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HILL 304 ONLY POINT DISPLAYING ACTIVITY

French Are Continuing Their Attempt to Regain Ground Recently Lost in This Region.

GERMANY DECLARES THESE HAVE BEEN FRUITLESS

French Airmen Reported to Have Brought Down Three Hostile German Airplanes Monday.

(By Associated Press.) The region of Hill 304 northwest of Verdun was the only one in the European war field in which activity of note has developed in the last twenty-four hours, so far as today's official reports from German and French war offices revealed.

The Berlin statement indicated that the French are continuing their attempt to regain the ground recently lost there, and which the German account declares has been fruitless.

Last night's efforts were unproductive as those preceding them. It is declared, the Crown Prince's troops repulsed all attacks.

Paris mentions only German hand grenade attacks on the French trenches, which were stopped by gunfire.

French airmen brought down three German airplanes in an engagement yesterday, Paris announces.

NAVAL PRISON CONDITIONS STUDIED BY OSBORNE.

Washington, Jan. 29.—Thomas Mott Osborne, former warden of Sing Sing, who as "Tom Brown," spent a week as a prisoner in the Portsmouth Naval Prison to study conditions for Secretary Daniels, today told the Secretary he had a number of reforms to suggest which he would outline in writing. Calling attention to his shaven scalp, the former warden related how he was sentenced to five days on bread and water because he refused to remove two rings when ordered to strip and don prison garb. The sentence was cancelled when Osborne, satisfied with the discipline, complied with the order.

NEGROES FOUND GUILTY.

Four Louisiana Negroes Found Guilty of Murdering Five Members of a Single Family.

(By Associated Press.) Minon, La., Jan. 30.—Chester Tyson, Mark Peters, Larkin Stewart and Anderson Heard, negroes charged with killing five members of the family of John Nelson, near here, on December 24th were found guilty by the death penalty, while Stewart and Heard were found guilty under a lower degree of punishment.

The four negroes were specifically tried for killing Mrs. Reeves. After they were sentenced they were placed in an automobile and started for the State Penitentiary at Baton Rouge.

Heard and Stewart were sentenced to life imprisonment. All of the negroes confessed to participation in the Reeves killing, but Heard and Stewart repudiated their confession on the witness stand.

The grand jury has not yet completed its investigation of the Reeves tragedy.

Henry Waller and John Long, two white men implicated by the negroes, are held in jail without bond. They are not yet under indictment.

FOOD FOR THE PRESIDENT AT TWENTY-FIVE CENTS A DAY.

Here is a sample twenty-five cent menu: The President has promised to try the quarter-a-day plan if "his wife will let him."

Miss McClary says that the three meals would provide 3,000 calories—whatever they are—and that it takes less food for a president than for a New York policeman who gets 3,500 calories in his quarter-a-day diet. The President's sample provides:

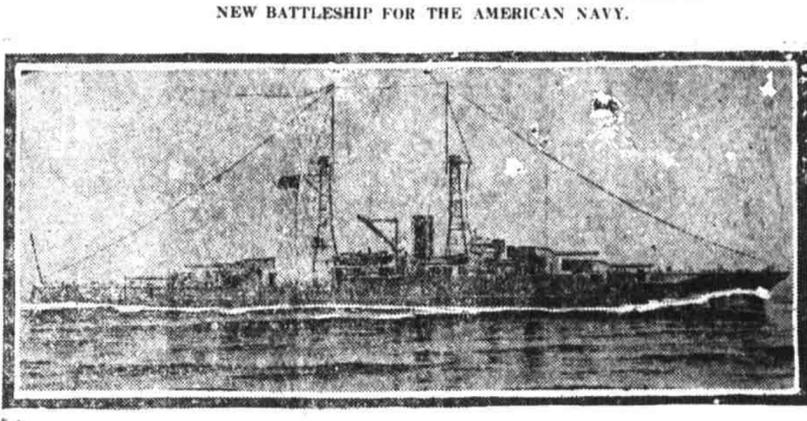
Breakfast: cost seven cents—Oatmeal, milk, toast, butter, coffee and sugar.

Dinner, cost eleven cents—Salmon croquettes with pea sauce, date bread, butter, tea.

Supper, cost seven cents—Bacon and split peas, stuffed green pepper, whole wheat bread and butter, sliced oranges and bananas, tea.

Dr. E. L. Fiske, of New York, and Professor Sherman, of Columbia University, and Mary S. Rose, prepared this quarter menu to meet the exact needs of the President's life.

