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## FRENCH TAKE THE OFFENSIVE IN THE VERDUN REGION SAYS THE OFFICIAL REPORT—RECAPTURE LOST GROUND

The French Launch Heavy Counter Attacks Last Night and by a Persistent Use of the Hand Grenade and Bayonettes They Are Successful in Driving the Germans Out of a Portion of the Trenches Previously Taken in the Great Drive of the Past Two Weeks by the Crown Prince's Army.

The French have turned to the aggressive in the desperate struggle in progress in the northwest of Verdun and have recaptured a part of the ground lost to the Germans in their drive to the west of the Meuse. Paris announces today.

Yesterday in a two and one-half hours' battle by delivering a massed attack succeeded in gaining a footing in the French lines at two points between Boisjard and Béal-Man's hill, the dominating height which is the immediate object of the present German drive.

Last night the French launched heavy counter attacks and by using the bayonets and hand grenades freely were able to recapture a portion of the trenches the Germans had taken.

The Germans made heavy sacrifices in attempting to cut the French line and obtain possession of Béal-Man's hill, Paris advises today.

Possession of this height has enabled the French to sweep with their artillery the territory over which the Germans were endeavoring to advance to the fortress. It is still in French hands, however, the French War Office announces, although the German line has advanced southward and it now takes in nearly the whole Cambric valley to the east of the heights.

British officials deny rumors that the German submarine campaign under which named merchantmen regarded as warships has been abandoned or postponed. On the contrary it is now in full swing it is declared.

## AMERICAN CONSUL AT TORREON GIVES OVER TO BRITISH

The State Department Has No Advice Why Consul Williams Leaves Post

MANY AMERICANS ARE LEAVING THAT REGION

The Travel Out of the Region Has Been Held Up for a Day on Account of a Wreck on a Mexican Railroad.

(By Associated Press.)  
Torreon, Mexico, March 15.—The American consul A. L. Williams has turned the American consulate at Torreon over to the British vice-consul. More than forty Americans are waiting here to leave on the train which has been held up for a day by a wreck on the Monterrey road.

No Advice at State Department  
Washington, March 15.—The State Department officials are puzzled by the departure of Consul Williams from Torreon they have given him no instructions to leave and have no reports of any disorders in that section. Still they realize that the consul must have some good reason for leaving. They are reluctant to believe that the consulate is in danger.

## FORMER SENATOR GASSAWAY FUNERAL

The Former Senator from West Virginia is Buried Today at Elkin, W. Va.

Elkin, W. Va., March 15.—The funeral of Henry Gassaway Davis, former United States Senator, who died in Washington, was held here today in the First Baptist church. Business was suspended here until all business buildings were draped in black.

## EMINENT COLORED DIVINE IN THE CITY

Dr. Ernest Hall, who has been carrying on a series of meetings for four days with the Mount Zion Baptist church of which Dr. M. A. Tally is pastor will hold his last service in the city tonight. Dr. Hall came to this city from the field of service at Atlanta, Ga., where he spoke to more than forty thousand people, and where converts were numbered by the hundreds.

Dr. Hall is a minister of sound sense and sane methods. He talks to the negroes of Rocky Mount have already done a large amount of good. On Sunday morning he spoke to 900 men on the social evil and drink habit and better home life. At the conclusion of his sermon many men took a stand for Christ.

Dr. Hall does not appeal to the emotional in the negro life, but to his intelligence, and always with good results. His sane methods of presenting the gospel and making his appeal has won for him a new distinction among the ministers of the negro race. To hear him once is to be impressed with the thought that there is standing before you one who has a vision of the eternal and grasp on the message of salvation that is seldom heard. His services here have been attended by quite a number of white people.

## FRANK BAKER APPEARS IN NEW YORK UNIFORM

Macon, Ga., March 15.—The first appearance today of Frank Baker in practice with the Yankees relieved Manager Bill Bonawit and Captain Huston of any fear that their big third baseman had been rendered temporarily useless by the accident to his fingers. His first workout was a surprise to them, for he did more than they had expected from an athlete with two fingers on his right hand. Baker did the best hitting of the day. Though his fingers are sore there is apparently nothing the matter with his batting eye.

The big fellow got hold of four balls which he drove to the center field fence in the course of the practice. For the first time today, Donovan called on his first string pitchers to pitch in batting practice. In addition to a couple of youngsters he had Caldwell, Fisher, Shawkey, and Keating throwing them up to the batters. These fellows are now in good shape.

## SENATE APPROVES MOBILE ARMY BILL

The Joint Resolution Adopted by the House Goes Through Senate

VOTE IS UNANIMOUS

The Bill Will Add Strength of 20,000 Men to the Present Enlistment for Army Service.

(By Associated Press.)  
Washington, March 15.—The Senate today approved unanimously the joint resolution adopted by the House yesterday to bring the mobile army on to its full strength which would add about 20,000 men to its present enlistment.

