

FIERCE BATTLE ON GALLIPOLI

British and Turkish Reports Conflict as to Result of Serious Fight in Dardanelles Campaign.

IN WEST ALLIES STILL BATTERING GERMANS

Seeking to Drive Invaders From Only Point They Hold of Gains Made West of the Yser.

London, April 29.—The fighting at the tip of the Gallipoli peninsula across which the British have strung their forces and the efforts to dislodge the Germans from Steenstraete, the only point on the west bank of the Yser which the invaders were able to hold since their recent rush in Flanders the centers of war interest today because they apparently held the greatest possibilities of far-reaching results.

Although the Turkish and German reports declare that the British forces on the west and the French on the east side of the Dardanelles are being crushed in by their efforts to press forward newspaper readers here are being told that all of the official statements from Constantinople and Berlin are not only being censored but are being framed for the purpose of exerting a favorable influence in Italy and other wavering neutral countries.

The French and Belgian artillery forces are still battering away at the German bridge held at Steenstraete but no claims of substantial gains are being made by either side. At the same time the British are showing no disposition to abandon their efforts to force the Germans to yield the ground they recently gained. There is no confirmation of the current rumor that they have recaptured St. Julien.

London, April 29.—An Athens Exchange Telegraph dispatch says that fierce fighting Wednesday on the shore of the Suvla bay on the west side of the Gallipoli peninsula, 13 miles north of the Southern extremity, resulted in success for the allies. The losses to the Turks were serious, and one entire battalion was captured by the allies.

"British forces landed on the European coast of the Dardanelles were entrusted solely with the mission of occupying the Gallipoli peninsula which is defended by 60,000 Turks," says an Exchange Telegraph dispatch, "while the French are entirely on the Asiatic coast and are about to advance along the Littoral to keep pace with the progress made by the British forces on the opposite coast. The bombardment of the straits was resumed Tuesday."

80,000 Land Troops. Berlin, (By wireless April 29.—The Overseas agency has received advices from Constantinople that the French

and British troops which landed at the Dardanelles numbered about 80,000 men.

"According to reliable information the Austro-Italian negotiations are proceeding satisfactorily," says an Overseas agency dispatch. "Most of the difficult points have been overcome and the remainder unsettled are comparatively unimportant.

Lines Only for Troops. Verano, April 28.—(Via Paris, April 29.)—Railroad service on the Austrian side of the frontier has virtually been suspended for ordinary purposes. All the lines are being used to carry troops to the Italian front.

POLICE DRAG RIVER FOR MRS. OWENBY

Woman Who Disappeared From Home Today Believed to Be Suicide.

Acting on a report made to the local police headquarters this morning about 8:15 o'clock that Mrs. A. H. Owenby, of No. 16 Roberts street had disappeared from her home during the breakfast hour this morning, the police department spent about two hours dragging the river in that vicinity, in a search for the body of Mrs. Owenby, who is believed to have committed suicide.

Although tracks, believed to have been made by Mrs. Owenby were found leading up to the river bank, the search by the officers and the men who helped them to drag the river failed to produce a single clue as to the whereabouts of the woman.

Members of Mrs. Owenby's family state that all last night she continually talked of committing suicide by jumping in the river and they believe that she has done so.

While members of the family were preparing the morning meal, it is stated that Mrs. Owenby slipped out of the house, dressed in her night clothes and barefooted. She was not missed for sometime and when it was discovered that she had disappeared a search failed to show any trace of her other than the foot prints through a plowed field leading to the river, which are believed to have been made by Mrs. Owenby.

Chief of Police C. N. Lomax, T. R. Parker and Ernest Israel, went to the scene where the woman is supposed to have jumped into the river and, together with several men who live in the cotton mill section got in boats and proceeded to drag the river from opposite the mill to Smith's bridge. This search failed to produce any traces of the missing woman.

Mrs. Owenby was until recently employed at the Asheville Cotton mills as a weaver. A member of the police department was called to Mrs. Owenby's home last week, it is stated, and advised that she be placed in the care of some one, as it was believed then she was mentally unbalanced.

