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MUSCOVITE POWER OF OFFENSIVE IS BROKEN

Will Be Long Before German Aggression in East Is Halted, Say Special Dispatches

RUSSIANS MAY HAVE SUFFERED IN RETREAT

Heavy Engagements on Western Front When Germans Seeking to Gain Lost Portions

Paris, June 24.—An official notice made public here today gives details of land operations on the north side of the Dardanelles between June 1 and 8, and says that as a result of French and British attacks gains of from 150 to 200 yards over a front of one mile have been made. The British troops took more than 500 prisoners.

London, June 24.—With the exception of a small front on the Dniester river, all the armies of Russia are either within or on their own frontier. Heavy fighting was reported north of Lemberg even before the fall of the city, so that Grand Duke Nicholas, the Russian commander in chief, may have had some difficulty in withdrawing his men to the new line along the River Bug.

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It is generally admitted that the Russians, like the English, were not suffering from a lack of men but from a shortage of munitions, which prevented the initiation of the general allied advance which has been expected since early summer.

Heavy engagements marked the operations on the western front yesterday. The French were the objects of vigorous counter attacks by the Germans, who are seeking to recover position recently lost by them.

Whether the fall of Lemberg means that the Russian army operating south of it in southeast Galicia is effectively cut off from the army in the north, stretching across Poland to the Baltic, cannot yet be said. Vienna and Berlin newspapers say this is the case and that the Russian army has received a blow from which they cannot recover.

If the stroke proves as crushing as the Tontons predict, its effect, military observers here say, soon should be felt in the transfer of vast German forces to the west, where for days they have been heard pressed by the French.

Washington Hears That Yaqui Valley Is Quiet

Washington, June 24.—Official anxiety over the situation in the Yaqui valley, Mexico, where Indians are threatening an American colony has been considerably relieved by reassuring advices from Admiral Howard, who reported by wireless that he had been assured by General Leyva, Mexican commandante at Guaymas, that all was quiet in the valley. In view of the latest advices officials here were confident that it would not now be necessary to land marines and blue-jackets.

Russians Claim Important Victory on the Dneister

Petrograd, June 23, via London, June 23.—Only passing mention is made of the operations around Lemberg in the Russian statement issued last night, which asserts that desperate attacks have been repulsed and that 800 German prisoners were taken at Rawa Ruska, 32 miles southwest of the Galician capital.

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Rome, June 23.—The Italian press vigorously condemns the interview attributed to the pope by Louis La Tapie and published in La Liberté, Paris, in which his holiness voices the complaint that the privileges of the Vatican have been seriously curtailed by the Italian government as the result of the war.

REV. DR. RILEY SPEAKS ON WAR AND PROPHECY

Discusses Great European Conflict From Standpoint of Teachings of Bible

Rev. Dr. W. B. Riley, pastor of the First Baptist church of Minneapolis and president of the North-Western Bible school and conference, delivered his first sermon at the Bible conference at the First Baptist church last night. He used as his theme "The Present War and the Prophetic Word." Rev. Dr. Riley dealt with the present war from the point of view of the prophecy of the word of God. He made it clear to his large audience that there is a vital connection between the happenings in the world today and the teachings of the Bible.

NAMED TO ENTERTAIN THE PALMETTO EDITORS

Raleigh, June 24.—The following committee on entertainment on the occasion of the visit of the South Carolina Press association for the meeting of the North Carolina editors at Montreat, July 1, has been appointed by Edward E. Britton, editor of the News and Observer, and chairman of the committee on entertainment.

THE WEATHER FAIR AND WARMER

FRANCHISE LAW

Declares There Is Vast Difference in Oklahoma and North Carolina "Grandfather Clauses."

N. C. LAW BASED ON VOTING EXPERIENCE

No Race Given Advantage After 1908—N. C. Amendments Must Stand or Fall as Unit.

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FUNERAL SERVICES OVER J. G. LINDSEY AT TRINITY

Well Known Citizen Died Last Night—Interment at Riverside Cemetery

Following an extended illness, J. G. Lindsey, one of Asheville's best known citizens died last night at the home of his son, F. M. Lindsey on North Ann street. The funeral services will be held this afternoon at Trinity church, of which the deceased was a consistent member. Rev. Dr. Wyatt Brown will officiate and the interment will follow at Riverside cemetery.

