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## ATTEMPT TO WRECK TRAIN 85 ON A. C. L.

CROSS TIE WAS DRAGGED  
ACROSS TRACKS BETWEEN  
ELM CITY AND WILSON.

### PLOT FAILED TO WORK

Engineer and Fireman Saw Obstruction in Time. Plot of Engine Damaged. Perpetrators of Deed Have Made Escape.

(By Eastern Press)  
Rocky Mount, May 23.—A dastardly attempt to wreck train No. 85, the Atlantic Coast Line limited between New York and Florida, occurred last night between Elm City and Wilson, when some individual drew a huge cross-tie across the track and left it there. Only through the caution exercised by the engineer and fireman of the train, was a bad wreck and probable loss of life averted.

Officials here were notified, but due to the lateness of their arrival upon the scene and the heavy rain, the bloodhounds which were taken to the place, were unable to pick up the trail. No clues of any kind have been discovered and it is generally believed that no arrests will be made.

The engineer and fireman, who were watching the track closely at the time, saw the large tie in time to slow down the train. They were unable to bring it to a full stop, however, and when the engine hit the obstruction at reduced speed, the plot was badly damaged.

## MEMORIAL SERVICES BY THE RED MEN

Were Held Sunday. Grand Sachem Henderson of New Bern Made Address.

Tau Tribe, No. 18, I. O. E. M. held their annual memorial services Sunday. E. L. Stewart, Sachem, presided.

The memorial address was delivered by D. E. Henderson, of New Bern, Grand Sachem of North Carolina, who spoke on the origin of Redmen. The speaker was introduced by E. L. Stewart in a most flattering manner and fully lived up to the introduction.

His address was most interesting throughout and was well received. Excellent music was provided throughout the services by the Presbyterian choir, who sang a number of hymns and anthems, by Miss Mary Elizabeth Thomas, who sang "Calvary," in a sweet and impressive manner, and by John Smith, who sang "Purer Yet and Purer."

The only member whom the local lodge has lost since the last memorial service was C. E. Leonard, who was employed at the Hackney Buggy Factory. Fitting tribute was paid to his memory.

The local lodge of Red Men is growing steadily in membership and is now on a most solid footing. Its membership is composed of men of all classes and increased interest is being taken in the work of the lodge.

REPORT WAS ISSUED BY FINANCE COMMITTEE

In yesterday's issue of the Daily News, we neglected to mention the fact that the report which was published was that of the finance committee, which is composed of A. M. Duncay, J. B. Sparrow and J. B. Ross.

## PREPARATIONS FOR 'TAUQUA HAVE BEGUN

SWARTHMORE ASSOCIATION TO BE IN THIS CITY DURING WEEK OF JUNE 12.

### AN EXCELLENT PROGRAM

Entertainment Will Be Provided for All Tastes. Local Committees Are Busy Preparing for the Big Annual Event.

With a program that is better than ever and which includes every form of entertainment to suit all tastes, the Swarthmore Chautauqua Association will be in Washington for the week of June 12 to again entertain the citizens of this section.

Although the location of the big tent has not yet been officially decided upon, it is understood that the Chautauqua will be held in the same place as last year, on the river front near the home of A. M. Dumay on West Main street.

The various committees of the local Chautauqua association have already begun work and are preparing for the big event. The publicity work is under the direction of Hugh Watson and he has made a good start in advertising the Chautauqua. The ticket-selling committee will get busy before long and it is expected that the attendance this year will far exceed that of last year.

Detailed programs of the week's entertainment have not yet been received, but will probably be made public during the next few days.

Mayor Stewart Issues Proclamation, Setting Aside Next Week for the Purpose.

In another part of today's paper, Mayor E. T. Stewart has issued a proclamation, setting aside next week as clean-up week in Washington.

An attempt is to be made to clean up the city from outskirts to business section. It is aimed to clean up all the vacant lots, cut down weeds, get rubbish off the streets and put the city generally in first-class shape.

