

DAMAGE BY AIR RAID UNKNOWN

Attackers Declare Operations Resulted in Destruction of Military Material and Defenders Deny.

OPERATIONS HALTED IN THE CARPATHIANS

Resumption of Activities by Allied Fleet at Dardanelles Reported—Greece May Modify Policy.

London, April 17.—The allies on one side and the Germans on another today are taking an inventory of the injuries inflicted by the recent aerial operations with the usual contradictory results. The attackers claim that their assaults from the air resulted in the destruction of military transports and equipment but the defenders report that the only tangible effects of such operations were casualties to civilians and slight damage to property.

The people of England, being influenced by recent experiences, are looking for a repetition of the aerial attacks by Zeppelins or Taubes, but up to noon no such attack had been reported.

The weather conditions seem to be the chief cause of the present halt of operations in the Carpathians. A correspondent of the Associated Press with the Austrian forces, reviewing the situation, declares that the Russian offensive was checked after the invaders debouched on the plains of the Hungarian side of Lupat pass and straightened out an Austrian wedge which had been driven into the Russian line near Uzok pass. He says that the Russians suffered fearful losses in making their supreme effort to gain the Hungarian plains, the casualties having been particularly heavy among the noble officers of crack regiments.

At any event, British observers believe that whatever else may be retarding the Russians, the bad streams and impassable roads are ample reason for the present delay.

With the news of resumption of activities by the allied fleet in the Dardanelles comes support from Greece which has the impression of a possible modification of the present policy of Greece.

British colonial officials issued an official report today claiming a victory for the British Indian invading forces against the Turks in Mesopotamia.

The western front signs are growing that Germany anticipates the long projected general offensive of the spring but actual operations have relaxed into the quiet of mid-winter.

On April 17.—German planes dropped some bombs yesterday, 30 miles from London. The first attack on Herne bay, east of London, and about 50 miles from London. The aircraft were rapidly toward London within a few minutes

was reported over Canterbury, Faversham and Sittingbourne. It dropped bombs on each of the towns.

This was the third German aeroplane attack during the last 36 hours on the eastern counties of England. The two previous attacks were made at night by Zeppelins.

The aerial onslaughts, however, were not limited to the Germans. A French official report claims a successful air attack bombardment of the German imperial headquarters, in retaliation for the Zeppelin attack on Nancy. The German report says that the French airmen dropped bombs on several towns which were not protected by anti-aircraft guns.

London no longer considers itself immune from air attacks. The Zeppelins on recent raids at night have gone further from their strong Cuxhaven base than the distance between Cuxhaven and London. The aeroplane 30 miles from the capital and choosing its own course has brought a new conception of the effective range of this type of machine. Nevertheless the English public remains skeptical of the destructive powers of the airships.

SEVEN KILLED IN AEROPLANE ATTACK

Two German Aeroplanes Fly Over Amiens, France, and Drop Bombs.

Amiens, France, April 17.—Seven people were killed and eight were wounded by two German aeroplanes which flew over Amiens yesterday. The cathedral was apparently the target of the missiles dropped, but it was not damaged. The first aeroplane appeared at 4:45 a. m. and dropped five bombs. The exploding projectile was fatal to four women and two men and seven others were wounded, including two soldiers who were guarding the railroad station. The property damage was trivial.

The second air machine appeared at 5 o'clock p. m. and one of its bombs demolished a house and decapitated a woman sitting in the parlour and injured another.

MADISON SCHOOLS WILL CLOSE NEXT FRIDAY

Congressman Britt Will Deliver an Address at the Exercises.

Special to The Gazette-News. Marshall, April 17.—The second annual county commencement of this county will be held in Marshall, Friday April 23. The object of this annual event at the close of the school year is to call the people together from all parts of the county to enjoy the day at our county seat, and to lay plans for a larger and more efficient work in our schools for the coming year.

The grand parade will be held at 10 o'clock Friday morning led by the Mars Hill College band.

