

## ALLIES AWAIT ANOTHER BIG DRIVE BY GERMANS

Either Warsaw, Paris or Calais  
May Be Objective—Big  
Guns Being Sent to  
Warsaw Front.

### GERMANS ACTIVE IN THE ARGONNE REGION

Italians Consolidating Position  
Along Isonzo River—Turks  
Suffer Great Losses  
On Gallipoli.

London, June 26.—With breathless expectancy reflected from the momentary pause on both fighting fronts in Europe, the British public is awaiting the next play in the war chess game. It is conceded that the next move is Germany's and that it will probably be against Warsaw, Paris or Calais.

German activity has been reported in the Argonne, which may indicate a drive toward Paris. The closing of the Belgian frontier may mean the transfer of German veterans from the east for another attempt on Calais and the English channel.

There are reports that the Germans are bringing big guns from Essen for the Warsaw front. No great activity is noted on the minor fronts.

The Italians claim that they are consolidating their positions along the Isonzo, while from the Dardanelles come reports of enormous Turkish losses in the defense of the Gallipoli peninsula from the attacks of the allies.

The question of munitions is still absorbing public attention in Great Britain. The house of commons will be assured by Walter Runciman, president of the board of trade, that Great Britain has sufficient high explosives for her own use and that the country need have no concern over the food situation. The requirements for shells, however, is still admitted to be acute.

### FURNITURE DEALERS SELECT ASHEVILLE

Columbia, S. C., June 26.—Election of officers and selection of a place for the next annual convention were the principal matters acted upon at the final session of the Southern Retail Furniture association convention here. Asheville, N. C., was chosen as the convention place of 1916.

Officers elected were: R. B. Chance, Asheville, N. C., president; T. F. Chalmers, Danville, Va., vice president; J. A. Gilmore, Charlottesville, Va., secretary, and W. L. Bell, Concord, N. C., treasurer.

The program for the morning included addresses by H. W. Peabody, Rocky Mount, Va.; J. D. Raggs, Anderson, S. C.; W. M. Waters, Florence, S. C.; S. P. Jones, Richmond, Va.; J. L. Smathers, Asheville, N. C., and L. W. Dickerson, Columbia.

After a barbecue unfinished business was transacted and a meeting of the directors was held.

### BOMBS KILL FIFTY.

London, June 25.—Bombs dropped by British aviators near Broulers, Belgium, caused the explosion of a large ammunition depot and killed fifty German soldiers, says a dispatch to the Central News agency from Rotterdam.

## LIFE OF THAW TO BE TRAGED

State Takes Steps to Have Dr.  
Eliot Tell Why Thaw Left  
Harvard Before Fin-  
ishing Course.

New York, June 26.—Interest in the Harry K. Thaw sanity trial was divided yesterday between court proceedings here and the application of the state for the appointment of a commission to learn from Dr. Charles W. Eliot, president emeritus of Harvard university, why Thaw left the institution in 1890 without completing his course.

Deputy Attorney General Frank K. Cook, who Thursday asked Justice Hendrick to appoint the commission, expected that his application would be granted today.

Why Thaw left Harvard has never been brought out during any of his former attempts to retain his freedom.

Yesterday was ninth anniversary of the killing of Stanford White, for which Thaw was acquitted on the ground of insanity.

Deputy Attorney General Cook said that in addition to tracing the life of Thaw, the state expected to bring out all the facts in the life history of Evelyn Nesbit Thaw.

Before calling his witnesses, the state attorney read to the jury testimony from the record of the first previous proceeding, hearing on Thaw's mental condition.

Thaw was described as a man who was perfectly rational and more kind, generous, charitable, a man of broad intellect and one worthy of being introduced in the best social circles. His elegists consisted of a dozen men and women he had met during his sojourn in New Hampshire after his escape from Mattewan in the same asylum. More than one stated that sentiment in New Hampshire was strongly in favor of Thaw.

### GERMAN STRENGTH IN GUNS CANNOT BE EXAGGERATED

English Say Germans Had 50,-  
000 Machine Guns at Start  
of the War.

British Headquarters, France, June 26.—It is almost impossible to exaggerate the importance of the German strength in machine guns, which they use with the greatest skill and courage.

They had a stock of 50,000 on hand at the beginning of the war, and have been keeping this supply replenished constantly from their arms factories.