"Liquor has no defenders but the makers and sellers of it. They are barred from the witness stand because liquor never has and never will keep its promises," says the Des Moines Register.



The great battleship Mississippi, built at Newport News, is 600 feet long and displaces 32,000 tons. She has 32,000 horse power, and is expected to make at least 21 knots an hour. She will carry what Admiral Straus, of the Ordnance Bureau of the navy, believes the best guns in the world. There will be twelve 14-inch rifles, longer than any of that kind ever made.

SALISBURY MAN BRUTALLY ATTACKED

Mr. John Crosby, a Quarry Boss at Neverson, and His Son Cut by Drunken Employee—Senior Crosby's Throat Cut and He is in a Critical Condition.

Wilson, Jan. 29.—Sunday night at the rock quarry, near Neverson, on the Norfolk Southern railroad, John Crosby, one of the quarry bosses, had his throat cut from ear to ear by a drunken negro named Will Bell, who was employed in the quarry. Mr. Crosby's son, who was with his father at the time, in attempting to defend his father, was badly slashed on the arm. John Irvin, a notoriously bad negro, who threw a brick at the Crosbys, was knocked in the head by Richard Evans and is now in the Wilson jail.

At the beginning of the trouble Sheriff Rowe received a hurry call and, at once sent Deputies H. F. Barnes, W. P. Lester and Joe Pittman to the scene, and they brought back with them John Irvin, who will be charged with aiding and abetting in the near riot.

The whole quarry force went on the hunt for Bell, but found no trace of him.

It is learned that the senior Crosby's condition is critical.

PRESIDENT BELIEVES WILL GET ALL BILLS

Mr. Wilson Thinks the Congress Will Pass His Pet Bill This Session—Endorses Postmasters on Civil Service.

(By Associated Press.) Washington, Jan. 30.—Administration leaders in Congress got some encouragement over legislative prospects from President Wilson after his regular visit to the capitol yesterday. The President said that he believes the important measure in which he is interested will all be passed at this session of Congress.

He explained that he does not insist on any particular strike restricting bill but believes that some legislation in this respect is necessary. He also endorsed Senator Poindexter's proposal to place postmasters under the civil service.

OLD PREACHER AND UNDERTAKER DEAD.

Aged Man Who Officiated at Many Burials and Preached Without Fees Died at Ripe Old Age.

New York, Jan. 30.—Reverend Stephen Merritt, Methodist clergyman and undertaker, who died yesterday assisted in the funeral of Daniel Webster, U. S. Grant, Commander Booth Tucker of the Salvation army and many other prominent Americans.

Mr. Merritt was born in this city in 1833 and founded one of the largest undertaking companies in the city. He preached at 11 different churches and it is said that he never accepted compensation as a clergyman.

An era of enforcement is on in Maine which will probably pass additional bills against the liquor traffic.

SOUTHERN IMPROVING ITS ASHEVILLE DIVISION

Concrete and Steel Being Used Almost Exclusively in Building of Permanent Bridges—Trackage is Also Being Greatly Improved.

Hickory, Jan. 29.—Persons arriving in Hickory, over the Southern Railway from Asheville, bring reports of the extent of the improvements on the roadbed. Concrete and steel are being used, almost exclusively, in building permanent bridges along the line from Valdese to Asheville. Permanent camps have been erected for housing the laborers, foremen and superintendents, who are engaged in the work in the mountains above Old Fort.

The railroad company is not stopping at repairing the damage that was wrought by the July flood, but is going ahead and making even better trackage than heretofore. Lately a number of the heaviest locomotives used by the Southern have been put on the Asheville division and, it is said, more will be put on as soon as the roadbed is made stronger.

FORBID WOMEN TO WEAR MEN'S CLOTHES.

Munich, via London, Jan. 29.—Munich's military authorities have forbidden, under the penalty of police action, the "unnecessary wearing of men's clothes by women."

In Bavarian health resorts "attention-challenging imitations of peasant girls' costumes" also is under the official ban. This action is necessary because, according to the police, visitors at the resorts and especially women, had adopted bloomer and similar costumes "even wearing them to church."

SOUTHERN OFFICIAL HAS VERY NARROW ESCAPE

Motor Track Car of Mr. McCarn, of the Maintenance Department of Road, Struck by Freight Train Near Landis and Demolished.

