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GERMAN DEAD LIE IN PILES BEFORE FRENCH LINES AT DOUAUMONT

Already a Very Heavy Price Has Apparently Been Paid for Verdun Itself.

NO REGARD FOR LIFE

Remnants of German Regiments Pushed Ahead by Troops Surging Behind.

Parts of Douaumont Taken and Retaken Repeatedly.

Paris, March 4.—The fire of French machine guns and rifles has been pouring death for two days into the ranks of the Germans attacking in mass the village of Douaumont.

Each time remnants of regiments, already cut to pieces, were pushed ahead by other bodies of troops surging on the field of battle until the ground was strewn with bodies.

Paris Remains Confident. It is the opinion in all quarters that the crown prince has determined to pay the price necessary to capture Verdun, if possible, drive the French from the right bank of the Meuse, and establish a front along that river if he is unable to turn the line and open up the way to Chalons and Paris.

All information thus far received indicates that the Germans already have paid a very heavy price and that Verdun itself has not yet been shaken.

French infantry is disputing every inch of the ground with persistent courage, and last night once more compelled their adversaries to suspend their efforts, leaving artillery alone to keep up the pressure on the fortress.

Village Smoked Ruins. The determination of the German attacks on the village of Douaumont are explained by the strategic advantage of the height to the south behind the French batteries of the fort.

There was no official news this afternoon regarding the issue of the struggle for the village, yet there were indications that the French have it under control.

Possession of the plateau of Douaumont is essential to the Germans in view of operations seemingly projected in the region of Vaux, but it is pointed out that even with the line from Penner Hill (Cote du Poivre) to Douaumont in their hands, the Germans would again find the French soldiers fortified from Froides Terres to Souville and Vaux, where sacrifices equal to those made in the assaults upon Douaumont would be necessary to gain the slightest advantage.

DEMANDS WILL BE MADE ON AUSTRIA

Result of Attack on Tank Steamer Petrolite.

APOLOGY TO BE ASKED

United States Will Also Ask Punishment of Submarine Commander and Reparation for Damage to the American Ship.

Washington, March 4.—The United States is preparing to make formal demands upon Austria-Hungary as a result of the attack by an Austrian submarine upon the American tank steamer Petrolite.

In reply to the first American communication on the subject Austria informed the State Department that its version of the affair was that the submarine commander thought the Petrolite an enemy ship disguised with the American flag.

CONFERENCE OF MAYORS AT ST. LOUIS COMES TO CLOSE. Resolutions Adopted Declaring for Universal Military Trainings.

St. Louis, March 4.—The two day conference of Mayors on National Defense at its final business session this afternoon adopted resolutions declaring for universal military training and for the construction of a navy that would make the United States the first naval power in the world.

PRESIDENT WILSON RENOUNCES STORY ABOUT RESIGNATION Report That He Was Considering It "Roasted" From White House.

Washington, March 4.—Aroused by the publication of reports yesterday that President Wilson, secretly of late, was considering resigning from office, the White House today issued this formal statement.

AMERICAN CONSUL WILLIAM F. KELLEY AT ROME DEAD. Body Will Be Buried Temporarily Then Brought to America.

Rome, March 4, via Paris.—William F. Kelley, the American consul here, was found dead in a chair shortly before the breakfast hour today.

ASK FEDERAL INTERFERENCE To Prevent Fire Insurance Companies Withdrawing Business.

Columbia, S. C., March 4.—A request for Federal interference to prevent fire insurance companies from withdrawing from South Carolina if such means are available, and a suggestion that a Federal investigation be instituted, were made today by State Insurance Commissioner Fitzhugh McMaster.

Several calls for assistance from vessels in distress along Atlantic Coast.—Steamer Apache Believed Located.

Norfolk, Va., March 4.—Swept by a northwest gale accompanied by snow last night, several calls for assistance from vessels in distress were received here and elsewhere along the Atlantic coast today.

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BATTLE IS RAGING AT VERDUN GATES

Heavy Artillery of Germans Dealing Hard Blows.

FRENCH HOLD GROUND

Their Infantry Declared to be Disputing Every Inch of Ground—Containing Douaumont Battle With Artillery.

The German armies at the gates of Verdun are hammering them hard with heavy artillery but at last accounts had suspended infantry attacks.

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Both Sides Heavy Losses. In and around the village the battle has been raging with violence and with heavy losses on both sides.

Paris advices show that no doubt remains in the minds of the French there is anything in the nature of a feint in the German effort, the belief existing that the Crown Prince has determined to capture Verdun.

Way to Bagdad Further Opened. On the Russian occupation of Bittlis, in Turkish Armenia, is regarded in Petrograd as a development of first rate importance, opening further the way to Bagdad.

