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GERMANS AGAIN CHARGE FRENCH LINES IN VAIN

Fail to Make Gain in Attack at Douaumont, Paris Reports--Heavy Firing Northwest of Verdun--Russians Continue Sweeping Turks Before Them.

(By the Associated Press.) The Douaumont region on the Verdun front where the Germans for more than two months past have held nearly close to their line is again the scene of intense fighting. Violent bombardment of the line yesterday was followed by an attack, which, according to this afternoon's Paris bulletin, was repulsed. Across the Meuse northwest of Verdun the infantry encounters are repeated, but the artillery firing on all sides has been practically without cessation. In the Austro-Italian theater, intense artillery actions are ensuing in the Col Di Lana zone, and the Italians have put down two Austrian attempts attacks against captured positions on Mount Cukla. Petrograd reports further progress of the Russians fighting against the Turks near the Persian frontier, with the latter as their objective. Here the Turks attempted to take the offensive, but Petrograd says the movement was repulsed. Further north, near Ashkala, which is situated some 200 miles west of Erzerum, the Russian claim to have made further progress westward. This, however, is at variance with the claims of Constantinople which says the Russians, driving out of their positions at Mount Kops, west of Erzerum, are making every effort to maintain themselves in new positions. Two other leaders in the Irish rebellion, James Connolly, known as commander general of the Irish republican army, and John McDermott, have been tried by court-martial and shot. Vienna reports continually increasing activity in the Volhynian fortress triangle on the Russian front. The moves of the opposing commanders, however, have not yet resulted decisively for either side, nor have there been decisive results on the Austro-Italian frontier. The resignation of Dr. Clement Delbrucke, the German vice chancellor and minister of the interior, is announced from Berlin. His health is assigned as the cause. Dissatisfaction has been widely expressed in Germany recently with the ministerial handling of the food situation as an outgrowth of which riots are reported and there have been hints that the resignation of Dr. Delbrucke was imminent.

BASEBALL RECORDS IN MAJOR LEAGUES

(By Associated Press.) Chicago, May 13.—Only thirteen American League players who may be classed as regulars are batting 300 or better, according to averages published today including Wednesday's game. Smith of Cleveland is leading the batters who have played in at least half of the games with a percentage of .328. Fourner of Chicago is ahead with some runs with three. Gran of Cleveland leads in the total bases with 46 and Speaker of Cleveland and Self of Chicago set the pace with runs scored with 17. Judge of Washington leads in stolen bases with eight. Leading batters and their averages are: Smith of Cleveland .328; Burns of Detroit, .317; Speaker of Cleveland, .315; Strunk of Philadelphia, .317; and Milan of Washington, .338. Leading pitchers who have played in three more or gains, rank according to earned runs, are Leonard of Boston, Kieffer of Cleveland and Markle of New York. Robertson of New York leads the National League batters, of whom 12 are hitting 300 or better. Williams and Zimmerman of Chicago are leading the long hitters. Robe of Cincinnati leads with runs scored. Leading hitters are Robertson of New York, .337; Henchman of Pittsburgh, .371; Zimmerman of Chicago, .344; and Konechey of Boston, .333. Leading pitchers are Ames of St. Louis, Kautlebner of Pittsburgh, Pfeiffer of Brooklyn and McConnell of Chicago.

Not So Reckless

"As I understand it, you lecture on the subject of peace at any price." "No. My rates are \$200 a lecture."—Louisville Courier-Journal.

