candidacy. Dr. Walter Jaeger, editor of the New York Herald, said: "Justice Hughes has the confidence of the Germans, and, in my opinion, would be the strongest presidential candidate who could be named."

Rich Chinaman Sails for Orient.

San Francisco, May 26.—Wong Dooking, one of the richest and most influential men of the Chinese colonies in America, who had for years resisted the efforts of the United States government to deport him, has sailed for China, a voluntary exile from the land of his adoption. He was a passenger on the liner China, of the China Mail Steamship company, a concern in which he is a heavy stockholder. A large delegation from the Chinese colony was on the pier to bid him goodbye.

MEXICAN NOTE TO ASK WITHDRAWAL

GRAVE DOMESTIC SITUATION IN REPUBLIC IS REFLECTED IN UNOFFICIAL ADVICES.

NEW REVOLTS THREATENING

Carranza Government May Fear Consequences at Home of a Recession From the Demand for a Recall of U. S. Troopers.

Washington, May 26.—Rumors that General Carranza, in his new note to the United States, in some form might renew his request for withdrawal of the American expeditionary force from Mexico were given credence in official quarters here.

Unofficial advices have reflected a grave domestic situation in Mexico, due to labor and other economic difficulties and to the menace of renewed revolutionary activities. It has been suggested that under the circumstances the de facto government might fear the consequence at home of a recession from the demand for withdrawal.

Recent reports from Special Agent Rodgers at Mexico City have indicated a growing friendliness toward the United States and have led the state department to hope that the new communication would suggest a resumption of negotiations for a protocol covering the operations of the American force.

The state department's dispatches from Special Agent Rodgers indicated that the new note probably already was on its way.

U-BOATS TO CARRY MAIL BETWEEN BERLIN AND U. S.

New York Paper Declares Submarine Service Will Be Started About July 1—May Carry Passengers.

New York, May 25.—The Evening Mail declares it has been learned from a reliable source that a regular trans-Atlantic submarine service will be started between this port and Hamburg and that the first submarine liner is scheduled to arrive here on or about July 1.

"She will be armed for defense only; she will carry the German mails, parcel post, express matter and perhaps a few passengers," the Mail declares. The Mail says the information was learned from a shipping man arriving from Hamburg. The new submarines built for merchant service will be able to make the trip in 10 days, it is declared.

BERLIN CLAIMS STEADY GAIN

Giant German "Nut-Cracker" Closing in Upon Verdun.

Berlin, May 26.—The giant German "nut-cracker" is closing in upon Verdun in the bloodiest fighting in all history.

The right jaw has advanced on a front of three miles in the last 72 hours of the mad struggle northwest of the fortress. The French have evacuated the entire Dead Man hill position, northwest of Verdun, after sacrificing more than a whole army corps in vain efforts to hold it.

Secretary Lansing Better.

Washington, May 26.—Secretary Lansing, who has been absent from his office at the state department for more than a week on account of an attack of indigestion is much improved.

Villa Bandits Recruiting Peons.

Columbus, N. M., May 25.—Villa bandits are recruiting in the wake of the withdrawing American forces, according to information received here. The remnant of the bands dispersed by the United States troops are conscripting peons at gun points, telling them that Villa is coming back to lead them and promising them rich loot, which, they say will be left by the American troops. Pershing has sent several scouting parties south of the advanced base to gather information as to these movements.

CARRANZISTAS ROUT BANDITS

INFLECT SEVERE LOSSES ON BANDS IN ZACATECAS.

Kill Twenty-Three Men and Capture Ten Including Villa Leaders—Pursuit Continued.

Chihuahua City, Mex., May 27.—Constitutionalist forces under Colonel Puertes have inflicted severe losses on bandits operating in Northern Zacatecas, General Jacinto Trevino was informed by General Domingo Arrieta in a message from Durango.

In a fight with one of these bands, the Carranza forces routed the followers of Isabel Tovar, killing 23 men and capturing ten men including Colonel Juan Soto and Captain Jose Garcia, and 86 saddle horses. The former Villa general Gregorio Avila, was among the bandits slain in a second fight. Later another Villa band under Jesus Bollen was dispersed, leaving behind ten prisoners.

Pursuit Being Continued.

Another report of routing of Villa troops came from General Jesus Novoa at San Pedro de las Colonias, who said he had killed ten men and captured some arms, horses and a number of dynamite bombs at Cerro Santiago. Novoa lost one man killed. The forces of Colonel Zuazua have chased the band under Tarango, a former general in Villa's army, into the Sierra de la Mojina, where the pursuit is being continued, it is stated.

T. R. FOR THOROUGH-GOING AMERICANISM, LETTER SAYS

Roosevelt Touched by Action of Republican Committee Working for His Nomination.

Oyster Bay, N. Y., May 24.—In reply to George von L. Meyer, former secretary of the navy, who officially notified him that the Roosevelt Republican committee, with membership in 30 states, had been organized to work for his nomination for the presidency by the Republican party, Colonel Theodore Roosevelt enumerated the principles for which he declared he was fighting, adding "they are the principles you are organizing to support, and with all my heart I welcome such support."

