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GERMAN AVIATION FIELD RAIDED BY ALLIED CRAFT

Sixty-five Machines Drop High Explosives on Enemy Camp--Only Little Fighting Near Verdun--Other News of Various War Fronts.

(By Associated Press) A notable aerial raid was carried out early today on the German aviation field at Houvatte, near Zebrugge, Belgium, a squadron of 65 allied machines--aeroplanes and seaplanes--making the attack.

The machines carried an aggregate of about six and a half tons of explosives, the report said, and these were dropped on the camp.

Fighting about Verdun has again slackened, Paris reported, the only infantry attack by the Germans being on the front position on Pepper Hill, north of the fortress.

There is renewed activity in the Balkans north of Saloniki, a French column having occupied villages near the Greek border, which Teutonic and Bulgarian forces had entered.

A war conference of probable momentous importance is about to open in Paris, where military leaders will meet. The joint policies to be pursued by the entente in the next period of the war will be decided upon by the conference which will be presided over by the premier of France.

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ELEVEN MILLION BALE CROP COTTON

(By the Associated Press) Washington, March 20.--The final cotton ginning report of the census bureau announced today shows 11,059,430 running bales or 11,182,183 equivalent 500-pound bales cotton, exclusive of linters ginned of the 1915 crop.

Ginnings by states show North Carolina: 698,852 and South Carolina: 1,133,581.

DANISH STEAMER IS REPORTED SUNK

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SERIOUS WRECK ON SOUTHERN LAST NIGHT

(By the Associated Press) High Point, March 20.--As the result of last night's wreck of Southern passenger train No. 43 at Jamestown, one person, Mrs. Mack Hiatt of High Point is dead, three others, Miss Mary Green of Thomasville, P. T. Tarroll of Oak Hill, Va., and Miss Caroline Biggers of Thomasville are very seriously injured and 24 others have been treated for injuries and slight bruises. Railroad officials doubt that the exact cause of the wreck will ever be known. Miss Green of Thomasville is suffering from a fractured leg and it may be necessary to amputate.

(By the Associated Press) Greensboro, March 20.--Southern passenger train No. 43 was wrecked at Jamestown, 10 miles south of this city at a few minutes before 8 o'clock last night. One woman was dead at midnight and other passengers of the train were reported in serious condition. A list of 15 persons who were of the worst hurt was available early. Others less injured were numerous. The passenger was crushed by derailed freight cars of regular freight 74 which was speeding northward on a parallel track. The passenger was pulling away from the station, hardly having gained motion.

The dead: Mrs. M. S. Hiatt of High Point wife of a rural mail carrier. The list of injured follows: Miss Mary Green, school teacher of Thomasville, in very serious condition from fracture of the skull.

Frank Norris, Spencer, a youth, head cut and knee injured. Louis Payne and small daughter of High Point. Girl slightly hurt and father badly bruised and cut.

Caroline Biggers, school teacher of Thomasville, bad scalp wound. J. A. Elliott, school teacher of Thomasville, bad scalp wound. Miss Ethel Johnson of Jamestown, back of head and face cut and one foot crushed.

Mrs. W. O. Robinson of Spencer, shoulder hurt but may be not seriously. Louis Norris of Spencer, a youth, some minor cuts and bruises.

T. H. Cornell, Oak Hill, Va., head injured. Charlie Mae Criddlebaugh of High Point, leg broken. Garland Chapel, High Point, arm slightly hurt.

A. M. Keeter of Charlotte, head injured but not seriously. That portion of the passengers which emerged from the wreck carried the injured to High Point, five miles south, and they moved to a hospital there. The first death, that of Mrs. Hiatt, occurred within an hour after reaching the hospital. None of the trainmen were injured, as far as the list shows.

HOUSE CONSIDERS NEW ARMY BILL

(By the Associated Press) Washington, March 20.--The house today resumed consideration of the Hay army reorganization bill, under a standing rule, which allows each member five minutes debate after general debate is closed. The passage by Thursday is expected. The test on the bill is expected to come on an amendment to increase the size of the army.