Landis, Jan. 30.—Yesterday afternoon about 5:30 o'clock, Mr. McCarn of the signal maintenance of the Southern Railway Company, was coming south on his motor car, and about a mile north of Landis a freight train running extra overtook him. Mr. McCarn got off, and had one end of his car off the track when the freight train struck it, and completely demolished it, however, Mr. McCarn was very fortunate to escape without injury.

Mrs. Sallie E. Beaver, of Landis underwent a very serious operation yesterday at the Whitehead-Stokes Sanatorium.

Two Cars of Hogs Shipped by One Farmer.

A dispatch from Warsaw, Duplin county, says: Two car loads of live hogs raised by Urban Potts, one of the leaders among the progressive farmers of this section, were shipped from this station Wednesday. The hogs were bought by the wholesale and brokerage firm of J. M. Wilson and company at 9 1-4 cents per pound on foot and consigned to Richmond, Va., for slaughter. Besides this shipment of live hogs, which netted Mr. Potts about \$3,500 there has been almost daily express shipments from this point of dressed pork and beef throughout this fall and winter. This points to the fact that the farmers will raise hogs and cattle for packing houses if such are established in this state. Raleigh, Wilmington and other cities that are planning packing houses need not worry for fear that they will not be able to get the animals. The farmers supply a market for almost any kind of produce when such is opened.

FAVORABLE REPORT ON NOMINATION OF GRAYSON

Senate Naval Committee Acts Favorably on Proposition to Advance President's Physician to Rank of Rear Admiral.

(By Associated Press.) Washington, Jan. 30.—The Senate naval committee ordered a favorable report today on the nomination of Dr. Cary Grayson, President Wilson's naval aide and personal physician, to be medical director in the navy with the rank of rear admiral.

The committee was divided on a strictly party basis, Senators Lodge and Poindexter, Republicans, leading the opposition.

STATE DEPARTMENT CONSIDERING NEW RULE

Reported that a More Liberal Use of Guns on Merchantmen May Be Endorsed by Washington.

Washington, Jan. 29.—State Department officials let it be known today that the American Government has under consideration the advisability of issuing a new set of regulations to American port officers governing the status of armed merchantmen.

From intimations let drop in these quarters the American Government will probably take the position that the merchant vessels of Great Britain and other belligerent powers are entitled to carry heavier armament than heretofore, and to mount their guns fore as well as aft without losing the right to the customary privileges accorded merchant vessels at American ports.

Notable Concession. Should this action be taken it will involve a notable concession to Great Britain, which is preparing to increase the armament of her merchant craft.

It may be expected to bring forth a vigorous protest from Germany, and may lead to serious complications with the government of that country.

The action would be based on the view that the recent operation of German submarines has been of such a character as to warrant the American Government in permitting merchant vessels using its ports a more liberal degree of the defensive armament than the present port rules would imply.

Limits Set by United States. Under the orders issued to American port officers at the outbreak of the war it was specified that among the factors determining the unoffensive character of a merchant ship were the following: That guns should not exceed six inches in caliber; that there should not be more than two of them, and that they should be mounted aft.

According to the press reports from London, the British admiralty has issued, or is about to issue, orders directing British merchant vessels to carry guns of larger caliber than six inches, and to mount them fore as well as aft.

Plain intimations have come from German quarters here that if the admiralty orders are put into effect Germany will consider that her submarines are entirely justified in sinking such vessels without warning.

GOVERNMENT FILES A SUIT.

(By Associated Press.) New York, Jan. 30.—The government today filed suit in Federal court here against the Pan American Commission Corporation, Sol Wexler and others, charging conspiracy under the anti-trust law to restrain inter-S. and foreign trade in sisal and to increase the market price of sisal in the United States.

WHITE DENIES HE HAD INFORMATION

New York Financier on the Witness Stand in the "Leak" Investigation and Qusetioned.

LAWSON MADE NO SUGGESTIONS OF MARKET

Direct Examination of Mr. White Was Conducted by Attorney Whipple.

(By Associated Press.) New York, Jan. 30.—Archibald S. White, the New York financier, denied today that he had received any advance information from Ambassador Bernstorff, his personal friend, or any one else regarding any of the peace movements. Mr. White made this declaration when he resumed the stand in the inquiry being made by the House rules committee.

The direct examination of Mr. White was conducted by Mr. Whipple, counsel for the committee, and at the conclusion of this examination members of the committee asked questions. Mr. White denied also that he had any account in which persons in official life were interested.

"Did Mr. Lawson suggest to you," asked Representative Campbell, Republican, "that the market was top heavy and that a suggestion of peace would start the market down, and that it was a good time to get all your friends into a pool?"

