

FIGHTING AT VERDUN BLOODIEST OF THE OFFENSIVE, STATED

Ten Thousand Killed in the Battle That Started On Tuesday Night

MEN USED THEIR KNIVES

Great Gray Tide Rolled Up on French Positions Until Troops Grappled — Both Sides Literally Bathed In Fire—Heroism

Paris, May 24.—Following a terrific onslaught, the Germans have penetrated the French front west of the Meuse, the war office today admitted. All other attacks were repulsed.

Paris, May 24.—Ten thousand men have gone down to slaughter in what is rapidly becoming the bloodiest engagement of the three months' battle of Verdun. The Germans last night rolled up 80,000 against the French works on Dead Man Hill, while two brigades time and again rushed the French defending Douaumont. After bathing the French positions from Thiaumont to Douaumont in a steady roll of fire, the grey columns rushed the works in the face of a machine gun spray, coming to close grips. Groups of men struggled so close together that only knives could be used.

WANTS PASTORS' HELP FOR ENFORCING PEACE

Taft Asks Them to Communicate to Churchmen Plan of the League to Enforce Peace, Which Seeks to Establish International Court of Conciliation—No Disarmament Yet

Ex-President William H. Taft, as head of a special committee of the League to Enforce Peace, recently wrote to preachers throughout the country asking them to inform their parishioners on the program of the organization, which is to hold its first annual assembly Friday and Saturday of this week. Several other prominent members of the League affixed their signatures.

Ministers in Kinston to whom letters were sent are Rev. Willard O. Bodell of the Church of the Eternal Hope, Universalist, and Pastor B. P. Smith of Gordon Street Christian church.

"There is no reasonable ground to hope that the nations of the world will disarm and create an international police. We have not got that far," says the letter. But "it seems practically possible that at the end of this war the nations will be willing to enter a league to enforce the submission of all disputes to an international court or council of conciliation, for a complete examination before war can be declared."

FRANCE WILL SHARE MUNITIONS WITH THE CZAR, SAYS PETROG'D

Petrograd, May 24.—The French, with plentiful supplies of munitions, now are undertaking to supply Russia, through Archangel. The Hudson Bay Company is said to have offered all its 160 ships to carry munitions from the United States to Russia without profit.

Brownsville, May 23.—Col. Louis Morin, charged with planning a Mexican uprising, and Victoriano Ponce, were shot to death when they attempted to escape from Texas Rangers last night.

AVOID SPRING COLDS. Sudden changes, high winds, shifting seasons cause colds and grippe, and these spring colds are annoying and dangerous and are likely to turn into a chronic summer cough. In such cases take a treatment of Dr. King's New Discovery, a pleasant laxative Tar Syrup. It soothes the cough, checks the cold and helps to break up an attack of grippe. Its already prepared, no mixing or fussing. Just ask your druggist for a bottle of Dr. King's New Discovery. Tested and tried for over 40 years. Hickory.

VILLA RECRUITING PARTIES FOLLOW IN WAKE OF AMERICANS

As Forces Withdraw Bandsits Pick Up Peons in the Country Evacuated—Say Chief Is Coming Back to Command Forces

Columbus, N. M., May 24.—Villa bandits are recruiting in the wake of the withdrawal of the American forces, according to information from Pershing's front. Remnants of bands that Pershing dispersed are conscripting peons at the pistol point, saying Villa is coming back to lead them and promising them rich loot.

BRIEF NEWS NOTES FROM THE NEIGHBORING TOWNS AND COUNTIES

(Daily Free Press, May 24)

Mack Blount, colored, supposed to have fallen from a Norfolk Southern freight car, was killed by a train on the Neuse river railroad bridge at New Bern Tuesday. One leg was severed and the body badly cut up.

Commencement exercises of the Greenville schools will start Friday. Pastor B. P. Smith of Gordon Street Christian church, has been asked by the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ to bring to the attention of his congregation "a nation-wide effort for the relief of the sufferers by the war in Europe and Asia" on "Memorial Sunday, May 28, or on as near a Sunday as may be practicable." Probably other local ministers have been similarly appealed to.

