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5,950,000 MEN LOST IN WAR

Such Is Estimate for the First Eight Months Made by Military Expert of the Socialist Paper.

$8,400,000,000 WAS SPENT DURING SIX MONTHS

Austrian Aviators Drop Bombs on a Montenegrin Town Killing Twelve Women and Children.

Petrograd, April 7.—The advance of the Russians in the Carpathians has cut through the Austrian army under General Boerovitch in two places. The east wing of the army is in a precarious position. The Russians have captured Smolinsk, each of the Lupkow pass.

London, April 8.—The fighting in the Carpathians is proceeding bitterly with both the Russians and Austro-Germans claiming local successes. The Russians are fighting their way over four passes—tse Dukla, the Lupkow, the Uzsok and the Rostock—the last named being in the possession of the Russians. The Austrians seem only to have enough men to hold the Russians in check and evidently are unable to make a counter stroke from Bukowina. Therefore their hopes must be centered on the help of the Germans who may force the Russians back as they did after the invaders had reached a point much further into Hungary than they have this time.

Rome, April 7.—(By way of Paris, April 8.)—The nations now at war lost 5,950,000 men in the first eight months of the war conflict and spent $8,400,000,000 during the first six months according to figures prepared for the Avanti, a socialist organ, by its military expert.

The article declares that the only result of the war will be wedding out of the forces engaged and not a military victory. It is calculated that in nine or ten months more the nations will have exhausted their reserves and that the country which will suffer least from this exhaustion will be Russia.

12 Killed by Bombs.

Paris, April 8.—Twelve women and children were killed and 48 people were injured by bombs dropped by Austrian aviators on the market place at Podgortisa, Montenegro, yesterday afternoon, according to a Cettinge dispatch to the Havas agency. Many buildings were destroyed by the missiles, seven of which were dropped by the aviators.

CREW OF SCHOONER LANDED AT NEW YORK

New York, April 8.—Seven men—captain and crew of the schooner Lizzie B. Wiley,—which sailed April 1 from Havana for Pawtucket with a cargo of lumber, were brought into this port today by the steamer Proteus from New Orleans where they were rescued from their water-logged vessel, 250 miles south of Cape Hatteras April 6.

NEW WORLD'S CHAMPION ON WAY TO NEW YORK

Havana, April 7.—Jess Willard, the new heavyweight champion of the world, left Havana today at 11 o'clock for New York where he is due to arrive Friday at 6:20 o'clock.

BIG PONY CONTEST BEGAN YESTERDAY

Gazette-News Will Give Away Four Valuable Grand Prizes to Winners.

Yesterday afternoon The Gazette-News inaugurated its big pony outfit contest at the close of which four grand prizes will be given away to the successful contestants. This contest presents an opportunity to every boy and girl in Asheville and in territory adjoining this city to obtain a pony, buggy and harness as first prize, or a handsome gold watch as the second prize. The territory covered by the contest is divided as follows: District No. 1, embracing all the territory within the limits of Asheville and in Buncombe county within five miles of Asheville; district No. 2, all the territory outside of district No. 1.

Elsewhere in today's issue of The Gazette-News will be found a full description of the prizes to be awarded together with the rules and regulations governing the contest. The successful candidates in each district will be those who receive the highest and next highest number of votes cast for them according to the rules prescribed for the casting and counting of ballots. In order to enter the contest, all that is necessary is for a boy or girl or some of their friends to send his or her name to the paper on one of the nomination blanks which will be printed from time to time in The Gazette-News. Each nomination blank is good for 100 votes. There will also appear daily in The Gazette a voting coupon good for 25 votes. And in addition to these ballots votes will be allowed on old and new subscriptions to The Gazette-News.

Those who have seen the prizes say that the four grand prizes that will be given away to the prize winners in the two voting districts will make their owners the objects of envy to all those who did not put forth their best efforts to win a prize. The ponies are thoroughbred Shetlands, well broken to harness and as gentle as a shepherd dog. Their strength is entirely out of proportion to their size and they can draw a buggy containing two grown people with ease. The buggies are made by one of the best known carriage and vehicle factories in the United States and are strong in construction and stylish in appearance. The harness is made of the best materials and will last for years. This outfit could not be bought for less than $350.

The watches are in two sizes, ladies' and gentlemen's; they are gold and are worth $50 to $65 each.

In addition to these prizes, there will be a ten per cent commission on subscriptions allowed to non-prize winners.

