

GERMANS HAVE GAINED LARGE AREA IN WEST BUT FAILED TO BREAK THE FRENCH LINE IN TWO-WEEKS' BATTLE AT VERDUN

Defenders Now Trying to Retake Douaumont Village—Violent Fighting On Plateau—Attempt to Bridge Meuse By Teutons Checked—Losses Fifth of a Million Men—Three of the Big Forts Before Verdun Seriously Damaged—Devaux Completely Demolished, Dispatches Indicate—Desperate Fighting In Small Section of the Front On Fifteenth Day of the Great Offensive

(By the United Press)

London, March 6.—Three Verdun forts defending the city on the east have almost been wrecked by the German bombardment, say Amsterdam dispatches. It is said that Devaux has been ruined, and Moulainville and Detavannes badly damaged. It is said ten thousand Germans were repulsed with heavy losses when trying to bridge the Meuse river.

Desperate Fighting; Valiant Defense.

London, March 6.—The fifteenth day of the great battle of Verdun saw a desperate effort by the Crown Prince to shatter the French center on Douaumont plateau. There were violent clashes in the Fresnes woods and the main struggle, say Paris dispatches, narrowed down to two miles of front in the Haudremont wood, at Douaumont. The French are now checking all advances, and counter attacking in an effort to recapture Douaumont village. The total losses have been two hundred thousand. The Germans have gained ninety or a hundred square miles, but failed to break the French line.

Artillery Fighting During Night.

Paris, March 6.—Very violent artillery fighting was in progress on the left bank of the Meuse, west of Douaumont, and in the Woevre region, last night, it is said, officially. No important infantry fighting is reported. In Argonne the French cannonaded the Cheppy Wood positions and works around the Avocourt-Malancourt road.

Report From Berlin.

Berlin, March 6.—Minor engagements occurred on the east bank of the Meuse, north of Verdun last night, it is reported officially. The Germans took 950 prisoners.

CLASH BETWEEN RACES; THREE NEGROES SHOT

Lumberton, March 5.—Feeling against negroes at St. Paul in this county is running high and fear is expressed that race riots will result from trouble which began this morning when Officer Townsend, of St. Paul, was overpowered and beaten by several negroes when he went to the home of one to make an arrest, and reached its height this afternoon when three negroes who were engaged in the earlier trouble were shot in a pitched battle between a posse of citizens and the negroes. No one of the wounded negroes is considered to be in danger from his wounds.

GOING ON IN NEARBY CITIES AND COUNTIES

The Greenville Knights of Pythias will give an elaborate banquet on Tuesday night. A number of fishermen are to be tried in Currituck county this week for catching and disposing of undersized fish. Curtis Whitley of Bridgeton suffered a broken leg when a band saw in a mill in which he was employed broke and a piece struck him. Claud Suggs, who is charged with the murder of his father-in-law in Onslow county during the holidays, will be tried at Jacksonville this week. Jim Poulos, Greek, and M. Smith will wrestle at New Bern tonight.

ORPET EXPECTS TO BE INDICTED FOR MURDER BY GRAND JURY TODAY

(By the United Press.)
Waukegan, Ill., March 6.—The Lake County grand jury met today to hear evidence concerning the tragedy of pretty Marian Lambert, an 18-year-old Lake Forest High School girl, for whose mysterious death William H. Orpet, University of Wisconsin junior, is in jail charged with murder. State's Attorney Ralph J. Dady planned to reveal a chain of circumstantial evidence before the jury, with a request for speedy indictment. Orpet and his counsel admitted the probability of Orpet's indictment, but added that they were reserving their strength for the trial. Orpet and his attorneys predicted it will be established that Marian committed suicide. The question for the grand jury to decide is the same that faced a coroner's jury: "Murder or suicide? which?" The coroner's jury, though holding Orpet because of circumstantial evidence, made no attempt to answer the question in its verdict rendered February 21.

NEW OWNER OF THE INDIANS IS FROM ANSON'S BAILIWICK

(By the United Press)
Cleveland, March 4.—The new owner of the Cleveland Indians, James C. Dunn, hails from a town made famous by that immortal pioneer of the national pastime, A. C. ("Pop") Anson of Marshalltown, Iowa. It was in the Iowa town that Dunn, who weighs 240, and wears a number 17 collar, got his start as a contractor. The son of a farmer, he began contracting on a shoestring when nineteen, and has amassed sufficient wampum to buy the Indians or any other old ball club he wants without missing the change. Jim is 48, and married. He lives in Chicago.

