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

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

Berlin, (May 22. (via Wireless)-The Italians have been driven from their tional positions of strategic importance having been captured. The numher of Italians taken prisoner has been increased to 23,883.

The statement follows: "The Italian defeat on the Southern complete success. The enemy was out. Our driven from his entire position.

"The troops of Crown Prince Charles its purport, Francis-Joseph reached the Monte Tormino-Monte Majo line.

"Since the heginning officers, have been captured by us. The cials towards the United States has creased to 172."

DESCRIBED AS OF UTMOST

STRATEGICAL IMPORTANCE Washington, May 22 .- Austria's announcement of successes on the Tyrolian 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 frontier by Tyrol, Carinthia and Goritz. The Austrian official statement of today indicated that Austrian troops 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 ORGANIZED IN 30 within Italian territory. Monte Majo is 18 kilometers southwest of Roverto, 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 force of Austrian troops is driving to the south. Mandriolo is about 25 kilometers southwest of Trent. The Astach valley mentioned in the statement s presumed to be the valley of Asta, mmediately to the west of Mandriolo

WILSON VIGOR**ously** RENEWS HIS PROTEST

Against British Interference With American Mails.

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

Washington, May 22 .- President Wil-States to Great Britain against interference with American mails. The com- mass of the people." munication is expected to go forward omorrow. Secretary Lansing and legal experts at the State Department made President revised its praseology.

It is made up largely of legal arsuments to meet the contentions of Great Britain in a memorandum, conurred in by France, presented to the practices complained of in its

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 Courtmartialed.

situation in Mexico is extremely grave, has been established and General Fun- Telegram From Wilmington Opposing according to official advices today to ston's instructions are based on this view. the State Department. With the mone- Reports from General Funston that tary problem already acute, the food 116 members of the Texas National shortage in Mexico City and vicinity Guard had refused to take the mustercontinuing without prospect of any immediate relief, and with the labor strike members of Congress from that State extending over virtually all the Mexi- to the War Department today to find can Railway lines, the de facto govern- out what action was in contemplation. poration Commission today made an ing back the Italians toward their own They were told the matter had not yet order for the Atlantic Coast Line Rail territory. To the southeast of Trent on

domestic plight. entire position on Lavarone plateau, in Northern Mexico will reach the de- They appear to agree that the men are the Austrian war announcement of to- partment tomorrow. Consul Letcher, isting militia law, and it is known that folk and Goldsboro, so that the train and the height immediately west of the hele was announced today by the war is stated that the Ital- from Chihuahua City, is en route to some officers believe they should be from Norfolk arriving at Goldsboro at frontier from the summit as far as the office. German troops also stormed ians' defeat is steadily becoming more Washington, presumably bringing with tried and fined as a warning to National 10 c'clock at night will go through to Astach Astico valley. serious. The Austrian lines have been him a synopsis of the reports of five Guardsmen in general that they are unpushed forward rapidly, several addi- other consuls recently ordered to the dertaking a serious responsibility in Wilmington, arriving there about 1 a. border to talk over conditions with mil- joining the organization. The Secretary m. and will leave Wilmington, return- according to Rome advices, have been itary 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 Tyrol front is certainly becoming more he was ordered here that routine matserious. An attack of the Graz Corps ters might be taken up with him, but on Lavarone plateau was attended with no inkling of their nature was given Only 10,000 or 11,000 Available-Clark

The department today received furtroops captured Fima, Mandriolo and ther advices from Special Agent Rod-

Officials More Friendly. While reports as to the domestic sit- mittee's sub-committee, headed uation of the Carranza government are Chairman McComb gloomy, the attitude of Mexican offi- St. Louis June 2. drawal of the American expeditionary

Since the State Department's repre-Tyrol-Italian line, being accomplished sentations as to the renewed raiding in under most difficult conditions ,had for the Big Bend country of Texas have its ultimate objective the cutting of not been answered, the note is expectthe railroads in Venetia, the northeast ed to go into that subject. Officials neck of Italy, and then pressing on to here, including Secretary Baker, say the proceeding on the theory that the right | 2.97 inches.

