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FLANDERS YET REMAINS CRITICAL THEATER; NEW GERMAN MOVE PUZZLING

Shelling of Dunkirk and Fresh German Offensive on Baltic Take Precedence in War News.

GALLIOLI ALMOST CUT OFF FROM MAINLAND

Believed in England Germans Have Not Given up Cherished Idea of Cutting Through to Ports.

London, May 1.—Developments at the northern extremities of the two battle fronts—the shelling of Dunkirk and the new German offensive aimed at the Baltic provinces—take precedence in the war news today. British aviators have discovered and attacked the German batteries, which at a distance designated by the British observers to be 16 to 28 miles, have hurled great shells into the French port, but it remains to be seen whether the bombs dropped by the aviators have put the guns out of business.

London papers say that the shelling of Dunkirk means that the Germans are still clinging to the cherished idea of occupying the French coast nearest England, and more than one editorial writer points out that Flanders still remains a critical theater of operations.

Special dispatches from Petrograd disagree as to the purpose of the German thrust at the extreme Russian right. One theory is that the land advance has connection with a probable movement with the German fleet in the Baltic, looking to the invasion of the Baltic provinces. Another theory is that the advance may be aimed at Libau and Riga, the former a strong Russian naval base and the latter one of the most important Russian ports on the Baltic; or that the Germans may attempt to strike at Petrograd and Warsaw, via Duenaburg and Vilna. Further to the south the Germans have failed in repeated attempts to get to the line.

The latest official statements concerning the fighting at the Dardanelles seem to have reassured the British public that their army is fairly well established in its landing operations but at the same time it is indicated that much fighting must ensue before a firm grip is established.

Gallipoli Being Cut Off.

Paris, May 1.—The Gallipoli peninsula is gradually being cut off from the rest of Turkish Thrace, says a Havas agency dispatch from the Athens correspondent. It is now said to be impossible for the Turkish forces to pass from one shore to the other. The main Turkish forces are between Gallipoli and Maides.

The French Senegalese troops are reported to have conducted themselves with the utmost valor on the Asiatic side, occupying Yenishahr and Nechori, and Nagara is being violently bombarded.

Allies Now Holding Tip Of Gallipoli Peninsula

Serious Damage Done to Turkish Fortifications in Bombardment by Battleships, While Land Forces Were Debarking, According to Chronicle's Correspondent.

London, May 1.—Serious damage has been done to the Turkish fortifications as a result of the bombardment by the allied ships which was simultaneous with the landing of troops at the Dardanelles Monday, according to the Chronicle's correspondent, who says: "The bombardment grew terrific about mid-day. British and French ships were clearly visible at the entrance of the strait the largest part of the fleet being at the entrance near the European side in the Ereoukeul bay. There was heavy firing on Kild Bahir and on the mountains beyond. In the distance several small

Airman of Allies Drop Bombs on German Soil

Amsterdam, via London, May 1.—"Allied airmen have displayed great activity over South Baden," says the Berlin Lokal Anzeiger. "They paid four visits to Haltingen on Wednesday between 7 o'clock in the morning and noon, and dropped bombs for the purpose of destroying the engine works. Only one bomb scored a hit and there was little damage. Two men were slightly wounded. "Seven other bombs were dropped

PROGRAM ANNOUNCED FOR GRAND LODGE I. O. O. F. MEET

Meetings to Be Held at Hendersonville, May 18-21—Train From Here.

The program for the annual session of the North Carolina grand lodge I. O. O. F., which will be held at Hendersonville, May 18 to 21 has been arranged. The grand lodge will convene on Tuesday afternoon, May 18 and continue to 21, and the organization will be perfected that afternoon. On Wednesday afternoon and night, degree work by Blue Ridge lodge No. 205, of Asheville will occupy the time of the delegates and Hamburg lodge of Weaverville will put on the initiatory degree. Swannanoa Rebekah lodge of Asheville will assist in conferring degree work on Wednesday night. The remainder of the time of the session of the grand lodge will be taken up in the hearing of reports and the transaction of the routine matters that always come up at the annual meetings.

A special train will be operated from Asheville on Wednesday afternoon May 19, and will return after the work of conferring the degrees is over that night. The headquarters for the grand lodge will be at the Kentucky home, during the meet in Hendersonville.

ANNUAL MAY FESTIVAL AT NORMAL INSTITUTE.

