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## RUSSIANS TAKE A PERSIAN CITY

Have Stormed and Taken the Persian City of Kermanshah a Place of Great Importance.

## THE GERMANS TAKE FORT DOUAUMONT AT VERDUN

Berlin Reports the Taking of This Important Fort Near Verdun, Germans Suffer Loss.

London, Feb. 25.—A Reuters dispatch from Petrograd says the Russians have stormed and taken Kermanshah, the important Persian city in the neighborhood of which serious fighting has been raging for some weeks.

The tremendous German drive for Verdun is continuing with undiminished fury and Berlin today claims the breaking of the cordon of protecting forts by the capture of Fort Douaumont, four miles northeast of Verdun. The loss of this outlying fortification is not admitted in today's French official statement which declares that despite the desperate German assault the French are maintaining their positions.

All along the Verdun front the Germans are hurling their men against the French lines without regard to the sacrifice, Paris declares, the fight being particularly desperate in the region of Beaumont, almost directly north of Verdun.

Accounts from various sources agree that the fight has been of a degree of intensity virtually unparalleled in the war, especially in this true of the artillery work of the Teutons, they having brought up 12-inch and 17-inch guns from the Serbian and Russian campaigns and blasted out the French positions with pitiless bombardment of high explosive shells. The rain of shell fire in the September offensive of the allies was then without precedent but correspondents near the front declare it was a feeble effort in comparison with the deluge of projectiles which now is being poured upon the French trenches and fortifications from the German battery.

The progress of the German drive is being watched with intense interest in the allied capitals.

The last Paris advices reflected the opinion of military experts that the French lines would hold out until a counter offensive was ready to be launched.

A London dispatch said that further news from the situation northeast of Verdun where the Germans claim the capture of fort Douaumont was being anxiously awaited as the strategic importance of this fort was recognized.

Late advices from Albania through German sources predicted the early fall of Durazzo as a result of the defeat of Italian and Albanian forces by the Austrians and Germans and that the Italians were declared to be hurriedly embarking their troops from the port.

Berlin, Feb. 26.—It is officially announced that Fort Douaumont, one of the fortifications of Verdun, was taken by storm on yesterday and is now firmly in the hands of the Germans.

Fort Douaumont lies four miles northeast of Verdun. It is one of nearly a score of fortifications circling Verdun and is situated just to the North of the railroad running to Metz.

Douaumont is one of a cluster of seven forts protecting Verdun from the east. The conquest was made by the right wing of the huge attacking army which has scored the greatest advantage against the French position. The fortification taken is the last of the principal line of progress, being four miles east of the river Meuse.

The capture of Douaumont is one of the most important achievements since the German drive at Verdun began, an onslaught which for fury and weight of men and guns has few previous equals.

German Attack Continues Violently. Paris, Feb. 26.—The Germans are continuing their most violent attack to the North of Verdun without regard to the great sacrifice, according to the announcement of the war office today.

German Drive Continues. London, Feb. 25.—Despite a heavy snowfall, the drive of the Germans at

## COUSIN OF COLONEL ROOSEVELT, AND WIFE HE SUES



John Ellis Roosevelt.

John Ellis Roosevelt, aged sixty-two, cousin of Theodore Roosevelt, was almost hysterical when he was on the stand in a Brooklyn court in his case for the annulment of his marriage to his wife, aged thirty-one. His wife said he had brainstorms during the honeymoon.

The French fortress of Verdun continues with what Paris terms unprecedented violence. East of the Meuse river, the fortified villages and farms of Champneville, Cotellate, Mar-mont, Baumont, Chambrettes and Ornes are declared by Berlin to be already in the hands of the Germans, but Paris reports at least a dozen of the German onslaughts in other points in the vicinity were without success, especially at Lacote du Povre, about four miles north of the fortress, the capture of which would give the Germans the vantage point for operations on both sides were for operations against Verdun. The casualties on both sides were heavy. The Germans claim to have taken 10,000 prisoners. In Champagne the French report the capture of a German salient, south of Ste. Marie-a-Py, and the capture of 300 prisoners. Fighting in the Region of Verdun is Unabated.

Paris, Feb. 25.—The fighting in the region of Verdun continues unabated, according to the French official communication issued this evening. Several infantry attacks launched by the Germans have been repulsed. The artillery duels are going on with great intensity east of the Meuse, despite a heavy snowfall.

The communication said: "In Champagne this morning we attacked and captured an enemy salient to the south of Ste. Marie-a-Py. During this action was captured 300 prisoners, including 16 non-commissioned officers and five officers.