FULL MILITARY HONORS TO FRENCH DEAD BY ITALIANS

Rome, April 28, via Paris, April 29.—The bodies of 58 men who lost their lives when the French cruiser Leon Gambetta was torpedoed by an Austrian submarine in the strait of Otranto have been buried with full military honors at Santa Maria Leuca. The funeral was arranged by the officers of Italian torpedo boat destroyers.

FOUGHT TILL HE WAS WOUNDED EIGHT TIMES

London, April 29.—The King has granted the Victoria Cross to Commander Henry Peel Ritchie, Royal Navy, for the following "conspicuous act of bravery": "On November 28, when in command of the searching and demolition operations at Dar-el-Salam, East Africa, though severely wounded several times, his fortitude and resolution enabled him to continue to do his duty, inspiring all by his example, until at his eighth wound he became unconscious. The interval between his first and last severe wound was twenty-five minutes."

COL. RESPECTED PLATT'S POWER

Considered Senator's Wide Experience Valuable and Knew That Platt Controlled the Organization.

HE DID NOT WANT TO DISRUPT THE PARTY

Tells How He Threatened Platt—Re-direct Examination Will Probably Be Concluded Today.

Syracuse, April 29.—Col. Theodore Roosevelt early this afternoon concluded his testimony in the William Barnes libel suit against him.

When the colonel entered the courtroom he was loudly cheered by spectators. He was questioned briefly about letters he exchanged with T. C. Platt in regard to the appointment of the collector of the port of New York and then was asked about the election of Seth Low as mayor of New York and the meeting he arranged between Low and Platt.

"The organization helped to elect Mr. Low," replied the colonel. "I wanted Mr. Low to take the same attitude I did toward the organization, therefore I wrote him about the meeting between the two. I didn't want the organization to feel slighted."

Syracuse, N. Y., April 29.—Theodore Roosevelt on his seventh day on the witness stand in the William Barnes libel suit, told why he conferred with United States Senator Thomas C. Platt while governor, vice-president and president of the United States. He related how he threatened Senator Platt just prior to the Philadelphia convention of 1906 that he would fight for the New York gubernatorial renomination if Platt made good his threat to keep him out of the race as punishment for not accepting the nomination for vice-president.

The colonel told of these things and many others upon redirect examination. The minute his cross-examination ended, Colonel Roosevelt set up a chair in his chair and his solemn expression gave way to a jolly smile. He leaned toward the jury; he squared his jaw; he raised his voice; he lifted his open hand and brought them down upon his thighs. He pounded with clenched fist upon open palm. He used every gesture, every movement at his command to make his words more forceful. And as he stepped down from the witness stand at the end of the day he laughingly said: "I am not tired."

Speaking of Senator Platt the former president said that he conferred with him on matters legislative administrative and political because he considered the senator's wide experience was valuable, and because he realized that the organization controlled the legislature and that the senator controlled the organization. "I did not want to disrupt the republican party," said the colonel, "as long as I did no wrong act in preventing it. Then, too, I wanted to get affirmative action in Albany."

BRITISH SHIP OWNERS MAKING GREAT PROFITS

Several Concerns Piling up Earnings at the Rate of \$500,000 a Month.

London, April 29.—(Correspondence of The Associated Press)—Several large English ship-owners are piling up profits at the rate of \$500,000 or over a month, and one firm at least is reported to have averaged practically a million dollars a month since the beginning of the war.

It is, of course, only those who have had their ships free who have been able to make money. Some owners had their vessels tied up by charters at normal figures and others had their ships taken by the government. Then all the shipowners have had to bear increased expenditures for wages, fuel, insurance and delays in port.

The people who are really making the money, according to a London shipping journal, are the Greek ship-owners. "For the last few years," it explains, "the Greeks have been steadily buying ships, and they now have a very considerable merchant marine. They can take full advantage of the high rates, and do not have to face the risks British shippers do, nor pay the extra wages."

WRITE FINDINGS IN CARTER CASE

Each Member of Commission Is Preparing Opinion on Certain Episodes Covered in Investigation.

