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DAY IS SAVED BY CANADIANS

Americans Make Brilliant and Determined Advance and Recapture Guns Taken by the Germans.

CONDUCT MAGNIFICENT, SAYS BRITISH REPORT

French Airmen Drop Bombs on Turkish Forts—Turkish Troops Entrenched Near Smyrna.

London, April 24.—Over a ten-mile arc-like front in Belgium Flanders, touching the region of Bixchoote on the north and St. Eloy on the south the British, French and Belgian troops are locked with the Germans in a serious engagement which recalls the stupendous struggle of last October.

Driven from Hill No. 60 south of Ypres and failing to make it by counter attacks the Germans have launched a sudden advance northeastward and after stupefying and killing the men in the first trench with deadly gases, according to the British official report, have driven a wedge of infantry that at some points has forced the French and Belgian troops back across the river and has compelled the British line north of Ypres to fall back to conform with the French line.

Although the German attacking, Berlin declares, over a front of five miles, lies, with the French occupying the center, the Belgians on the left and the British on the right, immediately started a counter attack and compelled the Germans to give up some ground.

Some of the London papers characterize the German rush as another desperate attempt of the invaders to reach Calais. Some estimates say that Emperor William has 500,000 men available for the effort. By this time the British are presumably well strengthened and have consolidated their positions on Hill No. 60. The hardest fighting consequently is expected north of Ypres.

Just as the Germans have been battling in the Ypres salient, so the French are continuing their pressure at St. Mihiel and with some success.

The campaign in the east continues at a standstill and there has been no authentic news of the movements of the allied troops in European Turkey.

London, April 24.—The British war office today gave out the following note:

"The fighting for the ground into which the Germans penetrated between Steenstraete and Langemarek still continues. The loss of a part of this line laid bare the left of the Canadian division, which was forced back to keep in touch with the right of the neighboring troops. In the rear of the latter had been four Canadian 4.7-inch guns, which thus fell into the hands of the enemy, but some time later the Canadians made a most brilliant and successful advance and re-

captured the guns, taking a considerable number of German prisoners, including a colonel.

"The Canadians had many casualties but their gallant and determined attack undoubtedly saved the situation. Their conduct was magnificent throughout."

Airmen Very Active.

Paris, April 24.—The aeroplanes of the allies are showing great activity over Smyrna, says a dispatch from Saloniki. French aviators have dropped bombs on Fort Kastrol, killing several soldiers and sinking a German ship in port there, besides damaging the railroad station. Observation by aviators, according to the dispatch, indicates that the Turkish forces assigned to defend Smyrna number 35,000. They occupy trenches extending from Vourlah to Smyrna and are posted on heights commanding the city. Fort Two Brothers and Fort Rastrati have been repaired. The new fort built above the farm of St. George has been armed with 30 heavy guns supposed to have been brought from Constantinople.

Prisoners of Turks.

Constantinople, via The Hague and London, April 24.—Six officers and 19 members of the crew of the British submarine E-15 were brought to Constantinople today.

An announcement last Saturday told of the sinking of the E-15 by the Turks in the Dardanelles. It was said that 24 men were saved.

FOUND NOT GUILTY OF INTERFERENCE CHARGES

Otis Jones, Otis Styles and Levi Matthews Are Found Not Guilty.

Magistrate B. L. Lyda yesterday afternoon announced his decision in the cases against Otis Jones, Otis Styles and Levi Matthews, charged with interfering with Chief of Police E. W. Lantz of Hickory in the discharge of his duties, in which he found each of the defendants not guilty.

It will be remembered that several days ago while Chief of Police Lantz of Hickory was in Asheville for the purpose of taking back to Hickory Henry Miller, wanted there on charges of retelling, that he had warrants sworn out against the three men charging them with interfering with him. He alleged that on Pack square and later at Biltmore these men made threatening remarks about what they would do to him, but at the trial of the case, before Magistrate Lyda, Lantz had no other witness to prove his statements and the three men denied his charges.

MEMORIALS CONCLUDING FEATURE OF D.A.R. MEET

Reports of Various Committees Heard at the Session of Annual Convention.

Washington, April 23.—Today's session of the Daughters of the American Revolution, in annual convention here was occupied chiefly with committee reports, which included reports on genealogy, revision of statistics, Philippine school legislation in addition to proposed amendments to the by-laws.