"In the Argonne our destructive fire has been efficacious on German organizations to the north of Lharazee.

"In the region to the north of Verdun, snow has fallen in abundance during the day. The activity of the artillery on both sides has continued very intense on the whole of the front and principally to the east of Meuse, where the fighting goes on with the same tenacity.

"Several German attacks with large effectives have been conducted with unprecedented violence on Lacote du Povre, (about 4 1-2 miles north of Verdun,) but were without success.

"Another attack on our positions in the Bois de La Vauche also has been stopped.

"There has been no infantry action to the west of the Meuse.

"In the Vosges there has been an artillery duel in the valley of the Esch."

The Belgian communication made public today said: "It has been a quiet day on the whole front."

March 20th is the Time Fixed for the Limit in Hearing the Appeal in Case of Mrs. Warren and Christy.

Raleigh, Feb. 25.—Governor Craig in a letter to Judge E. B. Jones, at Winston, indicated that he would



Mrs. John Ellis Roosevelt.

## ROAD CONFERENCE NEXT TUESDAY

Richfield the Place and Tuesday at 11 O'clock is Time for Get-Together Meeting.

## ROWAN AND STANLY TO DISCUSS DEFINITE PLAN

Local Committee Hold a Meeting Thursday Evening and Planned the Meeting.

The committee named on Tuesday night to promote and attend a good roads conference at Richfield on Tuesday of the coming week, the 29th held a meeting Thursday night and named 11 o'clock as the hour for the meeting.

The morning hour was named so that those who wish may go down on the train and return in the afternoon. It will give ample time for getting to Richfield from each end of the line and ample time for a conference to discuss the matter and formulate some definite plan for action.

Let it be remembered that not only the committee is expected to go to Richfield, but others who may feel an interest in the matter. The committee, as many as can possibly go, will be glad if others will join them, for Salisbury ought to be well represented. Also, the people along the line, both in Rowan and Stanly county, are expected. A number of good road boosters from Albemarle are invited up.

The big road rally to be held in Albemarle on the 9th of March ought to be attended by many from Rowan and we ought to go to boost the road from Salisbury.

The following named members of the Salisbury committee will be glad to give information regarding the trip to Richfield: Messrs. L. D. Peeler, A. L. Smoot, Ed. Overman, J. E. Hennessee, R. Lee Mahaley, S. W. Harry, J. D. Norwood, R. L. Avery, W. B. Duttons, H. K. Rowan.

limit the time for the hearing of the petition for the commutation of the death sentence imposed on Mrs. Ida Ball Warren and Sam Christy to March 20th. The governor informed Judge Jones that matters must be arranged so as to come to a head on or before March 20th, saying that the defendants should have ample time for preparation in case his decision is an adverse one. In the letter the Governor said that he wished it understood that nothing in the letter could be taken to indicate what his determination in the case would be.

## STATE GUARDS ARE HEAVILY FINED

Escape of Convicts at Salisbury Results in Most Interesting Trial in Rowan Court.

## PLEAS SUPERINTENDENT AVERTS PRISON TERMS

Supervisor Stanly Fined \$300 and Costs, Guard Pope \$100 and Guard Conner \$50.

One of the most interesting and probably, as Judge Carlton stated it after the evidence was all in, "far reaching trial as it affects the State of North Carolina ever heard in the Rowan county court," was that heard this morning when the supervisor and two guards who were in charge of the squad of white State convicts which were being transferred from Badin to Graphiteville on February 18th when eight of the men escaped after the Western train had left Salisbury. Those under indictment were Mr. H. F. Stanly, the supervisor in charge of the convicts, Mr. H. C. Pope, a guard, and Mr. T. R. Conner, also a guard. The case was heard before Judge Carlton of the county court and the prosecution was conducted by Solicitor Hayden Clement and County Prosecutor T. G. Furr.

Here for the hearing and who took the witness stand and related some of the regulations of the State penitentiary and imparted other information was Superintendent J. S. Mann of the State prison. Material witnesses were Capt. L. D. Parker, who was in charge of the train from which the men escaped, also Agent Phillip and night ticket agent Kenneth Brown, of the Southern. Two other material witnesses were W. P. Tulley, one of the convicts on the train and who is serving a three year term from Durham county, also Jasper Hall, of Duplin county, serving a six year term and who was also one of the convicts who refused to escape, both he and Tulley saying they could have gotten away if they had wanted to.

