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GERMANS HALT IN THEIR ATTACK ON LINES OF FRENCH

Great German Guns Appear to Continue Fury of Fire, Though of No Avail.

ALL OF LONG LINE IS EXPECTING ATTACK

Developments of Recent Engagements Seem to Indicate That Germany May Start Drive at Any Point Along Line; Failed to Continue Attack Last Night.

Pounding by the German guns had won on Monday and Tuesday in the aspect as dash southward, to the west of the Meuse, the Germans fighting for Verdun, failed to continued last night their strong attack on the French lines. The renewal of the great battle, however, is being momentarily awaited. The persistent activity of the heavy artillery indicating that the time for this cannot be far distant.

The assault on the fortress is now being pressed with greatest vigor along the 4 mile front extending from Vauquiez along the river to Bethincourt.

Recent developments have indicated that no particular part of the line is free from the possibility of a massed assault at any time and the battle has been waging with intensity from the Woevre southeast of Verdun around the curving line at Douaumont and on through the district just to the west of the Meuse and in the Argonne region adjoining.

Even in the Champagne region further west there has been heavy fighting, but this was on the defensive. Paris reporting that trenches lost to the German in a surprise attack on March 6 had been retaken in part.

Apparently the operations in the Champagne district are not directly connected with the German efforts towards the reduction of Verdun. The possibility is not being lost sight of, however, that the Teutonic offensive forces may spread at any time through the Argonne to the Champagne.

Public Service Commissioner's Engineer May Face a Serious Charge

ALFRED CRAVEN.

New York, March 8.—As a result of his admissions under a heavy grilling by the Thompson Legislative Investigating committee, Alfred Craven, chief engineer of the Public Service commission, who receives $20,000 a year in salary, may face charges which Senator Thompson, chairman of the committee, intends to prefer against him.

Mr. Craven admitted that, although he knew practically nothing about the Interborough Rapid Transit Company's claim of $1,432,000 for "prior determination," he allowed $125,000 just "as a good settlement." This "prior determination" is the pre-expense grant for the road for subway and elevated [illegible] expenditure.

WEILDER CASE IS TO BE REOPENED

It is learned here this afternoon from good authority that Judge Lyon in Edgecombe Superior court will reopen the Bud Weilder case, in which a decision of two months for shooting Officer Bartholomew was given at Monday's session of court, and that the case will be reheard Friday.

It is understood that the judge did not have all the facts at hand during the previous hearing, and for this reason he has directed that the case be reopened at this term of court.

VERNON PUGH GETS FIVE YEARS FOR PAYROLL THEFT

Vernon W. Pugh, alias Scott, the young auditor of the du Pont Powder Company, at Hopewell, who was arrested at a hunting lodge in eastern Carolina and whose escapades in the hopes of resisting extradition caused general comment, was recently convicted and sentenced in Prince George circuit court in Virginia. The young man who held the position of assistant auditor, was charged with padding the payrolls of the du Pont Company, and of making a systematic task along with several under him of taking checks issued by the treasurer at Wilmington, Del., for men that had left the service. It was stated that more than $40,000 was secured by this system, but it was noticeable that the several counts against Pugh named only an amount of about $4,000.

The Virginia jury gave the man a sentence of five years in the penitentiary, though it is stated on good allow his attorneys to compromise the thority that Mr. Pugh declined to accase with a sentence of two years and insisted on a trial by jury. While the sums of money on deposit at several points in North Carolina have been attached the counsel for the du Pont Company did not ask for the return of this in their verdict. Pugh was represented by Messrs Wilcox of Petersburg, F. S. Spruill, of Rocky Mount and Mann, of Petersburg.

UNIVERSITY TO HAVE NEW HEATING PLANT

Raleigh, March 8.—Governor Craig and the council of State today voted authority to the trustees of the University of North Carolina for the borrowing of $10,000 to complete a fund of $40,000 required at this time for the installation of an entirely new heating and lighting plant for the University. The old plant has almost given out and the institution is exposed to the danger of the complete collapse of the present heating and lighting equipment.

The University trustees find that they can raise $20,000 of the money required through special funds, including escheats.

Washington, March 8.—Storm warning signals were ordered up today by the weather bureau from Philadelphia to Savannah. Strong northwest winds were indicated for tonight and Thursday.

Boy Killed by Heavy Barn Door

Winchester, Va., March 8.—Paul Wise Carver, a young son of John Wise Carver, of Wadesville, died Sunday evening from injuries caused by a heavy barn door being blown off its hinges and falling on him.

