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TERRIFIC STRUGGLE ON BRITISH FRONT GOES ON WITH BOTH SIDES STRIVING FOR A DECISION

Germans Resort to the Terrible But Costly Tactics of Massed Attacks and Apparently Have Succeeded, for the Time, in Checking the British Advance—Returning Travellers Tell Appalling Stories of Devastation Wrought by Disease and Starvation in Turkey—People Held in Subjection by Iron Hand of Sultan.

(By Associated Press.)

The fourth day of the terrific struggle on the British front in France opened with both sides striving vainly for a decision. The Germans have resorted to the terrible costly tactics of mass attacks and have apparently succeeded in checking the British advance this partial success being won, according to spectators at a terrible cost in human life.

It would seem that the mutterings which have been swelling through Europe behind the battle lines have been drowned by the thundering along the battlefield, but indications are not lacking that momentous events are about to occur behind the fighting lines.

The summary adjournment of the German Reichstag, when its sitting had scarcely begun, add significantly to the hints in German papers that the strike agitators may burst forth with renewed violence on May Day, the great international socialist holiday. A nation wide labor demonstration in Sweden is planned for that date and may have its counterpart in Spain.

No news of any importance has come from Austria in several days, a fact that gives fresh vigor to the ever recurring report that efforts are being made to have the Dual Monarch seek a separate peace. No confirmation to this fact is at hand, but there are definite hints that affairs in Turkey, Germany's third member of the triumvirate, are very unsettled.

Returning travelers tell appalling stories of devastation wrought by disease and starvation in the Turkish Empire. They also repeat the oft told story that the Turkish people are sick at heart over the war and its miseries but are kept in subjection by the iron hand of Enver Bey and his German colleagues.

A striking example of the rigidity of the German censorship is afforded by the news that no German newspaper is allowed to leave the empire without being passed by government officials. Wire fences charged with electricity have also been erected along the German-Swiss frontier and every possible precaution is taken to prevent details of what is transpiring within the Central empires from reaching the rest of the world.

Apart from the French there are few developments of importance in the war theatres. The British continue to drive forward in Mesopotamia but there is a curious silence regarding the Russian armies in that region. An attack on a fairly large scale was made by the allies on the Saloniki front but there is nothing yet to indicate whether a general offensive has been planned in this region.

Last night's fighting in the great battle in the Arras region seems to have been chiefly connected with a renewal of German efforts to wrest from the British the village of Gavrelle. Through the capture of this place Monday General Haig pushed a sharp wedge into the German lines along the Arras-Douai road. The Germans have sacrificed thousands of men in attempt to take it but failed completely. Last night's effort was as fruitless as the rest. The attacking forces were caught by the British artillery and broken up.

On the aise battlefield the French also had to contend with violent German reaction. Several powerful attacks were made in an attempt to drive General Neville's forces from the Plateau near the Chemin-Des-Dames. The Germans lost heavily in breaking these assaults by French artillery fire.

Austrian Parliament to Convene. Vienna, London, April 26.—It was officially announced here today that the Austrian government had decided to convene the Austrian parliament May 30th to deal with questions of food supply and with "economic, social and financial problems."

The Austrian parliament has not been in session since before the war.

Parleying With Russians. Petrograd, via London, April 26.—A telegram received here from Riga indicates that the Germans are continuing to parley with the Russian soldiers. At one place the Germans displayed a placard on which was written: "Do not attack. We will not attack."

AMERICAN SCHOONER SUNK.

Washington, April 25.—The destruction without warning by submarine gunfire of the American schooner Percy Birdsall, of New York, was reported today to the State Department. The time and place of destruction was not announced.

The submarine fired ten shots, seven of which struck the schooner below the water line, while the captain and crew of nine were taking to the boats.

The survivors were rescued by a British patrol boat after being in the boat an hour and a half.

COMMISSION IS CALLING ON PRESIDENT

Members of the French Commission Today Visited the White House and Secretary Lansing, Will Dine This Evening with the President.

(By Associated Press.)