The council proposes to acquaint the people with not only the relief plans, but "a movement that shall prepare our Christian churches to play the vital part that belongs to them in the period of reconstruction and reconciliation that must follow the close of the war."

SHRINERS HOLDING SPRING CEREMONIAL AT RALEIGH TODAY

(Special to The Free Press) Raleigh, May 24.—Nearly 2,000 Shriners are here for the two-day Spring ceremonial. Members of Oasis patrol and friends from all over the State are present. A long parade at 10 this morning was reviewed by the Governor.

John E. Cameron of Kinston, as illustrious Chief Rabbah, is one of the big personages of the patrol.

INQUIRY INTO THE SAFETY AMERICANS IN IRELAND LIKELY

Resolution Favorably Reported—Investigation of British Blockade Probable Motive of Another Resolution, Thought

(By The United Press) Washington, May 24.—An inquiry into the safety of Americans in Ireland was ordered to a resolution favorably reported to the Senate by the Foreign Relations Committee today. The committee also reported resolution asking for the executive department's report to the Senate on what obstacles stand in the way of sending relief to Poland. This is said to be aimed at the British blockade. If so it is deeply significant, as it is the first time the foreign relations committee has permitted Senate discussion of the blockade.

LITTLE BOY DROWNED IN SPRING UP-STATE

Hickory, May 24.—Sam, the three-year-old son of P. A. Miller, a local liverman, was drowned in a spring near his home in the suburbs of Hickory.

PRINCE VON BUELOW WILL PROBABLY BE AMBASSADOR TO U. S.

Reported He Will Succeed Von Bernstorff at Washington Embassy

ANOTHER SIGN OF PEACE

Say Diplomats — Former Chancellor Active In that Respect—Von Bernstorff Expected to Go to Another Important Post

London, May 24.—The Exchange Telegraph stated this afternoon that it had learned on authority that Prince Von Buelow, ex-German chancellor, is slated to become German ambassador to Washington, replacing Von Bernstorff, as part of the rearrangement of the German diplomatic service. The statement is uncorroborated, although it has been frequently reported that Von Bernstorff was slated to be recalled to fill an important post in Europe.

Diplomats today said that if the report is true it is another indication that Germany plans to move for an early peace.

Von Buelow's name has been frequently connected with peace rumors, especially during his long stay in Switzerland.

SUFFRAGISTS OF THE NATION TO ORGANIZE 'WOMAN'S PARTY' JUNE

(By The United Press)

Chicago, May 24.—All is in readiness for the thousands of women who will attend the Woman's Party convention here, June 5, 6 and 7, in answer to the call of the Congressional Union. Suffragists from all enfranchised States will determine how they can throw their votes in the next election in order to best serve the cause of nationwide suffrage for women.

The first day of this convention will be the first day of the Republican conclave.

COMMENCEMENT OVER AT ELON COLLEGE

(Special to The Free Press) Elon College, N. C., May 24.—Dr. James I. Vance of Nashville, Tenn., delivered the literary address at the closing exercises of the Elon College commencement here yesterday.

JOHN McNEIL FOUND GUILTY OF TAKING PART IN REBELLION

Secret Courtmartial for the Irish Professor Who Was President of Sinn Feiners' Organization — Was Once Civil Officer

(By The United Press) Dublin, May 24.—John McNeil, president of the Sinn Fein rebels, and a professor in an Irish university, was today convicted of participation in the rebellion. McNeil formerly was a civil officer of the Four Courts. He was secretly court-martialed, having been arrested on his return to Dublin.

He had left there after clashing with Sinn Feiners over the advisability of starting the rebellion some time before the hostilities broke out.

VICE-PRESIDENT IS GRADUATES' ORATOR

(Special to The Free Press) Greensboro, May 24.—Vice-President Marshall made his literary address at the commencement exercises of the State Normal and Industrial College here yesterday.

SENATE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE BY VOTE TEN TO EIGHT ON PARTY LINES TODAY RECOMMENDS CONFIRMATION BRANDEIS

(By the United Press)

Washington, May 24.—The Senate Judiciary Committee today recommended confirmation of Louis D. Brandeis as United States Supreme Court justice, by a vote of ten to eight, on strictly party lines.