THOMAS SAWYER'S HOME IS DESTROYED BY FIRE

News has reached here of the destruction by fire Tuesday of the home of Thomas Sawyer, at Ivy, Madison county. It is said that practically the whole building was in flames before it was discovered that it was on fire, and nearly everything in the house was burned, including \$110 in money; and the family is said to be almost without a change of clothing.

LANSING TAKES OFFICIAL OATH

Government Notices Foreign Capitals Mr. Lansing Is Appointed Secretary of State

COMMISSIONED FOR RECESS APPOINTMENT

His Preference Gives General Satisfaction Among Colleagues—Authority on International Law

Washington, June 24.—The United States government today notified all foreign governments of the appointment of Robert Lansing as secretary of state to succeed William J. Bryan. Notice was also given all diplomats and consular representatives of the United States in foreign countries.

Mr. Lansing took the oath of office today. High officials, diplomats and personal friends were present to witness the ceremony and to extend their congratulations.

GOV. SLATON MAKES FAREWELL SPEECH

Atlanta, June 23.—The Georgia legislature met in its annual session of 50 days today, heard the farewell address of Governor Slaton and began the work of organization.

CITY GRANTED FURTHER TIME ON THE OPTION

According to an announcement made at the meeting of the city board yesterday afternoon by Commissioner James G. Sikeleather, an extension of time of 90 days from July 8, has been granted the city by the Reece Lumber company on the option recently given the city on the watershed.

HOPE OF EARLY AGREEMENT IN MEXICO WANES

ENGLISH HELD TO SUPERIOR COURT

Probable Cause Found in Cases of Conspiracy Against Him—Bonds \$1,000

Magistrate M. A. Creamer this morning at a hearing held in the Superior court room found probable cause in the cases against Lewis English, in which he is charged with conspiracy and in attempting to intimidate a witness and, held the defendant to Superior court under a \$500 bond in each case.

T. Carlisle Miller swore that the defendant approached him on Tuesday and asked if he knew of a respectable person that he could get who would swear a crooked story. When questioned in regard to this Miller swore that English said the idea was to get some respectable citizen to stand near when someone "put Claude Jordan out of business," and then swear that it was in self defense. Miller said that he refused to be a party and reported the matter.

B AND L LEAGUE HAS ADJOURNED

Convention Will Meet in Greenville Next Year—Officers Are Elected

The ball given last night by the Battery Park hotel to the members of the North Carolina Building and Loan league was the final event of the twelfth annual convention of the state home builders. At the afternoon session yesterday Greenville was chosen as the next place of meeting and officers were elected as follows:

President, E. L. Keeler, of Charlotte; first vice president, W. E. Shafer, of Burlington; second vice president, G. R. Woodson, of Hickory; third vice president, J. J. James, of Greenville; secretary and treasurer, A. G. Craig, of Charlotte. Members of the executive committee—A. L. Smith, of Charlotte, chairman; John M. Cook, of Burlington; W. E. Webb of Statesville; John W. Gullledge, of Wadesboro; and Samuel L. Forbes of Asheville. Committee on books and forms—J. C. Allison, of Raleigh; R. E. Cochran, of Charlotte; J. M. Hendrix, of Concord; and G. T. Stronach, of Wilson.

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General Carranza Notifies United States He Will Not Consent to Truce With Villa

SEEMS IGNORANT OF EARNESTNESS OF U. S.

Will Probably Be Advised Soon That He Must Adopt More Conciliatory Attitude Toward Villa

Washington, June 24.—Hope that the heads of the warring Mexico faction leaders would settle their differences waned today when it became known that General Carranza had given notice to the United States government that he would not agree to a truce with Villa, pending discussion of peace. Carranza announced his intention of continuing his military campaign to crush his adversaries.

The possibility, however, that General Carranza does not understand the earnestness of the United States in its demands for the restoration of peace was recognized by officials here. Carranza probably will soon be told that before he can hope for the moral support of the United States he must adopt a conciliatory attitude toward his opponents. It is believed this is the object of the mission of Charles A. Douglas and Eliseo Arrando, Washington representatives of Carranza, who leave here tomorrow.

HOT WEATHER IN SOUTH; COOL HERE

Tourists Are Expected to Start This Way at Once—Long Season

With the temperature in New Orleans Tuesday at 102, Mobile and Montgomery 100, Jacksonville 98 and Savannah 96, advance information received here is to the effect, that the inhabitants of these cities are preparing for the annual rush to Asheville for the summer.