Washington, April 26.—Resting from their long overseas journey the members of the French commission today arranged to call formally on President Wilson in order to pay their respects. This was the principal event on the program of the day which calls for a strenuous activity on the part of the visitors, preliminary to the beginning of the conferences with the American officials on the matter of co-operation with the European allies by the United States.

An opening event on the day's program was a call on Secretary Lansing by the entire French delegation. An automobile trip which would show the members of the commission the city is arranged for the afternoon.

The day's activities are to be brought to a close by a dinner at the White House by the President, dinner given in honor of the visitors.

ARMY BILL THREADING ITS WAY THROUGH CONGRESS

Debate Will Close in the House Today, Except Summing Up Speeches, and First Prospect of a Vote Appears—Both Sides Fighting Hard.

(By Associated Press.)

Washington, April 26.—The army bill continued to thread its way through debate in both houses today, under constant fire of the attack of those who oppose selective conscription and ardently defended by those supporting the administration's plan.

The first prospect for a vote came in the House, where it was agreed general debate should close with adjournment today, and leave only the summing up speeches by the leaders on each side. Tomorrow Chairman Dent of the military committee will close the argument for the committee's volunteer amendment and Representative Kahn, ranking Republican member of the committee, will close for the administration's selective draft plan.

Wood to Come South.

(By Associated Press.)

New York, April 26.—Major General Leonard Wood said today he would turn over the Eastern department next Monday and proceed at once to Charleston, S. C., to take command of the new department of the Southeast.

British Blacklist Withdrawn.

(By Associated Press.)

London, April 26.—The British blacklist of shipping has been withdrawn so far as concerns the United States.

Horseshoers are planning to increase prices. If worst comes to the worst horses can go barefooted.—Tampa Ledger.

ELIHU ROOT



(By Associated Press.)

Washington, April 26.—Elihu Root, former Secretary of State, after a conference early today with President Wilson and Secretary Lansing, accepted the chairmanship of the American commission to Russia.

Mr. Root spent an hour with the President at the White House today discussing the Russian situation. The President outlined fully what he desired to accomplish.

The committee will be composed of three or four principal members and a staff of secretaries and assistants. It is expected to leave for Russia in a few days.

The needs of Russia as outlined to President Wilson are for political, financial, transportation and commercial advice and assistance.

NEVADA LEADS IN MEN FOR THE ARMY

That Western State Leads All Others in Putting Men Into the Regular Army for the Past Several Weeks—Georgia Led Southern States.

(By Associated Press.)

Washington, April 26.—Nevada led all the states in proportion to her population in recruiting for the United States army between April 1st and the 24th, by continuing 94 per cent of her war quota, which is based on population. Georgia led the Southern states.

North Carolina was the eleventh Southern state and was followed by South Carolina and Maryland in order named. North Carolina's quota is 4412 men and this number 358, or 8 per cent have enlisted.

WILL NOT POSTPONE THE CONFEDERATE REUNION

Opelika, Ala., April 25.—General Geo. P. Harrison, commander-in-chief of the United States Confederate Veterans, made the positive announcement today that the reunion this year would be held in Washington beginning June 5 as planned. His proclamation follows:

"Having carefully considered all the reasons pro and con, recently suggested for postponing the 27th annual reunion of the United Confederate Veterans, and being confident that a large majority of my comrades are opposed to any postponement, I hereby appeal to all loyal members of our association to cease further discussion of the subject and consider that the reunion will be held on the 5th of June, as heretofore agreed upon.

"To meet in the capital of our country at this time is very opportune, cementing friendships in all sections. Let us go there and by our acts proclaim to the world that those who wore the gray alike with those who wore the blue stand for our country and our flag, the Stars and Stripes."

FIRST AMERICAN PRISONER.

London, April 26.—The taking of the first American prisoner of war was reported to the American embassy here today through the American consul at Glasgow.

GUARANTORS MEET THIS EVENING

The Chautauqua Guarantors Are Urged to Meet at the Community Building This Evening at 8 O'clock—A Matter of Great Importance in Ticket Sales.

The guarantors of the Chautauqua are urged to meet at the Community Building tonight at 8 o'clock. It is important that all be there, as important business is to be attended to.