NUNS SAY CARRANZA OUSTED THEM FROM MEXICO

New York, March 5.—A party of thirty nuns, members of the Order of Ealesians, who said their church and convent property at Morelas, Mexico, valued at \$250,000, had been confiscated by the Carranza government, arrived here today on the steamship Antonio Lopez from Mexican ports.

COLONEL HOUSE IS GUEST OF PRESIDENT TO TELL OF EUROPE

Account of His Findings to No Ears But Wilson's—Personal Envoy Arrived In Capital Sunday Night From His Long Journey

(By the United Press)

Washington, Mar. 6.—The President today conferred with Col. House, his personal envoy just arrived from abroad, regarding conditions in the belligerent countries. Col. House arrived here last night, and was met by the President upon his return from a Potomac trip. He had breakfast today with the President. He is reporting his findings in London, Paris and Berlin. He refused to comment on the situation for publication.

House Won't Talk.

New York, March 5.—Col. E. M. House, who sailed for Europe on December 28 on a confidential mission for President Wilson, arrived here today on the steamship Rotterdam from Falmouth. As soon as he landed from a special coast guard cutter which met the Rotterdam at Quarantine, Colonel House announced he would leave at once for Washington to meet the President.

He declined to comment on his mission or what he had seen or done while abroad.

FIRST-CLASS ENEMY WOULD FIND AMERICA EASY, SAYS MARSHALL

(By the United Press)
Chicago, March 6.—America would be soundly drubbed if she went to war with any first-class power, and her destiny would much depend upon the generosity of her conquerer, Vice-President Marshall today declared.

WILL ALLOW WOMEN TO TRAVEL ON A WARSHIP

Wives of Members of Commission to Buenos Ayres to Make Trip On Board Tennessee—Will Break Naval Custom of Long Standing—Daniels Announces Putting Aside Precedent

(By the United Press)

Washington, March 6.—Secretary Daniels of the Navy today announced the breaking of precedent to permit the wives of members of the International joint commission to sail on the battleship Tennessee from Hampton Roads Wednesday. The commission is going to the Buenos Ayres convention for better trade relations with Latin America. It will include Secretary and Mrs. McAdoo, assistant Secretary and Mrs. Peters, Samuel and Mrs. Undermyer and John Bassett Moore.

PECULIAR FACTS ABOUT WELL KNOWN PEOPLE

(By the United Press)

Washington, March 6.—Senator Lane of Oregon uses a dozen pipe-cleaners a day.

U. S. POWER SQUADRON FORMS A NEW BRANCH

(By the United Press)
Philadelphia, March 6.—The United States Power Squadron, a yachtsmen's naval auxiliary, organization with fifteen branches throughout the country has been augmented by another branch to be known as the Delaware River Power Squadron. The formation of the new squadron was ratified at a meeting of more than 100 yachtsmen here at which the purposes of the organization were outlined by Charles F. Chaplin of the New York Motorboat Club, vice-president of the United States Power Squadron. The Delaware River squadron will have nearly 350 members and its territory will take in all waters from Trenton to Cape May, including the Atlantic coast and the Delaware river and its tributaries.

VOTE ON M'LEMORE'S RESOLUTION TO BE HAD TUESDAY, THO'

"German Flag Over Capitol," N. Y. Newspaper Declares

BRINGS SENATE DEBATE

President Confers With Republicans—Assured Measure Is Non-Partisan One, G. O. P. Members Join In Seeking Vote

(By the United Press)

Washington, March 6.—The President today called Representatives Bennett and Lenroot, Republicans, of the Rules Committee, for a conference, to discuss the rule for the McLemore resolution. They told the President their action would be strictly non-partisan.

Vote Expected Tuesday.

Washington, March 6.—The McLemore resolution was today placed on the calendar at the request of Representative Foss, Republican. The Republicans are believed to be joining the administration Democrats in seeking a vote, having been persuaded that it is a non-partisan measure. The vote is expected tomorrow.

In the Senate debate broke out when an editorial from a New York paper was read saying that until the House tabled the McLemore resolution, the "German flag would be hanging over the Capitol."

TWELVE VICTIMS OF BOMBS FROM GERM'N AIRCRAFT IN NIGHT

Three Zeppelins In Raid Over Eight Counties of England

PROPERTY WAS DAMAGED

Five of Dead Children—Dwellings Destroyed and Stores Damaged—Forty Bombs Dropped By Invaders, Official Estimate

(By the United Press)

London, March 6.—Three men, four women and five children were killed in a night zeppelin raid over the northeast coast last night, it is reported officially. It is believed three airships dropped bombs in the counties of Lincolnshire, Rutland, Yorkshire, Huntingdon, Cambridge, Norfolk, Essex and Kent. They dropped forty bombs, destroying houses and two terraces, and damaging several stores.