The annual May festival of the Normal and Collegiate Institute will be presented by the physical culture department on the campus, Friday, May 8. In order that the special features of the program, "The Dance of the Fireflies," and the "Dance of the Fairies," may be given with the colored lights at twilight, the hour at which the program will begin, is set for 8:15 p. m. The program is one hour and a quarter in length. Friends of the school are invited to be present.

Ottawa, Canada, April 30.—A casualty list issued today contains the names of 136 additional members of the Canadian expeditionary forces in Europe who are dead, wounded or missing.

THOUSANDS OF COTTON DISPUTES ARE REFERRED

Agricultural Department May Be "Swamped" as Result of New Law.

Washington, May 1.—The New York cotton exchange advised the United States agricultural department today that a very large number of disputes over the classification of cotton were to be referred to the department under the new cotton futures law. This coupled with further indications from cotton brokers, including one who gave notice that he would appeal to Washington every bale delivered by contract on the floor of the exchange before settlement, was expected to result in a near-swamping of the physical resources of the department.

Department officials pointed out today that many thousands of bales were involved in contracts which are being held up for reference to Washington on every shade of dispute and that the intention of the law was that only disputes which could not be settled in any other way were to be referred to the department.

FOURNIER AND ZEACH LEADING IN BATTING

Fournier Batting .463; Zeach's Average .428.—Cobb Leads in Stealing Bases.

Chicago, May 1.—Jaques Fournier of the White Sox topped the American league batters with an average of .463, according to the averages published today. Other leading batters of the American league follow: Zeach, Detroit, .428; Cobb, Detroit, .420; Lapp, Philadelphia, .417; Jacobson, Detroit, .409.

Heinie Groh, Cincinnati, with .429, leads the batting in the National league. Other records are Duderus, Philadelphia, .425; Connolly, Boston, .407; Whitted, Philadelphia, .400; Schmidt, Boston, .396. Snodgrass of New York and Descher of St. Louis, with five each, lead the National in base stealing.

MAKES REPORT IN CARTER CASE

Investigating Committee Finds Judge Acted "Arbitrarily, Unwisely"—Moral Conduct Unquestioned.

ABERNETHY CRITICISED BY COMMITTEE REPORT

Committee Says It Is Unable to Commend Solicitor for Refusing to Obey the Court's Request.

By W. T. Bost.

Raleigh, May 1.—"If it were within our power we would expunge or modify these records, to the end that the injury done thereby might, in a measure, be repaired, or at least, that the influence of the same might be removed," the Carter-Abernethy investigating committee sums up the hearing that ended with its report yesterday.

"With reference to the conduct of Judge Carter at New Bern as hereinbefore set out, and the other incidents mentioned herein, he lost his temper and used intemperate language; but the committee further finds that in no instance did he act corruptly. The committee further finds from evidence that in various other counties in the state, where Judge Carter has held court, he was even-tempered, impartial and fair."

This report, signed by every member of the investigating committee, came in late yesterday afternoon following sessions of the committee that covered in all about six weeks. Throughout the day the capital has been visited by people resident and visiting, led here by a desire to hear what the committee recommends and to know whether there will be any such thing as impeachment proceedings. No prospect of anything more exciting is held out.

The committee recommends: First: That such parts of the records of Craven county, referred to in this report, which reflect upon the official conduct or private character of Solicitor Charles L. Abernethy, be expunged, if such can be done by the exercise of constitutional authority.

Second: That no further action be taken with reference to house resolutions Nos. 1155 and 1442, except as here indicated.

Third: That the committee does not ignore the physical condition that evidence showed Judge Carter to have undergone prior to his elevation to the bench and succeeding that time. To this nervous disorder it charitably ascribes some of the irascibility of temper and the harshness of speech that came out in testimony before it.

There is, of course, no criticism of the judge's moral conduct. Adverting to the committee's early suggestion that there was nothing in these charges, the members go further and "trust that these rumors are now at rest."

GOVT BRINGS SUITS IN BEHALF OF INDIANS

Uncle Sam Will Attempt to Recover Lands for Wards.

Complaints were filed this morning in the office of the clerk of the United States court here in two cases entitled United States for and on behalf of the eastern band of Cherokee Indians against A. H. Hayes and William Moody. The complaint against Hayes alleges that he is in unlawful possession of about 44 acres of land belonging to the Indians in Swain county and that after having been notified to restore the land to the Indians he refuses to do so. The plaintiffs ask that the defendant be ejected from the land and that they be allowed \$100 as damages.

