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NAVAL ACTIVITY ON THE GULF OF RIGA

German Naval Airships Make Successful Attack on Moon Fund.

AIRAL DOME BOMBARDED

Enemy Aeroplanes Make Un- successful Raid on German Isolation at Windal. According to German Report.

Berlin, May 2.—The last twenty-four hours has witnessed unprecedented naval activity on the shore of the Gulf of Riga, according to an official statement issued by the Naval Ministry.

The report says: "Our naval airships yesterday successfully attacked the military isolation on Moon Fund, and at Terrenza a squadron of our aeroplanes also bombarded the Russian Airal Dome at Captemholm and returned undamaged. A hostile squadron of aeroplanes unsuccessfully attacked our naval isolation at Windal."

CONSERVATION CONGRESS DISCUSSES U. S. WAR NEEDS

Washington, May 2.—Mobilization of the country's natural resources as a means of strengthening national defense and efficiency, was the keynote of speeches delivered at the opening session of the sixth annual meeting of the National Conservation Congress here today.

The Congress, which will continue in session three days will devote practically all of its time to discussions, with a view to drafting the mobilization plan. A fight of national proportions on the water power question seemed imminent today, and strong feeling is expected to crop out in the debates which precede a vote of the Congress on the issue.

The first hours of the Congress were consumed with welcoming addresses and reports of the national officers. Secretary of the Interior Franklin K. Lane, who work of the Congress.

E. Lee Worsham, of Atlanta, Ga., president of the organization, in his annual address asserted that it is essential that the industrial leaders of the nation rally together in the task of taking stock and devising plans for developing and utilizing the nation's resources. Mr. Worsham said that the alleged inherent war weakness of the United States can be in a measure offset by the very weight of its tremendous resources, provided these resources be coupled with perfect organization toward the one purpose of national defense.

One of the biggest matters before the conference, Mr. Worsham announced, was the question of water power in its relation to the manufacture of nitrates for fertilizers and explosives. He urged the delegates to consider what would happen to the United States, if it should be cut off from other nations by war, since it is dependent entirely upon Chile for nitrates, the basis of all explosives. The delegates should weigh with much thought, he said, the question of making nitrates from the air by means of water power.

Part of the day was occupied with meetings of committees. Committee reports to be submitted tomorrow on water power and other topics are expected to develop warm debates. Sentiment is sharply divided in this Congress over the merits of pending water power legislation, and the advocates of the Shields dam bill may clash on the floor with the strict conservationists. It is recalled that at the session of the Congress last year feeling was so bitter over this question that the discussions almost led to personal encounters in the hall. Gifford Pinchot will lead the fight against the so-called water power men.

Reports of mobilization experts will be read at the afternoon session tomorrow, and data on the mobilization of resources from authoritative sources of the government will be presented.

The question of a merchant marine also will be discussed.

GUARDS CALLED OUT TO SQUELCH RIOT

National Guards of Pittsburgh Called Out to Stop Strike.

Harrisburg, May 3 (Wednesday)—The 18th regiment infantry of National Guards of Pittsburgh, have been called out for immediate service in connection with the strike riot in that city, according to an announcement of the Adjutant-General late last night.

TANGO CAUSED BY A GERM.

Small Bug Gets in the Ear and Taps Ragtime. Scientist Says, (From the San Francisco Bulletin.)

The secret of the dance craze has been unearthed!

It's the "dance bug" and has been discovered by W. B. Herms, professor of parasitology at the University of California.

He calls it the spinose nymph. Such a curious little insect with such a peculiar little effect has never before been heard of in the scientific world.

For several years farmers of California and other subtropical parts of the United States have been bothered by the strange and unaccountable antics of their cattle. Cows were often prone to tango up a hill or perform a spirited maxixe.

Savants were unable to explain this mystifying phenomenon until recently, when it was found that the spinose ear tick was responsible.

The tick causes a rhythmic tapping in the ear and a sort of syncope. It is covered with spines which are thin and wiry. The air circulating through these often results in vague melodic tunes. The music, combined with the ragtime tappings, caused the wild cavortings of the cattle.

The "dance bug" has thrived well in California, and not only contaminates cattle, but poultry and chickens. Lastly, man has become the prey of this evil insect, and several cases have been reported to Professor Herms.