COMMISSION SHOULD FINISH LATE TODAY

Friends of Hicks Stop Pleading With Governor for Pardon—Large Number of Companies Chartered.

(By W. T. Bost). Raleigh, April 29.—The Carter-Abernathy investigating committee working in divisions has reached the conclusion that it can finish today and individual members are writing the opinions assigned them by the court.

The court has discussed thoroughly certain episodes and based upon these the opinion of the committee will write the opinion for the committee. That has been considered the best way to handle the great big issues before the seven men. That will give the greatest variety of style and in treatment. It is the Supreme court way of making law.

The committee hopes to have an opinion this evening. It may decide the matters before it earlier in the day. Chairman Doughton is driving even as he drove when the testimony was being taken.

The Scotland Neck Furniture company was chartered by the secretary of state, \$25,000 of its \$12,500 capital being paid in.

The Southern Pines Athletics association took out papers and has prepared to play ball.

The Banner investment company of Winston-Salem is incorporated with its full capitalization of \$10,000 paid up.

The Wachovia Business college, incorporated, with Winston-Salem headquarters, was chartered. The paid in capital is \$1,500, the authorized \$50,000.

The P. A. Hooker Meat company, of Kinston, Lenoir county, is authorized to begin business with \$10,000 of its \$50,000 paid in. P. A. Hooker, A. R. Hooker and Walter Arthur are the incorporators.

The Hicks pardon seekers returned home yesterday after something of disappointment in Governor Craig's refusal to grant the pardon.

CARRANZA EXPECTS RECOGNITION SOON

But State Department Says Matter as Not Been Formally Considered.

Washington, April 29.—Unofficial advice that General Carranza expected early recognition by the United States attracted wide-spread attention in official and diplomatic circles here today.

Carranza representatives have been very active recently. The United States is said to have been advised in detail of the Carranza plans. It was said at the state department, however, that the question of recognition had not been formally considered.

SAYS OUR LAWS ARE TOO VAGUE

Geo. W. Perkins Declares no Man Can Find Out What He Can Legally Do in Business.

COURTS ARE TAKING DIFFERENT POSITIONS

Mr. Perkins Sees a New South Day But of Thomas Edison's Day.

Muskogee, Okla., April 29.—"The tariff and the Sherman anti-trust law are the greatest asset of our politicians and the greatest liability of our merchants," declared George W. Perkins of New York, before the Southern Commercial Congress today. He spoke on "The New South and the New World" and discussed what he called another great reconstruction period, when the New South is no longer that of Henry Grady's Day but of Thomas Edison's day, with its problems no longer sectional but national and international.

Mr. Perkins declared that laws are such now that no man can find out what he can legally do in business. "No lawyer, court, or President can tell him," he said, "and while his transactions may clearly be proper, morally and financially, the laws are so vague that one government official can take one position and another government official exactly the opposite position and the courts can do and are doing precisely the same thing. New enterprises, new undertakings, that mean so much to any country, and general business cannot and will not be started until this uncertainty is removed. We are told the Clayton law will facilitate business. It might better be called the Middle Law, for the only business it will facilitate is the business for lawyers."

"The drafters of the Sherman law," he said, "failed to diagnose the situation correctly. They saw new evils creeping into the business world and instead of striking at those evils they tried by man-made laws to wipe out God-given economies. The law should have supplemented the common law so as to make it criminal to issue watered stock, or to issue false annual statements; should have required federal incorporation with the fullest publicity and strict government regulation in the case of large interests and international industrial companies where ownership is widespread."

URGES THE PENSIONING OF RETIRED MINISTERS

Dr. Warren Says It Would Eliminate "Making of Money on Side."

Chicago, April 29.—"The pensioning of retired ministers would have a tendency to eliminate the commercialization of the pulpit through making money on the side," according to Dr. W. R. Warren of Indiana, secretary of the board of ministerial relief of the Disciples of Christ, who addressed the national convention of the Methodist Episcopal church here today.

A plan is being considered by the convention to raise a \$10,000,000 fund to pension retired ministers and the widows and orphans of ministers.