Washington, May 22. - The economic to follow hot trails across the border

ment is pictured as facing a serious reached Secretary Baker for consider-First hand reports as to the situation, are preparing recommendations for him. himself has postponed a study of the ing to Norfolk, at 4 a. m., passing heavily reinforced in men and guns law in the case until all the facts are before him.

MORE THAN 25,000 APPLY FOR

for Permanent Chairmant

Washington, May 22 .- More than 25,applications have been received the height immediately west of the gers, at Mexico City, telling of the new for the 10,000 or 11,000 seats which will frontier from the summit as far as the note being prepared by the de facto be available in the St. Louis convention government, but throwing no light on hall for the Democratic National convention. This will be one of the things to be considered by the National Com-

The arrangements committee will been described as more friendly since select the temporary and permanent the border conference between Gen- chairmen of the convention. Former erals Scott and Obregon. It is believed Governor Glynn, of New York, already possible this will be reflected in the is slated for the temporary chairmannew note, although some officials think ship. It is understood that Speaker it probable that a new request for withnent chairman in spite of the present forces will be included, with whatever in session throughout the convention other proposals General Carransa has and that until the Speaker has indicated whether he will serve, no one else will be considered.

Mobile, Ala., May 22.-Torrential rains fell throughout Southeastern Mississippi and Southern Alabama Sunday and Monday. Between Meridian, the Adriatic to cut off a large number military conference on the border left Miss., and Mobile, bottom land crops of Italian troops now operating with- the situation unchanged as to steps to of cotton and corn are almost comin the neck which is surrounded on the be taken with respect to new raids. | pletely inundated. The total rainfall The Washington government is still in Mobile up to 7 o'clock tonight was

METHODIST UNION STATES FOR TEDDY

Headed by Von L. Meyer, Which Goes to Oyster Bay.

MAKES THEM A SPEECH LIVELY

Tells Them They Are for Him Because General Conference Votes Overwhelm-He Embodies the Aggressive Movement for Thorough-Going Americanism.

Oyster Bay, N. Y., May 22.-George von L. Meyer, former Secretary of the Navy, at the head of a delegation of 25 Methodism was taken today by the men, today officially notified Colonel General Conference of the Methodist Roosevelt that the "Roosevelt Repub- Episcopal Church, which decisively enlican committee", with membership in 30 states, had been organized to work for his nomination for the presidency by the Republican party.

one of the purposes of the committee ary episcopacy. son tonight completed a note vigorous- was to aid the Republican party in goly renewing the protest of the United ing before the country re-united and power to decide if the present conferin full strength with a candidate who ence shall meet again in 1918, to conis listened to and trusted by the great sider the plan for Methodist unity. Oth-

Colonel Roosevelt, in his reply, said: me as representing and embodying the the original draft of the note and the going Americanism and thorough-go- action of Bishops Earl Cranston, John the cause and to the man only insofar who are to be retired at the end of this as he for the time being embodies the

"This is precisely the attitude I took in my Trinidad statement. I now hold The United States takes the position and shall continue to hold this a great time of crisis in our country's history if the movement for the union or Methfirst complaint on the subject have been continued, and that the American government must now insist more emphatically that they cease.

State Department officials consider

SEEMS YET NEARER

So He is Informed by Delegation Action of Wide-Spread Import ance Taken by the General Conference Yesterday.

DEBATE

ingly Against Abolishing the Missionary Episcopacy-Proposal Denounced as "Radical."