LIKELY TO END SATISFACTORILY TO ALL

El Paso, May 2.—By direction of Minister of War Obregon, the following message was sent by Adolfo De Leberga to a high Mexican official in Mexico City at 9:30 El Paso time: "I am directed to inform you that the conference now in progress with representatives of the United States is likely to end satisfactorily to all concerned."

Adolfo De Leberga arrived in El Paso this afternoon en route to Juarez, where he is to assume command as military governor.

FALCON COMMENCEMENT,

The Falcon Holiness School commencement begins next Sunday and the following is the program:

- Sunday, May 7, 11 a. m.—Annual Sermon.
- Monday, May 8, 8 p. m.—Exercises by the school.
- Tuesday, May 9, 10 a. m.—Devotional exercises, 2:30 p. m.—Exercises by the school, 8 p. m.—Drama: "The Prodigal Son."
- Wednesday, May 10, 10 a. m.—Exercises by the school, 2:30 p. m.—Exercises by the school, 8 p. m.—Drama: "Queen of Sheba."

"SCIENCE TO DECIDE WAR,"

Marconi Says New Weapons Will Bring Results Sought, (Paris Dispatch.)

Guglielmo Marconi, inventor of the wireless, predicts that science will decide the war. In an interview today he said:

"This will be a scientific war up to the very end. Scientists must continue seeking new weapons of attack and defense. Victory will go to the side that persists most steadily in the application of scientific discoveries. I am happy to say all the scientists in the allied countries are working together in harmony."

WEATHER FORECAST.

North Carolina: Partly cloudy Wednesday, followed by rain the west portion; slightly cooler. Thursday, rain; moderate southwest winds.

FRENCH CAPTURE MILE OF TRENCHES

Reported That Germans Are Bringing Up Masses of Reinforcements.

VERDUN FIGHT NEAR END

On Hundred German Prisoners Taken at Fort Douamont Where 500 Yards of Trenches Were Taken.

Paris, May 2.—The French in counter offensive north of Verdun have won by storm more than a mile of trenches. For a time, at least, these trenches have passed into their hands.

Reports tonight say that the Germans are bringing up great masses of reinforcements in an effort to stop the French drive and regain the direct end in the battle of Verdun. That General Vain has struck on a scientific movement and that the French are now definite masters of the Verdun fights, is the opinion of military officials here. They expect the Germans to strike somewhere on the front, probably on the section held by the British, letting the Verdun battle gradually to sink into history.

The latest French gains were made southeast of Fort Douamont, where a German trench was seized for a length of 500 yards. One hundred prisoners were taken.

The same official statement which represents this success, states that a report just received show that in the fighting of Saturday and Sunday, the French conquered German trenches on a front of 1,000 metres to a depth of 300 to 600 metres in Dead Man's Hill.

A midnight communication shows that the Germans are continuing a heavy bombardment west of the Meuse, while on the opposite side the big guns are belching as far south as Damloup. The French replied vigorously, which broke up the Germans around Vaux Douamont and the Chaffor woods.

BASEBALL RESULTS.

National League.

At Boston—Philadelphia 2, Boston 4. Batteries: Demaree and Burns; Reulbach and Gowdy.

At New York—Brooklyn 1, New York 2. Batteries: Pfeiffer and McCarty; Tesreau and Radaran.

At Chicago—St. Louis 3, Chicago 6. Batteries: Doak and Snyder; Vaughn and Fisher.

At Pittsburgh—Cincinnati, wet grounds.

American League.

At Washington—Boston 4, Washington 7. Batteries: Shore and Ashue; Bowling and Henry.

At Philadelphia—New York 9, Philadelphia 4. Batteries: Cacky and Nunnemaker; Burseller and Schang.

At St. Louis—Chicago 5, St. Louis 4. Batteries: Faber and Lang; Forrest and Hardwick.

At Detroit—Cleveland 6, Detroit 1. Batteries: Morton and O'Neal; Covelosky and Schnagay.

250TH BIRTHDAY PARTY

DRAWS THROGS TO NEWARK

Newark, N. J., May 2.—This city's celebration of the 25th anniversary of its founding started today and will continue to October 4. A long programme of great events has been laid out, many of which will attract national interest. Included are a music festival, an industrial exposition, a historic pageant, numerous parades and great athletic contests.

Two and a half centuries ago, Robert Treat's band have seeking Congregationalists bought the site of Newark, on the west bank of the Passaic. They paid the Indian proprietors only a few hundred dollars. Today the land is worth hundreds of millions.