RATHER GAY UNIFORMS FOR TURKISH SOLDIERS

Rome, April 29.—(Correspondence of The Associated Press)—An Italian merchant who has shops in Damascus, Jaffa, Beyrut and Jerusalem has returned here because his entire stocks have been requisitioned by the Turkish government to make uniforms for soldiers. Flowered or striped galico and patterns of the most conspicuous form and color are used in these uniforms, he said, the Turks being short of proper materials.

BODY OF YOUNG HEPNER FOUND NEAR HICKORY

Special to The Gazette-News. Hickory, April 29.—After having been under the waters of Catawba river since March 14, when he was drowned trying to escape officers who did not want him, the body of Dewey Hepner, aged 18, was found in close proximity to the scene of the drowning in Cline's township, this county, yesterday. Details are lacking, but it is said that the body was in a badly decomposed state. Funeral will be held at Bethel church.

MANY VOTES CAST FOR CONTESTANTS

Double Vote Offer Increases Exertions of Candidates in Pony Contest.

Contestants in the pony outfit contest are beginning to realize what a great amount of work they have before them. It is still some days until the closing date and the pace daily gets warmer. Several of the contestants are determined to win the pony outfit, or know the reason why. The reason will be, if there is any reason, that they did not do work enough and that somebody else obtained more votes than they.

It will be well for anyone on the outside looking on to roll up his sleeves and give to the contestant in whom he is interested, not only a little of your time, but a lift in the form of a few subscriptions, paid up for a year or more. By this means you can be sure that your candidate is having done in his or her behalf the kind of work that is really going to be decisive when the closing hour comes.

Therefore line up your forces and prepare for the battle royal. See to it that everybody who is pledged to you is in line and that they are equipped with proper authority and credentials to act for you. Don't trust too much to the standing of the contestants as published from time to time, for there is no doubt that many are holding back ballots to go into the box on the closing day, and the standing as printed may or may not reflect accurately just what the true situation is.

Keep up your courage and show your friends that you do not know the meaning of such a word fail. This spirit will be communicated to them and they will respond in like temper. Their help will make you win or lose. Get it, and to get it, you must be worthy of it. Every effort you make now will be just so many obstacles overcome, so many stepping stones leading you onward to the goal you desire to reach.

A list of the candidates follows with the vote for each one up to date:

| District No. 1. | Votes |
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| Miss Emily Blackwood, Asheville | 12,850 |
| Jesse Cole, Asheville | 13,570 |
| Miss Jessie Cummings, Asheville | 17,990 |
| Miss Habel Dockery, Asheville | 7,975 |
| Charles Green, Asheville | 1,055 |
| Henry Harris, Asheville | 25,225 |
| Junius Harris, Asheville | 2,500 |
| J. Maurice Jarrett, Asheville | 22,025 |
| Lydya Morgan, Asheville | 9,525 |
| District No. 2. | Votes |
| Joseph Clayton, Jr., Bravard, N. C. | 1,000 |
| Miss Gladys Christy, Andrews | 1,000 |
| Matt Moore Cox, Hazelwood | 2,175 |
| Miss Pee Wee Fisher, Hendersonville | 4,800 |
| Edward Forest, Hendersonville | 12,075 |
| Dwight Hall, Canton | 2,000 |
| Miss Edna Gage Morrow, Marshall | 1,200 |
| Miss Lavinia Picklester, Sylva | 13,925 |
| Miss Dorothy Posey, Hendersonville | 1,350 |
| Miss Lucy Tom Reeves, Weaverville | 20,000 |
| James Secret, Canton | 1,000 |
| Cameron Shipp, Hendersonville | 28,165 |
| Miss Margaret Bristol, Morganton, N. C. | 1,000 |

SOUTHERN ANNOUNCES CHANGES IN SERVICE

Through Sleeping Cars, Asheville to Norfolk, Put on for Summer.