Congressman J. J. Britt will speak at 11 o'clock. Diplomas will be awarded to the 7th grade graduates at 13 o'clock. A school exhibit and an educational rally will be held in the court house at 3 p. m. A recitation and declamation contest will be held at 5 o'clock p. m. A beautiful gold medal will be given to the winner in each contest.

The French Broad bank and the Citizens Bank of Marshall have shown interest in the county commencement by giving the two medals offered in the contests. The Citizens bank will give the medal offered in the recitation contest and the French Broad bank will give the one offered in the declamation contest.

ITALY EXPECTS SUDDEN ATTACK

Believed Austria Will Act Quickly When Convinced of Italy's Intention to Intervene in War.

PROSPECT CAUSING VERY LITTLE ALARM

Turkish Emissary to Rome Convinced That Italy Will Continue to Maintain Neutrality, He Says.

Paris, April 17.—The belief is becoming general in Rome that Austria contemplates a sudden attack on Italy as soon as the dual monarchy is convinced of Italy's determination to intervene in the war, according to a Rome dispatch to the Matin. The prospect is said to be causing no alarm, however, because of the concentration of a large force of Italians on the Austrian frontier.

Turk Confident. Rome, April 16, via Paris, April 17.—"I am convinced that Italy will remain neutral," was a statement made to the Idea Nazionale by Carasso Efeldi, member of the Turkish chamber of deputies, just before he left Rome, after completing his recent mission for his government. He said he had gained this impression after interviews with various Italian statesmen. "Until yesterday," he said, "this was a simple impression, but now I consider it a certainty."

On the Italian Frontier, Via Paris, April 17.—Italy today has 1,200,000 first line troops under arms, between the ages of 20 and 25 years, perfectly armed and equipped. General Zepelli, Italian minister of war said that a miracle had been performed when Italy after maintaining for 20 years a military organization merely for the preservation of peace had created one of the most perfect war machines of the world, which he said to be superior proportionately to the German army at the beginning of the war.

The eagerness of the soldiers on the frontier to begin fighting is said to be so great that officers are compelled to watch them closely to keep them in check. Men who are in positions to say authoritatively, however, declare Italy still hopes to obtain territorial concessions from Austria and thus avoid a rupture with her allies.

CHRISTY OWNS TO PART IN MURDER

Confesses He Helped to Dispose of Warren's Body, Police Assert.

Winston-Salem, April 17.—S. P. Christy, who with three other persons is charged with the murder last August of G. J. Warren, last night confessed that he had participated in disposing of Warren's body but denied that he had a hand in causing Warren's death, according to the police. Christy is said to have declared that Warren's wife chloroformed him and that Warren's son-in-law, Clifford Stonestreet, then strangled him with a rope. Mrs. Warren and Stonestreet then placed the body in a trunk. Christy is reported as saying, and Christy obtained a wagon and hauled the body to a lonely spot on Muddy creek, where it was found several days later by fishermen.

Stonestreet, his wife and Mrs. Warren will be given a preliminary hearing next week.

GERMAN SHELLS FALL ON SWISS GROUND THIRD TIME

Delomont, Switzerland, Via Paris, April 17.—German shells fell on Swiss territory Tuesday for the third time since the beginning of the war, says the newspaper Democrat. The Germans were trying to destroy the French observation post at Pellerhausen but the aim of the gunners was bad and the projectiles fell in the town of Bournevevian. An investigation is to be made by the Swiss authorities.

John Bunny III. New York, April 17.—John Bunny, comedian of the screen, was thought to be at death's door yesterday of a complication of kidney and heart ailments. He has been ill for three weeks at his home in Brooklyn. Mr. Bunny is 52 years old.

ELIAS ROBBED; IS DEFENDANT

Asheville Young Man Tries to Recover Stolen Money and Is Charged With Blackmail.

CASE IS PUSHED BY TWO RALEIGH BARBERS

Elias Unable to Get Hearing Today—Great Indignation Because of the Action Against Him.

