

GROUND IN FRONT OF
WORKS IS COVERED
WITH DEAD SOLDIERS

Sharp Fighting on Meuse
Heights and Around
Perthes

NEW GENERAL BATTLE ON

Trenches Taken and Re-
taken Three Times in
Two Days—Russians Re-
pulsed in Mountains—
Austrians Successful

(By the United Press)

Paris, Feb. 19.—In a series of en-
gagements which have progressed to
the proportions of a general battle,
the Germans are endeavoring to re-
tain trenches captured from them
earlier in the week, on the Heights of
the Meuse, in the vicinity of Espar-
ges. The Germans have taken several
outlying trenches with heavy losses.
In the champagne region they continue
their efforts to re-take a series of
parallel trenches captured by French
Africans. Several important positions
in the vicinity of Perthes have been
taken and retaken three times during
the last two days. The ground fronting
the trenches are covered with dead and
wounded, and it is impossible to re-
move them in the face of the terrific
artillery fire.

Austro-German Successes in the East
Vienna, Feb. 19.—Russian attacks
in the passes of the Carpathians have
been repulsed with heavy losses. The
Russians, reinforced, are trying to
check the forward movement of the
Austro-Germans in Southern Galicia.
The Austrians have retaken Czernow-
itz, the capital of Bukovina. The
Russians have been driven across the
Prues with heavy losses. All Russian
entrenchments were captured.

Germans Claim to Hold
Many Prisoners.

Berlin, Feb. 19.—Along the road
from Arras to Lille the French have
evacuated trenches captured early in
the week. In the Champagne region
renewed French assaults have been
repulsed. Hundreds were taken pris-
oners. The Germans have captured
nearly five hundred prisoners in the
French attacks along Bourguil-
lons road.

Daring Allied Airman Attacks
Two of Enemy's Flyers.

London, Feb. 10.—Severe German
attacks are being made in the region
southeast of Ypres. At certain points
the Germans have captured some
British trenches. A German trench
was blown up and the dead covered
the field in front. A number of the
survivors were made prisoners. One
English aviator in the neighborhood
attacked two German aeroplanes
in succession. The first was driven
off and the second brought down by
artillery.

BOLD ROBBERY OF A. C. L.
"FLORIDA FLYER"

Express Manager of Fast Train Was
Bound Between Washington and
Richmond, Safe Thrown Off
Carr and Men Escaped.

(By the United Press.)

Washington, Feb. 19.—The At-
lantic Coast Line Florida Flyer was
robbed near Fraconia last night. Ex-
press Messenger Chambliss was over-
powered, bound and gagged, the rob-
bers tumbled the safe into a ditch,
jumped from the car and escaped. A
posse of armed men are searching the
woodland between Washington and
Richmond. Three suspects are held
at Alexandria. The safe was not
found.

BIG LAYMEN'S MEETING
AT CHARLOTTE CLOSES

Charlotte, Feb. 18.—Closing its
three days biennial session in this
city tonight, the Laymen's Missionary
Convention of the Southern Presby-
terian Church East of the Mississip-
pi left the matter of date and place
of next meeting with the executive
committee.

ANOTHER ZEPPELIN
FOULED BY A GALE,
LANDS IN DENMARK

L-4 Was In Danger of Be-
ing Blown to Sea—Four
of Crew Lost—Second
Big Dirigible Lost With-
in the Past Week

(By United Press)

Copenhagen, Denmark, Feb. 19.—
The Germans have lost two Zeppel-
ins in connection with an attempted
enforcement of the British blockade.
L-2 was destroyed Wednesday. L-4
of the Schutte-Lansee type, was de-
stroyed last night. She was one of
the biggest of the pre-war Zeppelins.
The L-4 was caught in a snowstorm
and carried such extra weight that,
to avoid being swept to the sea, the
captain steered into Danish territory
to save the lives of the crew. The
captain and ten of the crew were cap-
tured. Four are missing. The ship
drifted to sea after being abandoned.

18-YEAR-OLD GIRL IN
JAIL FOR INFANTICIDE.

