

TURKISH CRAFT SUNK BY MINES

Two Torpedo Boat Destroyers
Blown up Crossing the En-
trance to Bosphorus—
Fleet Interrupted.

GERMAN AMBASSADOR
BIDS POPE FAREWELL?

Today Said to Be Last Day on
Which Italy Will Consider
Any Proposal that Aus-
tria Might Make.

London, April 20.—Al-
though the German claims on
the one hand and the British
and French statements on the
other are diametrically oppo-
sed regarding the outcome of
the battle for the possession of
Hill No. 60, southeast of Ypres
and near the extremity of the
British lines the known facts
indicate that the engagement
was the most important on the
British front since the battle
at Nevee Chapel and it per-
haps presages the expected
general British activity in
Flanders.

The British troops whether
or not they are holding all the
ground gained are undoubtedly
dominating a part of the po-
sitions south of Zandvoord
ridge in the line of hills run-
ning southeast of Ypres and
are commanding the road from
Ypres to Menin.

The losses in the fighting
have not been announced but
dispatches reaching London
indicate that they must have
been heavy on both sides.

Paris, April 20.—Two Turk-
ish torpedo boat destroyers
have been blown up, according
to a Saloniki dispatch, while
passing through a mine belt
which the Russian ships had
succeeded in laying in the en-
trance of the Bosphorus, while
the Turkish fleet was cruising
in the Black sea. The explo-
sions on the two torpedo boat
destroyers gave warning to
the remaining vessels of the
Turkish fleet which, the dis-
patch says, were obliged to re-
main in the Black sea because
there were no mine sweepers
available.

London, April 19.—Whether
the negotiations between Rome
and Vienna concerning Italy's
demands for territorial conces-
sions from Austria have been
broken off remained an official
secret. It appeared to be uni-
versally agreed, however, that
the tension between the two
countries had approached the
breaking point. It was sug-
gested here that Italy is await-
ing an ultimatum from Vien-
na on the subject of Italy's
military preparations along
the frontier as a pretext to
sever the remaining ties barr-
ing an outbreak of hostilities.

The alertness with which
Italy's every move is followed
in London indicates that the
highest importance is attach-
ed here to efforts to bring Italy
to the fighting line on the side
of the allies. One of the main
reasons advanced for the de-
sire to include Italy as one of
Germany's enemies is that in
no other way does it seem pos-
sible to close so effectively the
door by which supplies have
been reaching the Teutonic al-

lies in considerable amounts. A
case in point was the confisca-
tion by Swiss authorities an-
nounced at Geneva of a car
load of machine guns manufac-
tured in America, on the way
to the German frontier from
Genoa. Shipments of iron,
copper, antimony and sul-
phates are said to be reaching
Germany with a fair degree of
regularity.

The Last Day.
Paris, April 20.—Italy some
time ago fixed April 20 (to-
day) as the latest date on
which she would consider any
proposal which Austria might
make, according to a report
from Rome to the Figaro. Bar-
on de Macchio, the Austrian
ambassador, already has given
notice to the embassy ser-
vants, it is said, and they are
now receiving the wages daily.
The same is said to be true of
the tradesmen's bills for goods
supplied the embassy.

The Figaro dispatch de-
clares that it is stated in Va-
tican circles that the visit to
the pope a few days ago by
Prince Von Baulow, the Ger-
man ambassador, was to bid
farewell to the pontiff as the
former believed that his de-
parture from Rome was immin-
ent.

Cape Town, Union of South Africa.
April 20.—Forces of the Union of
South Africa have occupied Keapaan-
shop, the most important town in Ger-
man southwest Africa next to Wind-
hoek, the capital. It is an important
railroad junction and gives General
Botha, the Boer commander, domination
of the railroad to Windhoek.

Austrian Attempt Subsidized.
Petrograd, April 19.—The Austrian
attempt to regain the heights of Mes-
olaborca district of Hungary appar-
ently has definitely subsided after six
days of furious fighting.

FRANK WILL NOW BEGIN FIGHT FOR COMMUTATION

Is Disappointed at Court De-
cision But Will Continue
Fight for Life.

Atlanta, Ga., April 20.—Leo M.
Frank's attorneys, when informed of
the decision of the United States Su-
preme court, said that they believed
that every means in Frank's behalf
before the courts now had been ex-
hausted.