Colonel Roosevelt's reply to the delegation follows:

"I am naturally very deeply touched and pleased by your actions. I accept it absolutely in the spirit which you have taken it. You are for me because you regard me as representing and embodying the aggressive movement for thorough-going Americanism and thorough-going preparedness."

"Any man at this time or crisis, who is not aggressively, openly and specifically for these principles, is against them and every patriotic man should treat our public servants on this basis."

\$241,000,000 FOR U. S. NAVY

Appropriation Bill Submitted to House, Explained by Committee.

Washington, May 26.—An elaborate report explaining the \$241,000,000 naval appropriation bill was submitted to the House by the naval committee.

At the same time the Republican members of the committee joined in a minority report attacking the measure as inadequate and demanding that Congress provide for a navy ranking second among the world's fighting forces on the sea.

Funston Denied Artillerymen.

San Antonio, Tex., May 26.—General Funston's request for more coast artillerymen, it is understood here, has been refused by the war department.

Yaquis Starving to Death.

Douglas, Ariz., May 25.—Starvation is rapidly decimating the ranks of the Yaqui Indians as the de facto garrison troops have driven them from the sources of their supply, according to Colonel Miguel S. Samaniego, who has arrived in Agua Prieta after a year's campaign in the Yaqui river valley. Colonel Samaniego predicted that the campaign would be brought to a definite conclusion within a few weeks with the hostiles scattered, their women, children and old men in the hands of the Mexican authorities.

WITHERING FIRE IS HOLDING GERMANS IN VERDUN BATTLE

FRENCH REPLYING TO TEUTONS' GUNS SHOT FOR SHOT—VICIOUS INFANTRY ATTACKS CONTINUE UNABATED.

30,000 MEN DIE FIGHTING IN UNDERGROUND CAVERNS

Rome Reports Repulse of Austrian Attacks and Throwing Back of Attackers in Disorder Along Italian Border—Turks Stop Russians on Persian Front.

London, May 27.—The battle of Verdun continues unabated. On both sides of the Meuse river, northeast and northwest of the fortress, the Germans are keeping up their unprecedented bombardments and vicious infantry attacks while the French are replying to the German guns virtually shot for shot, and under a withering fire holding the Germans at almost every point.

It is estimated in Berlin that 30,000 men died fighting in the dark underground caverns and about the ruins of Fort Douaumont in 72 hours without changing the battle line in the slightest.

Penetrate French Lines.

One more gain, however, has been made by the Germans. After recapturing Fort Douaumont and taking trenches south and southwest of the fort, the Germans to the west have occupied a section of French trenches after a series of attacks, in all of which they were repulsed with heavy casualties, except the one where they penetrated the French lines.

Around Douaumont a heavy artillery duel is in progress, and northwest of Verdun the Germans have increased their artillery fire against the French on Hill 304, probably preparatory to another infantry attack for possession of this much-fought-for vantage point.

Slavs Repulse Germans.

A German attack against the Russians west of Dalin Island gave them momentarily the possession of a Russian advanced trench, a counter-attack by the Russians dislodging the invaders.

An attempt by the Teutons to advance against the Russians north of Olyke station, southeast of Lutsk, was repulsed by the Russians.

In the region southeast of Trent and across the border in Italy, Rome reports the repulse of Austrian attacks and the throwing back of the attackers in disorder. In the Astico-Posina region the Italians are replying effectively to the bombardment of the Austrians. In the Asiago-Sugana valley district, the situation is unchanged.

Turks Stop Russians.

In connection with the fighting on the Persian front, according to Constantinople, the Turks have stopped the advance of the Russians in the region of Kasr-I-Shirin, and also defeated Russian detachments at Sulamanish, north of Kasr-I-Shirin.

VIENNA SEES SIGNS OF PEACE

Press Sees a Change in Feeling in Asquith's Speech.

Vienna, via Berlin and London, May 27.—The Vienna press generally turns today to the subject of peace and discusses at length the imperial German chancellor's latest utterances, which only the non-committal Fremdenblatt does not proclaim a distinctly hopeful sign.

The Neue Freie Presse finds the journalistic exchange between Dr. von Bethmann-Hollweg and Sir Edward Grey, the British foreign secretary, "a high gain" and adds:

"A change in the feeling of England is already to be seen in Premier Asquith's speech, in which he did not mention Alsace-Lorraine, nor even Russia. The premier and foreign secretary are swallowing their words of the past."

ONLY FEW CONTESTED SEATS

Big Majority of Delegates to Republican Convention Elected.

Chicago, May 27.—There will be fewer delegate seats contested in the Republican national convention which meets in the Coliseum on June 7, than in any national convention of the party in 20 years. With all the 985 delegates to the 1916 convention elected, with the exception of those from West Virginia, which will be chosen by direct primary June 6, only 53 contests have been filed with Secretary Reynolds of the Republican National committee.

DREYFUS' SON IS HONORED

"Particularly Distinguishes" Himself at the Battle of Verdun.

Paris, May 26.—Pierre Dreyfus, son of Commandant Alfred Dreyfus of the famous "Dreyfus Affair," who has been serving on the Verdun front as second lieutenant in the artillery, has just been cited in the orders of the day for having "particularly distinguished himself during the violent engagements of February 26, 27 and 28" in the battle of Verdun.