Asheville, Feb. 18.—Jessie May
Carver, aged eighteen, a member of
a well known family of the Fairview
section of Buncombe county, was held
for the Superior Court without bail
this afternoon by a magistrate who
heard the evidence of the case in
which she is charged with murdering
her infant on the morning of Janu-
ary 21. Although the ground was
covered with snow at that time, the
evidence indicated that the young
woman left the home of her mother
and that the child was born in the
woods a short distance away. Return-
ing to the house, relatives suspected
that something was wrong and visit-
ing the woods found the child frozen
in the snow.

TECH. CLUBS TO MEET.

Pittsburgh, Feb. 19.—Economic
and political conditions in Europe
and the United States will be discus-
sed tonight at the third annual dinner
of the Technology clubs, associated,
at which President A. Lawrence Lowell
of Harvard and President Richard C.
Mackauris of Massachusetts Tech,
will be speakers.

FIVE NEGROES WHO
WERE ON ROAD GANG
ESCAPED THURSDAY

One Undertook to Get Gun
From Guard and All Made
Successful Break During
Confusion—Sheriff Offers
Reward for Their Capture

Five negro convicts who escaped
from the county roads gang Thurs-
day evening shortly after dark, are
still at large today, with a force of
officers searching for them through-
out this part of the county.

The force was being moved from
a locality where work on the roads
had been carried on during the day
to the stockade south of the city,
the winter quarters. There were more
than 70 men in the crowd, traveling
in a procession partly on wagons and
partly afoot.

The five who escaped were in the
rear. Just beyond the Iron Bridge,
Pettie Teachey, on the wagon with
a guard named Woolard, whose full
name is unknown to the authorities
here, seized the guard's rifle when
the opportunity presented and drag-
ged the latter from the wagon in his
effort to wrest the weapon from him.
In this he was unsuccessful, and giv-
ing up the attempt to secure the rifle,
Teachey broke and ran. Four others
followed him, and the quintet made
good their escape, being under cover
by the time a fusillade of bullets was
fired in the direction they took, by
guards.

Guards could not be spared from
the gang to chase the fugitives, and
it was an hour before word was
had here of the affair. With the hour
start, the negroes, scattering in the
direction they took, by guards.
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GERMANS USE SLEIGHS AS AMBULANCES



The Germans are said to be having a hard time in the snowy lands of the eastern theater of war. They use sleds and sledges as ambulances to convey the wounded to hospitals.

SHIP PURCHASE BILL IN
ABEYANCE FOR TEN DAYS

Washington, D. C., Feb. 18.—Block-
ed in their efforts to get a vote on
the House ship purchase bill, Demo-
cratic Senators today agreed to take
up appropriation bills, and sent the
shipping measure to conference un-
til February 27, when it must take its
chances of being filibustered to its
death on March 4.

Republican Senators entered into a
"gentleman's agreement" with Demo-
cratic leaders to let the bill go to
conference on condition that appro-
priation measures be passed within
the next ten days to avoid an extra
session.

MANN SAYS GIVE WILSON
FREE HAND IN ORIENT

Washington, D. C., Feb. 18.—Far
eastern affairs were brought up again
in the House late today by Represen-
tative Hobson, who has resolutions
pending which refer to the Japanese
demands on China.

Republican Leader Mann, and
Chairman Flood of the foreign affairs
committee, both protested that the
subject should not be complicated,
and that President Wilson should be
left with a free hand in dealing with
the situation.

OKLAHOMA CONSERVES
NATURAL RESOURCES.

Oklahoma City, Ok., Feb. 19.—Tak-
ing of crude oil or petroleum from
Oklahoma at a time when there is no
great demand for the product or a
fair price, is prohibited in the "oil
conservation" bill, passed by the State
Legislature. The Corporation Com-
mission is empowered to fix the price
of oil, the law stating that the actual
value shall be the average value as
near as may be ascertained in the
United States at retail of the by-pro-
ducts of such crude oil when refined,
less the cost and a reasonable profit
in the business of transporting, re-
fining and marketing the same.