A favorite trick is to leave a machine gun or two hidden in a cellar or similar place of concealment until the enemy's advance has swept by and then open fire on the rear. The post of the men serving the gun is of course hopeless, but they are fairly certain to sell their lives dearly, continuing to fire their gun to the last.

As an instance of the deadly swiftness of machine gun fire, it is stated that a man coming under the fire of one of these weapons and shoot through the head can be struck yet ten times more in the second or two that he takes to fall to the ground.

### PEEBLES TO BE TRIED AT WAYNESVILLE JULY 12

Judge Spears Reynolds returned to Asheville yesterday afternoon from Sunburnt where he was attorney for John H. Peebles, arrested here several days ago on charges of having killed A. M. Bennett at Sunburnt. Judge Reynolds states that Peebles was given a preliminary hearing before Magistrate Lee and held for Superior court of Haywood county under a bond of \$500 which he readily made.

The case against Peebles, who is station agent at Sunburnt, is set for trial at Waynesville on July 12.

### THE WEATHER FAIR.

## CITY WILL TAKE UP THE OPTION

Mayor Was Authorized By  
City Board Yesterday to  
Buy Watershed.

Mayor J. E. Rankin was authorized by the city commissioners, at the meeting held yesterday afternoon, to close the option recently secured from the Bee Tree Lumber company for the additional watershed, before the expiration of the option. This means that bonds to the amount of \$50,000, authorized by the last legislature, will be issued by the city commissioners, with which to pay for this additional watershed, which will cost the city \$30,000.

There will be added to the city's present watershed about 6,000 acres and it means an increase, according to figures furnished, of 2,500,000 gallons of water daily under anything like normal conditions while in the most severe drought it is stated that the supply will not be cut down to less than 1,500,000.

The price of \$30,000 set on the property by the owners, in the option given to Commissioner James G. Stakeholder, is \$2,180 less than was the sum offered by the last board of aldermen last April for the same tract.

## WILSON ARRIVED AT CORNISH, H. H.

Enjoying First Vacation Since  
Last Fall—Large Crowds  
at Stations.

Greenfield, Mass., June 26.—President Wilson began to enjoy in earnest his first vacation since last fall. Enroute for Cornish, N. H., the president slept late this morning and did not see the crowds which gathered at several of the stations to greet him.

Later at Springfield, Holyoke, Northampton a large group of students from the Toronto university, on their way to a Y. M. C. A. conference, gathered about the car, gave college yells, mingled with calls for a speech. The president bowed his acknowledgments.

"We are for peace with honor," shouted one man at Holyoke. "He are for you all the time."

The party was due to reach Cornish at 1 o'clock this afternoon.

## U. S. NAVAL MIDSHIPMEN "DECLARE PRINCIPLES"

Seek to Remove "Grave Sus-  
picion" Resting on Them,  
By Statement.

Annapolis, Md., June 26.—Because they feel that the "public has not had clearly their attitude, and that stand clearly their attitude, and that grave suspicion is resting upon them, that their whole code of morals is on trial," the members of the regiment of midshipmen have issued a "declaration of principles" in connection with the examinations scandal at the Naval academy.

The paper was filed with Superintendent Fullam and, with that officer's reply, was posted aboard all of the ships of the practice squadron.

Decrying the necessity for making such a statement and taking the stand that such declarations of honor and patriotism ordinarily are looked upon as affectation coming from officers of the navy, the document says it becomes necessary because the "public seems inclined to believe that such principles are no longer held at the academy."

After referring to the oath of a midshipman to sacrifice all to patriotism and honor, the statement says that "no dishonest practice, where knowledge of such practice has been had by the members of the corps, ever has been tolerated in the regiment of midshipmen."

## DUTCH STEAMER HITS MINE AND GOES DOWN

London, June 26.—A Stockholm dispatch says the Netherlands steamer *Ceres*, from Amsterdam for Looe, Sweden, has been sunk by a mine near Soederhamn, in the Gulf of Bothnia. The crew were saved.

## ATLANTA FEARS MOB VIOLENCE

Authorities Take Precautions  
to Prevent Injury to  
Governor Slaton as He  
Quits Office.

LARGE NUMBER OF  
PEOPLE IN CAPITAL

Rumors of Threats Against  
Slaton Result in Closing of  
Near-Beer Places—Extra  
Police Force.