The defendant Moody is said to be in possession of about 41 acres of land in Graham county to which he has no lawful title and the court is asked to eject him as a trespasser and allow the plaintiffs \$100 as damages.

The lands mentioned in the complaints are part of the large government reservation for the Indians in Swain and Graham counties.

MRS. MARY FORTNER DIED YESTERDAY AT SAVANNAH

Deceased Was on Visit—Was Assistant Matron of Pease Memorial House.

Mrs. Mary Fortner died yesterday in Savannah, Ga., where she had gone a few weeks ago to be with her daughter, Mrs. Harvey Jackson, while recovering from an attack of grip. The news of her death came as a shock to her friends in Asheville.

The deceased has been assistant matron of Pease Memorial house ever since that department of the Presbyterian school was opened seven years ago, and a member of the Oakland Heights church. Being a woman of amiable character and sterling worth she was highly esteemed and greatly beloved by all.

Mr. and Mrs. Jackson will accompany the body to Marshall, N. C., today, where interment takes place tomorrow. Marshall is the former home of the family, where Mr. Fortner is buried.

COUNSEL IN BARNES CASE PREPARE EVIDENCE

Syracuse, N. Y., May 1.—Counsel for William Barnes and Colonel Theodore Roosevelt were engaged today in preparing evidence for presentation in the Supreme court next week, when the trial of the Barnes \$50,000 libel suit against the colonel will be resumed.

SEVERE EARTHQUAKE SHOCK IS RECORDED

Washington, May 1.—An earthquake shock, described by scientists of Georgetown university as unusually severe was recorded by the seismograph there between 12:12 a. m. and 2 a. m.

NEW ADDITION TO LOCAL PLANT WILL BE BUILT

An addition which will be about 160 feet in length will be built at the plant of the National Casket company, on Riverside road. Work on the new addition was started yesterday and it is stated that about \$25,000 will be spent in making the necessary improvements to the plant. The contract for the construction of the addition is in the hands of Merchant and Boyles and the work finished the addition will be used for storage and shipping purposes.

CONDITIONS OF NAVY DISCUSSED

ANNUAL BANQUET OF TRINITY COLLEGE MEN

E. C. Brooks Delivers Admirable Address at Meeting of Local Alumni.

Asheville alumni of Trinity college with many from neighboring towns gathered last night at the Battery Park hotel for their annual banquet. E. C. Brooks, head of the department of education at Trinity, delivered an admirable address reviewing the early history of the college and urging the former students to co-operate with their alma mater in carrying out her purpose of educating young men and women of North Carolina. At a brief business meeting following the banquet the old officers of the alumni association were re-elected as follows: President, Zeb. F. Curtis; vice-president, Donald S. Elias; secretary-treasurer, Robert C. Goldstein.

The committee on arrangements had done their work well, and an elaborate menu afforded an atmosphere of good cheer and fellowship in which college days were reviewed by the older students and recent graduates.

Introduced by the toastmaster, Mr. Curtis, Mr. Brooks was given a warm reception. The speaker gave an account of the early history of Trinity that was for the most part unknown to the former students as he viewed the struggles of Braxton Craven in the founding of the normal school for teachers, the first in the south, which later grew into Trinity College. In pleading with the alumni to remain loyal and work together for their college Mr. Brooks emphasized the necessity of a union of forces for the accomplishment of any work.

The speaker paid tribute to Dr. Craven as the greatest pioneer educator of the state who had literally given his life to the cause of public education in a day when education was largely aristocratic.

Other speakers on the program and their subjects were: Rev. J. H. Barnhardt, "The Opportunity Which Trinity Offers to the Young Man"; Rev. W. L. Rexford, of Marshall, "Recollections of College Days"; Rev. E. M. Hoyle, "How to Best Forward Trinity's Interests in Western North Carolina."

A number of men made impromptu talks and the recounting of college experiences and discussion of plans for greater activity of the alumni association kept the banqueters until a late hour. Those who made talks were: Rev. James Wood, President W. A. Newell of Weaver college, Superintendent Haynes of the High Point city schools, Messrs. Frank M. Weaver, Matthews, Fox, Jacob Landow, R. C. Goldstein, D. S. Elias, Dr. L. W. Elias, and C. K. Robinson.