Citizens are being urged to cooperate in the movement and assist the officials in their clean-up work. Further details may be obtained from Mayor Stewart's proclamation.

FISH COMMISSION MEETS AT BEAUFORT

Many Important Issues Brought Up. Delegates Attend from Here.

## CELEBRATION IN PARIS OVER BIG VICTORY

FRENCH TAKE HOLIDAY TO OBSERVE GREATEST VICTORY SINCE START OF WAR.

### ENTHUSIASM IS HIGH

Piercing and Bloodiest Hand-to-Hand Fighting Characterizes Latest Battle in the Verdun Section. Germans Driven Back.

(By United Press)  
Paris, May 23.—The French tricolor flag floated everywhere today in the celebration of the most striking French victory since the great Verdun battle began. The citizens have already worked themselves into a frenzy of excitement and enthusiasm over the victory of a portion of Fort Douaumont.

The second reason for the celebration came today when the war office announced that an all-night battle, fought with great ferocity, had driven the Germans from all but the northeastern corner of the fort. The fiercest and bloodiest hand-to-hand fighting characterized the great French victory.

## SMITH DEFEATS JOE TURNER

New Bern Man Was Victorious in Match Held in That City Last Night.

Max Smith, the New Bern champion, last night threw Joe Turner, who claims the middleweight championship, in a match which took place in New Bern and which was witnessed by a large crowd of fans.

Turner secured the first fall with a hammerlock hold. Smith obtained the next two by using the toe hold and making his opponent yield. The match was one of the "scrappiest" ever seen in New Bern and the two wrestlers went for each other "like cats and dogs," to quote the expression of one of the local men, who went over to see the scrap.

Turner meets Joe Willis here at the Bellme theatre Thursday night. As Joe put up a pretty good showing against Smith, local fans are confident that he will put up a good fight against Turner.

SPEEDERS IN GREENVILLE

That City Also Has to Contend with Violators of the Traffic Laws.

Speeders are giving as much trouble in Greenville as they are in Washington, judging from the docket before the mayor's court in that city yesterday. The following were up for trial:

S. D. Ragdale, fined \$1 and costs.  
H. McClellan, fined \$1 and costs.  
J. B. Kirtrell, fined \$1 and costs.

MISSSES SMALL JOIN THE NATIONAL TRAINING CAMP

Misses May Belle and Katherine Small, daughters of Congressman and Mrs. John H. Small, have joined the National Training Camp for women at Chevy Chase in Washington, D. C. The camp is for the purpose of training women in the art of war.

## PRESIDENT PREPARING PEACE TALK

HAS DIFFICULT TASK IN PREPARING SPEECH WHICH HE WILL DELIVER IN NEW YORK.

### MAY DISCUSS MEDIATION

Friends Believe He Should Voice Belief He Apparently Feels; that None of Belligerents Can Hope for Victory and Should Declare Peace.

(By R. J. BENDER, United Press Staff Correspondent.)  
Washington, May 23.—President Wilson is hard at work on the speech which he delivers Saturday before the League to Enforce Peace, at New York city.

He is facing a most difficult task, according to those close in touch with him. During the last two weeks many appeals have been made of the President to take up the offer of mediation. When some of these high in the counsel of Mr. Wilson believe that the time is ripe for the President to openly voice the belief he apparently feels, namely that none of the belligerents can hope to crush the other, and for humanity's sake, peace should be declared. If it had not been for the French Premier, Briand's declaration yesterday, that peace can only come through a decisive allied victory, it is believed that the President would have talked very freely Saturday.

## DRAWBRIDGE FALLS IN

Bridge Between Beaufort and Morehead Is Rendered Useless By Accident.

The draw in the Norfolk Southern bridge, between Beaufort and Morehead City fell in yesterday afternoon, delaying traffic on the road for over an hour. The train happened to be in Beaufort at the time. A special train was sent to Morehead from New Bern and passengers and freight were transferred from Beaufort to Morehead via boats.

