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### AUSTRIAN SUCCESS CONSIDERED AS OF VAST IMPORTANCE

Italians Driven from Their Entire Positions on Lavarone Plateau With Heavy Losses.

23,000 TAKEN PRISONER

### Offensive of Teutons Carried With Italian Territory, According to Report.

Berlin, May 22. (via Wireless)—The Italians have been driven from their entire position on Lavarone plateau, the Austrian war announcement of today says. It is stated that the Italians' defeat is steadily becoming more serious. The Austrian lines have been pushed forward rapidly, several additional positions of strategic importance having been captured. The number of Italians taken prisoner has been increased to 23,883.

### DESCRIBED AS OF UTMOST STRATEGICAL IMPORTANCE

Washington, May 22.—Austria's announcement of successes on the Tyrol front were described by diplomats friendly to the central powers tonight as being of the utmost strategical importance. It was stated that he drive over the mountainous regions on the Tyrol-Italian line, being accomplished under most difficult conditions, had for its ultimate objective the cutting of the railroads in Venetia, the northeast neck of Italy, and then pressing on to the Adriatic coast, a large number of Italian troops now operating within the neck which is surrounded on the frontier by Tyrol, Carinthia and Goritz. The Austrian official statement of today indicated that the offensive already had crossed the Italian frontier. The line between Mount Tormino and Monte Majo, which is said to have been reached by the troops of the Austrian crown prince, would carry the offensive within Italian territory. Monte Majo is 18 kilometers southwest of Rovereto, and eight kilometers southeast of Monte Tormino.

The operations against Mandriolo and the heights west to the Astach valley also were regarded as being of great importance. They indicate, the diplomats said, that another large offensive is being planned to drive to the south. Mandriolo is about 25 kilometers southwest of Trent. The Astach valley mentioned in the statement is presumed to be the valley of Asta, immediately to the west of Mandriolo.

### WILSON VIGOROUSLY RENEWS HIS PROTEST

Against British Interference With American Mails.

Note Completed Last Night is Expected to Go Forward Today—Made up Largely of Arguments Against British Contention.

Washington, May 22.—President Wilson tonight completed a note vigorously renewing the protest of the United States to Great Britain against interference with American mails. The communication is expected to go forward tomorrow. Secretary Lansing and legal experts at the State Department made the original draft of the note and the President revised its phrasing.

## DEFACTO GOVERNMENT IN MEXICO PICTURED FACING SERIOUS DOMESTIC PLIGHT

### Economic Situation Extremely Grave, According to Reports to Washington; Attitude of Officials Said to be More Friendly Toward United States—Texas National Guardsmen Balk at Border Duty; May be Courtmartialled.

Washington, May 22.—The economic situation in Mexico is extremely grave, according to official advices today to the State Department. With the monetary problem already acute, the food shortage in Mexico City and vicinity continuing without prospect of any immediate relief, and with the labor strike extending over virtually all the Mexican Railway lines, the de facto government is pictured as facing a serious domestic plight.

First hand reports as to the situation in Northern Mexico will reach the department tomorrow. Consul Letcher from Chihuahua City, is en route to Washington, presumably bringing with him a synopsis of the reports of five other consuls recently ordered to the border to talk over conditions with military officials there.

It was stated officially that while Mr. Letcher would make his report on conditions in Mexico, that was not the sole purpose of his trip. It was explained he was ordered here that routine matters might be taken up with him, but no inking of their nature was given out.

### ORGANIZED IN 30 STATES FOR TERRY

So He is Informed by Delegation Headed by Von L. Meyer, Which Goes to Oyster Bay.

Oyster Bay, N. Y., May 22.—George von L. Meyer, former Secretary of the Navy, at the head of a delegation of 25 men, today officially notified Colonel Roosevelt 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.

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## TRAINS 90 AND 91 ORDERED RESTORED

### Corporation Commission Issued an Order as to Goldsboro-Wilmington Line Yesterday.

### LOCAL CHAMBER OPPOSED

Telegram From Wilmington Opposing Restoration of Train Service Received Just After Order is Issued to Coast Line.

(Special Star Correspondence.) Raleigh, N. C., May 22.—The Corporation Commission today made an order for the Atlantic Coast Line Railway Company to restore trains 90 and 91 between Wilmington and Goldsboro, this being really an extension of the service regularly in force between Norfolk and Goldsboro, so that the train from Norfolk arriving at Goldsboro at 10 o'clock at night will go through to Wilmington, arriving there about 1 a. m. and will leave Wilmington, returning to Norfolk, at 4 a. m., passing through Goldsboro about 7 a. m.

Right after the commission had made the order today there came a telegram from the Wilmington Chamber of Commerce opposing the restoration of the train, the reason being understood to be that they prefer to have a train put on between Rocky Mount and Wilmington to connect with Northern mails that are now delayed for want of such connection. However, the commission holds that this would not give the local service that is demanded along the Goldsboro-Wilmington line.

### REPORTS ON BUSINESS CONDITIONS OPTIMISTIC

According to Superintendents of Bradstreet's Agency.

Atlanta, Ga., May 22.—Community superintendents of Bradstreet's Commercial Agency who arrived here today for the annual meeting of the Southeastern division agents brought optimistic reports of business conditions in their several territories.

### PAID HIGH COMPLIMENT

Majority Leader Kitchin Thinks Congress Can Finish Its Work by That Time.

North Carolinian's Plan for Raising Additional Revenue Has Been Adopted—Record of Congress Best Ever.

### Lava Flood Flowing Down Mountain Side

Volcano in Hawaii Breaks Out Again—Newspapers Can Be Read Miles Away at Night by Glow.

Honolulu, May 22.—Mauna Loa volcano, which was in eruption last week, has broken out again. A flood of lava, which burst forth last night at an elevation of 7,000 feet, is flowing down the mountain side traveling southwest at the rate of about a mile an hour. The flood of lava has divided, following two channels. The glow illumines the entire landscape at night.

## HARD FIGHTING CONTINUES IN THE TYROL, NEAR VERDUN AND ALSO AROUND LABASSE

### Great Offensive of Austrians Against Italians is Unabated—Both the French and the Germans Claim Successes at Various Points in the Verdun Region—British Suffer Heavy Losses When Germans Take Trenches.

Hard fighting is still in progress between the Austrians and Italians in the Tyrol, the French and the Germans in the region of Verdun and the Germans and British Labasse. The great offensive of the Austrians against the Italians in Southern Tyrol continues unabated, and at several points the Austrians seem gradually to be throwing back the Italians toward their own territory. To the southeast of Trent on the Lavarone plateau, Vienna says the Italians have been dislodged from all their positions and adds that the Austrians have captured Firm-Mandriolo and the height immediately west of the frontier from the summit, as far as the Astach Astico valley.

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## BAPTISTS PROTEST AGAINST ANY AND ALL MOB VIOLENCE

### Say Freedom of Speech and Press Being Interfered With to an Alarming Extent.

### BIG CONVENTION ENDED

Resolution Urges National Prohibition for All States and District of Columbia.

Asheville, N. C., May 22.—The Southern Baptist Convention closed its 1916 session here today, and tonight messengers from the various Southern Baptist churches, in which are enrolled some 2,700,000 persons, were leaving for their homes.

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