These men stated that the talk of escape among the convicts began as soon as the train left Salisbury and the absence of Guard Pope, the man who was found drunk in the passenger station after the train had left, was discovered and also while the supervisor and other guard were asleep. Tulley says all of the men jumped from the window while the train was running fifteen or twenty miles an hour and about ten minutes after it had left the Salisbury station. He said Harry Cobb and John Trachen were the first to jump and were followed by Lowe Daniels and another convict. The men had a file and some of them filed their shackles while others jumped with them on. He said the guards were drinking.

Capt. L. D. Parker says after his train reached Majorica, five miles up the road, he went into the car to check it up. There was no guard at the front end and he walked to the rear where he found Conners and attempted to waken him up but he could not. He then turned to Stanly, the supervisor, and shook him, he also being asleep and drowsy, and could hardly get a reply. Finally after much effort he secured a block ticket for 31 men. He then counted the prisoners and there were only 25. He informed Stanly of the number and he said there ought to be more. When he discovered that some of his men had escaped he asked Captain Parker to help him and to send some telegrams. This he did. Captain Parker says he never entered the car again until Old Fort was reached and was informed here that several more had made their escape.

Tulley said there were two different times in which the escapes were made and that the guards went to sleep a second time, this being when the second bunch got away.

Supervisor Stanly who has been in the service about 13 years said he had brought a squad of negro convicts from Graphite to Badin and had these two guards with him and that they had lost a night's sleep and had made an 18-mile march to catch a train and then started back the next day from Badin, having had no sleep and they were not in physical condition for the task and he took several drinks and gave one of the guards a drink. He had made an effort, he said.

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## WHEN A MILLIONAIRE PLAYS IN THE SOUTHLAND.



Henry C. Frick.

Henry C. Frick, worth so many millions that he doesn't have to work hard, has gone south. This photograph shows him at play on the golf links at Palm Beach. It is one of the best photographs ever taken of Pittsburgh's leading citizen.

## FREIGHT TRAIN MEETS DISASTER

East Bound Freight Train With Fifteen Cars Wrecked at West Hickory No One Injured.

## 15 CARS TURN OVER OF TRAIN NUMBER 72

Passengers on the Western Road Had to Be Transferred, Two Wrecking Crews.

Hickory, Feb. 26.—East bound freight train No. 72 was wrecked at West Hickory two miles west of here at 4 o'clock this morning. A derailment followed running into a broken rail, and seventeen cars were derailed, fifteen of them turning over.

The engine and several cars passed over the broken rail and was safely across the troubled spot when the others left the track.

The train was in charge of Conductor Ballinger and Engineer Earnhardt, neither of whom were hurt. The cars were loaded heavily with produce and lumber.

Two wrecking crews with derricks were brought to the scene of the wreck, one from Spencer and one from Asheville. Passengers were transferred and it will be five o'clock this afternoon before the track is cleared and ready for use.

## SUBMARINE POLICY CAUSES BIG BREAK

Fall of Five Cents a Bushel Comes As Result of Depression in New York Stock Market—Heavy Stock Loss Selling Takes Place.

Chicago, Feb. 26.—Wheat values broke about five cents a bushel here today on the active depression in the New York stock market. Apparently many traders here jumped at the conclusion that Wall Street declines pointed to increased tension over the plans of Germany for attacking armed merchant vessels.

May wheat dropped to 1.13 7-8 as against 1.18 3-4 at yesterday's close. Heavy stock loss selling took place.

## U. S. AWAITING GERMANY'S REPLY

Quieting Down of Situation in Congress Submarine Crisis Shifts Back to Negotiations.

## PRESIDENT WILSON REMAINS FIRM

Still Insists That Americans Have Right to Travel on Ships Armed for Defense.

(By Associated Press.) Washington, Feb. 26.—With the apparent quieting down of the situation in Congress the submarine crisis shifts back to the negotiations between Secretary Lansing and Count Von Bernstorff.

Secretary Lansing says that there was no intention of transferring the negotiations to Berlin to be conducted between Ambassador Gerard and the Berlin foreign office as was intimated in dispatches published abroad and reiterated that the State Department had heard nothing more from Germany on its request for a declaration that the new submarine policy would not be conducted in violation of previous assurances for the safety of Americans traveling on unresisting liners.

While the situation in Congress apparently is being held in check by administration leaders the State Department continues to await the receipt of certain appendices to the Austro-German notice which are intended to demonstrate the British armed ships have used guns offensively against submarines. They are coming by mail and Secretary Lansing has said that until he has had opportunity to study the evidence the State Department would be unable to decide exactly what its position would be.

On the situation as it now stands President Wilson is firm in his determination to insist on the right of Americans to travel on ships armed for defense only.