COL. ROOSEVELT STILL WITNESS

Former President, on Cross-Examination, Says He Regards Barnes as Sort of Jekyll-Hyde.

COLONEL TO RESUME STAND ON MONDAY

Admits He Complied With Barnes' Suggestions Many Times in Making Appointments.

Syracuse, N. Y., April 24.—When court took a recess yesterday afternoon until Monday, Col. Roosevelt was still being cross examined by William Ivins, counsel for William Barnes in the latter's \$50,000 libel suit against the former president, Col. Roosevelt was to resume the stand Monday.

Syracuse, April 24.—During second day's cross-examination in the Supreme court Col. Roosevelt said that he regarded William Barnes, who is suing him for libel as a "sort of Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde who like some other politicians had their good sides and their bad sides."

He said that he did not, as suggested by William Ivins, counsel for Barnes, endeavor to sever the libel from the fact that he had many times complied with suggestions of Mr. Barnes in filling offices while he was governor.—While the colonel was questioned about his relations with certain measures and with certain assembly legislators, Mr. Ivins called the attention of Col. Roosevelt to his annual message in which the establishment of a government printing plant was mentioned. Mr. Ivins asked:

"Did you ever do anything further officially in regard to that?"

"Officially, no," Col. Roosevelt replied.

"Who was chairman of the senate finance committee at that time?"

"Was it Mr. Higgins?"

"You asked me and I will tell you. It was."

"Who was chairman of the assembly committee on ways and means?"

MASONRY TO MEET HERE NEXT WEEK

The Annual Reunion of the Scottish Rite Bodies of Free Masons, Orient of North Carolina.

ELABORATE PROGRAM HAS BEEN ARRANGED

Meetings Will Be Held in the Handsome New Cathedral Just Completed, Broadway and Woodfin.

One of the most interesting events in the history of Masonry in North Carolina will be the cathedral reunion here on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, April 27-29, of the bodies of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry, Orient of North Carolina, in the handsome new cathedral building which has recently been completed, on Broadway.

Plans for this gathering of the Masons of the state have been in progress for several weeks and it is announced that every detail for the approaching ceremonies is now completed. The invitations were sent out some time ago by Secretary W. F. Randolph, accompanied by a handsome booklet giving the complete program for each day of the meeting. Masons from all sections of the state will be in attendance and a large class of candidates will report for degrees which will be conferred from the fourth to the thirty-second.

The imposing and elaborate ceremonies incident to the Scottish Rite will celebrate the formal opening of the new temple which is one of the finest fraternal structures in the south. A feature which will add much to the pleasure of the occasion is the musical facilities made possible by the new pipe organ which has (Continued on Page Thirteen)

has no more hope of reward in one case than he has in the other. Personally, he said, he would have been very much surprised if many masters of big business had not contributed to the republican campaign of 1904.

The colonel mentioned the Standard Oil company. He said that if the report of the congressional committee contributions showed that "H. R. R." and "J. D. A."—which the witness thought stood for H. H. Rogers and John D. Archbold—had contributed to the republican campaign fund in 1904—he was astonished. He said he had given explicit instructions against receiving Standard Oil contributions.

Personally, he emphatically declared, he would regard just as highly a contribution of \$25 from the station agent at Oyster Bay as he would a contribution of \$25,000 from George W. Perkins who in 1904 was a partner in the firm of J. P. Morgan and company. And he expressed the belief that there was a limit to the amount a campaign fund should total. Over a certain sum, he did not know how much, he thought there might be some danger.

CONGRESSMAN BRITT AT SWANNANDA SCHOOL

Will Deliver Address Tonight—Mr. Britt Spoke Yesterday at Marshall.

Congressman James J. Britt will deliver an address tonight at 8 o'clock to the students and patrons of the Swannanda graded school. It is expected that Mr. Britt will be heard by a large number of the school patrons.

BIG APARTMENT HOUSE STARTED

Work Started by Asheville Apartment Co. at Corner of French Broad Ave. and Haywood St.

WILL BE ERECTED AT COST OF \$70,000

Handsome Building Will Be Three Stories of Six Apartments Each and Will Be Finished by Oct. 1.

The Asheville Apartment company began work yesterday on their lot at the corner of North French Broad avenue and Haywood street preparatory to the construction of one of the finest apartment houses, it is stated by the officers of the company ever built in Asheville or in any other city. The cost of building is estimated at \$70,000.