Atlanta, June 26.—Near-beer saloons were closed here today, the entire night watch of police was held at the station for extra duty, and the guard of militia still surrounded the home of Governor Slaton in efforts by the authorities to forestall today and tonight any demonstration in protest against the commutation of the death sentence of Leo M. Frank to life imprisonment.

The term of Governor Slaton, who extended clemency to Frank, expired at noon and large numbers of persons had come to the city for the inauguration of Nat E. Harris, the new governor.

Persistent rumors circulated here to the effect that persons incensed against Gov. Slaton, because of his action in commuting Leo M. Frank's death sentence to life imprisonment, contemplated acts of violence against the governor today, resulted in extensive precautionary measures on the part of state, county and city officials last night.

Mayor Woodward, through the police department, ordered all near-beer saloons to remain closed throughout Saturday and also directed that a large number of special policemen be held in readiness for possible disorder. County officials have taken steps to re-enforce the constabulary.

Nothing had transpired early today to make the precautions of the authorities necessary. The business section of the city was patrolled by a double watch of police, and forty mounted police were sent to the capital. To all outward appearances the city was normal.

Mr. Harris stated that the guard at Governor Slaton's home would be doubled tonight and would be kept there until in the opinion of the adjutant general all danger of violence had passed.

## WOULD PUT NASHVILLE IN RECEIVER'S HANDS

Suit Filed Following Arrest of  
Treasurer for Fraudulent  
Breach of Trust.

Nashville, Tenn., June 26.—City Treasurer Charles Myers was arrested here last night on a warrant sworn out by City Comptroller Burns, who charges the treasurer with fraudulent breach of trust in that he has collected large sums of interest from banks on city deposits which have never been properly credited to the city.

Suit to throw the city into the hands of receivers was filed late yesterday. The suit to throw the city into the hands of receivers was filed by Comptroller Burns and others against the mayor, members of the city commission, the treasurer and the surety company on their bonds. The petition seeks to recover for the city money which, it is charged, has been illegally spent, misappropriated and otherwise wasted by city officials. The bill also seeks to enjoin further alleged waste of the city's money by officials.

## Negro Woman Held.

Deputy Sheriff C. G. Lanning and Luther Revis this morning arrested Minnie Perry, alias Jordan, alias Holly, colored, on charges of committing assault with intent to kill in Chilton county, Alabama. The woman was located in the laundry at the Asheville school where she had been hiding. She will be held here pending word from the Alabama officials.

## DISASTROUS TORNADO

Red Cliff, Alberta, June 26.—A tornado here did damage estimated at \$500,000 last night. No lives were lost, but twelve people were seriously injured.

## SIX KILLED IN COLLISION NEAR THURMONT, MD.

Thurmont, Md., June 25.—Six people were killed and 12 were more or less seriously wounded when the Blue Mountain express and the fast mail train of the Western Maryland railroad crashed together on a bridge over 100 feet high, over Owen creek, a few miles west of here last night.

## MILL MEN TO ADJOURN TODAY

Large Attendance at Final Ses-  
sion of Association—Auto-  
mobile Ride and Con-  
cert Final Events.

ISLE OF PALMS MAY  
BE NEXT ENTERTAINER

Prizes For Best Cotton Gar-  
ments Worn By Members  
To Be Awarded This  
Afternoon.

The Southern Textile association this morning at 10:30 o'clock began the final sessions of its meeting in Asheville. The attendance on the proceedings was large, the members appeared in good spirits and many expressions of praise were heard for the entertainment afforded to the visitors as well as for the climate and scenery of this city.

It was ordered by the convention that a committee of three from each state be appointed to confer with the officials of textile schools throughout the south in regard to better equipment for these schools in order that more efficient textile workers may be turned out by them.

The association extended a rising vote of thanks to David Clark of Charlotte, editor of the Southern Textile Epileth for his activities in regard to child labor legislation. Mr. Clark addressed the convention briefly, thanking the members for the sentiment expressed and urging them to unite for efforts against laws like the Palmer-Owen child labor bill. Mr. Clark especially called attention to the importance of obeying the present laws regulating conditions of the cotton milling industry.