They added that they probably
would prepare a petition for presen-
tation before the Georgia prison com-
mission asking for commutation of
Frank's sentence.

"I am very much disappointed over
the Supreme court's decision, but I
will keep up the fight," was the only
statement Leo M. Frank would make.
When the mandate of the Supreme
court is received by the federal dis-
trict court here Solicitor General
Dorsey probably will direct that
Frank be arraigned before the Fed-
eral court for contempt of court for re-
fusal to accept the Supreme court's
decision.

22 ILLINOIS TOWNS VOTE ON PROHIBITION

Chicago, April 20.—Twenty-two
towns and villages of Illinois are vot-
ing today on the question of abolishing
saloons. About 150 saloons are
involved. The principal towns voting
are Ottawa, Dixon, Beardstown and
Joliet.

FOOTBALL TO CEASE UNTIL WAR IS ENDED

London, April 20.—The English
Football association has announced
that after the close of the present foot-
ball games will be played in England
until after the close of the war.

TWO BOARDS IN MONEY DISPUTE

Mecklenburg and Charlotte
School Boards in Contro-
versy Over Division of
Taxes and Fines.

OPINIONS POSTPONED
BY SUPREME COURT

Haywood Apple Company Is
Chartered—Major General
Wood Commends Stand-
ing of N. C. Guard.

(By W. T. Bost).
Raleigh, April 20.—The controversy
between the school commissioners of
Charlotte and the county board of
education of Mecklenburg county,
which was to have come up today
will not be heard until next Thurs-
day, owing to the postponement of
the opening of the Supreme court
this week until Thursday.

The court will hand down opinions
Thursday also. Chief Justice Walter
Clark and perhaps others having de-
cided to attend the inauguration of
President-elect Edward K. Graham,
of the state university. Judge Clark
will administer the oath and perhaps
other members will attend the cere-
monies.

This controversy is much the most
important matter from the four-
teenth district and is a conflict be-
tween the two school boards growing
out of the disbursement of the funds
of the county. According to the cen-
sus of 1912-1914, there were 24,821
school children of school age in
Mecklenburg, of which number 11,321
were living in Charlotte.

The total amount of the general
fund for 1914-15 amounts to \$77,822.37, but of this amount \$50,328.98
arises from the taxes imposed upon
the polls of the citizens residing with-
in the corporate limits of the city
and upon personal property and real
estate held by Charlotte citizens. Be-
sides this glaring disparity between
the city and the county, the total
fines which go to the schools amount-
ed to \$10,410.47, of which amount
\$9,485.74 was paid from the record-
er's court in Charlotte.

The controversy involves a further
point, the charter having been
changed in recent years so as to in-
vest the commissioners with full
school powers and the county board
is enjoined against apportioning the
funds in violation of the 1907 act
enlarging the city limits and the
powers of the school board. The
plaintiff board holds that it must
have \$48,400 with which to run the
Charlotte schools four months, \$12,600
a month.

An act in the 1913 general assem-
bly causes the trouble and after
hearing the evidence, Judge Lane
dissolved the injunction and taxed the
plaintiff school commissioners with the
cost. The issue involves a long
opinion from Attorney General Bick-
ett and difference of thinking is the
chief trouble.

The case of the Charlotte Observer
company for \$134 against the Remedy
Sales company, the successors of
Mrs. Joe Person, is appealed. The
Observer got judgment on this adver-
tising account.

Trull Case Up.
The case against Charles E. Trull,
the young white fellow who was
convicted of the murder of Sidney
Swain, a Charlotte merchant, will be
argued the first thing Thursday
morning.

This is a notable case growing out
of a robbery and is much like the
Halifax case in which R. W. Cobb,
a young white man, killed Thomas
Shaw, a merchant and robbed him.
Each was purely circumstantial, Cobb
confessing the day of his electrocution.
Trull's case is probably a stronger
one than Cobb's was.

Trull was found with \$417 of the
money that Swain was supposed to
have had, and such was the nature
of the case that the jury agreed
with little difficulty. It was in this
case that Judge Shaw broke down
and wept when sentencing his first
defendant to the electric chair. Trull
is credited with laughing at the
judge's lack of nerve.