## COLD WEATHER IS THE PREDICTION

Washington, March 15.—Cold weather for the South tonight with a cold wave in North Carolina and as far south as central Florida, was predicted by the weather bureau today. The middle west storm has reached southern Virginia and North Carolina with some increased intensity and with further development of the cold high area to the northward. Storm warnings are displayed on the Atlantic Coast to central Florida and to Eastport, Maine.

The weather bureau issued the following additional storm warning today: "Advisory northwest storm warning at 11 o'clock a. m. Catoctin, N. C., to Jacksonville and change to Norfolk to Hatteras as storm over southern Virginia and North Carolina moving east and probably will turn to north-east along the coast. Strong north-west winds this afternoon and tonight."

## PLANS COMPLETE FOR BABY SHOW

Promises to be One of the Most Interesting Events in Maun Months.

"Everybody loves the kiddies!" To the Mothers of Nash and Edgecombe Counties.

Circle No. 4 of the Bethel Home chapter of U. D. C., will hold a Baby Show Friday afternoon, March 18th at 3:30 o'clock in the Speight building on Tarboro street, next door to postoffice for the benefit of the Mauniment fund.

This contest is not confined to Rocky Mount, and any child in either county under 3 years of age may enter. We also want it understood that this is to be a "Baby Show" and not a "Dress Parade." No prizes offered for pretty clothes. Competent judges will be appointed. There will be three sections—enter your baby according to age.

Section 1. Children from four months to one year.  
Section 2. Children from one to two years.  
Section 3. Children from two to three years.

The small entrance fee of 10 cents will be charged for each baby. Full particulars and announcement of prizes will appear later in The Telegram.

Remember the Time, the Place and Cause. Come and bring the kiddies.

## COTTON SUPPLY REPORT ISSUED

The Amount of Cotton in the Hands of the Manufacturers About—As in 1915

(By Associated Press.)  
Washington, March 15.—Cotton used during February amounted to 540,771 bales, the census bureau today announced. That compares with 562,367 used in February last year and 512,055 used in January this year. Cotton on hand February 29th including established stocks was 1,082,242 bales against 1,074,109 a year ago and in public storage and at compressors 497,136 bales against 3,075,435 a year ago.

Cotton spindles active during February were 31,882,489 against 30,744,949 a year ago.

## P. D. GOLD RETURNS TO HIS FILM WORK IN LOS ANGELES

Washington, March 15.—P. D. Gold, president of the National Drama Corporation of Los Angeles, Calif., and New York, left here last night for Los Angeles, after spending several weeks in the east looking after matters of interest to his company.

The National Drama corporation is producing in moving pictures the works of Thomas Dixon, of North Carolina. "The Birth of a Nation," and "The Fall of a Nation" are some of the works which Messrs. Dixon and Gold are putting up in California.

Mr. Gold goes by the southern route and will pass very close to the Mexican border. He does not get first hand

## DRUNKEN TROOPS OF CARRANZA KILL COLONEL ROJAS IN COMMAND AT OJINGA

U. S. SOLDIERS WOUNDED IN VILLA FIGHT



(c) Chicago Tribune.  
Photo shows three members of the Thirtieth U. S. cavalry, wounded in the fight with Villa at Ojunga, New Mexico, enroute for hospital at El Paso.

## HIS TROOPS LAST NIGHT ATTEMPT INVADE STATES

No News in Hand as to the Movement of American Troops, But Are Known to Have Broken Camp

## CARRANZA GEN. TRIES TO CONTROL HIS MEN

According to the Report the Chief Was Shot from the Crowd by One of the Soldiers That He Sought to Control.

Marfa, Texas, March 15.—The reported death of Colonel Rojas, Carranza commander at Ojunga at the hands of his own men who attempted to mutiny last night, was confirmed by telephone advices here today. Rojas was trying to control his men, who were drinking and threatening to invade the United States when he was shot from the crowd, according to the report.

## No Mention of Troop Movement

El Paso, March 15.—Reports that the American military force at Columbus, N. M., had broken camp could not be confirmed early today. Messages from Columbus started coming through the military censor into El Paso but they made no mention of troop movement.

## Troops Seen Moving on Border

El Paso, Texas March 15.—United States troops, with camps broken, were under marching equipment along the Mexican border west of here at daylight today in at least two positions. Military censors prohibited transmission of any information of actual movements through the first half of the day. The troops in readiness were at Columbus and Hachita, N. M.

General Caviera said today he had received information that American troops had not yet crossed the border and that they were awaiting permission from General Carranza. General Caviera said he believed Carranza's reply would be favorable.

## Funston Denies Any Advance

San Antonio, Tex., March 15.—General Funston said if there had been any movements of the American troops into Mexico he had not been informed of it. He said that he felt certain that if General Pershing had expected an advance he would have notified the headquarters immediately.