## MAYOR T. J. MURPHY PAYS TRIBUTE TO WASHINGTON

Greensboro Official Has Many Complimentary Things to Say About Local Citizens.

(Greensboro Daily News)  
Mayor Thomas J. Murphy, one of the many Greensboro Elks who went to Washington, N. C., to attend the state meeting of the B. P. O. E., has returned. Mr. Murphy delivered the response to the address of welcome made to the visiting Elks in Washington. He stated yesterday that the welcome given to the people assembled was not half of Washington's hospitality. The town not only turned over the "keys to the city" but they hadn't buried everything valuable before the arrival of the Elks.

The foregoing was hardly the words of Mayor Murphy, but he did say:

"The town didn't end its hospitality with welcoming us and turning over the keys. The people kept right at it, giving the visitors plenty of fine things to eat and otherwise helped them have a good time. Washington is a lively little city, clean and fresh looking, and I suppose they have a population of about 16,000 people."

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## RUSSIANS ARE DRIVING TURKS BEFORE THEM

TURKS ARE BEING FORCED TO FALL BACK TO THE CITY OF BAGDAD, IS CLAIMED.

### ENCOUNTER DIFFICULTIES

Because of Hardships Encountered in Moving Troops, the Retreating Army Will Have Difficulty Avoiding Capture.

(By United Press)  
London, May 23.—The Turks have begun to fall back on Bagdad. Because of the Russian advance, it is believed that the Turks' rear guard will have difficulty in escaping capture during the retreat. The difficulty in troop movements is great and because of this fact, the Turks are laboring under a great handicap.

## TORNADO DOES MUCH DAMAGE

Mobile, Ala., May 23.—Eleven were hurt and the towns of Earlville, Ala., and Agricola, Miss., were almost wrecked by a tornado which swept that city yesterday and early today. Reports stated that many buildings were literally blown away.

## ROOSEVELT APPEARS AS COURT WITNESS

(By United Press)  
Washington, May 23.—Apparently thoroughly enjoying the whole proceedings, Theodore Roosevelt, with teeth flashing in the famous "Teddy" smile, today testified as a character witness for President Glover of the Riggs National Bank, who, with two other officials, is charged with perjury.

The Colonel entered the court before the session opened. He was accompanied by his daughter, Mrs. Longworth, and received a big ovation of cheers.

"Glover is absolutely the highest man in Washington from the standpoint of integrity and general knowledge," was his testimony submitted. He was not cross-examined.

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"APPROVAL" GENERALLY MEANS "DISAPPROVAL"  
One of the ladies of the city a few days ago entered a local store and asked for a certain article of wearing apparel, costing 25 cents. She was not exactly sure of the shade she desired and asked to have five of the articles sent to her home. The merchant had them wrapped up and sent as she directed.

Two days later, having heard nothing from the customer, he called her up and asked her what she had decided to do. She replied that she would make her selection right away and would return the articles not wanted.

At the end of two more days, a negro girl entered the store with ALL of the articles, saying that her mistress had not found them satisfactory.

The merchant unwrapped the parcel in which they had been sent. He found all of them badly wrinkled and was forced to send them to the laundry in order to have them cleaned and pressed. He had to pay fifty cents to have this done. Then he put them back in stock again.

Moral: APPROVAL generally means DISAPPROVAL to the merchant.

WASHINGTON PARK IS ALMOST DESTROYED. It's the place for your home. 5-75-10-15.

## DEPLORABLE CONDITIONS IN MEXICO

ADMINISTRATION RECEIVES A REPORT OF CONDITIONS IN WAR-TORN NATION.

### PEOPLE ARE STARVING

Cabinet is Commissioning Reports That Have Been Sent in by Consular Service Staff.

(By CARL GROAT, United Press Staff Correspondent.)  
Washington, May 23.—The great underlying element of the nation's life, money, industry and food is in such deplorable condition in Mexico that the administration is facing one of the gravest problems since the U. S. troops crossed the Rio Grande.