Newark now has 400,000 population, and produces \$250,000,000 worth of goods a year from her six thousand factories. The city will spend \$250,000 on the celebration and \$1,500,000 more on a memorial hall.

FOR PRESIDENT AND BAKER TO DECIDE

Mexican Situation Has Reached Stage Where It Calls For Military Policy.

OBREGON WILL GIVE IN

When His Bluff Fails Is Opinion of Army Officers—Carranza Official Thinks President Will Yield.

Washington, May 2.—It was announced at the State Department that the Mexican question has come to the point for the President and Secretary Baker to decide.

This statement coming after a session on the Mexican matter by the Cabinet, was interpreted to mean that the Mexican question has reached a state where it involves a matter of military policy.

In other words the State Department has reached the end in its diplomatic efforts to arrange a plan of co-operation between American and de facto government forces for the pursuit of Villa, and the military question now present is whether troops are to remain in Mexico or be withdrawn.

Official matter sent General Scott are orders not to enter into a discussion that predicated on a demand for withdrawal of troops. In highest administrative quarters it is stated that there is no present intention of going way to Carranza's effort to force evacuation.

Army officers go no further than expressing a belief that Obregon will give in when his bluff fails to force withdrawal.

The question is strong in the Carranza circles in Washington that the Administration eventually will yield to the command and bring the American troops back across the border. The Carranza officials intimate further that Obregon was invited to confer with General Scott to arrange for the evacuation of American forces.

If such a proposal was made by the State Department, it was not in harmony with the instructions sent to General Scott, who was told to discuss with Obregon only a plan of co-operation between the American and Mexican forces for the Villa pursuit without offense to the Mexican people.

CONDITION IN IRELAND

ALMOST NORMAL

London, May 2.—Sir John French's report on the condition in Ireland is as follows:

"Dublin is gradually reverting to its normal condition. The work of clearing the small outlying districts around Irish towns being carried out by every contracting concern. East Port—All is quiet through the county, with the exception of affray in Fermor district, where the police in attempting to arrest two men in a house met with armed resistance. The head constable was shot dead. On the arrival of military reinforcements the house was entered. The occupants, two men, who were wounded, were arrested. Westford—A column is carrying out the arrest of rebels throughout the county of West Port. The rest of the southern part of Ireland is reported quiet."

COLORADO AND CALIFORNIA

CHOOSE DELEGATES TODAY

Washington, May 2.—Colorado is choosing national convention delegates today by convention, while California is holding its direct primary election. The Rocky Mountain State will have twelve votes at Chicago and the Coast State twenty-six.

PROFITS OF STANDARD OIL

MORE THAN DOUBLE LAST YEAR

New York, May 1.—Profits of the Standard Oil Company of New York, for 1915 were more than double those of the preceding year, according to an annual statement issued today. Net earnings of \$15,761,663 show an increase of \$8,025,744, the surplus increasing from \$1,736,000 to \$9,761,663 and the total surplus from \$16,701,591 to \$28,463,254. The total surplus is now more than one-third of the company's entire capitalization.

AIRSHIPS ATTACK ENGLISH COAST

Damage Done Not Reported, But Thought to Be Slight.

London, May 2.—Five hostile airships attacked the northeast coast of England and the southeast coast of Scotland Tuesday night. A few bombs were dropped in Yorkshire. No detail of the damage done was received, according to official announcement made by Sir John French, commander-in-Chief of the Home Forces.

FUGITIVE CHILDREN DIE BY THOUSANDS IN RUSSIA

Moscow, May 2.—The large Russian papers are filled daily with long reports of the growing misery of the masses and bitter protests against the inefficiency and indifference of the authorities. The attacks on the government are led by the "Roskoje Slovo" which says in one of its last issues:

"The authorities know that a large part of our population is starving but they make no effort to combat the terrible misery. Their one thought is the welfare of the upper classes. While the working men and their families can obtain not even a pound of meat in weeks the officials always see to it that the dogs of our aristocrats and money kings do not have to go without their accustomed roast and beef tea."

"Tens of thousands of our citizens suffer fearfully, but still greater is the misery of our helpless babies, whose cries tear the hearts of their mothers. Milk is very scarce and dear and the small quantities obtainable are adulterated in a shameless manner by the farmers and dealers."

"Even the children of the rich suffer from these conditions. The adulterated milk kills them as it kills the babies of the poor and their parents cannot get wet nurses for them."