Saratoga Springs, N. Y., May 22. -Action of widespread importance to dorsed plans that may lead to the uni-North and South, before the next quadrennial session, and voted overwhelm-Mr. Meyer told Mr. Roosevelt that ingly against abolishing the mission-

The board of bishops was given the erwise, the proposal will not reach the Northern Church officially until the "You are for me because you regard next general Conference meets in 1920. Almost the only obstacle to the proing preparedness. Your devotion is to W. Hamilton and Joseph S. Hartzell. session. If the session were prolonged until 1918 they could not legally be re-

tired until that time. The three bishops in turn appeared before the delegates and asserted that

Order as to Goldsboro-Wilmington Line Yesterday.

LOCAL CHAMBER OPPOSED

Restoration of Train Service Received Just After Order is Issued to Coast Line.

(Special Star Correspondence.) Raleigh, N. C., May 22 .- The Corthrough Goldsboro about 7 a. m.

the order today there came a telegram ST. LOUIS CONVENTION SEATS from the Wilmington Chamber of Commerce opposing the restoration of the In the region of Verdun both the train, the reason being understood to French and Germans claim successes be that they prefer to have a train put for their arms at various points. An on between Rocky Mount and Wil- interesting point in the latest French a front of about two kilometers were it being declared that "it is alarming mington to connect with Northern official communication is the state- captured. During the night several mails that are now delayed for want ment that the Germans stormed and counter attacks were made and were of such connection. However, the commission holds that this would not give the commencement of the assault on 220 soldiers, four machine guns and the local service that is demanded Verdun and from all which attempts three mine throwers. Moreover the tions the convention also expressed italong the Goldsboro-Wilmington line. to drive them out proved futile. The enemy suffered exceeding losses. ommission has induced the Southern Railway to agree to restore its trains attack also has netted the French sey- ed a gas attack without success. 108 and 135 between Raleigh and Goldseast bound trai narriving here at 10:30 west of Verdun the French have forced tained them against repeated attacks Greensboro at 5 p. m., retaining its me present 7 p. m. leaving time at Rafrom Wilmington to Greenshore.

> Text of the Order. The order of the Corporation Com-Wilmington and Goldsborg, follows "In May, 1911, after full investigation and hearing of all parties in interest, order was issued by the Commission for the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad Company to operate an additional passenger train between Goldsboro and Wilmington by extension to Wilmington of their trains Nos. 90 and 91, at that time operated between Norfolk and Goldsboro. This additional passesenger service was of great convenience to the traveling public both as a convenience for local service between stations Wilmington to Goldsboro, and also in furnishing a convenconnecting service at Goldsboro (Continued on Page Eight.)

REPORTS ON BUSINESS CONDITIONS OPTIMISTIC

HEARD According to Superintendents of PAID Bradstreet's Agency.

> Community Superintendents of South eastern Division Gather in Atlanta for Annual Meeting. .Prosperity Noted.

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 fication of the Methodist Church in the optimistic reports of business conditions in their several territories. . John A. Singleton, of Greenville, S.

C., said: "Textile manufacturers are working at full capacity, cotton goods The one dark spot is the con-

me as representing and embodying the Almost the only obstacle to the pro-Down Mountain Side

VOLCANO IN HAWAII BREAKS OUT AGAIN-NEWSPAPERS CAN BE READ MILES AWAY AT NIGHT BY GLOW

Figure 1. The country's action and national of the deaconess question of the deacones question of the deaconess question of the deaconess question of the deaconess question o

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

Corporation Commission Issued an 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.

tween the Austrians and Italians in lin. the Tyrol, the French and the Ger- sion front remains unchanged. mans in the region of Verdun and the Germans and British Labassee. The Turks in Mesopotamia gradually are great offensive of the Austrians against drawing nearer Kut-El-Amara, where the Italians in Southern Tyrol contin- men were recently surrounded and are ues unabated, and at several points the still being held captive. Austrians seem gradually to be throw ing back the Italians toward their own GERMANS CAPTURE SEVERAL way Company to restore trains 90 and the Lavarone Plateau, Vienna says the ation. Mr. Baker's military advisers 91 between Wilmington and Goldsboro, Italians have been dislodged from all capture of several lines of British posithis being really an extension of the their positions and adds that the Aus- tion on a front of two kilometers subject to court martial under the ex- service regularly in force between Nor- trians have captured Firm-Mandrilo (1 1-4 miles), near Givenchy-Engoe-