The program of addresses for today is as follows:  
Address of C. W. McSwain, textile instructor of Clemson college; address of E. M. Holiday of the Lowe Manufacturing company, Huntsville, Ala.; subject: "Why a Finisher." Address of Colonel H. P. Melkelham, agent Massachusetts cotton mills, Ludale, Ga.; subject: "Clean up the Village." Address of Joe E. Brendel, Huntsville, Ala.; subject: "What the Textile Industry has Done for the South." Address of T. H. Rennie, president of the Peil City cotton mills; subject: "Observations of the Textile association and its Work."

The election of officers, the awarding of prizes to the men and women wearing the best cotton garments at the convention and the selection of the next place of meeting will take place today. There is a strong sentiment in favor of Isle of Palms as the next annual convention city.

This afternoon the members of the association will be the guests of the board of trade and the automobile owners of the city on a trip to Overlook mountain. The final social feature of the convention will be a concert in the "big room" at Grove Park Inn for the association arranged by F. L. Seely, proprietor of the inn.

A few of the visitors will leave for their homes this afternoon, but the majority of them will remain until tomorrow or Monday.

Quite a number are expected to spend a vacation of several days here before returning to their homes.

The association adopted resolutions endorsing the foreign policy of President Woodrow Wilson and pledging him the support of the association.

At the close of his address on "The Relation of the Treasurer to the Other Officials of the Corporation," Captain Ellison A. Smyth, president of the South Carolina Cotton Manufacturers' association, was presented with a life membership in the Southern Textile Association. Captain Smyth is one of the best known cotton manufacturers of the south and the textile association in this way put on record its esteem for the man and its recognition of his services to the industry.

Following the president's annual address W. R. Lynch of Spray, manager of the department of welfare and health of the Spray Mills, delivered an address on welfare work in cotton mill centers. Mr. Lynch is a former resident of this city and a brother of S. A. Lynch of Asheville. The speaker sketched the evolution of opinion among cotton mill owners from a somewhat autocratic policy in the early days to the modern sense of responsibility for the health of the employed and the general welfare of the community. In creating departments to have charge of these activities the mill men have followed the pioneer work of the United States Steel company and the Standard Oil company, said Mr. Lynch.

On adjournment, the members of the association posed for a photograph on the roof garden, Peiton & Higginson having been named as the official convention photographers. Two hours later the pictures were being distributed.

Later in the afternoon many of the visitors went for a drive through the Biltmore estate and last night was given up to pleasure and recreation.

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## GO TO CONFER WITH CARRANZA

GERMANY LIKELY  
TO CONCEDE MUCH

Believed Berlin Note Will Go  
Long Way Toward Meet-  
ing U. S. Demands.

Berlin, via London, June 26.—There are good prospects that the forthcoming German note to the United States will go a long way toward meeting the American government's wishes regarding Germany's conduct of submarine warfare and making passenger traffic on the high seas safe.

While it is stated that submarine action against hostile merchantmen will not and cannot be abandoned entirely, it is increasingly probable that the German note will embody some proposals to exempt ships employed wholly or principally in passenger traffic from submarine attack.

Such ships, it is said, of course, would be subject to stoppage and examination by submarines in accordance with the practice in vogue prior to the present war and to capture if carrying contraband, but the regular rules of the prize law, particularly regarding the safety of passengers and crews, would be observed.

It is hoped here that such a solution will satisfy the requirements of President Wilson's note. It is hoped and expected here among those who are working for a friendly settlement of the situation between Germany and the United States that the United States would see that such passenger ships were not used to transport ammunition and guns nor lend themselves to attacks upon submarines.

## YALE WON VARSITY RACE FROM HARVARD CREW

New London, June 26.—Yale won the second varsity eight mile race by the third of a length in the first event of the annual inter-varsity crew races with Harvard, on the Thames course yesterday. The official time was: Yale 10:45; Harvard, 10:42. The Yale men led from start to finish, though Harvard made a name rally during the last quarter of a mile.

For the first time in many years Yale university crews swept the river in the annual dual regatta with Harvard, and tonight Eli alumni and undergraduates are cheering their three crews and Coach Guy Nickalls, until the din is deafening. Notwithstanding delays due to rough water and accidents the English-coached eights of the Blue fought for victory from early forenoon until dark, defeating in turn the Crimson, junior, varsity and freshman eights.