"No, sir," said Mr. White. Baruch Had No Tip.

New York, Jan. 30.—Bernard Baruch, Wall Street speculator and \$50,000 contributor to the last Democratic campaign fund and heavy short seller preceding the issuance of Pres. Wilson's peace note testified at the "leak" inquiry today that his profits on the stock market between Dec. 10th and December 23rd were \$476,168. Every cent of this profit, he declared was due to his foresight in interpreting the speeches of Von Hollwigg and Lord George as meaning that peace was coming. Not a single transaction was influenced by advance information that the President was about to dispatch a peace note. He received no such information, he asserted. As proof of his assertion that he was unaware that a note was forthcoming from the President he was on the buying side of the market when the news of it was published. Neither he nor any other man would have been caught in such a position if he had intimation of the note.

Baruch also pointed out that several other errors he made on the market was made during the thirteen days of his profit taking.

MR. AND MRS. BRYAN ARE GUESTS OF NASHVILLE

Visitors to Tennessee Capital by Invitation of the State Legislature—A Day Crowded With Events at Which Both Are to Participate.

(By Associated Press.) Nashville, Tenn., Jan. 30.—Mr. and Mrs. William J. Bryan are guests of Nashville today. They are here by invitation of the legislature, but equal suffrage organizations and citizens are joining in entertaining the distinguished visitors.

The day's program includes a breakfast to Mrs. Bryan, a suffrage luncheon with Mrs. Bryan as a speaker, an address to the legislature by Mr. Bryan, a talk to the Young Men's Christian Association, and a banquet tonight at which both Mr. and Mrs. Bryan are expected to speak.

SENATOR OVERMAN BUSY ON INAUGURAL PLANS

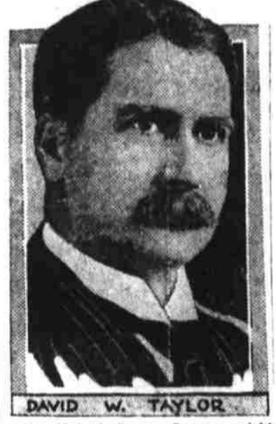
Requests Pouring in From Thousands of People Regarding Inaugural Ceremonies—Mrs. Wilson Will Ride With Senator Overman and the President.

Salisbury is proud of the honor bestowed upon Senator Lee S. Overman in being named as chairman of the second inauguration ceremony of President Wilson.

Already Senator Overman is busy with plans and handling requests from thousands of people in regard to the ceremonies.

It is learned here that Mrs. Wilson will ride in the carriage with the President and Senator Overman from the White House to the capitol. Heretofore it has not been the custom for the President's wife to ride with him on this trip.

REWARD FOR GREATEST NAVAL CONSTRUCTOR.



DAVID W. TAYLOR

The United States Senate quickly confirmed the President's nomination of Captain David W. Taylor to be rear admiral, because this officer is looked on as the foremost naval constructor of the world. The official organ of the Navy League thus describes him. The promotion was one of those in which the navy rule of seniority was followed.

WOULD INVOLVE US IN CONSTANT WAR

Senator Cummins Declares That to Do What President Suggests Would Have That Effect.

DEBATE BEGUN ON WILSON WORLD PEACE PROPOSAL

Asserts, However, That He Stands With President in Moral Efforts to Secure Peace.

(By Associated Press.) Washington, Jan. 30.—Opening debate in the Senate today on President Wilson's world peace proposal Senator Cummins, Republican, declared that to do what the President suggested would involve the United States either in almost constant world war or constant rebellion against the authorized world sovereignty the President proposes.

Asserting that he stood with the President in every moral effort possible for him to exert to bring about an end to the present war Senator Cummins said he refused to follow him "when he leads the way toward the world's sovereignty which he has proposed."

FIRST VICTIM OF YEAR'S BASEBALL.

Virginia Girl the First to Die From Baseball Injuries for the Year. Fredericksburg, Va., Jan. 30.—The first baseball fatality of the year 1917 occurred a few days ago in Pottsylvania county and the victim was a nine-year-old girl. According to the story received here today Ruby Crafton was playing baseball with a number of her school mates at the noon recess when she was struck on the temple while running a base and died from the injuries.

PRESIDENT HARRISON'S HUNT.

Head of the Southern Railway With a Party of Friends Has Been Seeking Sport in Guilford County.