Senator Shields of Tennessee, who arrived in the last minutes, voted with the Democrats, favoring confirmation.

Cummings was not present, but his vote was allowed against confirmation.

Members favorable to Brandeis are jubilant.

A protracted fight is expected in the Senate, with a filibuster likely, when Brandeis' name is reached within a week or so. A division on party lines there, however, is expected to give the nominee a comfortable margin.

PARTELO WOMAN IS MYSTERIOUS FIRES BACK TO FACE THE IN FARM RESIDENCE COURT FOR MURDER CONTINUE TO BURN

Alleged Slayer of Harry Stein, Said to Have Been Ill in a Norfolk Hospital, Returned Tuesday Night — Cases Today

(Daily Free Press, May 24)

Several cases were disposed of in Superior Court this morning. None was of especial importance.

The court planned to commence the case against David Lawson, colored, 12, charged with killing a younger colored boy, this afternoon. Margaret Partello Back.

Margaret Partello, alleged slayer of Harry Stein, who was not in court when her case was called early in the term, returned Tuesday night from Norfolk, where, her counsel states, she was seriously ill. She is said to have been in a hospital. It is supposed that her case will come to the end of the week.

Tuesday's Cases.

Cases disposed of Tuesday were: Charlie Gregory, bigamy, judgment suspended and costs with certain stipulations. Robert Dudley, carrying a concealed weapon, six months. J. E. Gibson, resisting arrest and disorderly conduct, two months. Toke Williams, assault, \$15 and costs. Walter Mewborn, assault with a deadly weapon, judgment suspended and costs. Adolph Parker, assault with a deadly weapon, not guilty.

HOW RUSSIAN FISHER MAIDS BRIGADE GOT TO THE FIRING LINE

(By The United Press)

Petrograd, May 24.—The spirit that animates Russian women to fight was shown among the fisher-folk colony at Novgorod recently when Pelegeva Mandrin returned wounded from her regiment after fighting in seven actions.

She recruited seventy girl warrior among the fisher-folk and when General Kuropatkin arrived from his estate at Pskoff she fell on her knees before him and implored him to allow the fisher girls brigade to go to the front.

Kuropatkin refused because women are "not allowed" in the Russian army. So they cut off their long hair, dressed as men and scattered themselves among the troops over the thousand-mile front. These fisher-girl warriors rely on the unwritten law of Russian regiments for their protection.

Colds, running of nose, continued irritation of the mucous membrane if neglected may mean Catarrh later. Don't take the chances—do something for your child! Children will not take every medicine, but they will take Dr. King's New Discovery and without bribing or teasing. It's a sweet pleasant Tar Syrup and so effective. Just laxative enough to eliminate the waste poisons. Almost the first dose helps. Always prepared, no mixing or fussing. Just ask your druggist for Dr. King's New Discovery. It will safeguard your child against serious ailments resulting from colds. adv.

HUSBAND RESCUED DESPAIRING WIFE

After Four Years of Discouraging Conditions, Mrs. Eullock Gave Up in Despair. Husband Came to Rescue.

Catron, Ky.—In an interesting letter from this place, Mrs. Bettie Eullock writes as follows: "I suffered for four years, with womanly troubles, and during this time, I could only sit up for a little while, and could not walk anywhere at all. At times, I would have severe pains in my left side. The doctor was called in and his treatment relieved me for a while, but I was soon confined to my bed again. After that, nothing seemed to do me any good. I had gotten so weak I could not stand, and I gave up in despair. At last, my husband got me a bottle of Cardui, the woman's tonic, and I commenced taking it. From the very first dose, I could tell it was helping me. I can now walk two miles without its tiring me, and am doing all my work." If you are all run down from womanly troubles, don't give up in despair. Try Cardui, the woman's tonic. It has helped more than a million women, in its 50 years of continuous success, and should surely help you, too. Your druggist has sold Cardui for years. He knows what it will do. Ask him. He will recommend it. Begin taking Cardui today. Write for Chattanooga Medicine Co., Ladies' Advisory Dept., Chattanooga, Tenn., for Special Instructions on your case and 64-page book, "Home Treatment for Women," sent in plain wrapper.

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