That the Blue had a crew of particular power and finish is shown in the figures of the four-mile race where the Yale oarsmen set their own pace and in so doing established a new upstream record of twenty minutes, fifty seconds, beating the time made by the Yale eight of 1907 by eighteen seconds. The time of both crews in today's race, by miles, follows:  
One mile—Yale, 4:40; Harvard, 4:45.  
Two miles—Yale, 10:05; Harvard, 10:14.  
Three miles—Yale, 15:27; Harvard, 15:39.  
Four miles—Yale, 20:52; Harvard, 21:13 1/2.

## DAMAGE BY QUAKES DOES NOT EXCEED \$500,000

EI Centro, Cal., June 25.—Despite additional tremors which occurred last night the mass meeting of 5,000 citizens who considered the work of rehabilitating the cities of the Imperial valley, decided to continue the construction of new buildings. The rebuilding of wrecked and damaged structures is progressing without outside aid. It is now estimated that the total damage caused by earthquakes and fires in the district will not exceed \$500,000.

## PENSION BOARD WILL MEET HERE JULY 6

Owing to the order made by the board of county commissioners setting aside Monday July 6, as a holiday, it is announced that the Buncombe county pension board will not meet until July 6. The pension board usually meets on the first Monday in July, which would be the fifth. It is urged that all old soldiers and widows of soldiers who had planned to appear before the board next month to remember that the meeting has been changed to July 6.

## COMMIT HARI KARI

Tokio, June 26.—Major Mukajima and Captain Hashimoto, Japanese officers fighting with the Russians at Izumbe, committed hari kari when the Gallatin clan capital fell, according to advices from Petrograd.

## COMMIT HARI KARI

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Constitutionalist Representa-  
tives Will Try to Prevail on  
First Chief to Take  
Conciliatory Stand.

OFFICIALS ANXIOUS  
ABOUT MEXICO CITY

Advices Concerning Military  
Situation at Mexican Capital  
Duel Is On.

Washington, June 26.—Charles A. Douglas and Eliseo Arrondono, representatives here of General Carranza, left today for Vera Cruz to confer with the "first chief." It is understood that their object is to acquaint Carranza with the viewpoint of the American government as outlined recently by the president in his statement to the leaders of the Mexican warring factions, demanding the early restoration of peace.

It is also understood that the Carranza representatives will endeavor to bring about a reconciliation between the constitutionalist leader and the Villa-Zapata factions. It is believed they will tell him that he must adopt a more conciliatory attitude toward his opponents before he can hope for the moral support of the American government.

Attention in connection with the Mexican situation is turned today to Mexico City and the anxiety of officials here is increased by the report that General Gonzales, the Carranza commander, and the Villa-Zapata forces are engaged in an artillery duel for the possession of the capital, with telegraphic communication cut off and famine conditions growing worse.

Advices concerning the military situation at Mexico City are conflicting. State department dispatches today contained nothing definite on the reported occupation of Mexico City but announced Carranza's guaranty of protection for non-combatants in case of fight there.

General Villa has sent a message, dated yesterday at Aguas Calientes and received at the Villa agency here today which says that the reported occupation of Aguas Calientes by the Carranzalistas is absurd and that his operations are progressing favorably.

Unrest in Yucatan.  
Reports of continued unrest at Yucatan have caused the navy department to instruct Rear Admiral Caperton with the cruiser *Washington*, to call at Progreso on his way to Cape Hatten. The *Washington* should reach the Yucatan port tonight, and after an investigation of the situation, will proceed to Cape Hatten, but will probably not reach that port before Thursday.

Washington, June 26.—Communication with Mexico City has been cut off since June 18, when General Gonzales, Carranza commander cut the wires to Vera Cruz at Atumba, 25 miles east of the capital. Consular advices from Vera Cruz stated that the wires were still down and it was improbable that communication would be restored before the Carranza forces entered the capital.

Vera Cruz dispatches to the Carranza agency insisted that General Gonzales was delaying his occupation of the city in order to save it the horrors of attack, and that he had been ordered to exhaust every means to induce Villa and Zapata forces to withdraw without resistance.

C. E. Bates, an American arrested at Caborca, Sonora, charged with importing Carranza currency into Villa territory, has been ordered brought to Nogales, where Consul Stimpich reported today he expected to obtain his release.

## COMMIT HARI KARI

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