Overproduction in the State oil
fields last season, resulting in the
price per barrel dropping below 50
cents, resulted in the passage of the
bill.

UNITED FRUIT CO. SHIP
AT MERCY OF WAVES

(By the United Press.)
New York, Feb. 19.—A wireless
message, the United Fruit Com-
pany's steamer San a Marta is in
distress in a heavy sea off Cape
Hatteras. The vessel is at the mer-
cy of the seas. Help is going.

FORTY-FIVE HUNDRED
MORE FOR CARRANZA

Forces of Olivia Zuazua Moving to
the North to Assist Old Consti-
tutionalist in Assault Upon
Convention Stronghold.

(By the United Press.)
Washington, Feb. 19.—Forty-five
hundred troops under the command
of Generals Oliva and Zuazua are
moving north to join the main body
of Carranza's troops in a general at-
tack upon Monterrey.

ENGLAND EVIDENTLY
TAKES DEATH ZONE
DECREE SERIOUSLY

All Travel From Islands to
the Continent Ordered
Suspended

MUZZLE ON THE PRESS

No Reports Allowed of Sub-
marines' Activities—Un-
der Sea Boats Beginning
to Get In Work—Disobe-
dient Ships Are Doomed

(By the United Press)

Washington, Feb. 19.—The State
Department was advised today that
all travel between England and the
continent had been suspended by or-
der of the Admiralty until further
notice. This order is taken to mean
that England regards Germany's
death zone around the British Isles
seriously. The British steamer Ni-
ka, chartered by the Standard Oil Co.,
and laden with a Standard Oil cargo,
has been seized by the British at
Malta while en route to Grecian and
Bulgarian ports.

French Merchantman Torpedoed.

Paris, Feb. 19.—German subma-
rine U-16 today torpedoed the French
cargo steamer Dinorah, en route from
Havre to Dunkirk, off Dieppe. No
warning was given. The vessel was
not sunk, but used her steam pumps
and kept afloat until towed into port.
It is believed this was the opening
of the real German campaign against
French shipping.

Populace Given No News.

London, Feb. 19.—England waits
anxiously reports of losses to the
merchant fleet. The government has
prohibited publication of reports
dealing with the presence of subma-
rines for activity in the Channel.
Traffic continues. A hundred vessels
are due within the German "prohibi-
ted zone" before Monday. It is be-
lieved certain some will fall victims
to torpedoes.

The Norwegian tank steamer Bel-
ridge, from New Orleans to Amster-
dam, today struck a mine in the
Straits of Dover and sank. Her crew
was saved.

Leave Behind Your Hope, All Ye
Who Enter Herein.

Berlin, Feb. 19.—The Lokal Anzei-
ger, which reflects the viewpoint of
the highest government officials, in
its leading editorial today, declared
that the Germans are now fighting
without regard to consequences.
There is no intention to wage a com-
mercial war, but "any neutral ship-
ping whatever that enters the danger
zone must expect to perish therein."

Rocky Mount, Feb. 18.—Completing
the plans for the tour into Cen-
tral Carolina, the local baseball com-
mittee, which has this matter in
charge, is pretty well assuring that
the Down Homers will be away from
this city for the week of April 12 to
17, inclusive.

300 TARHEELS AT
WASHINGTON BANQUET

Washington, D. C., Feb. 18.—The
North Carolina Society of Washing-
ton, more than 300 strong, held its
annual banquet tonight at Rauscher's,
where an ambitious menu, coupled
with music and pure oratory from na-
tive speakers served to speed the
hours always too short for the num-
erous Tar Heels in the capital to be-
come acquainted. Secretary of the
Navy Daniels, Dr. P. P. Claxton, U.
S. Commissioner of Education, and
Representatives Robert N. Page and
Charles M. Stedman were the speak-
ers of the evening.

FRISCO FAIR WILL
OPEN TOMORROW

San Francisco, Feb. 19.—Early to-
morrow, fire and drum corps will tra-
verse all sections of the city playing
martial airs, and arousing the people
from sleep.