## MR. LEWIS PENNINGTON DIES AT SPENCER HOME

Splendid Young Man Passes Away at Home of His Parents—Manager Brown Lining Up Base Ball Players.

Spencer, Feb. 26.—Mr. Lewis Pennington, aged 29 years, died early today at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Pennington, on Yarkin avenue in Spencer. He was taken ill in December with a peculiar affection which baffled a number of skilled physicians and it is said it was never really determined what the disease was. It seemed to be a cancerous affection appearing at a number of places over his body and he was a great sufferer. He spent sometime at Johns Hopkins in Baltimore but without relief. His condition had been hopeless several days and the end came peacefully today. He is survived by his parents and one sister, Mrs. Marvin Roan, of Spencer. The funeral takes place at the home Sunday at 3 p. m.

That immigration should be prohibited was the subject of a spirited debate at the Spencer school building Friday night, between the sixth and the eighth grades. The affirmative represented by the eighth grade won. There was a large attendance.

Manager Ivey Brown of the Spencer Baseball club is busy these days lining up a strong team for the coming season. The first game is to be played March 11th with Whitsett which team comes to Spencer on that date. Among the players already signed up with the Spencer aggregation is Mr. W. C. Irby, of Kannapolis, who has moved his family here. Another is Mr. E. H. Pool, of Columbia, who is said to be some ball player and will bring much force to the team. Other players are now negotiating and a full nine will be announced in a short time.

The Democratic donkey has run many a race, but never yet has it had to compete with an elephant disguised as a moose.—Charleston News and Courier.

A man deserves to lose who permits a 10-cent argument to lead him into a \$10 bet.

## GREAT TABERNACLE ERECTED IN DAY

Methodist Build House for Coming Kilgo Meetings and Same Will Seat 1,500.

## LADIES SERVED LUNCH WHILE MEN WORKED

One Hundred or More People Engaged in "Raising" of Large Frame Structure.

One of the busiest, if not the busiest building scene ever witnessed in Salisbury was that on the lot corner of Jackson and Fisher streets today when the Methodists erected their big tabernacle building for the Kilgo meetings next month. This work was the part of those participating was a labor of love. It has been planned for some days to erect this building in a day. There were some skeptics those who doubted whether it could be done, but those who are determined were in the great majority and they were backed by an indomitable will that won out.

For several days Mr. H. Lee Lazenby has been busy superintending the cutting out of the timbers for this building and staking off the grounds and this morning when the workmen assembled every piece was cut and assembled properly and he had everything in shape for the erection of this temporary house of worship.

It was shortly before 7 o'clock when men began to arrive with hammers and other tools and gritty soon a photographer was on the ground and a picture of the vacant lot, with the exception of the lumber and workmen, was taken. Then the tabernacle building began to assume proportions. There were present to assist in the work Contractors A. E. and H. Lee Lazenby and Mr. N. W. Collett, an experienced lumber man, also City Engineer J. W. Webb and all these gave indispensable assistance in superintending the "raising." Soon the frame began to near completion, then the rafters were placed and while all this was going on other workmen were engaged in nailing on the weatherboarding.

At noon the building looked "good" to those engaged in the work and at this hour the ladies served barbecue, hot coffee and lunches and at this juncture another photograph of the incomplete building was made. The barbecue was prepared by that colored expert, Dallas Torrence, and the meats were barbecued right on the ground.

As soon as lunch was over all fell to work again and as the minutes passed the building became more and more complete and before night another photograph will be taken and this is expected to show the tabernacle complete. It is 75 x 100 feet and will seat easily 1,500 people.

Engaged in this work today were experienced contractors, expert carpenters, blacksmiths and men in other trades, professional men, ministers, business men, merchants, farmers, retired men and those engaged in all walks of life, and all told there must have been one hundred. The work was not entirely confined to Methodist, for there were friends of the congregation who dropped around to lend a helping hand and no few visitors went to the scene to witness this hurried building of a big house of worship for a great revival which is to be conducted here by Bishop John C. Kilgo next month. Those who entered into the work today were not only rendering a splendid service but all enjoyed the occasion and it was a day well and profitably and pleasantly spent and set almost advance enthusiasm for the coming meetings.

## A CALL FOR HELP ISSUED

People Along the Mississippi Clinging to Levees and Households and Hungry—Assistance is Urgently Needed.

(By Associated Press.) Natchez, Miss., Feb. 26.—An urgent appeal for help for food victims in the Concordia parish in which it is declared that men, women and children were almost starving and were clinging to the levee sides and to households was received today by the Natchez Relief Committee.