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London, June 1.—The momentous battle at Verdun shows no sign of slackening in violence, but the latest official reports, in contrast with most of those issued during the last few days, record no further advances for the Germans.

The center of the bitterest fighting shifted somewhat to southwest of the front, between Cumieres and Dead Man's Hill, west of the Meuse, where the Germans scored most of their recent gains. Dead Man's Hill or the ground in its immediate vicinity has been the scene of the latest infantry engagements. The German attack on the French positions here last night was broken down, according to the French statement.

Unofficial Paris reports point to growing intensity of the desperate Verdun struggle. They declare, however, despite the tremendous efforts of the Germans, the French first line west of the Meuse still is unbroken, and that the Germans must score further advances here before they can force the main issue by carrying the battle to the opposite bank of the Meuse where the Bras-Douaumont-Vaux line continues to bar direct advance upon the fortresses.

French Capture Trenches.

Berlin, June 1, (via London)—In an attack on the German positions southeast of Dead Man's Hill, on the Verdun front, the French obtained a foothold in the German first line trenches over a extent of 400 meters, the war office announced today. The French made repeated assaults on the German lines, but other than that at the point mentioned, were beaten off with extremely heavy losses.

GERMANS REPULSED.

Paris, June 1.—The Germans are completely repulsed in an attack delivered upon French positions at Dead Man's Hill about 8 o'clock last night, according to an official statement issued by the French war office today. Violent bombardment continued in this region throughout the night. An intense artillery duel is in progress on the east and west fronts at Demuin.

BIG INCOME INCREASE.

Philadelphia, June 1.—The Pennsylvania railroad company's statement for the month of April shows an increase of \$4,118,444 in the operating income of the line east and west, compared to April 1915.

ESTABROOK RE-RECALLED.

Concord, N. H., June 1.—The New Hampshire delegation to the republican national convention yesterday recalled F. W. Estabrook of Nashua as a member of the national committee.

DITTS ASKS PARDON.

Madison, Wis., June 1.—Attorney H. E. Haber of Marshfield, yesterday filed a formal application for a pardon for John Ditts of Cassadaga, convicted in 1911 of murder. Governor Phillips will hear the arguments in two or three days.

WEEKS AND ROOT BOOMERS IN CHICAGO DEAD SURE OF VICTORY



Chicago, June 1.—I am thoroughly satisfied with the situation. It is too early to make claims that get into details. All that I care to predict is that Elihu Root will be the nominee of the republican convention for the presidency and he will be elected. Those who anticipated a sharp attack upon the Hughes movement, as soon as the Root forces were entrenched, have been disappointed. Root field captains have made it plain that they are not against anybody and only for Root. Other Root boosters here in addition to Mr. Dwight are Charles M. Pepper; Henry L. Stinson, former secretary of war; Nicholas Murray Butler, president of Columbia university; Cornelius N. Bliss, Otto T. Barnard, and Job Hedges of New York. Another eastern candidate whose boosters are here in force is Senator John W. Weeks of Massachusetts. His lieutenant, led by George H. Moses of New Hampshire, former minister to Greece, claim that Weeks is to lead the field on the first ballot. This claim is disputed by the director general of a half dozen other booms, each manager seeing nothing but victory for his candidate.

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FINAL PLANS APPROVED.

