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GERMANS ENDEAVOR ENTER FRENCH LINE

Attacks Made Last Night Between Hill 304 and Dead Man's Hill in the Verdun Region.

FIELD MARSHAL KEEPING UP THRUST

Entente Reply to German Note is Now Ready and Will Probably Go Forward Wednesday.

(By Associated Press.)

Striking back at the French in the Verdun region but on the banks of the Meuse opposite the scene of recent British and French successes, the Germans made a strong effort last night to penetrate the French line between Hill 304 and Dead Man's Hill, the two dominant eminences northwest of the fortress. According to Paris the attacks were broken up, the Germans succeeding in gaining a footing only of one trench south of Dead Man's Hill. Berlin claims the French positions were entered at Hill 304 and south of the slope of Dead Man's Hill. The activity around Verdun virtually is the only break in the monotonous winter trench warfare along the Franco-Belgian front.

The battle of the Somme admittedly is in a state of suspense because of the bad state of ground and unfavorably atmospheric conditions, according to British authority.

From Rumania where the real activity of war now centers Field Marshal Von Mackensen is keeping up his thrust for the line of the Sereth in Moldavia, driving the Russians before him, the German report intimates.

Barila, important as a grain and oil depot, is itself meanwhile reported under fire from across the Danube, where Bulgarians and Germans with Turkish assistance are vigorously assaulting the Matchin bridge-head.

The apparent hope is to clear Dobrudja completely of all Russians and effect a permanent junction with the teutonic forces in Wallachia at a point where the lower Danube will be closed completely to Russian uses and a way opened north of the river for possible advance into Bessarabia just beyond which lies Odessa.

As the result of a conference which has been in progress several days the entente reply to the German note is now completed. It could go forward today or tomorrow, except for the necessary formal transmittal of it to the allies before final delivery. This means its delivery will be made early or in the middle of next week, possibly Wednesday.

The delivery will be made at Paris, after which the communication will be forwarded to Germany through American channels. It is very long, much longer than the German note. This point has been one of the matters under discussion during the conference, the objection having been raised that it is too long and should be short and sharp, but there are so many points for elucidation and such a complete difference of conception of the objects and purposes for which the two sides went to war it is found desirable to extend the note to considerable length.

The presence here of the French minister of finance permitted the French ministry to be represented. Unusual optimism is shown here as a result of the final form which the reply has taken which is believed to be such that it will meet with satisfaction at Washington.

The reply to the American note will follow within a few days after the delivery of the reply to Germany.

Teutons Capture Prisoners. Berlin via Sayville, Dec. 29.—In Rumania yesterday the teutonic troops captured several positions, taking 1,400 prisoners, 18 machine guns and 3 cannons.

WHAT WILL THE ANSWER BE? Reply to General Carranza's Latest Request for Modification of Protocol to be Determined Tuesday.

(By Associated Press.) Washington, Dec. 29.—What answer will be returned to General Carranza's latest appeal for a modification of the protocol signed at Atlantic City will be determined here Tuesday. On that day the American members of the Mexican-American joint commission will meet to consider the Mexican communication delivered yesterday to Secretary Lane by Luis Cabrera the chairman of the Mexican commission.

The Mexicans will probably be here on that date and in the event the Americans decide the Carranza reply can give serious consideration an immediate session of the joint commission may be held.

400,000 TRAINMEN DECIDE NEXT STEP

Next Move in the Controversy Over Adamson Act Will Be By Employes as a Whole.

UNION LEADERS EXPRESS FEAR OVER MUCH DELAY

Indications Are That President Wilson's Special Committee Will Be Held Up in Work.

(By Associated Press.)

New York, Dec. 29.—The 400,000 trainmen and railroad employes affiliated with the Trainmen's Brotherhoods will decide the next step which is to be taken by their authorized committees which have been handling their side of the controversy over the operations of the Adamson act, it was announced here today by the Brotherhood chiefs. The Brotherhood leaders, after an unannounced conference here this afternoon, gave out a statement indicating their fear that deepening litigations together with possible future legal steps on the part of the railroads would delay indefinitely the investigation by President Wilson's special committee.

GERMAN RAIDS ON BRITISH TRENCHES FAILED.

London, Dec. 28.—The official communication from British headquarters issued last night reads:

"After a heavy bombardment, three parties of the enemy attempted early this morning to raid our trenches northwest of Gommecourt. Two of the parties were driven back by our fire before reaching our trenches; the third reached the trenches, but was immediately rejected.

"During the night the enemy fired a great number of gas shells at places behind our front lines in the neighborhood of Arras and west and northwest of Lens.

"There was considerable artillery activity today on both sides in the Somme area and the Ypres sector. A number of fights in the air took place yesterday. Three hostile machines were destroyed. Three others were driven down in a damaged condition.

Bulgarian Division Wins in Most Bitter Fighting. Berlin, Dec. 28.—Via Sayville.—The Bulgarian headquarters report of December 27, as received here says:

"Hostile monitors have shelled Isakische, Tultcha and Mahmadia (all on the Danube in Dobrudja). The fourth Bulgarian division, after most tenacious fighting, conquered the heights at Tailor and were able to rally from the woods to Lunavizta (on the river north of Matchin).

