

BOMBARDMENT NORTH OF VERDUN FORTRESS GROWING IN INTENSITY

NEW PHASE IN BATTLE BEGINS?

Paris Report Indicates That Germans Are Starting Another Supreme Effort to Take Verdun.

MAY REPEAT TERRIFIC FORCE OF FIRST DRIVE

French Claim to Have Succeeded in Operation Involving Possession of Village Near Fort.

What may be a renewal of the German drive on Verdun with the terrific force which marked the initial attack is contained in the announcement from Paris today that the bombardment to the north of the fortress has assumed greater intensity.

The heaviest infantry fighting of last night seems to have been in the Woivre district, to the south of the fortress, where the Germans attacked and captured the village of Manehullen.

The French declare that in a counter attack they attained the boundary of the village and now hold the village under the fire of their guns.

The comparative lull which prevailed for some hours before the renewal of the intense artillery fire, on which report is made today, indicated that a new phase of the great battle might be developing. As a whole the German attacks, while it was continuous, had apparently less driving power than at first, while pressure was being shifted from point to point.

Evacuating Treibond.

London, Feb. 29.—A Central News dispatch from Petrograd says that the Turks are hastily evacuating Treibond and neighboring towns on the Black sea coast of the Caucasus.

British Casualties.

London, Feb. 29.—The British casualties in all the war areas as published during the month of February totaled 739 officers and 17,817 men.

Throughout the entire sector of Verdun, except on the western bank of the Meuse river, where the German bombardment has slackened somewhat the artillery duels are still of vast proportions.

On the Russian front around Friedland and Ilouk there has been heavy artillery, machine gun and rifle firing. In Galicia the Russians repulsed an attempt by the Austro-Hungarians to capture trenches on the middle Stripa river.

The Austrians, according to Vienna, have put down with sanguinary losses an Italian attack against positions on both side of Monte San Michele and east of Azzo, and also destroyed an Italian trench on the Gorizia bridgehead.

The Russians still are operating successfully against the Turks who fled from Erzerum and the Ottoman forces in the Persian battle zone.

Carranza Is Threatened With Diaz Revolution

Mexican Leader Has Left U. S. Apparently to Lead Revolt in Oaxaca—Was Associated With Huerta in Overthrow of Madero and Has Been Suspected of Revolutionary Designs.

Washington, Feb. 29.—Felix Diaz, who has been watched for several months by department of justice agents because of suspected activities in violation of American neutrality, apparently has left the United States for Mexico with the intention of launching a new revolution against the Carranza de facto government.

General Diaz left New Orleans Friday for Havana, where several Mexicans whose names have been associated with his in reports of a revolutionary movement, were understood to be awaiting him.

More Calls Anticipated From Flooded Districts

New Orleans, Feb. 29.—Large forces of workers early today were reported to be making efforts to prevent a threatened break in the Mississippi river levee at Mark, La., 20 miles below Baton Rouge.

Warned of German Raider Operating In Atlantic

New York, Feb. 29.—Wireless warnings that a German commerce raider, possibly accompanied by convoys, is attacking shipping in the Atlantic was received by the Standard Oil tank steamer Communipaw, which arrived here today from Algiers.

COMMISSION TO HOLD UTILITIES HEARING

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NO ORDERS RECEIVED FOR PRISONERS' TRANSFER

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NEW RAILROAD GIVEN CHARTER

Stock Subscribed For Shelby Northern Railway Company —Work to Be Started at Once.

MODEL SCHOOL PLAN MEETS WITH APPROVAL

Gov. Craig Doesn't Understand Why Mrs. Warren and Christy Are Not in Death Cell.

Raleigh, Feb. 29.—Application has been made for a charter for the Shelby Northern Railway company, that is to run up through Cleveland county from Shelby, by way of Fallston, Beam's Mill and Belwood, to Caesar. The road will be 21 miles long and the subscribers to the stock of the line have already exceeded the statutory requirement of \$1000 per mile and 5 per cent of subscriptions paid up.

The supreme court of North Carolina hears appeals from the Fifth judicial district, comprising Currituck, Craven, Greene, Jones, Pamlico and counties, today. Cases docketed are as follows: Carey vs. Hooker, from Pitt county; Huff vs. Railroad, Lodge vs. Jackson, Price vs. Harrington, Craven county; Wooten vs. Cunningham, Greene; West vs. Richmond, Pitt; Railroad vs. Hill, Craven; Taylor vs. Railroad, Pitt; Lumber Co. vs. Railroad, Craven; Bell vs. Smith, Carteret; Carson vs. Insurance Co., Pitt; Fountain vs. Commissioners, Pitt; Vick vs. Adams and Vick vs. Wooten, Pitt county; Warren vs. Harrington, Craven; Toomey vs. Lumber Co., Craven. No state cases are scheduled.