Raleigh, April 17.—Despite the demand of Don Elias, of Asheville, that the charges of blackmail brought against him by S. B. Equels and J. M. Mills, barbers, be heard this morning, Police Justice Harris continued the case until Monday morning. Mr. Elias was twice robbed in February of \$40 but did not suspect the shoe chisellers in the shop until the second robbery. Thursday he reported the case to the police and suggested a trap for catching the thieves. He and the chief marked some bills and a policeman followed the Asheville man to the shop, where he was shaved.

Upon paying his bill he discovered the robbery of \$30 and reported to the police standing on the outside. The officer searched the shavers, barbers and Elias, but found no money. Mills and Equels then became displeased and swore out a warrant for blackmail. The Asheville man demanded trial but the barbers said it was a busy day and they could not attend.

Great indignation is expressed both by officers and citizens that a young man of high character should be forced to defend himself in effort to catch crooks. Officers testify that there is no element of blackmail, that Elias asked no money, suggested no wrong doing on proprietors' part. Judge Harris is son of Colonel Logan Harris, prosecuting attorney, but Mr. Elias does not object to the tribunal.

Governor Craig today ordered, upon the universal request of Edgecombe county bar, Judge Frank Carter to try the special term of court of two weeks, beginning May 17. The request was made by Senator Gilliam.

ROYAL ARCANUM MEETS AT ROCKY MT. NEXT WEEK

Special to The Gazette-News. Wilmington, April 17.—The program has been completed for the annual meeting of the grand council of the Royal Arcanum which will be held at Rocky Mount, Wednesday and Thursday of next week. Wilmington will be well represented at the meeting.

The address of welcome will be made by Mayor L. F. Tillery of Rocky Mount and S. M. Brinson of Newbern, will make the response. The meetings will be presided over by Grand Regent Harvey B. Craven of Newbern, Uriah W. Tompkins of New York will represent the supreme regent.

The opening business session will be held Wednesday morning. There will be another in the afternoon and the closing session will be held Thursday morning, Wednesday afternoon, following the business session, the Arcanians will be taken for an automobile ride.

A barbecue will be given Wednesday night in honor of the visitors. The toastmaster will be J. B. Ramsey, Lieut. Gov. E. L. Daughtrich will respond to the toast, "Arcanum as Viewed from the Outside." Dr. J. Howell Way will talk about "Arcanum on the Inside." Mr. H. P. Craven will discuss the cardinal principles, "Virtue, Mercy, Charity." Mr. B. F. Winstead will talk on "Arcanum Here at Home." U. W. Tompkins on "A Message from the Supreme Council." Dr. R. L. Allen on "In Union There is Strength." Henry E. Bonitz of Wilmington on "Keeping the Fellows Together." Mr. Bonitz is the grand secretary.

RUSSIANS WIN BATTLE

Geneva, Switzerland, April 17.—A Tribune dispatch from Ungrad, northeast Hungary, says that the Russians were victorious in a great battle between the Stry and the valley of Onava. A German army of pickets marching on Bereg, says the dispatch, and was repulsed after thirty-two hours of severe fighting. The Russians captured large quantities of arms and ammunition.

ROUT OF VILLA ARMY CLAIMED

Such Report Is Made by Oregon on Celaya Battle; But State Department Awaits Details.

CONDITIONS IN MEXICO CITY AGAIN SERIOUS

Silliman Instructed to Urge Carranza to Co-operate in Clearing the Railroad From Capital.

Washington April 17.—Consul Silliman has cabled a summary of the Carranza reports of a victory by General Obregon over the Villa forces at Celaya. Rout of the Villa army with the capture of 30 pieces of artillery and many prisoners is claimed. The state department is awaiting detailed reports from both sides before accepting definitely the claims of either.

Duval West, special representative of the state department reported in a telegram yesterday conditions in Mexico City are becoming more serious owing to the lack of food stuffs and interrupted communications. The state department has notified Consul Silliman who is at Vera Cruz to urge the Carranza authorities to co-operate in clearing the railroad from the capital.

75,000 WORKMEN IN CHICAGO NOW IDLE

16,000 Carpenters, Demanding Increase of 5 Cents Hour, Are Locked Out.