This amendment proposes an authorized peace strength of 240,000 for the regular army instead of 140,000 as proposed in the Hay bill.

ONE SUBMARINE SANK 69 VESSELS

(By the Associated Press) Amsterdam, March 20.--"One who was in it" contributes to the Berlin Morgenpost an article describing the achievements of the German submarine in the first year of the war. Referring to one incident to illustrate the magnitude of these achievements he says: "One single U-boat has accomplished the record feat of sinking no fewer than 69 enemy merchant ships, with an aggregate displacement of 132,170 tons. This boat, which obviously favored by war luck, succeeded in the course of one expedition in sinking 27 enemy ships with an aggregate of 74,204 tons--a tonnage which exceeds that sunk by the course of several months."

GRANITE FALLS WILL HAVE EXCHANGE

Granite Falls, already boasting electric lights, will have a telephone system in 90 days, a company having been organized there Saturday to furnish service to the town and surrounding country. It is believed that there will be 50 telephones in town and forty instruments on four rural lines operated from the exchange there.

Mr. F. A. Henderson of Hickory was elected president of the company, Dr. O. J. Corpening of Granite Falls vice-president and Mr. D. M. Cline of Granite Falls secretary and treasurer. The board of directors is composed of the students and Messrs. J. W. Hoke and H. V. Russell of that town.

MARKETS

NEW YORK STOCKS

(By the Associated Press) New York, March 20.--The week in the stock market opened with some trifling gains in some specialties which recently claimed speculative attention, but elsewhere the undertone was irregular. United States Industrial Alcohol made an initial gain of over five points and Studebaker, Westinghouse, Mexican Petroleum and Studebaker rose one to three, United States Steel manifested further restraint and Canadian Pacific fell a point, Union Pacific and Reading were the only rails to be firm.

Anglo-French bonds were strong. The market closed steady.

Table with 3 columns: Month, Open, Close. Rows: May, July, October, December, January.

HICORY MARKETS

(By the Associated Press) Chicago, March 20.--Wheat prices took a decided upward swing today, influenced largely by the bullish nature of the Illinois state crop report. The opening which ranged from 5-8 to 1-7-8, to two cents higher, was followed by a substantial increase.

THE WEATHER

For North Carolina: Partly cloudy and warmer tonight and Tuesday; probably local rains, moderate northeast to southeast winds.

COMPARATIVE WEATHER

(By the Associated Press) Chicago, March 20.--The subcommittee of the Republican national committee assembled here today to complete arrangements for the national convention next June. Letting of contracts and other details connected with the convention hall and other arrangements is expected to occupy the committee for two days.

MANY PAY VISIT TO CATAWBA PLANT

With the coming of summer, the big dam and power plant of the Southern Power Company on the Catawba will be visited by thousands of people from this section, if one may judge by the crowds that regularly motor out to the dam these chill days. Practically 200 people visited the big dam yesterday, it is thought--certainly during the afternoon there was a constant stream of automobiles and buggies coming and going.

The dam is worth visiting. The water is deep enough for the largest battleship, even the Pennsylvania, to cruise in it for over a mile, though one would not care to guarantee that the power house would not be flooded if the big dreadnaught should come towards it. A regular ferry boat, a gunboat, or the small launch used on the coast would have no trouble in being entertained on the immense bed of water backed up by the immense dam.

If there are not some launches on the lake shortly, a whole lot of people will be surprised. The lake is wide, deep and extends miles up the river. The by-products of the big plant doubtless will be pleasure, tickery people already are talking of putting launches on the river eight miles from here and sailing the river.