> The Austrians for their offensive Since the beginning of the offensive Right after the commission had made Vienna asserts, more than 24,000 men have been taken prisoner and 172 cannon have been captured by the Aus-

trians. In connection with this order the Germans, however, still hold the northleave Goldsboro for the return to of Hill 287 and west of Lemort Hom-

eigh for Greensboro. This will give Germans to the northwest of Verdun en on the southern spurs of Dead Man direct connection for through service stormed the eastern spurs of Hill 304 Hill had increased to 13 cannon and 21 and held them against repeated coun-machine guns. South of Dead Man ter attacks. In this fighting the Hill and in the vicinity of Chattan-French are declared to have lost heav- court the enemy made futile attempts mission with reference to Atlantic ily in men killed or wounded. Admis- to re-capture lost ground. Coast Line trains 90 and 91, between sion is made in the Berlin report of the capture by the French of a quarry without success on our lines in the resouth of Haudremont, northeast of Heavy losses in men were suffered by

trenches from them over a front of about a mile and a quarter near Givenchy-En-Gohelle and in counter at-

Hard fighting is still in progress be- | tacks to regain them, according to Ber The situation generally on the Rus-The British operating against the

LINES OF BRITISH POSITION.

a large number of their officers and

Berlin, May 22. (via Wireless)-The French positions on the esatern spurs of Hill 304 on the Verdun front and maintained them against repeated counter attacks which are said to have cost the French great losses. The statement reads:

"Western front: East of Nieuport German marine patrol entered French trenches, destroyed the enemy's de- that the District of Columbia be made fenses, and returned with one officer and 32 men as prisoners. "Southwest of Givenchy-Engohele several lines of British positions over

captured February 25, four days after repulsed. We captured eight officers,

"West of the Meuse (Verdun front) boro, an extension of the present about a mile and a quarter east of the our troops stormed French positions on ers had reference chiefly to mob vio-Greensboro-Raleigh service, so that the village of Douaumont. To the north- the eastern spurs of Hill 304 and maina. m. will go through to Goldsboro and out the Germans from positions south of the enemy. In addition to the great losses of the enemy in killed or wounded we captured nine officers, 518 men Berlin, on the other hand, says the and five machine guns. The booty tak-

"The French made several attacks gion of the quarry south of Haudromont and on the Vaux ridge (Verdun front). In the third attack the French the British when the Germans took the succeeded in obtaining a footing in the quarry. "During the night the artillery was

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Majority Leader Kitchin Thinks Recommended to Southern Pres-Congress Can Finish Its Work by That Time.

HIGH COMPLIMENT

ditional Revenue Has Been Adopted-Record of Congress Best Ever.

> (Special Star Telegram.) is the latest date set by Majority Lead- of retired ministers, widows and orer Claude Kitchin for adjournment of phans of those who have spent their Jury Must Determine Whether Cafe the House. If the Senate gets through life in church work will be recomits work by that time, Congress will mended in a committee report to be adjourn not later than July 20. This submitted to the General Assembly of statement was made to The Star cor- the Southern Presbyterian Church in respondent today by Mr. Kitchin.