COTTON MARKET

(By Associated Press)

New York, March 8.—Cotton futures opened steady, May, 11.62c; July, 11.84c; October, 11.95c; December, 12.11c; January, 12.20c.

Liverpool did not fully meet yesterday's decline, but there appeared to be a few overnight selling orders around the ring here and after opening at a decline of 1 to 4 points, the market sold about 4 to 5 points under last night's closing figures with May touching 11.60, July, 11.81 and October, 11.93. The offerings were not heavy, however, and the list later steadied with the active months working about 2 to 4 points net higher before the end of the first hour. Reports of a firmer tone in the ocean freight situation caused some irregularity during the middle of the morning, but reactions of 4 to 5 points were followed by rallies and trading was very quiet about midday with the market ruling very steady within a point or two of the best or around 11.87 for July contracts.

STOCK MARKET

(By Associated Press)

New York, March 8.—Kennecott Copper featured the opening of today's early irregular market with the sale of 5,000 shares at 59 3-4 to 5 3-8 against yesterday's final quotations of 57 1-4 on rumors of an early dividend disbursement. Otherwise trading was was light and without special features. Crucible Steel was the only noteworthy exception on its decline of 1 point. Gains and losses were too mixed to show a very definite tone, but later prices manifested a more decided downward trend of heaviness in such investment issues as Union Pacific and New York Central.

RUSSIANS KEEP UP BLACK SEA MARCH

Assert Their Strength Along Black Sea Coast Against Turkish Resistance.

BRITISH ARE ISOLATED

British Reinforcements Go to Relief of General Townsend at Kut-el-Amara, But Appear Unable to Make Important Advance.

(By Associated Press)

London, March 8.—Attention is being drawn to the operations of the Russians along the Black sea coast in Armenia. The advance in this region is enabling the central Russian army to keep up its forward movement from Erzeroum toward Sivas, some 200 miles west of Erzeroum. According to the current official statement from Constantinople, the British army on the way to the relief of General Townsend at Kut-el-Amara has been making renewed efforts to advance. It is declared however, that all its attempts failed.

JUNIOR DAUGHTERS IN ENJOYED MEETING

The Junior Bethel Heroes chapter met at the home of Lieut. Gov. E. L. Daughtridge on Saturday, March 3rd. The chapter was entertained by Misses Mary Will Daughtridge, Nannie Daughtridge and Ida Bell Lancaster. After the program refreshments were served and the meeting adjourned.

The chapter's report for the meeting is as follows:

Twenty dollars raised for monument.
Four new members added to roll.
Twenty nine present at meeting.
Finished paying for Victrola.
Helped an old Confederate soldier and wife.
Made ten visits to old soldiers.
Ordered two sets of histories for schools.

The next meeting of the chapter will meet with Misses Estelle and Lou Spencer Avent, Elizabeth Alcock and Evelyn Shore on the first Saturday in April.

TWO LITTLE GIRLS SLAIN

Clarksburg, W. Va., March 8.—Two daughters of Michael Rader, aged 12 and 14 years, were found dead today with their throats cut, and the lifeless body of their uncle, John Meals, aged 50, was later found with a shotgun beside it at the Rader farm at Clay Creek, Nicholas Corner, six miles east of Summersville.

The deaths of the girls were first reported and Sheriff Mollohan and Prosecuting Attorney Wolverton set about organizing a posse with blood hounds from Clarksburg to search for the murderer, but when Meals' body was found later the search was abandoned, a theory being entertained that the man attacked the girls, killed them when they resisted and then committed suicide. Officers had driven overland to the scene for investigation.

RAILWAY EMPLOYES FAVOR 8-HOUR DAY

More Than Eighty Per Cent of 400,000 Railway Employes Favor Plan.

HOPE FOR NO STRIKE

Labor Leaders Meet at Chicago to Tabulate the Vote; Railway Officials Say Demand Asked by Employes Cannot Be Granted.

(By Associated Press)

Chicago, March 8.—More than 80 per cent of the 400,00 railway employes of the country favor demanding an eight hour day with the time and a half for overtime when their wage agreement with the roads expires March 31. It was indicated today when the union leaders met here to tabulate the referendum vote on the question.

Leaders of the employes are said to be opposed to arbitration and differences, although they express the hope that a strike, which would tie up 528 railroads throughout the country will not be necessary.