NEWTON BAKER, FORMER CLEVELAND, O., MAYOR, WILL BE NEW SECRETARY OF WAR, WASHINGTON HEARS ON GOOD AUTHORITY

(By the United Press)

Washington, March 6.—Newton D. Baker, former Mayor of Cleveland, Ohio, will be Secretary of War, according to information believed to be absolutely reliable. Announcement will be made in a day or two, it is said. It is understood that the President has told General Scott, acting secretary, that the latter cannot serve any longer than next Saturday, at the expiration of his thirty-days' term. Baker served as private secretary to Postmaster-General Wilson in 1896. His second term as mayor of Cleveland recently expired.

LENOIR CO'TY BOARD OF AGRICULTURE IS NOW ASSURED FACT

Twenty-four Leading Men Named to Membership By Commissioners

WILL ADVISE PLANTERS

Each Township Represented—No Salary for Members—Board Probably Is Second of Kind to Be Organized

(By the United Press)

The Board of County Commissioners this morning adopted the proposal of Farm Demonstrator O. F. McCrary for a Board of Agriculture in Lenoir county. Twenty-four leading men of the county, two from each township, will comprise the board.

As told in The Free Press some days ago, it will be the duty of the members of the board to attend occasional meetings here and keep in touch with the resident agent of the Departments of Agriculture, by the latter means to inform the planters of their neighborhoods of all new methods and discoveries in agriculture and advise them about how to post themselves on any subject desired.

The new board will meet shortly to organize. Those comprising it are:

- R. F. Hill and Geo. W. Tull, Kinston.
- C. R. Pollock and George F. Parrott, Falling Creek.
- R. J. Dawson and E. P. Wooten, LaGrange.
- Will Gray and W. H. Brothers, Institute.
- Heber Worthington and J. H. Mewborn, Vance.
- J. R. Teele and R. C. Langston, Contentnea Neck.
- R. G. Sutton and Luke Jackson, Neuse.
- Sargett Stanley and Oscar Hardy, Trent.
- P. G. Nobles and A. G. Howard, Pink Hill.
- Geo. West and E. R. West, Sand Hill.
- Richard King and G. Felix Loftin, Southwest.
- E. H. Waller and W. B. Beeton, Woodlinton.

THE FIRST NAMED IN EACH TOWNSHIP IS TO SERVE ONE YEAR AND THE OTHER TWO YEARS. THE MEMBERS WILL DRAW NO SALARIES.

BULLETINS

(By the United Press)

BRITISH IN ARABIA REINFORCED.

Amsterdam, March 6.—British reinforcements have arrived in the vicinity of Kut-el-amara, and there has been heavy fighting at Nasrye, Constantinople dispatches say.

STEAMER SUNK.

London, March 6.—The British steamer Masunda, of 5,000 tons, has been sunk. All hands were saved.

MOEWE IS TO START ANOTHER CRUISE AS SOON AS REPAIRED

Germans Jubilant Over the Raider's Exploits—Safe In Port of Fatherland After Sinking 15 Enemy Ships—Much Plunder

(By the United Press)

Berlin, March 6.—The commerce raider Moeve, returned to port, will leave again in a few weeks, after repairs, it is said. Berlin is jubilant over the ship's exploits.

Moeve Sunk 15 Ships.

Berlin, March 5.—(Via London)—Official announcement was made here today that the German cruiser Moeve arrived today in a German port. She had on board a large number of British prisoners and 1,000,000 marks in gold bars. The announcement says fifteen vessels were sunk by the commerce raider.

UNDERWOOD CAN'T MAKE SPEECH AT PAYETTEVILLE.

Fayetteville, March 5.—Senator Oscar W. Underwood of Alabama has declined an invitation to speak in Fayetteville to the campaign clubs of Cumberland county on April 15 recently extended him by J. B. Underwood, postmaster of this city.

RUSSIAN WARCRRAFT RAID TREBIZOND; NO HEAVY GUNS THERE

(By the United Press)

Petrograd, March 6.—Russian torpedo craft here raided Turkish shipping in the harbor of Trebizond, and sunk several vessels. The fire of the forts was weak, and it is believed the Turks had moved their heavy guns in preparing to flee before the advancing Russians.