The population will immediately
march up Van Ness avenue and
through the gates of the Panama-Pa-
cific International Exposition, and
the great San Francisco Fair will be
on.

This is the principal ceremony that
will mark the opening of the expo-
sition. The idea was adopted by the
directors of the fair in order to "do
something different."

The exposition officials confidently
predict that three hundred thousand
men; women and children will re-
spond to the call and participate in
the "1915 Grand March," as the parade
will be known. There will be no
grand marshal, no regular formation
to the procession. It will be a parade
of "poyful disorder," as President C.
Moore of the Exposition Company ex-
pressed it. The only city official who
will be in the parade in his official
capacity will be Mayor James Rolph.
At the request of the business men
of the city, a legal holiday has been
declared in this city.

SWAT THE ROOSTER
CAMPAIGN IN IOWA.

Des Moines, Ia., Feb. 19.—Iowa's
Legislature is considering a bill to
create a State poultry department.
Poultry men assert Iowa hens pro-
duced 106,000,000 eggs last year, an
average of 72 per hen, and took three
months' vacation, too. Carl Barrah
told the House agricultural commit-
tee that 17 per cent. of the egg yield
is wasted in marketing through im-
proper handling, most of which loss
falls on the farmer. A campaign to
"swat the rooster" and thus secure
unfertile eggs for cold storage in May
and June for delivery to consumers in
the winter months is proposed.

THIEVES GOT BIG SU M
FROM NEWSPAPER SHOP

Reputed to Have Been Thousand Dol-
lars in Chicago Daily News'
Branch Office, Robbed This
Morning—Robbers Escape

(By the United Press)
Chicago, Feb. 19.—A branch office
of the Daily News, in South Racine
street, was robbed this morning.
Three employes were bound and gag-
ged and the safe dynamited. More
than a thousand dollars in cash was
stolen. The robbers escaped.

BILL IN SENATE BY
WARD TO LEGALIZE
CITY'S BOND ISSUE

Roberts of Buncombe Sits
In the Speaker's Chair—
Omission In Bill By Grier
Would Make New Prohi-
bition Measure Drastic

(By W. J. Martin.)

Raleigh, Feb. 19.—The Senate ad-
journing at noon in respect to En-
grossing Clerk Aycock, who lost his
life in an automobile accident last
night, after having named a commit-
tee to accompany the remains to Fre-
mont and agreed for the Senate in a
body to accompany the remains to the
Union Station at 12:30 o'clock.

New bills introduced in the Senate
included one by Ward to Legalize the
\$100,000 bond issue for Kinston.

The House, with Representative
Roberts of Buncombe in the chair, in-
stead of Speaker Wooten, who was
dangerously injured in the early
morning automobile accident, in
which Clerk Aycock was killed, voted
down a motion by Representative
Cameron to displace the Grier anti-
jug bill as a special order for today
to Wednesday of next week. The
House took up the Grier bill. Douth-
ton of Alleghany directed the atten-
tion of the House to "for hire" hav-
ing been omitted from the bill as
printed, so that not only would it cut
off all shipments and deliveries in
the course of business, but would pre-
vent one friend from bringing anoth-
er State and giving it to him in this
er a bottle of liquor from another
State.

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REFEREES CONCLUDE
TAKING TESTIMONY
IN CAPE LAND CASES

Findings Will Probably Not
Be Handed Down for Two
Months—Records of the
Hearing Are Voluminous
—2 Months to Consider

Findings in the matter of the Cape
Bookout land cases, collectively
known as the "Million Dollar Mys-
tery," will not be made within two
months at the very earliest. Refer-
ees G. V. Cowper and Zeb. V. Rawls
concluded the hearing of witnesses,
who numbered fifty, in Beaufort on
Thursday afternoon.