Miss Mabel Dockery of 32 Broadway in this city has the honor of being the first person nominated in this contest. The name of Jesse Cole has been received as the second nomination to be made in the contest.

The contest closes Tuesday, May 18, and those who enter the campaign early will have a great advantage. Any information or any assistance desired in regard to the contest may be obtained by communicating with the pony contest manager, Asheville Gazette-News, Asheville, N. C.

ITALIAN SHIPS GATHER; PROFOUND IMPRESSION

Finest Fleet in Country's History Concentrates Near Adriatic Sea.

On the Italian Frontier, April 8.—(via Paris).—The warships of the Italian fleet departed suddenly on Monday from the Mediterranean naval stations at Spezia, Gaeta and Maddalena Island. They concentrated at Augusta, Sicily and at Talanto. They are thus within a few hours of the Adriatic.

The departure of the warships caused a profound impression, particularly at Spezia, where until last Sunday the harbor was crowded with dreadnoughts, cruisers and torpedo boat destroyers while the town was filled with officers and sailors.

Italy now has the finest fleet in her history. It is headed by several new dreadnoughts, of which the most formidable is the Conte di Britain's Queen Elizabeth.

Future movements of the fleet are veiled with absolute secrecy. It is asserted that only the king and one or two of the highest government officials are acquainted with plans decided upon.

DELAYS ACTION IN WILCOX CASE

Governor Craig Thinks If Convict Is Guilty of Murder He Has Not Been Punished Enough.

TO MAKE STATEMENT OF POSITION SOON

Davidson People Think Newspapers Did not Give Enough Publicity to Passage of Bond Bill.

(By W. T. Bost.)

Raleigh, April 8.—Governor Craig's delay in the disposal of the Wilcox pardon will probably cause him to make a statement of his position within a short time.

Governor Craig has not indicated what he will do. He has been much besieged by advocates of clemency for the convicted slayer of Neil Cropsey. Little opposition has been offered. Among those who have sought release of Wilcox is former Judge G. W. Ward who was the solicitor who prosecuted Wilcox twice and twice convicted him.

Judge Ward has never had any doubt as to the guilt of Wilcox and doesn't now have any, but Elizabeth City people have been tempered by time and think Wilcox has had punishment enough. The governor has told many of them if Wilcox is guilty he has not been punished too much or enough.

The governor will make his statement whether he dismisses the pardon or not, but he has been careful that the newspapers do not misunderstand his position. He still corresponds with Pasquotank people in the hope of getting all possible facts upon which to base an action of mercy. The easterners are much concerned over his announcement.

The Davidson Case.

The Supreme court spent a good portion of its yesterday's session on the Davidson county bond case, S. E. Williams and Judge J. S. Manning appearing for the plaintiffs and W. H. Phillips, Z. I. Walser and E. E. Raper for the commission which directs the expenditure of the $300,000 bond issue for roads.

The printed brief for the plaintiffs and the defendants formed the basis of argument but the attorneys did not rest their case on that. Captain Williams covered such a wide territory that the court occasionally invited him back to the constitutionality of the act, one of the questions under debate. Nearly all questions asked by the court were directed to the opponents of the Leonard bill.

The hearing in Greensboro brought out substantially the same facts as the arguments yesterday did. The charges of secrecy and suppression were again offered to the court. Specific allegations that the representative of the Charlotte Observer and the Greensboro Daily News were approached" and that those who were 'interested in the passage of said act and of concealing the pendency of the same before the legislature" succeeded in keeping the introduction and the passage of the bill from the newspaper columns were reiterated as blithely as though the men making the charges knew what they were talking about. The fact that the bill was reported when introduced and when passed exactly as the other 1,500 local bills were done did not appear to be material.

Judge Manning did not discuss that phase of it, however. He said that the courts have been very liberal in the construction of the statutes governing measures directed for the common good. The real issue before the present court he declared to be the limit of such powers to the legislature and to the counties administering the acts of those general assemblies.

He reviewed the ill-fated bond bill of two years ago and said that the people had expressed their will against a bond issue and in favor of that "pay as you go" policy. Judge Manning did not think there could be any doubt of the people's will in this issue and of the purpose of the proponents of the issue to override that will.