Railroad officials declare that the eight-hour law and over time demanded by the employes would mean an increase in wages of nearly $100,000,000a year and this increase cannot be granted under existing conditions.

Warren S. Stone, chief of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers said the announcement of the complete vote probably would not be made for several days.

RETURU INDICTMENT OF TRUST FORMATION

(By Associated Press)

Youngstown, Ohio, March 8.—Indictment charging the formation of a trust to fix the wages of common labor in violation of the Ohio law were returned here today against six steel companies and Judge Gary, executive chairman of the United States Steel Company. The action resulted from an investigation of the East Youngstown riot and labor trouble in January.

MR. J. M. WILHELM DIES IN THIS CITY

Mr. J. M. Wilhelm a well known traveling salesman for the Devoe and Reynolds Paint and Brush Co., of New York and who has covered several of the neighboring Southern States for the past twenty years, died last night at the Rocky Mount Sanitarium. Mr. Wilhelm was taken seriously ill at the Ricks hotel on Sunday night, February 27th and he was rushed to the hospital where he underwent an operation and all possible was done for him but his condition gradually grew worse until the end late yesterday. At the time of his death Mrs. Wilhelm and son, of Baltimore were at his bedside as was also Mr. Slade, a traveling sales manager of the company.

The deceased was an Elk and the local lodge B. P. O. E., No. 1038 tendered their services but the remains were taken by the night train last night to Baltimore.

DEMOCRATS WILL SELECT RALEIGH

Convention City Has to All Practical Extent Been Decided Upon.

COMMITTEE TO MEET

Date on Which the Convention is to Be Held Will Also Be Decided at Meeting of State Democratic Assembly Tonight.

Raleigh, March 8.—Members of the Democratic State Executive committee who are to hold a meeting tonight were of the opinion that the Democratic State convention would be held in Raleigh. State Chairman Thomas Warren, said Raleigh undoubtedly would be selected and declared the only reason the convention ever was held anywhere else in the past was because of the lack of proper accommodations here then.

The committee will meet tonight in the capitol. In addition to selecting the convention city, they will fix the date on which the convention will be held. Further holdings of this day's conference will also be selected.

EDGECOMBE SUPERIOR COURT IS BEING KEPT BUSY

Quite a number of offenders have been tried during the past two days in the sessions of Tarboro criminal court with Judge Lyon presiding and during the day yesterday following well known defendantts sent along from the Recorder's court were tried on appeals.

James Williams, the negro who broke into the store of J. B. Dawes, and Co., at Sharpsburg during November last year and who was taken in this city during the night following the raid and when he started to bring goods stolen to his home here. The negro was convicted of the charge and was sent to the Rocky Mount road force for two years.

Stiff Ricks, the one armed negro who was convicted of the charge of vagrancy and a second offense at that, was given 20 days with the road force. Ricks was sentenced to four months from the local court and appealed the case.

John Westry, the negro who was captured in the Farmers Supply Co., store early in December and was bound over from the local court, was sentenced to two years.

Ed Farmer, the roustabout who escaped from the chain gang was sent back to the roads for four additional months.

Alvin Deans, the negro who shot and killed Jim McDougal at South Rocky Mount, was tried for second degree murder and sentenced to twenty years in the penitentiary.

PAGLIACCI CLUB TO MEET WITH MRS. R. S. CONYERS

The Pagliacci club will meet with Mrs. Richard S. Conyers on Thursday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock at her residence on Sunset avenue.

MAKE PLANS TO MOBILIZE NATION

(By Associated Press)

New York, March 8.—Members of the Naval Advisory board today gathered to attend a conference with representatives of engineering societies and of the associated advertising clubs of the world to consider plans to mobilize the industrial, including railroads and other resources of the country, in the event of war.

OLD TIME OFFENDER HAS ANSWERED THE CALL

With a criminal record almost as long as his days, Jim Brinkley, colored, the negro who always told the truth in the city court, is dead. The negro spent many months with the road force and a remark of a member of the police force was to the effect that crepe should be hung on the door of the stockade.

Brinkley possessed the proclivity of gambling and this seemed to often assert itself and it has been stated on good authority that he paid the city more money and caused a turning of more money into the coffers of the city than any single offender in years.

With all of his meanness, Brinkley held the highest regard for the court and his oath, so far as the memory of the police goes, never testified falsely or varied from the path of truth in all of the many score violations for which he paid and for which he did services under the dictation of the law.