Mr. L. L. Gee, representing the Redpath Chautauqua in the city and will remain here until the opening of the Salisbury attraction. Mr. Gee is an advance man for the Chautauqua and is seeing that the finishing touches are given to the advertising campaign, and in addition will work with the local interest in the placing of advance tickets.

It is only a short time until the advance sales will be withdrawn and there are yet many more to be sold before the required number are placed, and tonight Mr. Gee will meet with the guarantors and advise with them to the end that the ticket sales will be pushed with renewed vigor.

There was a meeting of the guarantors called for Friday, but the arrival of this representative makes it necessary that an earlier meeting be held.

All guarantors are urged to be at the meeting tonight—the hour is 8, the place the Community Building.

PREPARING FOR SYNOD.

The Lutherans of Albemarle are Getting Ready for the Event.

(Special to the Post.)

Albemarle, April 25.—The congregation of the First Lutheran church will hold a social meeting in the Sunday school room on Friday evening at 8 o'clock. Refreshments will be served and a number of talks will be made by various persons present. The meeting is not only to be open to the members of the First Lutheran church, but the public generally, it is understood, is invited to be present.

The North Carolina Synod of the Lutheran church meets in this church sometime during the month of May, and already considerable preparations have been made for taking care of the many delegates who will be present from the various sections of the State.

Trinity Students Drilling.

Durham, April 24.—Out on the campus of Trinity college between 400 and 500 students are drilling daily in anticipation of being called to the colors by Uncle Sam.

What has struck many as being equally patriotic is the scene that is being enacted on the western part of the campus. Here the college work force is breaking and harrowing fifty acres of land which is to be planted in corn, Irish potatoes, soy-beans and other food and feed crops.

The college authorities had planned to park this part of the campus and the necessary equipment for moving large trees and otherwise beautifying this part of the campus had been purchased. "We can plant those trees later," declared President W. P. Few. "We can do without shade, but having the ground and sufficient stock to work it, I feel that it is our patriotic duty to heed the call of our National and State authorities and assist in increasing the feed and food production of our section and country."

The acreage being put into food and feed crops on the Trinity campus is the equivalent of an increase in these crops of five acres each for ten farmers or two acres each for twenty five farmers. The soil is rich and a fair crop will be corn or its equivalent to the amount of 1800 to 2000 bushels.

GREAT STRIKE IN BERLIN.

State Department Advised Through Official Channels of Great Upheaval in Labor Circles in the German Capital—Broad Supply Again Curtailed.

(By Associated Press.)

Washington, April 26.—Reports to the State Department through official channels tell of the strike of 250,000 laborers in Berlin.

While the name of the official who gave the information is withheld, the department says the incident shows the growth of desire for peace on the part of the workmen.

It is reported also that bread rations have been reduced from 1,500 to 1,600 grams per week.

TRAINING CAMP RECEIVING ATTENTION

Much Interest is Manifested in the Training Camp for the Training of Officers for the United States Army—Mr. Thompson is Local Representative.

In order to provide officers for the army to be raised by the War Department the government has arranged fourteen military training camps. The men from this state will be sent to Fort Oglethorpe, Ga. These camps will last three months and after this time, those who pass a satisfactory examination will be given the commission he is capable of holding. North Carolina is expected to furnish fifteen hundred officers and this is an exceptional opportunity for men to get commissions in this army.

No experience is necessary, for those who have never had military training will be trained from the first in every department and will be capable of holding such office as he may be given. In case there is no place to use him when this camp is over, he will be placed in the Officers Reserve Corps and will be called later.

Mr. R. W. Glenn, of Greensboro is the Division Secretary, and all applications should be sent to him. However, he has asked Mr. J. W. Thomson, Jr., to take charge of this work in Salisbury, and Mr. Thomson will be glad to furnish information or application blanks to any one wishing such.

ATHLETIC MEET IS BEING CALLED OFF

Southern Track and Field Day at Vanderbilt is Called Off and Many College Activities are Abandoned on Account of Students and Their War Services.

(By Associated Press.)