The company is composed of J. G. Deahler, president, and D. L. Meriwether, secretary. There are about 15 stockholders; part of the stock issued common stock, and part preferred. The company bought the lot several months ago with the idea of supplying the demand in Asheville for modern apartment accommodations and the company believes that the building will be entirely occupied as soon as it can be completed.

A stockholder stating today that most of the rooms are already engaged. The contract provides for as rapid construction as is consistent with good workmanship. The company announces that the house will be ready for occupancy by October 1.

A large amount of excavation work is necessary before the foundations can be laid. Van Buren Bostick has been awarded the contract of removing the dirt and Mr. Bostick began operations this morning. In order to hasten the moving of the dirt the steam shovel belonging to the Cox estate will be used, and it is expected that the lot will be ready for the foundation of the building to be placed at an early date. The dirt removed will be used in finishing the street which the Cox estate has under construction from Patton avenue to Southside avenue, and it is stated that this street will be completed within about 60 days. A large number of cars and drivers will be employed in hauling away the dirt as fast as it can be dug out by the steam shovel.

Three Stories; Six Apartments Each. The apartment house will have three stories with six apartments on each floor. The plans call for all the most modern equipments and furnishings. Standing on the knoll near the head of North French Broad avenue the house will command a fine view of the mountains in all directions.

No announcements have been made as to the awarding of the contract for the building; but it is understood that this work will begin just as soon as the excavation work is completed.

While there are already several apartment houses in Asheville there are by no means enough, it is stated, to supply the demand for such accommodations. The lot on which the new building will stand is a large one, and it is stated that the building will be of such dimensions that roomy, comfortable apartments will be provided. The lot was purchased by the company from the Protestant Episcopal church, and its size has been increased by the purchase of a strip from the Christian property adjoining the company's property.

J. CLING HURST DIED AT NEWPORT RECENTLY

News of Death Received Also of His Father 'Uncle Billy,' Hurst, in Big Ivy.

News reached the city today of the recent death in Newport, Tenn., of J. C. (Cling) Hurst, aged 60, for many years one of the most prominent farmers of this county, having been born and raised in the Big Ivy section. The deceased moved to Newport several years ago and has since made his home in that city.

ULTIMATUM SENT CHINA BY JAPAN

Demands Satisfactory Reply to Concessions Asked Within Three Days.

Honolulu, April 24.—An ultimatum demanding a satisfactory reply within three days to the Japanese demands on China has been sent to Peking by the Japanese cabinet, according to a Tokyo dispatch to the Hawaii Shippo, a Japanese paper here.

REPORT ON CARTER CASE COMES SOON

Commission Meeting in Raleigh Tuesday to Consider Evidence.

By W. T. Eost. Raleigh, April 24.—Robt. S. Hutchinson, representative from Mecklenburg and one of the special judicial committee sitting in the Carter-Abernethy investigation, is here and today and Sunday the remaining members will be in Raleigh to resume their work of going over the evidence and submitting a report.

Chairman Doughton announced that the committee would take up the evidence in typewritten form April 27, submit a report and end the hearing within two or three days. Later a report of change in date, setting April 26 as the period of reopening, went out but Alfred Gosney, the stenographer, upon whom the transcription of evidence depended is notified that April 27 will be the day of the resumption of hearing. Chairman Doughton cannot leave his home on Sunday, it is said, and his trip will be made Monday.

The committee is composed of Chairman R. A. Doughton, of Alleghany, H. P. Grier, of Iredell county, A. R. Dunning of Martin, R. S. Hutchinson of Mecklenburg, J. C. M. Vann of Union, W. P. Stacy of New Hanover and L. H. Allred of Johnston.

William H. Pace, local attorney, has taken charge of the Anderson-Gosney-Syme campaign in opposition to the city government, these three candidates having received the second largest vote in the recent preliminary campaign.

FIVE BASEBALL PLAYERS BATTING .500 THUS FAR

Bob Fisher of Chicago Nationals Leading With 13 Hits in 7 Games.

Chicago, April 24.—Bob Fisher of Chicago, with 12 hits in the first seven games of the baseball season is leading the batters of the National league with a percentage of .500, according to averages compiled today. Other good records in the National league are: Zimmerman, Brooklyn, .500; Groh, Cincinnati, .450; Cravath, Philadelphia, .429; Doyle, New York, .407.