Greensboro, Jan. 29.—President Fairfax Harrison, of the Southern Railway company returned to Washington yesterday afternoon in his private car, No. 1, which was attached to train No. 36, leaving here at 1:20. President Harrison arrived here Sunday night from Richmond and spent yesterday morning at Climax, where a number of New Yorkers are enjoying quail hunting for some time.

THE ENTIRE STOCK LIST IS ADVERSELY AFFECTED

Shares of New York, New Haven & Hartford Railroad Made a New Low Record Early Today, Carrying Down Other Important Stocks.

(By Associated Press.) New York, Jan. 30.—Shares of the New York, New Haven & Hartford railroad broke 4 points to 39 1-2, a new low record during early dealings on the Stock Exchange. This exceeded the previous minimum made in 1915 by 3 1-2 points. Last year's stock recovered to 77 7-8. This morning's decline represented a loss of about 15 points since the first of the year.

The entire stock list was adversely affected as the decline in New York, New Haven & Hartford shares, United States steel and other important stocks forfeited the early gains.

JUDGES MAY IMPOSE LIFE SENTENCES

Senate Passes Bill Giving Judges Discretion in Capital Cases Where Mercy Recommended

WHOLE TIME HEALTH OFFICER BILL DISCUSSED

McRakin, of Columbus County, Goes After the Raleigh Times With Gloves Off.

(Special to the Post.) Raleigh, Jan. 30.—An act investing Superior court judges with the right to impose life sentence in all capital offenses when the jury recommends mercy passed the House today.

The House also passed the bill making it a misdemeanor to enter an automobile and "monkey," as some express it, with the machinery.

As the House adjourned notice of the 2:30 o'clock conference on the Oates bill providing for popular election of school boards was given. More than fifty Durham citizens came into the lobbies then to be present at the first hearing. Educators from all parts of the State are also here.

McRakin of Columbus county, rising to personal privilege, denounced the Raleigh Times for publication of a story Saturday afternoon detailing the debate upon the absentee voters act that passed that body. The Columbus man, after twice branding the details as falsehoods, announced that for this alleged defamation the paper would answer in Columbus county, and asked if "Mr. Reporter could get that straight."

When Senator Allen of Wayne county secured postponement of the special order for Wednesday morning to Tuesday of next week it appeared the Senate was in for a quiet session this morning but a bill for creation of a whole time health officer, offered by McColin of Vance county, and carrying endorsement of the State Board of Health, caused a ripple of interest to run through the body when in reading it the clerk came to the provision for examination fee of \$25 to be paid by the applicant and to be applied to the expense of the board of examiners, three members of which would be elected by the State health officers association and two by the State board of health. Objection was made to the third reading of the bill and in fact got by second reading only through courtesy of the opposition which did not feel like putting it to sudden death.

The Australian Ballot Bill.

Raleigh, Jan. 29.—North Carolina would have Australian ballot system if a bill offered in the Senate this evening by Senator Thomas A. Jones, of Asheville, should become a law. It is a measure for which there are hosts of advocates in every quarter of the State, and Senator Jones says the bill shall have his best service in effort for its enactment into law.

The bill is the regulation Australian ballot sort, and was referred to the committee on elections. A date for hearing will be agreed on later.

EARTHQUAKE TREMORS.

Very Severe Shocks Were Recorded Last Night and Needles Thrown From Scales.

(By Associated Press.) Washington, Jan. 30.—A very severe earthquake tremor which continued for more than three hours last night was centered about 5,000 from Washington. So severe were the shocks that the needles of the two sismographs at Georgetown observatory were thrown from the scales. These shocks were recorded first at 9:57 o'clock.

Downward Swing in Wheat.

Chicago, Jan. 30.—Apprehension of crop damage as a result of unfavorable weather tended to give a downward swing in the wheat market today. The opening prices which ranged from the same as yesterday's finish to 3-4 higher with May at 1.71 1-2 to 1.72 1-2 and July at 1.45 1-2 to 1.46 were followed by decided gains in new crop futures but by a temporary sag in May options.

Cotton Market Quiet.

New York, Jan. 30.—The cotton market was quiet early with prices easing off under scattered liquidations. The opening was barely steady at a decline of 2 to 8 points and active months sold about 13 to 15 points net lower during early trading with May touching 17.36 or in 9 points of the May level reached on the break yesterday.

New York, Jan. 30.—The cotton market opened barely steady.

March 17.36
May 17.47
July 17.40
October 16.80
December (no quotations.)