Reports from the most level-headed of the consular staff gave the administration a distinct shock. They pictured starvation, shaky financial conditions and a railroad strike which is affecting a large portion of the railroads. The cabinet is considering the reports today. It may be that some action will be taken toward relieving these conditions, although what this will be, is unknown.

## BRITISH NOTE IS COMPLETED

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## LESS THAN TWELVE MEN MAY RETURN THE VERDICT

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In a similar finding in a case originated in Minnesota the Supreme court upheld the law of that state which provides five-sixths of a jury may return a verdict after the jury has been out 12 hours and failed to reach a unanimous agreement.

## PRESIDENT'S CHARLOTTE TRIP QUITE A SUCCESS

Washington, May 23.—Senator Overman said today that the President's trip to Charlotte was all that even the most hopeful could have wished for. He saw the largest crowd he had ever seen in any city in North Carolina and everything was done to make the President's trip a pleasant one. He thinks the people of the state succeeded admirably.

Help Wanted.  
"When I went to college," said the boy's father, "I put in my time studying. I didn't have a rich father to buy me an automobile to carry me to and from my classrooms."

"That's just the trouble," replied the son. "I have to spend so much time tinkering with that car that I can't get around to studying my lessons. Now, if you'd hire a chauffeur for me I'd be able to make a better showing in my classes."

How to Sharpen Razors.  
Cutlery has certain rules for sharpening razors, pocket knives, etc. "A razor," said one of the craft, "must be laid flat on the hone, because it is hollow ground and requires a fine edge. But a pocket knife requires a stiff edge, and the moment you lay it flat on a stone, so as to touch the polished side, you injure the edge. It must be held at an angle of 30 to 25 degrees and have an edge similar to a chisel."

## BIG FORCE MEXICANS MOVING TO THE NORTH

THIRTY THOUSAND OF CARRANZISTAS ARE ON THEIR WAY TO THE BORDER.

### MOVEMENT IS SUSPICIOUS

Number is Three Times as Great as Obregon Promised to Send to Aid Americans. Presence of Artillery Has Been Noted.

(By United Press)  
Washington, May 23.—Thirty thousand Carranzistas, twenty thousand more than Obregon promised to distribute, are moving northward according to State department messages. Ostentatiously they will assist the Americans in patrolling the Big Bend and Parral districts. Officials strongly intimate that the number being brought north is far more than necessary for the task.

Another disquieting feature in the maneuvers is the presence of artillery in General Trevino's command.

## WANTS U. S. NAVY IN SECOND PLACE

(By United Press)  
Washington, May 23.—Demanding "all or nothing," the minority members of the House naval committee will tomorrow file a report urging the authorization of sufficient warships and men to put the American navy in second place among the navies of the world.

## GERMANS CAPTURE FRENCH BLOCKHOUSE

Berlin, May 23.—The Germans have captured the French blockhouse in the South Camard forest, northwest of Verdun in violent fighting, the war office reported today. A furious battle is also reported to be raging about the ruins at Fort Douaumont.

## WILSON ACCEPTABLE AS A PEACEMAKER

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By CARL ACKERMAN, United Press Staff Correspondent.  
Berlin, May 23.—Either President Wilson or ex-President Taft would be acceptable to German socialists as a peace maker, Phillip Schiedemann, the German socialist leader, today told the United Press correspondent.

## NEBRASKA LEAVES NAVY YARD

Boston, May 23.—The battleship Nebraska left the navy yard here today, under orders to proceed to Mexico. She will take on a complement of apprentice seamen at Newport, R. I., en route.

### NEW THEATRE

TO-NIGHT,  
Daniel Frohman  
presents  
Denham Thompson's  
"THE OLD HOMESTEAD"  
"A Paramount Picture"  
produced by the  
Famous Players Film Co.  
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Night 8 p. m.  
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