STRIKING STREET CAR MEN COMPEL MEMBERS OF CONGRESS TO WALK

(By the United Press)

Washington, March 6.—The street car strike here today forced congressmen, government officials and forty thousand clerks to walk to work or depend upon the jitneys. The motormen and conductors on all the lines are striking for higher wages and better hours. It is threatened to call a sympathetic strike of the electric plant workers.

DISABLED SUBMARINE PICKED UP BY TUG.

Washington, March 5.—The naval tug Peoria reported to the Navy Department late today that she had picked up the disabled submarine K-6 and was towing her to Pensacola. The K-6 developed engine trouble while bound for Key West for maneuvers, and was reported in distress off Jupiter Inlet last night.

RE-ENTERS UNIVERSITY AT AGE OF 83 YEARS.

Charlottesville, Va., March 5.—Rev. C. E. Watts, an 83-year-old Methodist minister at Albemarle county, who is widely known throughout Virginia, has enrolled as a student in the Academic School of the University of Virginia. This is the second time he has entered the university, he having been a member of the class of 1865-66.

THE ODDEST STORY IN THE NEWS OF THE DAY

St. Paul, Minn., March 6.—The big State of Minnesota has inherited a machine that makes rain unnecessary, but it may lose it by a case in court today. Martin Gullickson, inventor of the machine to so pulverize the soil as to bring moisture up from underneath, willed the patent to the State when he committed suicide. His survivors today are trying to break the will.

INTEREST IN 'BABY WEEK' BY KINSTON'S WIDE-AWAKE WOMEN

Mothers Take to the Innovation With Enthusiasm; Meetings Are Popular

AN INTERESTING PROGRAM

Large Attendance at Initial Meeting—Dr. Zeb. V. Moseley Is the Speaker Today—West Kinston Meeting Tuesday Night

The opening meeting of the Baby Week exercises here was held in Gordon Street Christian church Saturday afternoon at 4 o'clock. Dr. A. DeK. Parrott, who was to have made the principal address, could not be present because of professional business, but his speech was read by Miss Braxton, a nurse from Parrott Memorial Hospital. Mayor Sutton presided over the session, and made a brief talk. Mrs. H. Galt Braxton, president of the Mothers' Club, which organization more than any other in the city was instrumental in having the week observed here, announced the program for the week.

Dr. Parrott's address was on the subject, "What the Community Owe the Baby—Clean Milk, Pure Water, Fresh Air and Screened Homes." The attendance was large and mostly of women. The argument of Dr. Parrott for the things which Kinston owes its youngsters, was received with many a resolve to see that some Kinston youngsters at least get them.

On Sunday "The Duty the Church Owe the Citizens of Tomorrow" was the subject in one or two churches.

This afternoon the meeting is being held in Atkinson Memorial Presbyterian church, on Independent street. Dr. Zeb. V. Moseley is to speak on "Baby Diseases, Causes and Prevention."

Tuesday's meeting will be held at night, in the Caswell Mills office at 7:30 o'clock. "How to Bathe, Clothe and Feed the Baby" will be discussed by Miss Newton.

Wednesday at 4 o'clock, in Gordon Street Christian church, Dr. Fred Whitaker will speak on "Artificial Foods and the Bottle-fed Baby." Dr. C. B. McNairy will be the speaker on Thursday afternoon at 4 in Christ church, East Kinston, having for his theme "Care of the Baby Before Birth."

The last meeting will be in Caswell Street Methodist church Friday night at 7:30, "The Development of Ira M. Hardy, the speaker, who will give a stereopticon lecture.

HI GILL'S POLITICAL UPS AND DOWNS AT IT AGAIN; FREAK RECORD

(By the United Press)

Seattle, Wash., March 6.—Hi Gill, mayor of Seattle, faces another crisis in his up and down political career at the city elections tomorrow. Gill's former chief of police, E. Griffiths, is his principal opponent in this election.

Even Gill's friends wonder what this election will bring forth. His record shows why: 1910, elected mayor of Seattle, on an open town platform; 1911, recalled because of police graft; 1912, he was defeated for re-election on his promise to "reform"; 1914, elected by the largest majority ever given a mayoralty candidate. Pledged to radical reform; 1916, candidate for re-election on his so-called "corn-cob pipe platform."

ST. LOUIS NATIONALS BEAT TEXAS LEAGUERS.

San Antonio, Texas, March 5.—The St. Louis Nationals, defeated yesterday by the San Antonio team of the Texas League, turned the tables today and won the second game of the exhibition series, 11 to 9.