Osborn to Bailly.
Internal Revenue Commissioner
W. H. Osborn has called upon Col-
lector J. W. Bailly for the first
time since the commissioner went in-
to office.

Colonel Osborn came down to at-
tend the funeral of Col. A. B. An-
drews who was buried in the after-
noon. The two had been great friends,
Collector Bailly and the former
Keelyman enjoyed half an hour or
so together.

The A. A. Klutts company of
Chapel Hill, successor to "Adam,"
was chartered yesterday, S. S. Solo-
mon of Birmingham, Ala., E. P. Fel-
man and G. C. Bruce of Atlanta be-
lieve the stockholders. They have \$10,000
paid in.
The Haywood Apple company of
Waynesville took out corporation pa-
pers with N. F. Thompson of Bir-

EVIDENCE IN BARNES CASE BEGINS TODAY

Jury Completed, Taking of Tes-
timony in Case Against
Roosevelt Begins.

Syracuse, N. Y., April 20.—The jury
which will try William Barnes' \$50,000
suit for alleged libel, against Theodore
Roosevelt, was completed in Supreme
court here yesterday. It comprises
seven republicans, three progressives
and two democrats. Twenty-two tales-
men were examined before both sides
announced they were satisfied with the
twelve men in the box. The jurymen
are:

Henry Hoag, clerk, republican,
(foreman); Irving J. Millys, wood-
worker, republican; Walter J. Zuill,
manufacturer, republican; Franklin S.
Rhoades, farmer, progressive; Leon-
ard K. Hungerford, painter, progres-
sive; F. W. Pierce, carpenter, republi-
can; Warren H. Somers, grocer, republi-
can; Ray Tanner, farm hand, democ-
rat; John W. Brown, farmer, republi-
can; George Boschert, manu-
facturer, progressive; Edward Burns,
motorman, republican; Peter Bencke,
coal dealer, democrat.

Immediately after the jury had been
completed, counsel for Colonel Roose-
velt made a motion to dismiss the
complaint against the client on the
ground that allegations made in the
statement on which the suit is based
were privileged and that in naming
Mr. Barnes and Charles F. Murphy as
the controllers of "rotten government"
in the state of New York he did not
mean anything personal or to imply
that either of the two men named had
in any way profited by the alleged
"rottenness."

The motion was denied by Justice
William S. Andrews.
Acting taking of testimony was to
begin today. The first witnesses were
to be newspapermen to whom Colonel
Roosevelt issued the statement. Other
reporters who have interviewed
Colonel Roosevelt in the last five years
also will be called and photographs of
nearly a hundred newspapers in
which alleged libelous statements,
claimed to have been made by Colonel
Roosevelt, appeared will be presented
in evidence, it was said. This testi-
mony will be offered in an effort to
prove publication of statements issued
verbally and in writing by Colonel
Roosevelt.

At the afternoon session of the
board of county commissioners yester-
day contracts were awarded to John
Baker, Jr., and company of Chicago
and the United States Asphalt Refining
company of New York, for the surfac-
ing of the Asheville-Weaverville high-
way. The first company submitted a
bid of 7.5 and the second of 7.6 per
yard. The board decided to allow
each of these companies to furnish
one half of the material to be used in
the surfacing of the highway, which
will be six miles long. Baker and
company will use the Texico brand of
asphalt while the U. S. Asphalt com-
pany will use the Aster brand. The
board decided that it would be best to
try two different brands of asphalt on
the highway.

The board signed a contract with
the contractors to furnish them ap-
proximately \$10,000 worth of stone
from the quarry near New Bridge,
owned by the county, which will be
used on the highway.

The board also ordered the calling
of an election in the Emma school dis-
trict so that the voters could vote on
the issuing of \$10,000 bonds for school
purposes, but the date of the election
was not settled yesterday. E. Stamey,
George Spivey and Charlie Miller were
appointed to act as judges for the elec-
tion.

J. E. HAWTHORNE DIES AFTER LONG ILLNESS

Dr. J. E. Hawthorne died at his
home, 170 Haywood street, this morn-
ing at 2 o'clock after an extended ill-
ness.

Dr. Hawthorne came to Asheville
about 20 years ago from West Vir-
ginia and besides being one of the well
known dentists here was prominently
connected in the lumber business in
western North Carolina as president
of the Swannanoa Lumber company.
He was about 54 years of age.