Mr. Raper argued that there is nothing in the constitutioner in the court procedure requiring the printing of legislative acts in the Greensboro Daily News or the Charlotte Observer. One of the functions of the government he declared to be the forcing of people to do the things that they will not do when those things are for the common good. He showed that substantially all the prohibition measures passed were over the expressed will of localities, likewise he recalled that many city governments have been given in the same manner.

He declared to the court that Ray McRary's local self-government record in the legislature and his present position cannot be reconciled.

Rowan Man is Engineer.

The county commissioners elected Calvin M. Miller, of Salisbury, to the position of road engineer for the

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INTERNMENT OF EITEL ARRANGED

Naval Officials Work Out Details of German Cruiser's Internment at an Early Morning Conference.

SHIP TO BE TAKEN TO NORFOLK AND DISABLED

Thierichens Stood Ready to Dash to Sea Till Last Minute of Grace—Expected Aid Failed.

Newport News, April 8.—Details of the internment of the German converted cruiser Prinz Eitel Friedrich were worked out at a conference early today between Admiral Fletcher, commander of the Atlantic fleet, Rear Admiral Helm, of the battleship Alabama and Beatty, commandant of the Norfolk navy yard, and Collector of Customs Hamilton.

The decision of Commander Thierichens to intern followed the receipt of an imperative notice from the United States government early last night that the time that he would be allowed to stay in this port expired at midnight last night. Had Captain Thierichens not asked to be interned, he would have been compelled to depart from American waters not later than 4 a. m. this morning.

On board the Prinz Eitel, which up to the last moment before her time expired had apparently been ready to make a dash for the sea, Captain Thierichens and his men seemed gloomy.

Many British merchantmen are leaving here today as a result of Thierichens' decision to intern, which operated to lift the American embargo against th edeparture of commerce ships of the enemies of Germany.

With the taking of the Eitel to Norfolk navy yard, the breach locks of the guns will be removed and the connecting rods of the cruiser's engines will be detached.

The Eitel has been laid up here since March 10, when she limped into port, after a remarkable career of commerce raiding.

Late last night, Admiral Fletcher, commander of the Atlantic fleet which arrived in Hampton Roads yesterday, took charge of the situaton. A conference was to take place today between Admiral Fletcher, Rear Admirals Helm and Beatty and Collector Hamilton acting for the treasury department, to arrange details of the internment before the Eitel Friedrich is taken to the navy yard.

Commander Thierichens notified the Washington government through Collector of Customs Hamilton shortly after 7 o'clock of his decision to intern rather than "deliver the crew and ship to fruitless and certain destruction" by British and French warships waiting off the Virginia capes to destroy them.

The German captain delivered his announcement in writing when Collector Hamilton boarded the Eitel Friedrich with an imperative notice from the Washington government that the time for his stay in this port would expire at midnight and that he must leave American waters by 4 o'clock in the morning of April 8. Before the customs collector had a chance to deliver the message from Washington, Commander Thierichens handed him the written announcement of his decision.

Determination of the German commander to intern his ship immediately operated to life the American embargo against merchant ships of allied European nations leaving this port. More than a score of British vessels which had been cleared, but held up were immediately permitted to leave port and customs houses at Newport News and Norfolk were kept open until 10:30 o'clock last night issuing clearances. Captains of British merchant ships clamored for clearances about the customs offices and scores of ships were sailing for the capes long before midnight.

Actual internment of the Prinz Eitel it was arranged in conference between Rear Admiral Beatty, commandant of the Norfolk navy yard, Rear Admiral Helm, of the battleship Alabama, and Collector Hamilton was to be accomplished today, the sea raider to be taken to the Norfolk navy yard at Portsmouth, Va., today. There breech blocks of her guns will be removed and connecting rods of her engines will be detached.

Collector Hamilton received final instructions from the Washington government late yesterday. When he reached the Eitel Friedrich he found Captain Thierichens awaiting him. The German officer did not wait to hear the message from Washington, but handed to him a sealed envelope containing his announcement. The letter was as follows:

"I inform you I intend to intern S. M. S. Prinz Eitel Friedrich. The relief I expected to appear did not arrive in time so the number and force of the enemy cruisers watching the

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REASON ITALY IS HESITATING

Country's Statesmen Will First See What They Can Do Through the Channels of Diplomacy.

ITALY GAINS STRENGTH WHILE DELAYING WAR

Some Believe Austria Wants to Conclude Peace With Russia—Others Expect Austrian Concessions.