ATTAQED WITHOUT FIRE. Twenty-Krupp Guns Captured by Russians at Bittlis.

Petrograd, via London, March 4.—The following official communication regarding the capture of Bittlis has been issued by the war office.

SUBMARINE K-6 AGAIN HAS ENGINE TROUBLE

Forced to Stop Off the East Coast of Florida.

Naval Tug Peoria and Coast Guard Cutter Tampa Will Tow Submersible to Key West—Second Crippling in Short Time.

Washington, March 4.—The submarine K-6 en route south for winter maneuvers at Key West, was developed engine trouble off the east Florida coast and will be towed to her destination by the naval tug Peoria and the coast guard cutter Tampa which put out from Key West late this afternoon.

San Jose, Cal., March 4.—Hal Chase, the baseball player, was arrested here today on a charge of failure to provide for his minor child.

THE DAY IN CONGRESS SENATE. Met at noon.

Several Sisters Were Kneeling at the Altar When Shots Were Fired—Woman Claims the Priest Had Wronged Her.

CAPT. PARKER AND MATE LOST LIVES

Were Drowned in Albemarle Sound During Gale

WHEN GAS BOAT SINKS

Several Calls for Assistance From Vessels in Distress Along Atlantic Coast—Steamer Apache Believed Located.

The bodies of Captain Parker and his mate are believed to be on board the craft. She will be hoisted and towed to Weeksville, N. C.

Barge and Steamer Safe. The schooner Caroline Gray, was driven ashore in Lynn Haven inlet during the gale, but she is resting easy and in no danger.

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PARTIALLY INUNDATED. Business Section of Harrisonburg, La., is Being Rapidly Flooded.

Natchez, Miss., March 4.—Harrisonburg, parish seat of Catahoula parish, tonight was reported partially inundated by overflow waters from the Black river.

Washington, March 4.—President Wilson today directed that Lieut. Robert W. Adams, of Texas, attached to the infantry on the Mexican border, be dropped from the army for absence without leave.

New Orleans, March 4.—The United States battleship Kentucky, which was detained at the mouth of the Mississippi river because of the formation of a mud lump in the channel, was reported tonight to have passed safely over the bar and was proceeding up the river to New Orleans.

CATHOLIC PASTOR IS KILLED BY A WOMAN

Shot Down in Church Before Several Members.

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St. Paul, Minn., March 4.—Rev. Henry Jajeski, pastor of St. Casimir Polish Roman Catholic church here, was shot and killed at the church by a woman tonight in the presence of several members of his congregation.

Met at 10 a. m. Considered war claim bills and legislative appropriation bill.

Agricultural Appropriation Bill, carrying approximately \$24,500,000, favorably reported.

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SOUGHT PEACE BUT KEPT ON FIGHTING

Rebel Leaders Reported Active South of Torreón

WERE SEEKING AMNESTY

Captured and Threatened Lives of Two Germans While Peace Messenger Was En Route to Juarez. Villa Movement Reported.

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FIRST OF BILLS FOR NATIONAL DEFENSE IS LAID BEFORE SENATE

ACTION BY HOUSE AGAIN POSTPONED

Vote on Warning Resolution Not Before Tuesday.

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Is Even More Comprehensive Than Was Outlined in President's Message.

DOUBLE REGULAR ARMY

Would Federalize the National Guard—Has Four Other Striking Features.

Provides For Complete Military Re-organization

Washington, March 4.—The first of the National Preparedness measures to reach either house of Congress for consideration was introduced in the Senate today by Senator Chamberlain, chairman of the Military committee, which perfected it after weeks of hearings and conferences.

The House committee's bill will be introduced Monday. There is no vital difference between the two measures and both committees believe that when the final bill, which will be agreed upon in joint conference committee, has passed both houses, the President will be able to affix his signature to a measure that will do more than he has asked toward building up an adequate National Defense.

Authorization of a purely fundamental volunteer force in peace times, the object sought by Secretary Garrison in urging the continental army plan.

For the regular army the bill provides a peace strength within five years of 178,000 men of all arms, or approximately 155,000 fighting troops.

Complete Reorganization of the Army. The bill provides for complete reorganization of the army, legalizing the organization now in force under departmental regulation.

The appointments of second lieutenants other than graduates of the military academy are made provisional for two years before a commission is issued.

Reservists would receive a minimum pay of \$24 a year and the President would have authority to mobilize the reserve in time of actual or threatened hostilities.

As an additional inducement for recruits, provision is made that men who have completed six years' service in the army may be exempted by a board of officers to determine the civil occupations for which they are qualified and they would be eligible to appointment to civil service positions without a civil service examination.