The deceased is survived by a wife,
two daughters, Misses Alma and Helen
Hawthorne, two sisters, Misses Anna
and Fannie Hawthorne, of Pearson
Drive, and one brother, Judge Haw-
thorne of Anas City, Mo.

Funeral arrangements will be an-
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TRUE BILLS AGAINST ALLEGED GERMAN SPIES

London, April 20.—True bills charg-
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GREEK OFFICIAL OFF ON SPECIAL MISSION

Brindisi, April 1, via Paris, April 20.
—Theodore Ypsilanti, first equester
of the king of Greece, has passed through
here en route to Vienna and Berlin on
a special mission which is believed to
deal with the attitude of Greece in the
international situation as influenced by
the recent events in the Balkans.

DROP ONE CHARGE AGAINST SWOBODA

Not Sufficient Evidence That
He Set Fire to Steamer
La Touraine.

Paris, April 20.—The French mili-
tary authorities have decided to drop
that charge against Raymond Swoboda
that he set fire to the steamer La
Touraine, says the Petit Parisien.
Captain Bouchardon, the official ap-
pointed to investigate the occurrence,
is quoted as saying that there is not
sufficient evidence against the prisoner
for conviction on that charge. He still
faces the accusation of espionage, however.

Swoboda, who admitted at his pre-
liminary hearing that his real name
was Raymond Ruff Schwind, has been
removed from the Sainte prison to the
Palais de Justice, where he was exam-
ined by Captain Bouchardon. He is
now permitted to have his meals sent
in from a restaurant. The warders are
watching his cell closely in the fear
that he may commit suicide.

CONTRACTS LET FOR SURFACING HIGHWAY

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ELIAS ASKS CASE TO BE CONTINUED

Important Witness Found as
to Robbery; Will Testify
for Defense Tomorrow.

(By W. T. Bost).
Raleigh, April 20.—Donald Elias
asked for continuance of the case
against him yesterday in which
he is charged with blackmailing two
barbers, attorneys for Elias having
found important witnesses who will tes-
tify to robbery in the barber shop.
The case will be heard today.

Governor Craig, Colonel J. P.
Kerr and Adjutant General Young
are character witnesses for Elias.

VERDICT OF SUICIDE IN BARON REUTER'S DEATH

London, April 20.—A verdict of sui-
cide while temporarily insane was
handed down today after an inquest
into the death of Baron Herbert de
Reuter, managing director of Reuter's
Telegram company, who was found
dead, April 18, at his home in Surrey.
Baron de Reuter had been prostrated
by the death of his wife five days ago.
A discharged revolver was found near
his body.

GEORGE N. ALEXANDER OF SWANANOA DEAD

George N. Alexander died yesterday
at his home near Swannanoa at the
age of 88 years, after an extended ill-
ness.

Mr. Alexander was a native of Bun-
combe county, spending all of his life
here. He was a member of a well
known family and had a wide circle of
friends and acquaintances. He was a
Confederate soldier, having served
four years as a volunteer from this
state. As a successful farmer he was
actively identified with the interests
of his community.

The funeral services were conducted
this morning at 11 o'clock at the
Swannanoa Presbyterian church by
Rev. R. P. Smith and interment fol-
lowed in the church cemetery.

NEW YORKER WILL NOT BE TRIED FOR LIFE

Washington, April 20.—Consul Sil-
liman has reported that Alfred Tap-
pan of New York, threatened with
execution by the Carranza authori-
ties in Yucatan is to be tried on a
charge for which the penalty is not
death. Secretary Bryan had instructed
Consul Silliman to investigate and
report on the case. The exact charge
is not disclosed.

Official advices from Mexico give
evidence that Obregon and Villa are
gathering forces for another battle.
The Villa garrisons along the line are
reported to be moving south to
strengthen the main army near Irapu-
ato.

ANARCHISTS ARE GIVEN LONG SENTENCES IN SING SING

New York, April 19.—Frank Abar-
no and Carmine Carbone, the an-
archists who set a bomb in St. Pat-
rick's cathedral on March 2, were
sentenced today to serve not less than
six years and not more than 12 years
in Sing Sing prison.

