

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

(By the United Press)
Paris, May 24.—Following a
terrible onslaught, the Germans
have penetrated the French
front west of the Meuse, the
war once 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 en-
gagement of the three months' bat-
tle 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 posi-
tions 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 assemblage Friday and
Saturday of this week. Several other
prominent members of the League
affixed their signatures.

Ministers in Kinston to whom let-
ters 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 interna-
tional 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 will-
ing to enter a league to enforce the
submission of all disputes to an in-
ternational court or council of con-
ciliation, for a complete examination
before war can be declared."

POOR HALF WEEK ON THE COTTON MARKET

Bad weather today again inter-
fered with the cotton market. Sales
during the week have been practi-
cally nil.

New York futures quotations were:

January	13.03	13.17
March	13.16	13.30
May	12.81	12.18
July	12.88	12.96
October	12.82	12.96
December	12.96	13.10

VICE-PRESIDENT IS GRADUATES' ORATOR

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

VILLA RECRUITING PARTIES FOLLOW IN WAKE OF AMERICANS

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

(By the United Press)
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 com-
ing back to lead them and promising
them rich loot.

BRIEF NEWS NOTES FROM THE NEIGHBORING TOWNS AND COUNTIES

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 se-
vered 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 na-
tion-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 lo-
cal 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 re-
viewed by the Governor.

John E. Cameron of Kinston, as
Illustrious Chief Rabban, is one of
the big personages of the patrol.

INQUIRY INTO THE SAFETY AMERICANS IN IRELAND LIKELY

Resolution Favorably Re-
ported—Investigation of
British Blockade Probable
Motive of Another Re-
solution, Thought

(By the United Press)
Washington, May 24.—An inquiry
into the safety of Americans in Ire-
land was ordered in a resolution fa-
vorably reported to the Senate by the
Foreign Relations Committee today.

The committee also reported a reso-
lution asking for the executive de-
partment'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 block-
ade. If so it is deeply significant,
as it is the first time the foreign re-
lations committee has permitted Sen-
ate discussion of the blockade.

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

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

Reported He Will Succeed
Von Bernstorff at Wash-
ington Embassy

ANOTHER SIGN OF PNEACE

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

(By the United Press)

London, May 24.—The Exchange
Telegraph stated this afternoon that
it had learned on authority that
Prince Von Buelow, ex-German chan-
cellor, is slated to become German
ambassador to Washington, replac-
ing Von Bernstorff, as part of the
rearrangement of the German diplo-
matic service. The statement is un-
corroborated, although it has been
frequently reported that Von Bern-
storff was slated to be recalled to
fill an important post in Europe.

Diplomats today said that if the
report is true it is another indica-
tion that Germany plans to move for
an early peace.
Von Buelow's name has been fre-
quently connected with peace rum-
ors, 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 readi-
ness for the thousands of women who
will attend the Woman's Party con-
vention here, June 5, 6 and 7, in an-
swer to the call of the Congressional
Union. Suffragists from all enfran-
chised States will determine how
they can throw their votes in the
next election in order to best serve
the cause of nation-wide suffrage for
women.

The last 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 REBEL

Secret Courtmartial
Irish Professor Will
President of Sinn
ers' Organization as
Once Civil Officer

(By the United Press)
Dublin, May 24.—John McNeil,
president of the Sinn Fein rebels,
and a professor in an Irish univer-
sity, was today convicted of partici-
pation in the rebellion. McNeil for-
merly was a civil officer of the Four
Courts. He was secretly court-mar-
tialled, having been arrested on his
return to Dublin.

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

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 Com-
mittee today recommended confirmation of Louis D. Bran-
deis 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 confirma-
tion.

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.

PARTELLO WOMAN IS BACK TO FACE THE COURT FOR MURDER

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

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, col-
ored, 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
before the end of the week.

Tuesday's Cases.
Cases disposed of Tuesday were:
Charlie Gregory, bigamy, judgment
suspended and costs with certain stipu-
lations. Robert Dudley, carrying a
concealed weapon, six months. J.
E. Gibson, resisting arrest and dis-
orderly 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 col-
ony at Novgorod recently when Pe-
legeva Manirin returned wounded
from her regiment after fighting in
seven actions.

She recruited seventy girl warriors
among the fisherfolk and when Gen-
eral Kuropatkin arrived from his es-
tate at Pskoff she fell on her knees
before him and implored him to allow
the fisher girl's brigade to go to
the front.

Kuropatkin refused because wom-
en 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 fish-
er-girl warriors rely on the unwrit-
ten law of Russian regiments for
their protection.

LITTLE BOY DROWNED IN SPRING UP-STATE

Hickory, May 23.—Sam, the three-
year-old son of P. A. Miller, a local
liveryman, was drowned in a spring
near his home in the suburbs of
Hickory.

KAISER MAY FORCE ITALY TO DECLARE WAR AGAINST B'RLIN

Expected to Give Personal
Affront by Visiting Aus-
trian Forces on Frontier.
Demand in Rome for De-
claration Now

(By the United Press.)