New Orleans, April 26.—The track and field meet of the Southern Inter-Collegiate Athletic Association as scheduled to be held at Vanderbilt University at Nashville, on May 11th and 12th, has been called off according to an announcement received today from B. M. Walker, of the Mississippi A. & M. college, who is President of the Association.

The program of athletics of many colleges has been cancelled and this is the reason this field meet is cancelled.

In this connection it is noted that the fact that the University of North Carolina is going to graduate its senior class earlier than usual in order that the men may attend the training camps to open soon. It is also a fact that other schools are doing the same thing, and are allowing full credits on all work done by under graduates in case they enlist for some service that will call them away.

President Martin, of Davidson college, announced a few days ago that the commencement at Davidson this year would be the very simplest and that credits would be given students in case they lost time in preparing for war service.

In many instances athletics will be entirely abandoned next year and the leading athletes and instructors in athletics have enlisted for some war service.

FORMER SALISBURY ASHEVILLE MAIL CLERK IN TROUBLE.

A. C. Miller Imprisoned in Charlotte in Default of \$2,500 Bond, Charged With Rifling Registered Packages of Mail.

Newton, April 24.—A. C. Miller, the young mail clerk who was imprisoned at Charlotte on charge of rifling registered packages of mail, is held in the sum of \$2,500 for Federal court. Miller is a Catawba county young man in his early twenties and has stood well with his superiors in the railway postal service. It is stated by friends that the officials found it hard to believe that he was guilty of the mysterious missing packages, but a decoy letter containing several marked bills was found on his person when arrested. His real name is Bandy, and he is a son of the late Perry Bandy, and a fine upstanding young man. He took the name of Miller from that of his step-father, when he was a boy. Formerly he had the run from Salisbury to Asheville.

The German-American "fought mit Sigel" and they will again if "Sigel" should be called by his adopted country.—Philadelphia Record.

DOLLAR DAY TOMORROW ALSO

The Local Merchants Carry Over the Bargains and Special Announcements for Another Day—Friday the Same Values as Advertised for Today Will be in Force.

The threatening weather of the early morning it seemed was going to put a crimp in Dollar Day, and this led to the continuation of the special sales arranged for one day only. The rain of the early day kept many from the streets and interfered with plans for shopping, especially those who lived out of the city.

The merchants interested have simply agreed to let the whole thing go over another day. This means that at the stores advertising Dollar Day sales the same articles and values advertised for today will be good for Friday also. The following are those participating in Dollar Day:

- The N. C. Public Service Co.
The Belk-Harry Company.
D. Oestreicher.
Efrid's Department Store.
V. Wallace & Sons.
T. M. Kesler.
Feldmans' Department Stores.
Bell Shoe Store.
C. D. Kenny Co.
Clyde Ennis.
Hub Dry Goods Co.
Smith Drug Co.
Peoples Drug Store.
Main Pharmacy.
J. Hunter Kerr.
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MILITARY COMPANY TO BE CALLED OUT SOON

Major Kuykendall Advises Commanding Officer of 4th Co. That Men Will Soon Be Called to Mobilize at State Point.

First Lieutenant D. E. Murph of the 4th Co., C. A. C., of this city, has just received the following from E. D. Kuykendall, major commanding the North Carolina Coast Artillery, National Guard:

"The North Carolina Coast Artillery, National Guard, is expecting to be ordered to ( ) for mobilization shortly after May 1st, and company commanders are directed to forward their report of attendance at drills for the month of April as soon as possible after May 1st, in order to get them in before the call comes."

This indicates that the Salisbury boys are soon to be called to the colors and this is no surprise for this action has been expected daily since the declaration of war with Germany. The local company was shy quite a number of men at that time, that it was not near up to its war strength, but quite a number of recruits have joined the company in the meantime and before the call comes it is expected that the 4th Co. will have its full quota of men and be ready for departure for the mobilization camp at ( )

The officers of the local company know nothing as to where they would be dispatched when the mobilization is completed. The blanks above for mobilization point are the Post's and are used in order to insure compliance to request of war department of press regarding movement of troops.