Chicago, April 17.—Sixteen thousand union carpenters striking for an increase of five cents an hour in pay were today under the ban of a lockout order on the part of their employers. Painters, plasterers and sheet metal workers in similar circumstances and enough allied trade workers brought the total beyond 75,000 of idle men. The strike began at 4:30 yesterday afternoon and at midnight the lockout order went into effect. Yesterday men who wished to disregard the strike order and return to work were told to take their grievances to union officials.

When work ceased on the approximately 40,000 or 45,000 unfinished buildings in Chicago contractors laid off all employees except a few retained for odd jobs. Watchmen were employed.

TELEGRAPH, TELEPHONE INVESTIGATION ENDED

Washington, April 17.—The interstate commerce commission has announced that it has concluded its investigation into the rates and practices of the telegraph and telephone companies. The inquiry, which was intermittent, covered a period of several years. It was begun on the initiative of the commission. Many specific complaints were settled and the understanding between the American Telegraph and Telephone company and the department, last year, it was said, had made further investigation unnecessary.

R. R. BRIDGE DESTROYED BY FRENCH WARSHIPS

Paris, April 17.—An official statement by the French ministry of marine is as follows: "Yesterday morning a French battleship destroyed the railroad bridge on the line which joins the region of Syria with the city of Saint Jean De'Acre."

BEGIN JUDICIAL REFORM PLANS

Governor's Commissioners on Revision of Judiciary System Meet Today to Effect Organization.

EXTRADITIONS ISSUED FOR TWO PRISONERS

North Carolina Shows Great Gains in the Crop Yields and Per Capita Wealth—State News.

(By W. T. Bost). Raleigh, April 17.—Governor Craig's commission for the revision of judicial procedure was to hold its first meeting here, organized and map out the work which the lawyers and the one layman have before them.

The commission is composed of Chief Justice Walter Clark, Judge W. J. Adams of the Superior court, Ex-Judge W. P. Bynum of Greensboro, Senator L. V. Basset of Rocky Mount and Senator High G. Chatham of Winston-Salem. The members do not know where they will have their headquarters or what will be the immediate work done, but they will make the preliminaries tomorrow. It is understood in Raleigh that Judge Clark will be made chairman, though the organization has not been attempted on paper.

The governor has issued extraditions for Robert Knuckley, alias I. Frank, alias Joe Knuckley, wanted in Henry county, Virginia, for malicious trespass, and for Samuel Laley, wanted in South Carolina for obtaining money and goods by giving fraudulent checks.

Knuckley is now held in Draper and Laley in Lincoln. Governor Craig has sent the papers to the proper authorities.

In the office of the secretary of state, the Job P. Wyatt business filed a certificate of amendment to its charter putting \$100,000 into equal proportions of preferred and common stock. This is one of the best known business houses of Raleigh.

Insurance Commissioner James R. Young has returned from Chicago where he went a week ago to attend a meeting of the commissioners of the United States.

Mr. Young says the subjects under discussion were purely routine and that nothing came out at the meeting that possibly could interest the people and the papers. He returned yesterday to a dask piled waist high with mail matter.

Republicans Are Pleased. The city campaign, which has been conducted with fair regard for the newspapers in the allotment of advertising space, will end with the first primary April 19, but a second primary must be held to determine the winner.

Some of the insurgent republicans had hoped to win a place on the commission, but they made no effort. They are not disappointed and since the democrats have been charged with registering negroes the republicans are pleased a plenty to have this as a reply to any future race issue in the city or the county.

The life timers among the republicans are greatly pleased. One of these said yesterday that he had seen his party get tardy vindication. "It took nerve twenty and thirty years ago to proclaim yourself a republican," he said, "because we were so much abused to the negro vote which we could not help. Everybody knows why the negro voted the republican ticket and I see from Mr. B. C. Beckwith, a local attorney, that the republican ticket is the natural ballot for the black man to cast because the negro is the beneficiary of the party which gave him his freedom."