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Special to The Times. Raleigh, Feb. 29.—The Corporation commission has set March 22 for the hearing in the Southern Public Utilities company involving an equitable distribution of the franchise taxes of that company among the counties of the state.

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FLOOD RELIEF WORK IMPEDED

Weather Conditions Increase Difficulties of Those Engaged in Rescue Work in Flood District.

SEEPAGE IS CAUSING TROUBLE AT VIDALIA, LA.

Intense Suffering Reported in Some of Districts Where Victims Lack Fires and Warm Clothing.

New Orleans, Feb. 29.—Though conditions in general are regarded as improved in the flood sections of northern Louisiana, relief workers in the remoter areas are experiencing increasing difficulties owing to weather conditions and appeals for government aid are coming from several of the towns.

Seepage water is now reported to have caused considerable trouble at Vidalia, La., across the river from Natchez, Miss. The water is being pumped out at the rate of 2,000 gallons a minute, it is estimated, but it still continues to rise.

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Washington, Feb. 29.—Exports for January fell somewhat below the mark set the previous month, the total being \$335,335,303 as compared with \$382,800,000 for December. As compared with January a year ago, however, there was an increase of nearly \$68,000,000.

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G.O.P. LEADERS ARE GATHERING

Republican Delegates in Raleigh For State Convention Which Will Be Held There Tomorrow.

WILL BE HARMONIOUS SO LEADERS DECLARE

Thomas S. Harkins Urged For Lieutenant Governor and L. L. Jenkins Is Supported For Secretary of State.

Raleigh, Feb. 29.—The North Carolina republican state convention meets here tomorrow with State Chairman Frank H. Linney of Boone president. Prominent delegates to the convention said today that the meeting would be harmonious and that the convention would be ready to adjourn in the afternoon.

Chairman Linney announced today that he would not be a candidate for governor if he were re-elected state chairman. He is regarded as likely that he will be re-elected and thus be eliminated as a gubernatorial candidate.

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NEW SUBMARINE RULE GOES INTO EFFECT TONIGHT

Associated Press Informed by Leading German Statesmen Policy Will Positively Be Carried Out.

U. S. OFFICIALS' VIEWS SEEM NOT PESSIMISTIC

State Department Said to Consider Remote Possibility of Difficulties Arising From Teuton Stand.

Berlin, Feb. 28.—(By Way of London, Feb. 29.)—The Associated Press is informed by leading German statesmen that the new rules of submarine warfare, which were announced in the German memorandum regarding the future treatment of armed merchantmen, positively would be put into effect at midnight tomorrow (Tuesday, February 29).

Washington, Feb. 29.—The note presented by Count von Bernstorff to Secretary Lansing yesterday, while reiterating assurances regarding the future conduct of submarine warfare given in the Lusitania case and declaring those assurances were modified by the memorandum setting forth its intention to treat armed merchantmen as enemy ships as auxiliary cruisers after midnight today, attempted to justify the issuance of the memorandum by presenting evidence and assertions designed to prove that the British government has instructed merchantmen to use their armament for purposes of attack in violation of assurances given to the United States.

Later it was said at the state department that while the United States stood unalterably for the right of a merchant ship to carry guns for defense, it was not now and never had been contending that Americans could travel with immunity on ships having deck guns to act offensively. It was indicated that if the claims were sustained, the fact would have an important bearing upon the future attitude of this government.

A copy of the so-called British instructions, which were handed to Ambassador Gerard in Berlin, and which are considered by Secretary Lansing to be the all-important element in the situation as it stands at present, have not yet arrived. Pending their receipt and a subsequent decision regarding the attitude of the United States, the state department is prepared to consider any overt act committed by the commanders of German and Austrian submarines in the light of the facts. It was authoritatively stated that the department probably would not act upon the case of an American who sustained injuries aboard a vessel which it could be definitely established was to be offensively used.

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GALLOWAY FINDS ANOTHER 'STILL'

Deputy Collector of Internal Revenue J. A. Galloway yesterday made another reduction in the number of illicit distilleries in Transylvania county. In a raid near Rosman the officer found and chopped up with his hatchet a still of 68 gallons capacity and poured out about 600 gallons of beer which was ready for distillation. Nobody was at home when Uncle Sam's representative visited the moonshine factory.