AGRICULTURE DEPT. MAKES CROP REPORT

(By Associated Press)

Washington, March 8.—The Department of Agriculture crop reported today announces:

Wheat about 241,717,000 bushels, or 23.9 of the 1915 crop remained on the until March 1. About 61.7 per cent will be shipped out of the country were it is grown.

Corn about 1,138,773,000 bushels, or 37.3 per cent remained on the farm, about 71.3 is merchantable.

ATLANTA STIRRED BY WOMAN MURDERER

(By Associated Press)

Atlanta, Ga., March 8.—Mrs. L. Pannell shot and killed her husband at their home here today as he was advancing on her with a strap and said he intended to beat her, according to her statement made in jail.

RENEW HEARING OF BRANDEIS CASE

(By Associated Press)

Washington, March 8.—Public hearings on the nomination of Lewis D. Brandeis, of Boston, to the Supreme court bench were ended today by the Senate Judiciary committee. The inquiry has been in progress for a month. The subcommittee did not indicate that it would report to the full committee.

HARDY IS NAMED AS RESERVE AGENT

(By Associated Press)

Washington, March 8.—Caldwell Hardy, of Norfolk, today was named Federal reserve agent of the Richmond Federal Reserve bank by the Federal Reserve board, succeeding William Ingle, who resigned about a month ago.

GIRL STUDENTS DESCRIBE AN IDEAL HUSBAND

Minneapolis, Minn., March 8.—The man who smoked but not drinks, who dances divinely and makes $1,600 a year, is the ideal husband of the University of Minnesota girl.

This is the result of a canvass by the "Minnesota Daily," the university student newspaper, which put the query: "How much salary must a man receive before you would consent to marry him?"

The sums named ranged from $300 to $10,000 with $1,600 a year as the average. One girl wrote, "hat is money to me. Give me a true, loving husband and a cottage." A large majority of the girls demanded that they future husbands be good dancers, some said they must know the "latest steps" and one went so far as to say she would carry only a man who was a "dreamy dancer" Smoking would be permitted, even demanded, by a large number of the girls, but drinking would be prohibited.

Mrs. Tom Moore and son arrived in the city yesterday from Wilmington and is visiting for several days at the homes of Miss Nennie Paris and Miss Naunie Walker.

TODAY DENOTES STARTING OF LENT

Today—Ashe Wednesday is being observed by the church people of the city and in the Episcopal and Catholic churches the members have been called to service during the morning. The date denotes the starting of the Lenten season and from now until Easter, there is a general observance of a season of fasting during which time the church members attempt especially an approach as near as possible to the perfect life.

PRESIDENT NOW GOES AHEAD WI[illegible] FOREIGN MAT[illegible]

Congress Firmly Behi[illegible] President, Who Is Rea[illegible] to Press Situati[illegible]

BERNSTORFF CALLED INTO A CONFERENCE

Tabling of McLem[illegible] [illegible]so-lution Is Regarde[illegible] plete Victory By [illegible] dent Wilson Will [illegible] cies in Present [illegible] Warfare.

(By Associated Press)

Washington, March 8.—With Congress standing firmly behind him, the President was prepared today to go with the submarine negotiation with the Central Powers.

After an all day contest such as has seldom been witnessed, the House last night answered the President's demand for a "show down" on Congressional sentiment regarding the armed ship issue, and tabled the McLemore resolution to warn Americans off armed ships. This action, together with that in the Senate in killing a similar resolution has freed the President from the bonds of the embarrassment forced upon him by the dissention in Congress.

His victory complete, was regarded by the President and his advisors, as a sufficient answer to reports circulated in Berlin that he was making demands on Germany on direct opposition to the sentiment of the select representatives of the people.

The President's next [illegible] answer Germany's latest proposal to settle the Lusitania case. In this, the United States will ask for the assurance guarantee ing that the new submarine campaign in which all armed merchant ships are to be treated as auxiliary cruisers, will be endangering American lives.

Secretary Lansing today was completing his examination of appendices to the last German note which contained alleged instances of England merchant ships attacking submarines and under which Germany has sought to justify her new underwater campaign.

With the armed ship issue out of the way, Congress was ready today to settle down to the task og clearing up the legislation slate.

Count von Bernstorff, the German Ambassador, will confer with Secretary Lansing today to present by instructions of his government, Germany's viewpoint of the armed merchant ship question. The engagement was made at the Ambassador's request.