Rome, April 7.—(By way of Paris, April 8.)—Italy's hesitation to enter the war is explained in official circles as being due to that fact that the country's statesmen are making every possible effort to obtain what the people desire through diplomatic channels. It is pointed out that in the meantime Italy is gaining every day in military strength and economic resources by postponing entrance into the conflict.

Official reports from European capitals are said to agree that the supreme crash between the allied and Austro-German forces which originally seemed certain in May will be postponed until June or possibly later. Therefore, it is argued that there is no reason why Italy should hasten her action. There is no attempt to deny that a war against Austria would be popular.

It is pointed out that the Italian army has been mobilized without protest from Austria, the country most obviously threatened, and this is taken in some quarters to indicate that the leaders in the dual monarchy want to avert hostilities and may yet consent to the territorial concessions which Italy desires.

"Dramatic Surprise?"

Turin, Italy, April 8.—The Gazette del Popolo declares that the reports that Austria is contemplating the conclusion with Russian in order to defend herself against Italy is not so visionary as the Vienna official communications would indicate. The paper's Vienna correspondent professes to have obtained reliable information that Austria has already opened semi-official pourparlors with two powers of the triple entente and he believes a "dramatic surprise" is possible.

CLEARINGS FOR REVENUE SYSTEM TO BE ARRANGED

Gold Fund Will Be Created for Use in Settling Bank Balances.

Washington, April 8.—The federal reserve board announced last night that it had reached a general understanding with representatives of federal banks for the creation of a gold fund in Washington for use in clearings and settling balances between those banks. The plan is expected to become effective next month.

When the fund is created and put in operation the last important step in establishing the clearing functions of the federal reserve banks already are clearing for member banks in their own districts.

It was said no agreement had been reached on the amount of the gold fund to be deposited here. When it was first considered several months ago a committee of governors and members of the board spoke of $25,000,000. Part of the $25,000,000, it was hoped at that time, would be put up by the treasury department, but in recent discussion the question of a government contribution has been left to the future and the banks alone are expected to complete it.

Officials are inclined to believe there will be no actual large movements of gold from Washington to the various banks in payment of balances, the idea being that it will become largely a matter of bookkeeping with the gold here for shipment if any reserve bank demands it.

The reserve banks will be allowed to count the gold contributed to the fund as part of their reserves and will receive some interest on it through charges made for clearing checks.

RECESS APPT. FOR P. M. AT CONCORD, IS MADE

Washington, April 7.—President Wilson today gave a recess appointment to the postoffice at Concord, N. C., to John L. Miller.

CARRANZA GETS A SERIOUS BLOW

NURSE KILLED AT MISSION HOSPITAL

Miss Ollie Bagwell Caught in an Elevator, and Her Head Crushed.

While ascending from the first to the third floors of the Mission hospital in an elevator yesterday afternoon, Miss Ollie Bagwell, aged 18, daughter of R. O. Bagwell of Fairview, was caught between the floor of the elevator and the door jamb of the first floor, her head being crushed to such an extent that she died ten minutes later. According to the information given out at the hospital, Miss Bagwell had just come down from the third floor, after telling some of the nurses there that she would return in about two minutes. Attending to her mission to the first floor she stepped into the elevator, and it is believed that while she was closing the door, she pulled the cable, starting the elevator up and that her head struck the door frame of the shaft. She fell to the floor of the elevator and her head was caught between the elevator floor and the top door jamb of the first floor, her arms protruding from the cage.

She gave one outcry, which was heard by Miss Ethel Patton and Miss Sophie Garlick, who rushed to the elevator to see what had happened. Miss Patton jerked the cable and the unconscious body of Miss Bagwell fell into the hallway. She was immediately taken to the operating room and Dr. M. H. Fletcher called, but she died within ten minutes after the fatal accident, without having regained consciousness.

The deceased had been at the hospital since January 27, last, being a probationer. The body was taken to the home of the deceased yesterday afternoon and the funeral services will be held tomorrow at 12 o'clock, with interment at Hooper's Creek. The superintendent and several of the nurses of the hospital will attend the services.

Mr. Bagwell, father of the deceased, was in the city from his home in Fairview at the time of his daughter's death. He was notified and rushed to the hospital, but failed to reach there before she died.

While the accident occurred about 2:30 o'clock no news of it was given out until 4:30 o'clock, when an official of the institution brought a brief announcement to The Gazette-News office and asked that as little be said about the death as possible. A reporter of this paper was in touch with the hospital yesterday afternoon, asking about another case, but nothing was said to him in regard to the death of Miss Bagwell.