Mr. Cowper, who returned to his
home here today, declares it will take
his colleague and himself not less
than two months to go through all
the papers in the case, and have the
evidence typewritten, etc. The case
will not be re-opened unless in their
discretion the referees consider it
necessary, except for the taking of
depositions from parties out of the
State, connected with one set of the
hears, numbering about 100, who lay
claim to a big acreage on the Cape
through an ancient grant. The prin-
cipals at the conclusion of the case
asked the referees to hold the matter
open for other evidence. Messrs.
Cowper and Rawls, declaring it un-
necessary, declined.

There are, roughly estimating, 150
litigants directly and indirectly.
The land at stake, beach property
which became of value after the Gov-
ernment adopted the idea of a harbor
of refuge in the Capt harbor and it
became known that a railroad and
coaling station were probabilities, is
valued at from \$300,000 to \$400,000
and comprises about 1,300 acres.

EMMET WOOTEN HAD
NARROW ESCAPE IN
AUTOMOBILE MISHAP

Accident Happened Thurs-
day Night Near Raleigh
Country Club

WILLIAM AYCOCK KILLED

Nephew of Former Gover-
nor Victim of Smashup—
Senator Johnson Slightly
Hurt—Wooten's Condi-
tion Not So Favorable

(By W. J. Martin.)

Raleigh, Feb. 19.—Attending phy-
sicians say that the condition of
Speaker Emmett R. Wooten of the
House of Representatives is found
this morning to be serious but not
necessarily critical. He is at Rex
Hospital suffering from injuries sus-
tained about 1 o'clock this morning,
in an automobile accident when the
steering gear of the machine broke,
and the machine turned turtle. Wil-
liam Aycock, engrossing clerk of the
Senate, nephew of Late Governor C.
B. Aycock, was instantly killed and
Senator Johnson of Duplin and Mr.
Wooten narrowly escaped death. The
machine was being driven by a negro
chauffeur named Tuma Matthews,
who was also badly injured. Dr.
Hubert Royster, in charge of the
treatment of Speaker Wooten says
the general condition of his patient
is good; that he seemed bright and
called for food and drink with relish,
but that there developed toward noon
today evidences of internal injury,
probably to his right kidney, the se-
riousness of which can only be ascer-
tained by further developments. Dr.
Royster is hopeful that the internal
injury can be counteracted and that
the patient will pull through all
right. He has several broken ribs on
his right side. In being thrown from
the car Senator Johnson was thrown
on top of him when they landed in
the road. The accident occurred
when the machine struck the street
car track at a crossing on the coun-
try club line at Bloomsbury. The
party had been for a spin to the
country club and were returning to
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MRS. WOOTEN AT BEDSIDE
OF HUSBAND IN RALEIGH

Left on Morning Train for Capital
After Hearing of Serious Acci-
dent to Her Husband in An
Automobile Smash-Up.

Speaker Emmett R. Wooten, Lenoir
county's representative and head of
the lower House of the General As-
sembly was hurt in an automobile
accident in Raleigh late Thursday night
at the same time that William Ay-
cock was killed.

Mrs. Wooten, who was at her home
on South McLewean street here when
the accident to her husband occurred,
was not notified until about 7 o'clock
this morning. People at Raleigh tried
to get in communication with her
immediately after the unfortunate oc-
currence but failed.

Tom Matthews, the negro chauffeur
of a car in which were riding Aycock,
Mr. Wooten and Senator Johnson of
Duplin county, lost control of the ma-
chine as it passed over a street car
crossing and it was ditched. Ay-
cock, who was engrossing clerk of
the Senate and a member of a promi-
nent Wayne county family, was in-
stantly killed. He was a nephew of
the great educational governor, Hon.
Charles Brantley Aycock.

Speaker Wooten sustained one or
two broken ribs and Senator John-
son was gainfully bruised. The
Speaker was hurried to a hospital,
where, after a hurried examination,
the doctors declared him to be in no
danger. Mr. Wooten was called over
the telephone by his wife from their
home here soon after she learned the
news and assured her that his condi-
tion is in no wise serious.

Mrs. Wooten left here at 10 o'clock
for Raleigh.
Mr. Wooten's mother, Mrs. Mary
Wooten, is also at his bedside, hav-
ing gone to Raleigh on the same train
with his wife.