"Infant mortality increases incredibly. More than eighty-five per cent. of the children of the tens of thousands of fugitives who were brought to Moscow have died. Many of them have literally starved to death, while other thousands were killed by epidemics."

"In other large cities conditions are even worse. Over one million children who might have been saved have died in Russia since the beginning of the war, and still the government remains indifferent. The endurance of the poorer classes has reached the limit and threats of rebellion are heard everywhere, but the authorities are deaf to these warnings."

AIR BRAKE EXPERTS

CONVENE IN ATLANTA

Atlanta, Ga., May 2.—One hundred members of the society of American Air Brake engineers met here today for a four day convention.

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT.

The case of W. H. Butler vs. John Brady and others, was decided in the favor of the plaintiff.

J. T. Layton vs. Tar Heel Brick Co., plaintiff received a verdict for \$98.52.

A mistrial was entered in the case of R. T. Brown vs. D. G. McKelhan, Cornelius vs. A. C. L. Judgment for the plaintiff in the sum of \$800.00.

TWO STATES SELECTING

CONVENTION DELEGATES

Washington, D. C., May 2.—Two States are choosing delegates to the Republican and Democratic National Conventions today. Maryland is holding a direct primary, while Utah is using the convention method. Maryland will have sixteen votes at Chicago and Utah eight.

PERSONAL MENTIONS

Mr. Walter H. Campbell left yesterday on a business trip through Virginia and Maryland.

Mr. J. J. Parker, of Meade, Republican candidate for Attorney-General, passed through the city yesterday.

Mr. C. Y. Cooper will be out of town until Saturday on business. Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Vanstony and Mrs. Floyd are at Raleigh to attend the musical festival.

WORLD COURT TO PREVENT WAR

John Hays Hammond Declares a Court of All Nations Only Possible Way to

PREVENT FUTURE WARS

He Believes That If Treaties of the Allies Had Been Recorded as Open Record There Would Have Been No War.

New York, May 2.—At the opening of the meeting of the World's Court League in Carnegie Hall this afternoon John Hays Hammond, the mining engineer and financier, declared that the proposed court of all the nations is the only possible way of preventing future great wars.

The present war would have been impossible with such a court in operation, he said. All the nations contending now, he added, are imbued with the same virtues and high ideals. Publicity in international relations alone would have done much to prevent the present stupendous conflict, he said.

The meeting of the league will continue three days. Ex-President Taft, Judge Alton B. Parker and many other prominent men will speak.

Mr. Hammond's address, in part, follows:

"Whether or not this war, the greatest tragedy of all time, is to be included in the category of 'irreproducible conflicts' may be an open question, but it is not a war of race against race, religion against religion, nor nation against nation, for the opposing armies represent an aggregation of diverse races, religions and nations, all animated, as they profess, by the instinct of self-preservation; all united in what they believe to be a righteous cause. Neither is this a war of one form of government against another, of absolutism against democracy."

"If the object of the war was for territorial aggrandizement or for commercial supremacy, it has been a grievous blunder, for the fruits of victory would not compensate for the legacy of hatred and reprisal that will inevitably result from the war. Nor will any gains compensate for the stupendous financial costs."

"We believe that publicity, the sunlight of God's truth, is needed in international relations, and that there must be no more secret treaties between nations, but that all agreements and all treaties must be recorded upon a register in the custody of a great international court, open to the world."

"Such publicity, representing unimpeachable, unmistakable, the mutual obligations of the members of the League, on the one hand, and of the Allies on the other, would, we now know, have prevented the war. This is evidenced by Germany's admission that the final line-up of the powers was far different from what she had expected. I refer to the attitude of England and Italy in Germany's diplomatic miscalculations. It is inconceivable that the Central Powers would have gone to war if they had known that in addition to Russia and France, they would have been opposed by England, Italy and Japan."

"I have had many years of experience among the people of all the warring nations, and as the result of that experience, I entertain a high regard for all of them. I know them all to be imbued with lofty ideals, and, in fact, very similar ideals; and I would therefore hesitate to ascribe to the great mass of the peoples of a particular nation any inherent virtue that the same class of another nation does not possess in an equal degree. Honesty, courage, patriotism, sympathy and hospitality, the fundamental virtues, are common to them all; and so, too, indeed, alis! the pity of it—a peaceful disposition. It is by stimulated misunderstanding that the latent savagery, common to all men, is aroused and the passions engendered, when unrestrained lead to war."