R. F. CROOKS APPOINTED POSTMASTER AT MURPHY

Two Banks Consolidate at Hendersonville—Cherokee Indians to Make Lace.

Gazette-News Bureau
Wyatt Building
Washington, April 8.

President Wilson appointed two North Carolina postmasters yesterday. They are John L. Miller, of Concord, and R. F. Crooks, of Murphy.

Miller was recommended for appointment by Representative Doughton just before congress adjourned and Senator Overman asked the postmaster general to appoint Crooks a few days ago. Both will have to be reappointed when congress meets in December, the appointment today being a recess nomination.

The comptroller of the currency has approved the application to organize the Citizens National bank of Hendersonville. The new bank absorbs the Peoples National and the Citizens bank.

Indian Commissioner Cato Sells announced that he has decided to encourage lace making among the Cherokee Indians in North Carolina and will send an expert to the reservation within the next few weeks to instruct the Indians in this industry.

While at present instructions will only be given at the government or reservation school, it is planned to teach the art to all who desire to learn.

Commissioner Sells has under consideration several other plans which will benefit the Indians and which call for large expenditures. These plans, however, will not be made public at present.

Villa Forces Defeat Obregon in Two Days Fight in Central Mexico, Villa's Agents Declare.

FORCES OF OBREGON RETREATING TO SOUTH

Villa Personally Is Directing Pursuit—Each Side Had 20,000 to 25,000 Men in Conflict.

El Paso, Tex., April 8.—By the defeat of General Obregon's army in a battle which lasted two days in central Meixco, officials of the Villa faction declared at Juarez today that a decisive blow had been struck at the Carranza cause. Reports at Villa headquarters stated that "Obregon's forces are retreating to the south from a point midway between Queretaro and Irapuato." Villa personally is directing the pursuit.

Each side had from 20,000 to 25,000 men, according to report.

Washington, April 8.—A battle in which 40,000 men are engaged which may be decisive action of the war between Carranza and Villa is in progress or impending near Irapuato in the state of Guanajuato. State department advices received today, dated April 5, said that the fighting would begin soon. This was construed that Villa had assembled forces strong enough to meet Obregon and was moving south from Torreon, on the National railroad.

Obregon was last reported at Queretaro and was said to have sent a column against San Luis Potosi while protecting his march with a second column, and a third column under General Hill was marching toward Morela, the capital of Michoacan.

Obregon is understood by officials here to have 20,000 men and Villa is said to have an equal number.

Irapuato is the junction of the Mexican Central and the National railroads toward which Obregon is advancing.

The state department has issued the following summary:

"The department is informed that Villa has announced that if he is successful in defeating the forces of Obregon he will immediately open communication with Mexico City. The department advices indicate that should the forces of Carranza be defeated his most important strongholds would be Vera Cruz, Tampico and Matamoros.

"Advices to the Carranza agency say that the Carranza gunboat Guerrero reached Guaymas Monday night and the commander notified foreigners to leave as he intended to bombard the town.

"Mobs at Guaymas and Hermosillo," the statement adds, "have looted business houses."

NEGROES ARE HELD FOR THE SUPERIOR COURT

Probable cause was found in the cases against Cliff Fowler and Felix Grimes, colored, tried in Police court today on charges of entering and robbing the store of William Vance, colored, in east end several weeks ago, and the defendants were held to Superior court under bonds of $600 each in default of which they were committed to jail. Charles Eves, colored, was found not guilty of similar charges.

The store owned by Vance, was broken into and goods of large value were stolen. The police worked on the case, arresting Grimes and Eves and then it was found that Fowler was also believed to have been implicated. Search showed that since the robbery he had been tried on other charges and sent to the roads.

So, in order to try the defendants, Fowler was brought in from the chain gang and given a hearing today. He will be taken back to finish out his first sentence, when he will be held for action by the grand jury.

RUSSIAN DELEGATES ARE IN BULGARIA

Sofia, Bulgaria, April 8.—Two Russian delegates have arrived to conclude the arrangements with the Bulgarian railroad to establish direct communication between Russia and Saloniki.

BRITISH HOLD GERMAN STEAMER WITH COTTON

London, April 8.—The steamer Spyros Vallianos, [illegible] nah March 10, to [illegible] cargo of cotton, has [illegible] Falmouth.