Campaign for New Members. A vigorous campaign will be put on to recruit the 4th Co. to full strength and the public is requested to do and say all they can toward this end. If you cannot actually canvas for the Co. speak a good word for your home organization, one which has been struggling for years to remain in existence, and is now on better footing and now awaiting to serve the country and uphold the Stars and Stripes. If the Co. is called into Federal service in early May as expected no Salisbury man would like to see the organization leave with one man short, therefore, I am appealing to the city and county officials as well as citizens to aid in this campaign. Be a booster all the time for Salisbury and her organizations. Have you done your part?

D. E. MURPH. 1st Lieut. Commanding

NORWEGIAN MINISTER OF JUSTICE QUILTS.

London, April 26.—A Christiania dispatch says that the Norwegian minister of justice has resigned, owing to the rejection of the government bill curtailing the liberties of the press.

New contracts, the witnesses said, are providing for increases in wages to miners, unfavorable Federal or State legislation, or other contingencies.

STATE LIBRARIANS ELECT OFFICERS

Miss Griggs, of Durham, President, and Miss Broughton, of Raleigh, Secretary.

BOOK SURVEY PROVED A MOST HELPFUL EVENT

Dr. Bowerman Gives a Resume of Helpful Books and Reads Three Patriotic Poems.

The North Carolina Library Association convention closed a most successful, entertaining and instructive convention in this city yesterday afternoon when the reports of committees was rendered and election of officers, the following being chosen:

- President—Miss Griggs of Durham.
Vice-President—Mrs. Linton, Salisbury.
Secretary—Miss Broughton, of Raleigh.
Treasurer—Miss Malone, of Trinity College.

The place of next meeting was left to the executive committee and will doubtless be at some eastern point.

By courtesy of the county commissioners the morning session Wednesday was held in the county court house, these being two divisions of this session, one being in the grand jury room and the other in one of the committee rooms.

The Book Survey in the afternoon was one of the most interest and instructive parts of the splendid two day session. There was the "Story of a Pioneer," Shaw, by Miss Annie F. Petty, followed by "Advance of the English Novel," Phelps, by Miss Janet C. Berkeley, and "Leaf and Tindril," Burroughs, by Miss M. L. Erwin of Salem Academy and College. Then came "What Men Live By," Cabot, by Miss Cornelia Shaw, and "Tramping Through Mexico," Franck, by Miss Mary B. Palmer.

Another most enjoyable feature of the closing session was a resume by Dr. Bowerman of books considered helpful to the librarians, and the reading of three patriotic poems by Judge Stafford of Washington, who is Dr. Bowerman's favorite American poet.

The luncheon, served in the historical room at the Community Building was a feature of the social program. Here covers were laid for forty and a most delightful menu was served. The room was beautiful in decorations of spring flowers and ferns.

The delegates and visitors were delighted with their stay in Salisbury and the meeting was one of the best yet held by the State Association.

WILSON OPPOSES CENSORSHIP.

(By Associated Press.)

Washington, April 26.—President Wilson in a letter to Arthur Brisbane, of New York, declared that he is opposed to any system of censorship that would deny to the people of the United States their indisputable right to criticize their own public officials. He wrote that whatever action congress decides on he does not expect and will not permit any law that would shield him against criticism.

RAILROADS DENY RESPONSIBILITY.

Washington, April 25.—Purchasing agents of coal carrying railroads denied before the Federal Trade Commission that they are responsible for the high prices of bituminous coal. Some of them charged the advances to the law of supply and demand, some to the rush on the part of the public to store coal, and others to the failure of connecting lines to return cars promptly.

Coal operators at a hearing last week gave the failure of the railroads to furnish cars as the chief reason for the high prices now prevailing.

Figures showing greatly increased prices for coal—some of them ranging from 50 to 100 per cent—were laid before the commission by the railroad representatives. Several said that the roads by furnishing cars to the mines for transporting their own supplies would get the coal at from 50 to 75 cents a ton cheaper. It also was said that there was a general reluctance to make new contracts to furnish the railroads with coal, the operators preferring to await future developments.

New contracts, the witnesses said, are providing for increases in wages to miners, unfavorable Federal or State legislation, or other contingencies.