Final plans for the convention were approved by the subcommittee of the committee on arrangements of the republican national committee, which held its last meeting yesterday. The subcommittee temporary officers program for the first two days of the convention: Wednesday, June 7.—Convention called at 10 a. m. by Charles D. Hillis of New York, chairman of the republican national committee. Prayer by Rev. John Timothy Stone of Chicago. Call for convention read by James B. Reynolds of Massachusetts, secretary of the republican national committee. Election of temporary chairman. Address of temporary chairman. Selection of committees on credentials, permanent organization, rules, and order of business and resolutions. Miscellaneous business. Meeting of committees on credentials will take place in the national committee rooms, Coliseum annex, following the adjournment of the first session. Notice of meeting place of other committees will be announced later. Thursday, June 8. Convention called to order by temporary chairman. Prayer by Right Rev. Francis C. Kelley of Chicago. Report of committee on credentials. After the convention has acted on the report of the committee on credentials, the report of the committee on permanent organization will be called for. Permanent organization of the convention. Address by the permanent chairman. Report of committee on rules and order of business, action upon which by the convention will determine the order of further proceedings of the convention. The adoption of a platform, nomination of candidates for president and vice president, the appointment of other convention committees. Election of a national committee and the other proper business of the convention will be transacted in the order which the convention itself thereby determines. Assistants Appointed. Sergeant-at-arms William F. Stone of Baltimore announced the appointment of the following assistants: Chief assistant sergeant-at-arms, E. F. Thayer of Indiana; second assistant, chief sergeant-at-arms, Guy V. Howard of Minnesota; principal assistant sergeant-at-arms, R. V. Kelley of Iowa; John J. Lyons of New York; Harry Van Ness of Kansas; John W. Smith of Michigan; A. W. White of North Carolina; John E. Fowell of New Jersey; Alvan H. Martin, Jr. of Virginia; Frank B. Bowers of New York; Chas. A. Ackerson of Oregon; Ben E. Chapin of New Hampshire; and Hugh L. Martin of Missouri. New York, Ohio, Illinois, Massachusetts, and Pennsylvania delegates were seated in the front rows nearest the platform.

RAILROAD MAN DIES.

Chicago, June 1.—J. M. Denning, assistant to Vice President Harry E. Byram, chief operating officer of the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy railroad, died today at his home in Riverdale. He was 67 years of age and had been with the road nearly thirty years, entering the service as a stenographer.

SHACKLETON EXPEDITION HAD A NARROW ESCAPE, SHIP FOUNDERED

SUCCEEDED IN SAVING CREW

Terrible Privations Were Suffered — Lieutenant Made Unique Journey.

London, June 1.—A further message received today from Lieutenant Ernest Shackleton reported that the Antarctic explorer whose arrival at Port Stanley, Falkland Islands, was made known yesterday, shows that the expedition was hardly helped by a narrow escape. After meeting with almost unprecedented weather in the early part of 1915, the Huterea's ship, Endurance, was heavily damaged by great icebergs and afterwards foundered.

Mr. Ernest succeeded in getting off all his men and some stores. Terrible privations were suffered. After reaching Phoenix Island, the scarcity of food became so serious he decided to leave the greater part of the men while he set out for help.

After a journey of three days, such as is probably unique in the annals of Antarctic exploration, Mr. Ernest reached South Georgia. There he sought the assistance of whalers for a rescue party on the island, but this proved impossible. The whalers, however, promised to send a rescue party to the island, and Mr. Ernest and his men were saved.

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PERSHING'S FORCE WILL NOT BE RECALLED TILL MEXICO PROVES POWER

ITALIAN SOLDIERS CAN INSURE LIVES FOR \$10,000 EACH

Rome, June 1.—Italian soldiers at the front may insure their lives for \$10,000 a piece, according to a new rule of the National Institute of Insurance, an organization subsidized by the government. The request for such a policy must be made within ten days of the soldier's arrival at the front.

DR. WAITE MUST EXPIATE CRIME IN DEATH CHAIR

Sentenced Today—Declares, in Open Court, That He is Ready.

THANKS ALL FOR HELP GIVEN HIM

Expresses Regret and Says He Hopes to Compensate by Giving Life.

New York, June 1.—Dr. Arthur Warren Waite today was sentenced to die in the electric chair during the week of July 16, the penalty for the murder of his father-in-law, John E. Peck, of which he was convicted.

LOUIS W. HILL HOLDS THREE CONFERENCES

Declines to Discuss Arrangements Made by Late Jas. J. Hill.

St. Paul, Minn., June 1.—Louis W. Hill, president of the Great Northern, and son of the late J. J. Hill, held three conferences with a number of his close business associates today. Hill declined to discuss the purpose of the conference, and also refused to affirm or deny various rumors regarding the disposition of his father's great wealth.

FEDERATION OF WOMEN ELECTS

Mrs. Josiah Evans-Cowles is President—Affiliate with National Council.

New York, June 1.—Mrs. Josiah Evans-Cowles of Los Angeles, Cal., has been elected president general of the Federation of Women's clubs by a large majority. Defeated Mrs. Samuel B. Sneath of Tiffin, Ohio. The vote which was taken yesterday and announced today, shows Mrs. Cowles received 1,274 ballots, against 433 for Mrs. Sneath.