U. S. DISTRICT COURT CONVENES ON MONDAY

Several Important Cases Expected to Be Tried at This Term.

District court of the United States will convene here Monday morning, May 3, at 10 o'clock for the trial of civil and criminal cases. Judge James E. Boyd will arrive from Greensboro Sunday afternoon and will preside over the sessions of the May term. Members of the jury have been notified and will be here for the opening of court and witnesses in several important cases have been summoned to be on hand.

The famous case of Gilbert versus Hopkins is scheduled for trial at this term of court, and the witnesses have been notified to be ready for trial. This case involves the title to large tracts of timber land in some of the western counties and is being continued many times it is thought that it will be tried at this term of court.

Another case that has been continued twice is that of United States versus Case in which the defendant is charged with counterfeiting in Cherokee county. This case is expected to come up for trial and the defendant will be represented by Judge Murray of Chattanooga and Martin, Rollins and Wright of this city.

Congressman Addresses Former President Taft on the Question of "Preparedness of Sea Forces."

SAYS DANIELS HASN'T ANSWERED CRITICISMS

Gives Details of Increasing Inferiority of American Fleets Compared With Those of Foreign Powers.

Washington, May 1.—A letter addressed to former President Taft has been made public here by Representative A. P. Gardner, of Massachusetts. It was written by Representative Gardner in reply to Secretary Daniels recent communication to President Garfield of Williams college dealing with the preparedness of the navy. The letter in part is as follows: "Washington, D. C., April 29, 1915. "Hon. William H. Taft, "New Haven, Connecticut, "My Dear Professor Taft: "I have received your telegram of April 26. You ask me to comment on the views of Secretary of the Navy Daniels as published in the morning papers of April 26.

"It appears that President Garfield of Williams college recently wrote to Mr. Daniels asking for an authoritative statement, so that he might be in a position to meet the statements made by Representative Gardner of Massachusetts alleging that the United States is at present unprepared for military emergencies."

"If President Garfield of Williams was looking for an answer to my assertions, he was disappointed. In the course of his very long letter, the secretary did not undertake to meet the assertions which I have made, although he successfully met a good many assertions which I did not make; assertions by the way, which no one outside a lunatic asylum would be likely to make.

"For instance, the secretary triumphantly asserts and overwhelmingly proves that the American navy is larger and more abundantly equipped than ever before, inasmuch as the American navy has not been at war for 17 years, and as the scrap heap is almost unknown in our military system, it did not take two newspaper columns to prove that our navy and its equipment must continue to increase so long as congress continues to appropriate for them.

"Comparison Worthless. "I assume that President Garfield, like the rest of us, would have been glad to be told how our navy compares in size and strength with foreign navies. I doubt very much whether he takes a consuming interest in a comparison between our navy as it is under President Wilson and our navy as it was under President Taft, or even under President Roosevelt; yet that is all the comparison which was vouchsafed in the secretary's letter. While he was about it, by the way, don't you think that Mr. Daniels might, perhaps, have put that comparison in a little clearer light? You will observe that in all matters he compares the navy under the first two years of President Wilson's administration with the navy under the last two years of your administration.

"Perhaps President Garfield might also have been interested to learn whether or not our naval experts think our navy sufficient for our defense. To the average sordid mind like my own that really seems a more important question than whether our present deplorable condition is the fault of Mr. Moyer or Mr. Daniels, or the Archangel Gabriel. Yet I can find no word in the secretary's letter which reveals the fact that his official council of advisors, the general board of the navy, has solemnly warned him that our lack of naval policy has placed us in a position of inferiority to foreign nations, and that inferiority is continually on the increase. He tells us that the situation as to mines and torpedoes and ammunition has vastly improved, which is of course the case; but he denies us definite figures as likely to betray important naval secrets.

"The question of our readiness for war with an efficient enemy is worth discussing at some length. The secretary's more assertion that our ships were in a position to make a brave showing against the Mexican navy and the southwest wind at Vera Cruz will not stand for one moment against the positive views as to our unreadiness for war expressed by Commander Yarnell and Admiral Fiske, chief of operations of the fleet.

"Some of the particular assertions which I have heretofore made, and which the secretary entirely leaves unanswered are these: "Relative strength of our navy: I invite your attention to the fact that on the first of July, 1914, before the European war broke out, our navy had fallen to fourth place, according to (Continued on Page 11.)