Announcements by the division passenger agent of the Southern Railway company of changes in the Norfolk-Charlotte and Charleston-Asheville Chicago sleeping car service are of interest to residents of this city and to tourists and travelers. Heretofore it has been necessary for persons coming to Asheville from Norfolk to Asheville to make transfers at Charlotte. But the change effective today means that the sleeping car will run straight through from Asheville to the Virginia city. The sleeper for Norfolk will leave here at 1:25 o'clock in the afternoon; and the car from Norfolk will reach Asheville at 2:40 in the afternoon.

This service is arranged for the summer months only and the Southern officials believe that it will result in bringing hundreds of Virginia visitors to Asheville for their vacation. The sleeping car service from Charleston to Chicago by way of Asheville is curtailed by the recent order, the car going only as far as Cincinnati in the future. This service was put on the officials state, for the accommodation of fall and winter travelers and it is thought that there is little demand for the service through the summer.

OATES PARK IS MECCA FOR FANS

All Records for Attendance at Ball Games Here Will Doubtless Be Shattered by Today's Crowd.

LINEUP ANNOUNCED FOR THE BIG GAME

Merchants Will Close and All Eyes Will Be on the Outcome of the Battle at Oates Park Today.

BATTERIES FOR TODAY: Greensboro: Altman or Mahart pitching, Rowe catching. Asheville: Ferris or Munro pitching, Roth or Jimenez catching.

This is the day. Four o'clock is the time. Oates park is the place. The Mountaineers against the Patriots will be the attraction.

Refreshed by a good night's rest and having the morning in which to get a line on themselves, the members of the two baseball squads are ready for the opening game of the league season in Asheville and that the largest crowd ever attending a baseball game in Asheville will be on hand for the festivities goes without saying. It promises to be a great game, for the leaders of the league will cross bats at Oates park this afternoon.

Both teams arrived here this morning and seem to be in the very best of condition. Each manager is confident of winning the contest and will use the very best men on the teams for the game.

The most interesting topic of the morning was the discussion of the line-ups of the two teams for the afternoon. The line-ups, as given by Manager Corbett, and Manager Rowe to The Gazette-News, will be as follows: For Asheville, Bradshaw, as Corbett, 2b; Wamem if Penton off; Hickman rf; Ferritt 3b; Roth or Jimenez catcher, with Ferris or Munro doing the twirling for the Inca. For Greensboro, Sheehan or McBane, rf; Crouthers if; Howell 3b; Van Horn 1b; Gosnell if; Andrews as; Welch 2b; Rowe c; and Altman or Mahart pitching for the Patriots.

Weather as pretty as could be expected for a baseball game, the crowds the largest in the history of organized baseball in this city and two of the best teams ever organized in the Carolina league this will be a red letter day in the history of Asheville. A day to be remembered not only by the fans but by all the people.

Firemen's Drum Corps. The beginning of the day, baselically speaking will be an exhibition on Pack square shortly after 2 o'clock by the Firemen's Drum Corps the usual parade through the streets of the city by the automobiles having been dispensed with. The firemen will serve to arouse the interest of those who, perhaps for the moment have let other things, less important attract their attention. Then from that time on the crowds will begin to journey to Oates Park, where the real things are to take place. Extra street cars will be operated by the Asheville Power and Light company and the immense throngs will be handled with ease.

Not only will the Asheville people turn out in large numbers, numbers unheard of before at a baseball game, but many of the towns throughout western North Carolina will send fans here today to take part in the welcome that Asheville will accord her victorious team. It is believed that every town in western North Carolina will have its representatives at Oates park this afternoon and the news carried back by these representatives, victory or defeat, will serve in a large measure to effect the attendance throughout the remainder of the season from these towns.

Merchants Will Close. To show their loyalty to the home team the merchants and professional men of the city have agreed to close their stores and offices, beginning at 3:30 o'clock this afternoon so that all the people will have a good opportunity to witness the opening festivities. The members of the Asheville Rotary club will not hold the usual weekly meeting at noon, but will meet at the store of C. H. Honson on Patton avenue and go from there in a body to the ball grounds. The board of trade will close for the afternoon and the following merchants have announced that their respective places of business will be closed for the time of the game: Southern Coal company, Marlow brothers, Kinley and Whitcomb, J. L. Myers, Pitts market, Yarnall (Continued on page 2.)