"But your articles in the papers show how unfair and how hollow have been the charges against the republicans. Here is the negro who naturally votes the republican ticket being actually dragged from his obscurity and led into a democratic primary and made to vote the democratic ticket. I verily believe there are now more democratic negroes than republican negroes. While I always knew the democrats would be glad to have the negro vote, I did not expect to see it on such grand scale as it is said to have been sought in this primary."

The Ins Nearly Content. The "ins" are nearly content. They can prove an alibi in the negro registration. The note fear of the administration is a broadside Monday morning too late to answer. They are contemplating about \$100 worth of ammunition in one shot and a discharge that comes without warning. But for that they would be able to win votes every day between this date and the primary Monday. They expect, if they stand up in the first race to win out in the second.

THAW'S LAWYER PLANS APPEAL

Matteawan Fugitive Surprised at Court Order Re-Committing Him to Asylum for Insane.

WILL ASK FOR JURY TO PASS ON SANITY

The Court Apparently Regrets That It Cannot Rid N. Y. of Thaw by Sending Him to N. H.

New York, April 17.—Harry Kendall Thaw has been ordered back to the State hospital for the Criminal Insane at Matteawan by the appellate division of the New York Supreme court.

In an opinion concurred in by all the justices, the court yesterday affirmed that denial by Supreme Court Justice Page of a motion to return Thaw to the jurisdiction of the state of New Hampshire, whence he was extradited to stand trial for conspiring escape from the Matteawan asylum and ruled that the original order committing him to the institution was still valid.

Plans are being formulated to take the case to the state court of appeals. A decision adverse to Thaw came as a great surprise to his counsel. The order carried with it the provision that Thaw could not be taken from New York county until five days have elapsed.

The writ of habeas corpus sworn out in Thaw's behalf after he was acquitted of the charge of conspiracy, is finally returnable Monday. At that time counsel will present arguments urging that their client be granted permission to have a jury determine his present mental condition.

Should a decision unfavorable to Thaw be forthcoming by Wednesday, the state will have the right to return him to Matteawan forthwith, providing his counsel shall not have obtained a stay of execution in the order committing him to Matteawan, pending appeal.

Thaw himself refused last night to comment on the court's action. The opinion of the appellate division was written by Justices Hotchkiss and Scott. Justices McLaughlin, Clarke and Ingraham concurred. The opinion began by sketching the case of Thaw from the time Stanford White was killed until Thaw was extradited, and went on to say that the motives which may have influenced those who obtained Thaw's return to this state have nothing to do with the case, and that he may be discharged only when by due process of law he shall have been ascertained to be sane.

All things considered, that part of the opinion written by Justice Scott asserts the fact remains that Thaw is now in this state and there is valid commitment against him for his restraint as a person of unsound mind. The opinion concluded as follows: "It may be that the state would be well rid of so troublesome a guest, and that in view of his acquittal it is to be regretted that having once left it he was brought back, but that it is not a matter of judicial consideration. All that we have to consider is his right to be discharged from the lawful, outstanding commitment to Matteawan, and it seems to me clear that he had no such right. Certainly, if we were to realize him from the restraining effect of the commitment, we have no power to compel his deportation, but must release him unconditionally, leaving it to him to determine whether he will go or stay."

BARN NEAR BREVARD IS DESTROYED; LARGE LOSS

Special to The Gazette-News. Brevard, April 17.—The fine barn of H. H. Zachary, who lives on North Brevard has been destroyed by fire. Two fine mules, about 1,500 bushels of corn, some valuable farm implements, and a considerable amount of hay and fodder were also burned. The estimated loss is \$5,000 with no insurance.

It is thought the fire was of incendiary origin, as the first indication any of the family had of the trouble was when the flames were seen burning rapidly from the four corners of the building. The flames spread so rapidly and furiously that it was impossible to save anything.

Judge B. F. Long who is holding Superior court here this week is moving things along pretty rapidly. His rulings are quick and decisive and he does not consume much time discussing the matter with the lawyer. His order to the sheriff to bring before him any man caught spitting on the floor or walls of the court house has caused consternation among the tobacco chewing fraternity.