"During the last combats the fourth division has captured 1,200 Russians, four machine guns and more than 2,500 rifles."

INVESTIGATION IS PROCEEDING

Probe as to Whether Any Official Member of President's Family Profited by Stock Market Incident.

(By Associated Press.) Washington, Dec. 29.—The controversy over Congressman Wood's resolution for an investigation as to whether any member of President Wilson's official family profited in the stock market because of "inside information" on the President's peace note got into semi-official form today when Chairman Henry of the House rules committee telegraphed Thomas W. Lawson, of Boston, to come to Washington and substantiate his published statement.

MRS CALVIN KLUTTZ DEAD.

Western Rowan Woman Dies After Brief Illness—Funeral and Burial at St. Luke's Church. Mrs. Calvin Kluttz died this morning at 6:30 at her home near Cleveland. The funeral takes place Saturday at 11 o'clock and will be conducted at St. Luke's Lutheran church by Rev. B. S. Brown. Deceased was a daughter of Andrew Shuping.

Postmasters Warned to Watch for Cigar Bombs. Los Angeles, Dec. 28.—A warning to watch for "tubular" packages containing cigar bombs" was sent tonight to Postmasters throughout the United States, by Local postal authorities who say they have learned that 25 of the explosive cigars were mailed December 22 at Goffs, Cal.

The local postal authorities began their investigation of the sending of the cigar bombs through the mails after John D. Bennett, of Brawley, Cal., was seriously injured when one he was smoking exploded in his face, December 24. He had received it through the mails.

SNAPSHOTS OF MEMBERS OF PRESIDENT'S CABINET



ROBERT LANSING SECRETARY OF STATE

A BOND ISSUE FOR THE UNITED STATES

President Wilson Tentatively Agrees With Administration Leaders in This Plan.

SECRETARY AND PRESIDENT WORKING ON OTHER PLANS

Additional Revenue Will Be Secured Through Income, Inheritance and Imports.

(By Associated Press.)

Washington, Dec. 29.—President Wilson has tentatively agreed with administration leaders in Congress to meet part of the treasury deficit for the fiscal year of \$180,000,000 by a bond issue.

Secretary McAdoo and the President are working on other plans for raising revenue. The President pointed out that he believes a bond issue should be used only to meet temporary or emergency needs, many of these have been caused. The treasury has authority from Congress to issue Panama bonds and about \$240,000,000 of these are available. They bear 3 per cent interest.

Plans for raising other revenue is understood to concern the income tax, inheritance tax and a special tax on internal revenue and imports.

DAVID CAPLAN SENTENCED TO TEN YEARS IN PRISON.

Los Angeles, Cal., Dec. 28.—David Caplan, last of the alleged dynamiters brought to trial for the destruction of the Los Angeles Times building in 1910, when twenty men were killed, was sentenced today to ten years in San Quentin prison on a charge of manslaughter. The court granted a certificate of probable cause for appeal which will suspend execution of sentence until there is a decision upon Caplan's expected appeal.

TWO SOUTH CAROLINIANS DIE FROM ASPHYXIATION.

Elizabeth, N. J., Dec. 28.—John W. Davis, sheriff of Oconee county, South Carolina, and Wm. C. Foster, superintendent of prisons of the same county, were found dead today from the effects of inhaling illuminating gas. The officials had come from Wallhalla, S. C., to take back John Walker, a negro, accused of murder in Madison, S. C. The police are convinced their deaths were accidental.

SIXTEEN SENATE PAGES FEAST IN WASHINGTON

David N. Julian, of Salisbury, Responds to Toast, "Why I Would Like to Be a Senator—Dinner Furnished by Vice-President Marshall. Among the pages in the United States Senate who enjoyed a holiday feast furnished by Vice-President Marshall was David N. Julian, son of Mrs. John M. Julian, of Salisbury. Young Julian responded to the toast, "Why I Would Like to Be a Senator."

The Washington Star tells of the banquet as follows: Senate pages sat down to a magnificent Christmas feast in the private dining room of the Senate restaurant this afternoon. The dinner was arranged in their honor by Vice-President Marshall, who has observed this custom every year since he has been in the office as Vice-President.

The pages, sixteen in number, consumed great quantities of Christmas turkey, mince pie, plum pudding and the other accessories of a feast of this sort. Vice-President Marshall is in Arizona for the holidays, but he provided for the dinner before he left. Col. Edwin A. Haley, assistant on the floor of the Senate, and in charge of the pages, acted as toastmaster. After the feast there was a series of toasts.

Page Hopewell Barnielle responded to the toast, "What it means to be a page." Davin N. Julian spoke on "Why I would like to be a Senator." Page Albert Watson, "Of my impressions of the Senate." Thomas Cobb King, "Of Solons I have met."