The German government is a memorandum handed by Count von Berastorff to Secretary Lansing outlined in detail their position in regard to the armed ship, reviewing events leading up to its decision to torpedo without warning all armed merchant men of its enemies, and concedes that international law of the present constitution makes no provision for the use of submarines and expresses a willingness to operate its submarines in accordance with international law prevailing prior to the war on condition that Great Britain does not violate the same law.

Nurse Passes Hat and Gets $20,000 For Relief of Serb War Victims

MISS KATHLEEN BURKE, [illegible] HEROINE.

Palm Beach, Fla., March 8.—Miss Kathleen Burke, a young English war nurse, has collected more than $20,000 for the relief of Serbian war sufferers. Most of it is in checks and each dropped in the hat after her appeal [illegible] [illegible] by T. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

MERCHANTS OF ROCKY MOUNT TO FIRE OPENING GUN TOMORROW IN THEIR BIG FARE-REFUNDING SALE

Make Announcements in Tomorrow's Telegram of Special Bargains Offered to Out-of-Town Shoppers During Trade Week, Which Opens Saturday and Continues For One Week; This Issue of The Telegram Goes Into 7,000 Homes in This Section of the State.

Tomorrow the first big gun of the Big Co-operative Fare-Refunding sale is fired by The Evening Telegram in the formal announcements of over thirty merchants participating in the great trading event.

The majority of the families of this section in the trading zone of Rocky Mount will receive a copy of this big bargain edition. The bargains announced are good for the entire week, so if you can't come the first day you may save the big issue, read each announcement of the merchants who want your trade and are offering you inducements never before equalled in this section of the State, and take advantage of the event when convenient.

The car fare refunds are to be made from The Evening Telegram office and each merchant co-operating in the plan will issue refund slips, the use of which is fully explained on the first page of the Bargain section.

Two entire sections of The Evening Telegram is given up to the announcements of the merchants who are offering special bargains during the seven day sale, and who in addition to this will refund railroad fares to all out-of-town purchasers.

This big co-operative fare-refunding sale offers opportunities to people living in and about Rocky Mount such as they never had before. With the plan as outlined, it will be possible for people living within a radius of 30 or 40 miles of Rocky Mount to come to this city and trade without fear railroad fare costing them a single penny.

This will be, without a doubt, the greatest trade event ever held in Rocky Mount. Considerable interest has already been aroused in the towns within the radius of Rocky Mount shopping territory and from all reports the week of March 11 to 18 will be the busiest period ever witnessed in the retail circles of this city.

Every merchant participating in this big trading event is making elaborate preparations in practically every department of his store and a general sweeping price reduction sale will continue throughout the two Saturdays.

This big edition of The Telegram published in connection with the big sale is well worth waiting for and preserving.

It contains the advertisement of every merchant who will offer special inducements for the week and there are more and greater bargains enumerated in these advertisements than ever before in the city's history.

And not only will they have the opportunity of making extensive purchases at low prices but they will have their railroad fares refunded—the full particulars of which will be explained in tomorrow's Telegram.

Where to Get Bargains

Here is a list of the stores where bargains will be found and where fares will be refunded.

Anchor Store Co., Dept. Store.
Geo. L. Parker Jewelry Co.
Bailey, Draughn & Co., Dept. Store.
J. D. Blount, Dept. Store.
J. H. Daniel, Dept. Store.
Rocky Mount Shoe & Clothing Co.
Rocky Mount Furniture Co.
E. Epstein, Clothing.
H. Dampt, Studio.
Griffin Drug Co.
May & Gorham, Drugs.
B. F. Proctor, Dept. Store.
Schultz Bargain House.
Thomas Book & Stationery Co.
W. R. Lancaster Furniture Co.
The Fair, Dept. Store.
Geo. T. Burnette, Automobiles.
Z. B. Bulluck, Market.
M. von Milgrom, jwlr-optometrist.
Rocky Mount Sales Store.
Bulluck & Worsley, City Market.
Red Cross Pharmacy, Drugs.
Buster Brown Dep't. Store.
I. W. Rose Drug Company.
M. Oppenheimen & Sons, dept. store.
Gaston G. Levy & Bros., groceries.
S. Fligel, bargain store.
Dixon-Tillery Co., ready-to-wear.
G. S. Tucker & Co., furniture.
Bullock & Johnson, gents furnishings.
Rufus R. Womble, tailer.