BIG CONVENTION BOILER BURSTS WILL GATHER WEDNESDAY INJURING THREE

(By T. W. CHAMBLISS) Asheville, May 13.—"All things are new and women." The host of Baptists—men and women—will find the Queen City of the Blue Ridge a happy hostess when the two great conventions convene Wednesday, May 17. Men of the Baptist churches of the Southern states will gather at the auditorium and the Sixty-first session of the Southern Baptist convention will be their greatest gathering. Women of the Missionary societies of the Baptist churches will come together in the auditorium of the First Baptist church and the sessions of twenty-eight annual Women's Missionary Union will start with Wednesday. Committees, competent and energetic have done their work. Asheville's hospitality will be in evidence. Every possible convenience for the comfort of the delegates will be found at the two meeting places. From the correspondence it will be a record-breaker. Important measures are to be considered by both organizations. Meeting of the Women The Women's Missionary Union of the Southern Baptist convention is a remarkable organization. The story of the years prior to the organization are interesting. Men of Baptist churches oppose any plan of organization for fear that the women would stop beyond their proper places. Women's Missionary societies in local churches and central committees in some of the states properly overwatched by men of the churches were permitted and the contributions of the women were gratefully accepted for some years before the organization of the Women's Missionary Union. Baptist women were interested in the missionary work of the denomination and they quietly went on their way, praying, teaching and giving until finally the hour of opportunity came and the Women's Missionary Union was organized in the city of Richmond, Friday afternoon, May 11, 1888. Thirty-two delegates were present. Mrs. Theodore Whitfield of Virginia presided and Miss Agnes Osborne of Kentucky was the secretary. From the reports received at the meeting there were at that time 1,206 Women's Missionary societies in Southern Baptist churches and those societies contributed that year \$45,768 to eight different missionary objects. The Convention Proper Wednesday is the opening day of the Southern Baptist convention. Rev. Dr. Lansing Burrows, president of the last session will call the convention to order at 3 p. m. and officers will be elected. There is some interest in the selection of a president. Dr. Burrows has held the position two terms, and while it has been the custom for some years to give each president three terms, there has been some consideration among delegates of other leading Baptists. The secretaries, Rev. Hight C. Moore, D. D., of Raleigh and Rev. Oliver F. Gregory of Baltimore, will be re-elected. The annual sermon, the key-note of the convention will be delivered Wednesday night and Rev. Charles W. Daniel, Atlanta, Ga., is the selected preacher. Unless there is a decided disappointment, there will be in the neighborhood of 2,500 delegates at the convention, about 500 more will attend the Women's Missionary Union and possibly as many more visitors. The prospect is for over 6,000 Baptists in Asheville during the week. The meetings will continue until Monday night, May 22. Baptist Editors to Meet The annual meeting of the Southern Press association, composed of editors and publishers of Baptist newspapers will be held Tuesday. This meeting is preliminary to the convention proper.

LUTHERANS TAKE AUTOMOBILE SPINS

(By Associated Press) Concord, May 13.—The morning session of the North Carolina Lutheran synod was devoted to routine business, which consisted chiefly of reports from the executive committee and the committees on apportionment and missions. Following the consideration of the reports a memorial was offered to the late Dr. Robert C. Holland. The afternoon program includes an automobile trip to the Jackson training school.

CARRANZA TROOPS MOVE NORTHWARD

(By Associated Press) Washington, May 13.—Dispatch of 1,500 Carranza troops northward towards the border in the Big Bend district was regarded as possibly indicating that the Mexican government was making renewed efforts to capture bandits who have raided American towns. Reports that the troops might have a hostile purpose was not regarded seriously by administration authorities. They intimated that the sending north of these troops was evidence of the unwritten agreement that there was in accord on the plan to protect the border. William Lorimer has more troubles than almost any other innocent man in the country.—Indianapolis Star.

MARKETS

COTTON FUTURES.	Open	Close
May	12.89	12.84
July	13.01	12.93
October	13.15	13.10
December	13.29	13.26
January	13.34	13.32

HICKORY MARKETS.	12c
Cotton	12c
Wheat	1.35

THREE DEATHS DUE TO CAN POISONING

Greensboro, N. C., May 13.—P. W. Vaughn and Julius and Walter Wray are dead here as the result of ptomaine poisoning, supposed to be due to eating canned tomatoes. Vaughn died this morning. A man named Borden is ill, but will recover. Eugene Ray, whose condition was regarded as critical, is out of danger. A Pittsburgh poker player died holding a straight flush? Let us hope he landed as happy as he felt.—Louisville Courier-Journal. Apologize to Peru for McAdoo's affront? Certainly. Boy, mail form No. 256 to Lima at once!—Boston Transcript. The army cannot get Villa, Buffalo Bill says, but 20 picked men could. Well why not pick'em a volunteer?—Pittsburgh Dispatch. Let us hope that the German pledge means that no more ships will be fired or dynamited in America harbors.—New York World. The costumes worn by Pearl White in "The Iron Claw" serial now being shown at the Pastime theatre every Monday cost \$25,000.

THE WEATHER

For North Carolina: Generally fair tonight and Sunday; moderate northeast winds on the coast.

COMPARATIVE WEATHER	1916	1915
May 12	85	68
Maximum	57	62
Minimum	71	60
Mean		

THOUSANDS PARTICIPATE IN PREPAREDNESS PARADE

Million People Watch 145,000 Men and Women March in New York--Holiday Observed by Many Business Houses--Twenty Bands Blow.

(By the Associated Press.) New York, May 13.—New York's belief that the nation should prepare for war was expressed today by 145,000 men and women marching in one of the greatest processions ever assembled for the promotion of an idea. Twenty abreast, filling the streets from curb to curb, keeping step with twenty bands, the parade which began early this morning continued through the day. Many business houses closed while the city gave itself up to the preparedness parade. It is estimated that 1,000,000 saw the procession. Demands for places in the parade so exceeded the demands of time and space that the promoters were compelled to turn away 60,000 persons.