A number of gifts from Senators were distributed among the pages. TURKEY REPLIES. Washington, Dec. 29.—Turkey's reply to the peace proposal sent by President Wilson has been received at the state department. In substance it is the same as that received from Germany and Austria.

FRENCH RAILROADS BUYS HUNDRED LOCOMOTIVES.

Philadelphia, Dec. 28.—A contract for 100 heavy freight locomotives from the Paris, Lyons and Mediterranean Railroad Company of France, was closed today by the Baldwin Locomotive Works of this city. The order, according to the announcement, amounts to about \$4,000,000 and is supplementary to the contract for 40 locomotives placed in the same railroad several weeks ago.

When a business man falls, in spite of the fact that money is called filthy lucre, it doesn't always represent 100 cents on the dollar. "One good turn deserves another, so it's just as well that all things come to those who wait."

METHODIST HOSPITAL COMMITTEE HOLDS MEETING IN SALISBURY

Letter to Be Addressed to Medical Boards and Boards of Trade in Nine Cities in Western North Carolina—Salisbury Among the Cities Under Consideration—Rev. C. M. Pickens, of Spencer, Chairman of Hospital Committee

GERMAN PEACE OFFER DUE TO FEAR OF FAMINE, HE SAYS

The hospital committee of the Western North Carolina Conference, appointed at the meeting of the conference at Gastonia on November 28th, held its first meeting Thursday evening at the Empire hotel in this city. The meeting was called to order by the chairman of the committee, Rev. C. M. Pickens, of the Spencer Methodist church. Those present were Rev. C. M. Pickens, of Spencer; Rev. W. A. Lambeth, of Salisbury; Rev. R. G. Tuttle, of Hickory; Rev. C. W. Byrd, of Greensboro; Mr. W. H. Burton, of Greensboro; Dr. J. W. Long, of Greensboro; Mr. J. B. Ivey, of Charlotte, and Rev. E. L. Bain, of Greensboro.



CHARLES R. FLINT

Charles R. Flint, banker and merchant, with wide international relations and experience, believes from information in his possession that the peace offer made by Germany was due to the fear of famine. He said that while Germany has highly developed agriculture it has been by means of fertilizers. These cannot be made without nitrate, which the Germans cannot now import from Chili. One result has been the decrease of the potato crop by 40 per cent of normal production.

PRESIDENT WILSON FURTHER SUPPORTED

Scandinavian Governments Issue Instructions to Representatives at Belligerent Capitals to Support the Peace Proposals of the United States. (By Associated Press.) London, Dec. 29.—The Scandinavian government has sent a joint note to the belligerent nations supporting the peace proposal of President Wilson.

RALLY IN THE WHEAT MARKET

Chicago, Dec. 29.—Continued urgency of export demand rallied the wheat market today after an early decline. The opening price which ranged from unchanged to 1 cent lower with May at 1.72 to 1.73 and July at 1.58 to 1.59 7-8 were followed by moderate further losses and then a rise all round to well above yesterday's finish.

GRAND JURY FINISHES

Inquisitorial Boy Makes No Indictment in the Matter of High Cost of Living. Chicago, Dec. 29.—The federal grand jury which has heard a large amount of evidence in connection with the high cost of living concluded its session today and was dissolved. No indictment will be returned according to the district attorney.

REGIONAL BANK DECLARES DIVIDEND

Richmond, Va., Dec. 28.—The Richmond Regional Reserve Bank directors today declared a 6 per cent dividend for the period from January 1, 1916, to November 1, 1916.

NEIGHBOR IMPLICATED

Minden, La., Dec. 29.—Two negroes held as suspects in connection with the killing of five members of the family of John Nelson Reeves, nine miles north of here Christmas eve, have confessed, according to county officers, and implicated Henry Waller, a farmer and neighbor of Reeves. John Long, a twenty year old youth, it is said, has made a confession, declaring that Waller instigated the crime and with an axe killed Reeves, his wife and three children. Robbery and an old feud is said to have been the cause of the terrible deed.

HEARING IS RESUMED

Federal Trade Commission Again Looking Into News Print Situation. (By Associated Press.) Washington, Dec. 29.—The federal trade commission today resumed its hearings in the investigation being conducted into the news print situation. The commission planned to present again facts concerning the cost of print paper. Publishers say that they are being charged exorbitant prices and that the shortage is created by diverting machines to the making of other grades of paper. The manufacturers contend that they have a right and privilege to produce the goods that produce the most profit.

PROMINENT JAPANESE LOST

Norfolk, Va., Dec. 29.—Takeo Shiota, a prominent and wealthy Japanese artist of New York, has been lost in the Diamond Swap near Moyock, N. C., since yesterday about noon. Searching parties have been formed and are diligently at work endeavoring to locate the man. The swamp in this section is very dense and wild.

MORGAN TOWNSHIP COUPLE MARRIED

Mr. Zeb. Basinger and Miss Sarah Aray, young people of Morgan township, were married in the office of Register of Deeds J. C. Deaton Thursday by D. W. Julian, Esq. They will live in Morgan township.