By a two-thirds majority, the federation voted to affiliate with the National Council of Women, which in turn is a member of the International Council of Women.

Several women were ejected from the meeting because of protests when they were denied the right to vote on this question.

Mrs. Georgia A. Bacon of Worcester, Mass., was elected first vice president; Mrs. Carrie A. McFarland of South Dakota recording secretary; Mrs. Francis D. Everett of Illinois, corresponding secretary and Mrs. William B. Williams of Michigan was re-elected treasurer.

UNFAVORABLY REPORTED.

Baton Rouge, La., June 1.—A resolution to submit a woman suffrage amendment to Louisiana voters was unfavorably reported yesterday by a house committee.

AMERICAN ON BOARD.

New London, Conn., June 1.—Geo. M. Thompson of this city is supposed to have been a freeman on the British steamer Dalgarth, reported sunk. Thompson wrote to relatives here that he was going to France on the steamer. He is 32 years of age and unmarried.

SEARCH LONG FOR BOY.

Wausau, Wis., June 1.—Searching parties yesterday and today traversed in vain the heavily wooded sections near Kelly in search of Wallace Siefert, 15 years old, son of Robert Siefert of Kelly. The boy went hunting Monday, his dog returning alone in the evening.

THE WEATHER.

North Dakota: Unsettled tonight and Friday with showers or rain on Tuesday and portion of Wednesday.

UNIVERSITY READING.

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FUNSTON ASKED FOR REPORT OF THE SITUATION

Defacto Government Must Demonstrate Ability to Control Bandits.

NOTE MADE DEMAND FOR WITHDRAWAL

Blamed United States Government for Much of the Difficulty.

Washington, June 1.—It was stated authoritatively today that the American troops will not be withdrawn from Mexico until Carranza authorities demonstrate a control of the situation sufficient to protect the American border. A reply to that effect probably will be made to Carranza's note.

President Wilson was represented today as ready to withdraw the troops when possible, but determined to wait until the Carranza forces can control the situation.

Steps were taken by the war department today to obtain more definite information of the disposition of Carranza troops in Chihuahua.

It was said that the tone of Carranza's note prompted action by military officials without regard to the diplomatic phases of the situation.

Funston has been asked to outline clearly the situation in Chihuahua, according to his most recent information of the whereabouts of Carranza detachments.

Acts Contradictory. Maintaining that the protests of friendship by the United States and the expressed desire for non-intervention have been contradicted by acts of the Washington government, the note says the time has arrived when Carranza must declare himself clearly and unequivocally as to his future intentions toward Mexico.

After reciting the facts which led to the present situation, the note says that the American troops after the Villa raid at Columbus, the note insists that in contradiction to the word of General Scott and President Carranza, an expedition crossed the boundary line, thus violating all the precepts of international law and committing an act of invasion.

"The American government," the note says, "has admitted that the work of the expedition which entered after the Columbus raid, is now over. It is in agreement that American troops still remain on Mexican soil. To contend that political order in this country justifies this act of the American government is to invite conflict with the repeated professions of the Washington government relative to non-intervention."

The note points out that much of the trouble in Mexico is due "to the attitude of the United States in not punishing completely in the United States who have plotted the downfall of the present constitutional government, and to acts of Washington in refusing to permit the shipment of arms and ammunition to enter Mexico."

The note, which is addressed to Secretary Lansing, reads in part as follows: "The Mexican government has just received advice that a group of American troops have crossed the frontier and penetrated another territory and are at present near a place called El Pino, some seventy miles to the south of the frontier. This newly created passage of these troops without the consent of the Mexican government places in grave danger the harmony and good relations which ought to exist between the governments of the United States and Mexico."

"This government must consider this act a violation of its sovereignty and thus asks in the most urgent manner that the Washington government consider with care the case and make for all defendants an acknowledgment of the policy it intends to pursue with respect to the Mexican nation. To the end of making clearer the basis upon which the position is taken in the present case it is necessary to state the facts which have occurred up to this time and to state the position of the United States government as to the case."

By Francisco Villa, at San Antonio, N. Mex., June 1, 1916.