tative Page's bill providing funds for ment be provided "as soon as possible" the District of Columbia. This meas- and should the report be adopted the prices have advanced to the levels of ure will be disposed of hefore the end Presbyterians, it is said, will have the of the week and early next week Mr. (Continued on Page Eight.) Kitchin will call up the naval bill, which is to be passed under a rule which is to be passed under a rule relief was authorized in 1911, the goal

the funds for the additional expense ruling elder has offered to give \$68,incident to the preparedness means 000 not later than January 1, 1917, if within the next ten days. This bill, will give twice that amount by that however, will not be called up until time. Already more than \$25,000 has after the Chicago and St. Louis con- been raised to meet the offer. This ventions. Mr. Kitchin and his asso- matter has been made the special orclates have decided to wait until all der for tomorrow morning preparedness bills have been passed Another special order for tomorrow by both houses before revenue measure morning is the deaconess feature of the is taken up. This action is to be taken report on woman's activities in the in order that Congress may know just church. When the Assembly decided what amount will be necessary to Saturday that women should not

FIXED AT JULY 20 FOR ENDOWMENT

byterian General Assembly in Committee Report.

'AS SOON AS POSSIBLE

North Carolinian's Plan for Raising Ad- This Subject and Deaconess Matter Made Special Orders for Today -Financial Budget for Year Apportioned.

Orlando, Fla., May 22 .- An endow-Washington, D. C., May 22.-July 20 ment fund of \$1,000,000 for the relief the United States tomorrow. The com-The House today took up Represen- mittee will suggest that the endow-

church in the South. When the endowment for ministerial set was \$500,000. The fund is grow-The revenue bill, which will provide ing rapidly and is now \$332,000. One

preach, it was determined that con-sideration of the deaconess question gredient." The justice said that from should follow. The Ray Neel I. An the language of the statute it was evi-

AGAINST ANY AND ALL MOB VIOLENT

WHOLE NUMBER 39,591

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

CONVENTION ENDED

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

Asheville, N. C., May 22 .- The Southrn 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.

The convention, which set the high water mark of attendance with 2,125 registered messengers, was featured today by passage of resolutions asking a National prohibition law and urging prohibition territory, and by another resolution urging that better police protection be given to public speakers. to note the frequency with which freedom of speech and of the press is being interfered with by mobs in our cities and towns." In these resoluself as "against mob violence by "In the district of Berry Au Bac the whomsoever and against whomsoever

against mobs interfering with speaklence in various parts of the country against persons lecturing on religious subjects.

Against Censorship In the course of debate on this subject speakers denounced the bill pending in Congress to make the Postmaster General the "supreme censor of the giving him authority to refuse use of the mails to publications attacking religions. Another bill pending in Congress, which it was declared would give a judge in the District of Columbia the ight to consign "without trial" a child to any "home" or other institution he saw fit, also came in for censure. Neither of these subjects, however, were included in the resolutions.

and Rev. Dr. Len G. Broughton, of Knoxville, took occasion to declare that while he would not curtail freedom of the press, he would be pleased to see some method adopted by which newspapers in the vicinity in which a "sensational crime is committed might not try the case and bring in the verdict." before the case came up in court. The prohibition resolution came up inder the head of the report of a committee on prohibition and social reform, and its adoption put Southern Baptists on record as "unalterably opposed to the liquor traffic, gambling dens, dens of vice, child labor and the sweat shop.

"Freedom of speech and press," was

the keynote of a number of speeches

Thanks Associated Press. Among other resolutions adopted (Continued on Page Eight.)

COCO COLA CASE MUST GO TO JURY AT LAST

Supreme Court Reverses Decision of Federal District Court.

feine in It is Injurious to Health and Whether It Contains Coen or Cola.

Washington, May 22.-The Supreme Court today held that a jury must determine whether caffeine contained in coco cola is injurious to health and whether there is any coca or cola in the product. In so ruling, the court reversed the decision of the Federal district court at Chattanooga, which refused to confiscate, on petition of the government, 40 barrels of coca cola, ures, will be reported to the House the church or other individuals in it shipped from Atlanta to Chattanooga,

as violating the Pure Food law. Justice Hughes, who delivered the opinion for the unanimous court, held that the district court had erred in deciding that no poisonous article could be "added" to a proprietary food brought together by man within the meaning of the Pure Food law, which declared to be adulterated any product