ECONOMIZE IN PAPER

William C. Redfield, secretary of commerce, has issued the following letter with the request that it be posted for the benefit of the public: "The attention of the Department of Commerce is called, by the president of a large paper manufacturing company, to the fact that there is a serious shortage of raw material for the manufacture of paper, including rags and old papers. He urges that the department should make it known that the collecting and saving of rags and old papers would greatly better existing conditions for American manufacturers."

Something like 15,000 tons of different kinds of paper and paper board are manufactured every day in the United States and a large proportion of this, after it has served its purpose, could be used over again in some class of paper. A large part of it, however, is either burned or otherwise wasted. This, of course, has to be replaced by new materials. In the early history of the paper industry publicity was given to the importance of saving rags. It is of scarcely less importance now. The department of commerce is glad to see this matter to the attention of the public in the hope that practical results may flow from it. A little attention to the saving of rags and old papers will mean genuine relief to our paper industry and a diminishing drain upon our sources of supply for new material.

A list of dealers in paper stocks can be obtained from the local Chamber of Commerce or Board of Trade. WILLIAM C. REDFIELD, Secretary.

SEPARATE PEACE IS WHAT GERMANY WANTS

(By the Associated Press) Munich, Germany, March 20.--"The technique of arriving at peace" is the subject of an article contributed to the Neuste Nachrichten by Professor Karl Binding, a great authority on international law. He remarks that, as England says "Only separate peace," Germany must say "Only separate peace," and must utterly refuse any form of peace conference.

"We must strive to reach this ideal of separate peace as soon as possible," he adds "and this is already in our power. We can say to every one of the smaller states which we have overthrown: 'Make peace, or we will no longer recognize you as a state.' In this way Germany will arrive automatically at a reduction in the number of her enemies."

In conclusion, Professor Binding urges that Germany must not merely organize temporary arrangements in the states which she occupies, but must arrive at definite decisions and insist that her organization will continue after the war.

REPUBLICANS PLAN FOR CONVENTION

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GAME LITTLE ARMY IS SURROUNDED IN MEXICO

Carranza Hedges in Answer to Request for Use of Mexican Railroads for Transporting Supplies--This Question Overshadows Everything on Border.

(By the Associated Press) El Paso, March 20.--Carranza troops stationed at Casas Grandes and other places at the time General Pershing began his march into Mexico are now located at Juarez, in the rear of General Pershing's army, it was announced today.

(By the Associated Press) Washington, March 20.--General Carranza today replied to the American government's request for the use of Mexican railways for the moving of supplies in pursuit of Villa by a request for more specific information. The information will be furnished.

TWO SHIPS SINK TODAY; ONE NEUTRAL

(By the Associated Press) London, March 20.--The sinking of a neutral and a British steamship with the loss of one or more lives was announced today. The Norwegian steamer Langlie was sunk and her engineer killed. Sixteen survivors were rescued. The British ship was the Port Dalhousie. Her mate, pilot and five men were landed. The other members of the crew were missing.

HICKORY AND LENOIR MAY BE ON HIGHWAY

Hickory people will be interested in the following letter from Dr. Joseph Pratt to the Lenoir News, and of course Hickory will do all in its power to cooperate with Lenoir, Granite Falls and other communities in securing the proposed highway: "I wish to acknowledge receipt of yours of March 8th and in reply would say that the article to which you refer was received in time for the 'Road Mays and Tour Book of Western North Carolina.' The book is now nearly all in type and as soon as we have gone over the final proof it will be ready for running of the press. It is even better than I had expected."

"How do you stand on the question of trying to get a first class road from Hickory to Lenoir and Lenoir on to Blowing Rock? From Hickory to some distance beyond Granite Falls we have a splendid road, and the road from Lenoir to Blowing Rock (the turnpike) is constantly being improved, although it still needs considerable done to it. From Blowing Rock to Linville the road is open, and Avery county is building a first class road from Linville to the Tennessee line. Tennessee is building a good road from the North Carolina line to Elizabethton, and from there to Bristol is already a hard-surface road. From Hickory to Winston-Salem there is a splendid road. Can't you take up from Lenoir as a center the question of building a first-class road each way from Lenoir, so that Lenoir will be on the through highway from Winston-Salem to Bristol, or Blowing-Rock highway? I will appreciate it very much you will let me know what you think of this."