RALPH BALLEW GIVEN TRIP TO CAMP

Chapel Hill, May 13.—Much interest in the summer military camp for students at Fort Oglethorpe has been aroused. At the University of North Carolina recently by the offer of twelve free scholarships to the camp. Two of these scholarships are given through the local branch of the National Security League, while the other ten are awarded through the generosity of Mr. A. S. Draper of Charlotte. The number of applicants for these scholarships was 63. The following men have been chosen, after careful consideration by the committee: H. C. Baity, Harmony; R. D. Ballew, Hickory; F. D. Bell, Tuxedo; W. F. Bradshaw, Hillsboro; R. P. Brooks, Woodside; W. G. Burgess, Shelby; E. C. Hogan, Chapel Hill; Roy Home-wood, Burlington; J. B. Linker, Salisbury; H. Marsh, Marshallville; C. C. Miller, Todd; S. C. Pike, Liberty. The alternates come in the following order: H. D. Sharpe, L. P. Gwaltney, Jr., McDaniel Lewis, J. A. Capps, B. W. Butler, and H. V. Johnson. In addition to the above, many students from the university will attend the camp at their own expense.

REGULAR ARMY 206,000 AT PEACE

(By Associated Press.) Washington, May 13.—A regular army of 216,000 at peace strength capable of expansion to 254,000 men in time of war was agreed upon today by house and senate conferees on the reorganization bill. The report will be acted upon next week. In the agreement on the regular army bill, the senate bill on the system was retained for the house system, which would have included provided for a maximum of 140,000 men. The regular line of the army, the bill now provides, can never go below 160,000, and its maximum strength in time of peace would be 175,000 officers and men.

FLORA MACDONALD FINALS

Red Springs, May 13.—The commencement of Flora Macdonald college, marking the 20th year of its existence, will be held May 21-24. The graduates this year are 12 in number and are Misses Beulah Averitt, Annie Belle Hill, Helen Pleasants, Margaret Ray, Jessie Richardson, Mabel Townsend and Katie Wood of North Carolina; Maggie Evans of South Carolina, Clara Bell Smith of Missouri. Tuesday, May 23, the annual meeting of the Scottish Society of America will be held in the college auditorium, beginning at 11 o'clock, with the president, Governor Craig, presiding. Governor Craig will deliver his presidential address and the program includes many other events of interest. There will be one address and possibly two in Gaelic, the mother tongue of these Scottish-Americans, a language heard but rarely, however, even in this section. The society will present a very heroine to the college named in her honor. This portrait, which has been painted for the society by Mrs. Marshall Williams of Faison, is a copy of the original oil portrait of Flora Macdonald, by Allan Ramsay, of Edinburgh, in 1749; the original is now in the Bodleian library, Oxford, and has been there since 1844. Two other pictures of historic interest will be presented to the college at this time, one a print in colors of Bonnie Prince Charlie in the home of one of his Highland friends, and the other an engraving of Flora, the prince, Neil McEachern and several others who participated in the rescue of the hapless pretender. A number of articles formerly belonging to Flora will be shown and the story of them told by Col. Fred A. Olds, of Raleigh. Discrimination "What are you crying for, my little man?" "Wa-ooo-oo! He's makin' me hold the umbrella and he's gettin' all the wet!"—Judge.

Quite Informal

"I understand that Mrs. Flubdub entertained some of her neighbors informally yesterday." "Yes; she and her cook had a quarrel on the front porch."—Louisville Courier-Journal. One of the Wise Virgins The young man whispered soft and low, "I never loved another." Then spake the maid: "I didn't know Ananias had a brother."—Indianapolis Star. The regular price of admission charged to see the Spoilers elsewhere is 15 and 25 cents. By special arrangement we have been granted permission to make the admission price in Hickory 10 and 15 cents.

FRENCH ENLARGE POSITIONS NEAR VERDUN, PARIS CLAIMS

Paris, May 12.—The following official communication was issued last evening: "On the left bank of the Meuse the fighting today permits us to enlarge noticeably our positions southeast of Haucourt. A spirited bombardment occurred in the region of LeMont Homme and Cumières. "On the left bank of the Meuse there was a violent bombardment of our first and second line trenches between the Haudromont wood and Vaux. A German attack against our trenches southeast of fort Douaumont was completely repulsed." His Proof "From your bumps, I should say you are a very unarrested fellow." "Well, you're a liar, see? And if you say it agin I'll smash yer jaw."—American Boy.

ORGANIZED LABOR LOST ITS CONTEST

(By Associated Press) Saratoga Springs, N. Y., May 13.—By a vote of 447 to 280 the Methodist general conference today eliminated that part of the report of the commission on social service which declared that a preference should be given union labor on "all matters of employment insofar as its methods are just and insofar as the rights of non-union men are not infringed upon."