In the American league Jacques Fournier of Chicago leads with five hits out of ten times up, and other records are: Cobb, Detroit, .480; Crawford, Detroit, .467; Veach, Detroit, .464; Strunk, Philadelphia, .422.

In the Federal league Crooper of Brooklyn and Rariden of Newark lead with wofarthatorgardnadtardthdt in bting with an average percentage of .600 each.

WILSON ACTIVE IN BANK CASE

President Advised Williams Overstepped Authority in Action Against Riggs Bank. It Is Said.

BANK WILL CONTEND TROUBLE IS PERSONAL

Brandeis and Gregory Reported to Have Thrown Cold Water on Supporters of Comptroller.

(By Parker R. Anderson.) Washington, April 24.—Developments of a startling nature are expected in the suit filed by the Riggs National bank of Washington against John Skelton Williams, Secretary of the Treasury, McAdoo and United States Treasurer Burke. It can be stated as coming from a highly reliable source that President Wilson has begun a personal investigation of all papers and correspondence on file with reference to the case. The result of this determination will determine the administration's future course in the matter.

It is equally true that Attorney Brandeis, easily one of the foremost attorneys of the country, and Attorney General Gregory have thrown cold water on the Williams supporters by advising the president to make this investigation before further steps are taken. Brandeis, it is said, has told the administration officials that he does not care to push the government's side any further unless certain requirements are met by the government. One of these requirements is that the president first personally investigate the case.

Should the president find conditions as bad as they are painted to him by Brandeis and Gregory and substantiated by many bankers in all sections of the country, it is believed that the whole controversy will be brought to an end by the president calling for the resignation of Comptroller Williams.

While there is no doubt that the Riggs National bank has had most "friendly relations" with the treasury department in previous administrations, relations far more friendly than were permitted by any other banking institutions in Washington, it is probably true that Mr. Williams has overstepped his authority in making demands upon banks, not only in Washington but in other sections of the country. It is known that some of the most influential bankers in the financial world have been summoned to appear here when the case is brought to trial. It is stated, also, that many men high in banking circles, some of them good democrats, with the success of Mr. Wilson at heart, have advised the president that Williams has overstepped his authority time and again and have urged the president to go slow before he puts the administration behind Mr. Williams.

If the case ever comes to trial the Riggs people will endeavor to show that the trouble with Mr. Williams is a personal one and dates back to the time when the now comptroller was held of the Seaboard Air Line railroad. It will be charged that in many cases the banks who have felt the interference of Mr. Williams with their business were in some way responsible for Mr. Williams being separated from the Seaboard property.

The Riggs case is doubly interesting to North Carolinians, because Charles C. Glover, president of the institution, is a North Carolina boy. Some 35 years ago Glover, then a young boy scarcely out of his teens, left his home in Macon county and came to Washington to make his fortune. He is easily the most influential banking head south of New York. He is also one of the wealthiest men in the national capital.

NEGRO MAN AND WIFE CHARGED WITH PERJURY

W. R. Gudger Charges Negroes Committed Perjury in Divorce Trial.

Lum Jones and wife, Jesse Jones, colored, were arrested last night on warrants sworn out by W. R. Gudger, former magistrate, who charges the negroes with perjury, alleging that during the trial in Superior court last week, in which Mrs. Lillie Gudger was granted a divorce from him, that the negroes, who were witnesses for Mrs. Gudger, committed perjury.

The negro man was released under a bond of \$200 but the woman is held in jail in default of a bond pending hearings in this case. The affair was before Magistrate E. L. Lyda.

MORE ALARMING REPORTS RECEIVED FROM TRIESTE

Rome, April 23, via Paris, April 24.—Alarming reports from Trieste are still being received on the frontier. Most of the male population of Trieste are serving in the army and the majority of the remainder are said to have been arrested for participating in war demonstrations.

FINNISH STEAMSHIP SUNK BY SUBMARINE

Stockholm, April 24.—The Finnish steamer Frack has been torpedoed and sunk by a German submarine. It is believed that the members of the crew were saved. The Frack carried a cargo of iron ore and was on her way to Abo, Finland.

EGYPTIAN HANGS FOR ATTEMPT ON SULTAN

Cairo, Egypt, April 24.—The young Egyptian merchant named Khalil, who made an unsuccessful attempt to assassinate Hussein Kamal, sultan of Egypt, at Cairo, April 8, was hanged today.