FUNERAL OF MISS CRISP

Lenoir, March 20.--The funeral of Miss Johnnie Crisp was held yesterday afternoon from the first Methodist church of which she was a member, at 2:30 o'clock, the services being conducted by Rev. D. M. Litaker, pastor, assisted by Presiding Elder W. R. Ware and Rev. B. N. W. Sims of the First Baptist church. The church was filled to overflowing with sorrowing friends and relatives of the deceased and family. For several months the young lady had been in failing health and it seemed that everything that loving parents could do for the young sufferer was done, but to no avail and death relieved the suffering about midnight Friday night at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John M. Crisp. Had she lived until the 9th of May she would have been 15 years of age. She was a girl who had many admirable traits and was universally loved by all who knew her and was the idol of the home in which she lived. In the presence of a large assemblage her body was laid to rest in Bellview cemetery, following the funeral services at the church. The grave was covered with many floral designs, which served to show in a meager way the esteem in which the young girl was held by both young and old. For some time past the deceased had been a patient sufferer from a kidney disorder, an acute attack of which she suffered one day last week.

THOMAS TAGGART IS APPOINTED SENATOR

(By the Associated Press) Indianapolis, March 20.--Thomas Taggart, Democratic national committeeman, was appointed United States senator to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Senator Shively by Governor Ralston today. The new senator has been prominent in politics in Indiana for 25 years and has maintained the leadership of the Democratic party all that time. The only positions Mr. Taggart has ever held were auditors of Marion county two terms and mayor of Indianapolis one term.

ADVANCES HEARING

(By the Associated Press) Washington, March 20.--The supreme court advanced for hearing to April 3 the appeal of the Bankers Trust Company from the federal district court in northern Texas in the suit to place the Texas and Pacific Railway Company in the hands of a receiver.

VILLA'S LOCATION

(By the Associated Press) El Paso, March 20.--Villa has doubled east and south of Namiqippa, according to a telegram received by General Garvia at Juarez today. The report that Carranza troops are advancing from the south while the Americans are continuing their advances from the north in an effort to trap the bandits.

OVERSHADOWS ALL

(By the Associated Press) El Paso, March 20.--The question of granting the United States government permission to use Mexican railways for transporting supplies to pursue the Villa bandits overshadowed everything else in Mexican affairs today. The reply was expected to be sent from Mexico to Washington.

CARRANO PROTESTS

(By the Associated Press) Washington, March 20.--General Carranza has formally protested against American troops occupying Casas Grandes in their pursuit of Villa and the state department has replied that the expeditionary forces has been instructed to not occupy any town in Mexico.

After a conference early today between President Wilson and Mr. Polk it became known that Mr. Polk in a note forwarded to Mexico it was stated that General Funston was requested not to occupy any towns or cities in the pursuit of the bandits. Generally reports from Mexico were optimistic today in character. Mr. Polk denied emphatically that the government had arrested plotters for intervention.

General Carranza, it was learned today, has been urged by his friends to offer a large reward for the capture of Francisco Villa.

MORE TROOPS ARRIVE

(By the Associated Press) Columbus, N. M., March 20.--Increased activity on the part of the troops stationed here and the arrival during the night of a number of troops and supply trains today indicated that additional troops will be on their way to reinforce the American expedition now in Mexico. In the details arriving here, many of which were cavalry, many were bound for other points on the border. Soldiers were kept busy during the day preparing supplies and hospital trains.

P. O. GRIST

The Rev. T. P. Bonner, fine old gentleman, was on the streets again Saturday with full growth of beard. He had been confined to his home for a month, but he was keeping up with what happened, you may be sure, His friends were mighty glad to greet him again.