GERMAN COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF OF THE FIRST TURKISH ARMY

Constantinople, April 20.—(By
way of London).—Field Marshal Von
der Goltz has been appointed com-
mander in chief of the first Turkish
army. He recently returned to Con-
stantinople from a trip to Berlin
where he is reported to have urged
the German government against Ser-
bia.

Von der Goltz was sent to Turkey
in January to assume direction of the
Turkish army.

WILSON URGES NEED OF POISE

President Tells D. A. R. Con-
vention Self-Possession Is
Supreme Test of Nation
in World Crisis.

U. S. IS INTERESTED
IN HUMAN LIBERTY

Declares We are Not Interest-
ed in Politics of Govern-
ment for Own Sake—
Jusserand Speaks.

Washington, April 20.—The need of
self-possession, calmness and a judi-
cial temperament by the United States
in the present world crisis was urged
by President Wilson in a speech be-
fore the opening session of the 24th
continental congress of the Daugh-
ters of the American Revolution yester-
day.

The president said self-possession
was the supreme test of a nation's
mettle, and urged the congress to rally
to the cause of righteousness as
administered by those who hold their
minds quiet and judge upon princi-
ple.

Following the president's speech
Ambassador Jusserand, of France,
told the congress that the United
States had behaved in the European
crisis so as to command the grate-
tude and thankfulness of the world.

"We in France," he said, "have
learned to know what the American
heart is made of—the pure American
gold that is in it. I am glad that I
may affirm the thanks of France for
the generosity of America—the neutral
United States."

The ambassador said the chief
question in the European struggle
was the same problem that confront-
ed America in revolutionary times.
"We thought we had solved the prob-
lem of human liberty," he added.
"But it again confronts us. It will
be solved now just as it was solved
in former times; as it was solved in
the trenches at Yorktown."

The president in his speech de-
clared that he could speak only in
general terms and that it was "in-
discreet" for him to speak even in
that way.

The routine organization of the con-
gress was completed and the rival
followers of the two candidates for
president-general were preparing for
the election Wednesday. Mrs. Wil-
liam Cunningham Story, candidate for
re-election, will be opposed by Mrs.
George Thatcher Guernsey, of Kan-
sas.

The president's address in part fol-
lows:
"In these times when unusual
things are happening and there are
many queries as to the future, I sup-
pose that those associations whose
business it is to commemorate the
past must be asking themselves what
part they have in the future. Our
business, of course, is not merely one
of recollection, not merely the busi-
ness of remembering and reverenc-
ing the traditions of the country that
we love. There is no dignity in a
tradition which has lost its practical
energy, and our interest in traditions
is that they should be fruitful in the
present and a still richer fruitage in
the future."

"Your society is particularly in-
tended to commemorate the circum-
stances of the birth of this nation,
but I take it for granted that it is
not your thought to create an exclu-
sive company of those whose recol-
lections by hereditarily run back to that
great day, but that your thought is
also of the constant re-birth of the
nation. In a peculiar degree the
United States seems to be reborn
from generation to generation, be-
cause renewed out of all the sources
of human energy in the world.
There is heres a great melting pot in
which we must compound a precious
metal. That metal is the metal of
nationality, and if you will not think
I am merely playing upon words, I
would like to spell the word 'metal'
in two ways. For it is just the 'met-
tle' of this nation that we are now
most interested in."

"There are many tests by which
a nation makes proof of its greatness
but it seems to me the supreme test
is self-possession, the power to resist
excitement, to think calmly, to think
in moments of difficulties as clearly
as it would think in moments of
ease—to be absolutely master of
itself and of its fortunes."

"Therefore, it seems to me that the
object of traditions such as this soci-
ety cherishes and means to assist
in perpetuating is to show us the ba-
ses of principle upon which we shall
keep our poise. We are interested
in the United States, politically speak-
ing, in nothing but human liberty.
We are not interested in politics of
government for their own sake."

YOUTH PLEADS GUILTY OF TRYING TO EXTORT MONEY

New York, April 20.—John Merle-
lia, a youth of 19 years, has pleaded
guilty to an attempt to extort \$500
from Vincent Astor under penalty of
death. He also pleaded guilty to carry-
ing a concealed weapon, a revolver
having been found in his pocket at
the time of his arrest Friday. The
youth was held in the sum of \$2,500
bail on each charge for grand jury
action.