## Carranza Troops Pursue Villa

While regiments of United States cavalry heavily supported by infantry await General Pershing's order to advance, General Carranza's troops worked desperately to effect the capture of Villa in order to forestall an invasion of Mexico by American forces, according to information received here. General Funston remained at his office until after midnight last night to receive any report General Pershing might make. It had been reported that by morning the American troops would be across the boundary line, but General Funston himself did not know General Pershing's intentions.

## ANOTHER ORDER FOR KINSTON STATION

(By Associated Press.)  
Raleigh, March 15.—The State corporation commission today ordered the Atlantic Coast Line and Norfolk Southern to file claim for a union station at Kinston within thirty days.

## STOCK MARKET

(By Associated Press.)  
New York, March 15.—Activity and general strength were again the dominant features of today's early market yesterday's buying moment being based on a broad scale, gains were point on more were registered by American Locomotive, American Gas, American Zinc American Petroleum Westinghouse, the latter opened at sale of 6,000 shares at 79 1/2 against yesterday's close at 79 1/2. Canadian Pacific and several

## OSBORNE PERJURY CHARGE DROPPED

The Former Warden Sing Sing Who Faced Grave Charge Released

## THE CASE DISMISSED

The Indictment Charging That Warden of Sing Sing Prison Swore Falsely is Dropped by Justice Tompkins Today.

(By Associated Press.)  
White Plains, N. Y., March 15.—Supreme Court Justice Tompkins today dismissed the indictment charging perjury against Thomas Watt Osborne, former warden of Sing Sing. Justice Tompkins ordered the jury, trying the case, to acquit the defendant and then discharged the jurors.

## COTTON MARKET

(By Associated Press.)  
New York, March 15.—Cotton futures opened steady. May, 12.96; July, 12.21; October, 12.36; December, 12.47; January, 12.56. The cotton market opened steady today at an advance of 3 points to a decline of 3 points and the active months sold about 4 to 6 points, not lower right after the call with May touching 13.26; July, 12.13 and October, 12.27, the census figures on supply and distribution for the month of February made as bullish a showing as had been expected and this service by itself the market and prices rallied 4 to 6 points from the lowest before the end of the first hour.

## GERMAN YOUTH ARRESTED BY OFFICERS IN ASHLAND

Ashland, Va., March 15.—Wilhelm von Linders, an eighteen-year-old German, who claims to be a midshipman on the Kronprinz Wilhelm now interned in Norfolk, was arrested here by United States officers and returned to Norfolk. Von Linders' claim as to his connection with the vessel is disputed by its commander, who in a message received today, says there is no such name on the ship's roster. He believes that the boy is either taking of traveling under an assumed name.

## "DAMON AND PYTHIAS" THURSDAY NIGHT

Damon and Pythias the five reel feature which is to be presented at the Grand Theatre Thursday night, is looked forward to with much interest, especially by the Pythians of the city. The feature is one of the most elaborate ever staged by the Universal Film Co., and it is expected several

## WIRES SILENT OF ANY MOVEMENTS

Censorship From The Border Cities Complete and Nothing is Known

## SERVICE IS NORMAL

Reports From El Paso Contain Nothing Whatever in Way of Information as to Any Invasion of Mexico or Troop Movement.

(By Associated Press.)  
El Paso, March 15.—The wire from Columbus, N. M., where the first expedition is in readiness for entering Mexico, was working today but no messages about the troops had been received since late last night. During the early hours this morning the censorship at Columbus cut off information completely.

## SEN. SHIVLEY'S FUNERAL PLANS

The Senator Who Died Recently in Washington is to Be Buried at South Bend, Ind.

(By Associated Press.)  
Washington, March 15.—Funeral arrangements virtually were complete today for the late Senator Benjamin J. Shivley, of Indiana, who died here late yesterday after a lingering illness. Aged 58 years, death resulted from a complication of diseases. The body will remain at the Shivley home here tomorrow when it will be started on its way to South Bend, Ind., where burial will take place Saturday afternoon.

## MISS HOLDEN IN HOSPITAL, IMPROVES

Miss Norma Holden, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Holden, who several weeks ago underwent an operation at the Parkview hospital for appendicitis continues to improve, much to the gratification of her many young friends who will be glad to learn that Miss Holden, will, in all probability be able to return to her home during the coming week.

## MAY PROBE THE CAUSE OF DELAY

(By Associated Press.)  
Raleigh, March 15.—Governor Craig announced that if Mrs. Ila Ball Warren and Samuel Christy are not delivered by the sheriff why he has not complied with the law in delivering the prisoners to the penitentiary twenty days before the date set for their execution for the murder of G. J. Warren, the woman's husband. They are sentenced to die March 31. State prison officials said this afternoon they had not yet heard from