Rome, May 24.—The demand in
some quarters that Italy declare war
on Germany follows the announce-
ment that the Kaiser expects to visit
the Austro-Italian front, where Ger-
man troops will aid.

A widely circulated report is that
the Kaiser hopes to force a war de-
claration by a personal affront like
visiting the Austrian Crown Prince's
headquarters.

SAYS TIME SOON SHALL MERGE WITH ETERNITY

Evangelist Bridgers at Queen Street
Methodist Church Tells Hearers
That Peter Wrote of the "Last
Days" in Fourth Chapter—Special
Service to Be Held On Thursday
Morning

The message of Mr. Luther B.
Bridgers last night to his hearers at
the Queen Street Methodist revival
service was a striking one, and one
delivered with much power. He read
a part of the fourth chapter of I.
Peter and pointed out that Peter was
there writing of the "last days."
This period, the evangelist declared,
we are now going through with, be-
cause we are now living in the dis-
pensation of the Holy Ghost, which
will comparatively soon be over,
when time shall be merged into eter-
nity.

Again Mr. Bridgers appealed to
the church to right itself in the pres-
ence of God, calling especial atten-
tion to the question, "And if the
righteous scarcely be saved where
shall the ungodly and sinners ap-
pear?" The "ungodly," he held to
be the unfaithful follower of Christ
who thus became a hypocrite, which
character always receives the scorn
of the world just as, upon it, was
heaped the most scathing rebukes of
Christ.

It was in this way to church mem-
bers who might realize a lack of
Christian grace in their lives that
Mr. Bridgers addressed himself espe-
cially. And when the altar call
was made a large number thus con-
victed came forward and solemnly
reconsecrated themselves to the com-
ing of Christ.

Following up his general discus-
sion of the baptism of the Holy Spirit,
Mr. Bridgers this morning ap-
pealed to a fine audience to realize
that all Christians may know an ex-
perience of grace much deeper and
richer than comes through mere con-
version. This deeper experience
comes if Christians will pay the price
for it by complete self-renunciation
and full willingness to assume the
Cross of Christ.

Mr. Bridgers called especial atten-
tion to the service proposed for
Thursday morning. At that time he
will discuss "Holiness and Prayer,"
"The Deepest Secret in Prayer."
Services morning and evening at
10 a. m. and 8 p. m., respectively.

CRAIG AGAIN HEADS SCOTTISH SOCIETY; CANADIAN SPEAKER

(Special to The Free Press)

Red Springs, N. C., May 24.—The
Scottish Society of America in an-
nual convention here yesterday re-
elected Governor Locke Craig of
North Carolina, president of the or-
ganization.

Dr. James A. MacDonald, editor of
the Toronto (Canada) Globe, and
Governor Craig were speakers. A
committee to continue the canvass
for an endowment for Flora MacDon-
ald College here was appointed.

EPISCOPALIANS TO MEET IN ELIZABETH CITY COMING YEAR

Annual Council of Diocese
East Carolina Came to
End Tuesday Night

HONORS FOR LOCAL MEN

Rev. J. H. Griffith, Dr. I. M.
Hardy and Mr. G. V. Cow-
per Get Places on Boards
of Trustees or Important
Committees

The closing session of the annual
Council of the Episcopal Diocese of
East Carolina, in session here since
Saturday night, was held in St. Mar-
y's church Tuesday night.

Rev. Lester Bradner, Ph. D., of
New York, Educational Secretary of
the General Board of Religious Edu-
cation, a profound scholar and a
native of New England, made an ad-
dress principally on the subject of
Sunday school organization. Bishop
Dasst Darst delivered his charge to
the clergy, commenting on the splen-
did opportunities offering to advance
the church's work in the Diocese.
Delegate R. R. Cotton, from St.
Paul's parish, Greenville, offered a
resolution of thanks to the rector,
vestry, congregation and friends of
St. Mary's parish for the hospitality
with which the Council had been re-
ceived and entertained. The resolu-
tion was adopted by a rising vote.
The Gloria in Excelsis was sung, the
Bishop pronounced his benediction,
and the 33rd Council passed into his-
tory.

Local Clergyman Again Editor of Organ.

Tuesday afternoon's session was a
full one for the delegates. Many sub-
jects of importance to the church
were discussed and much business
disposed of. Rev. John H. Griffith,
rector of St. Mary's parish, was
unanimously re-elected editor-in-
chief of the official organ of the di-
ocese, the Mission Herald. He was
the editor for the past year. The
Council was informed that for the
first time the journal is out of debt,
for which credit is due Mr. Theodore
Patrick, Jr., of Clinton, the enter-
prising young business manager.

Local Men Trustees of Institutions.

Dr. Ira M. Hardy of St. Mary's was
elected a trustee of the Thompson
Orphanage at Charlotte, a position
of Statewide importance, since the
institution is maintained by all three
dioceses in North Carolina. Rev. J.
H. Griffith was flattered by being
named a trustee of St. Mary's Col-
lege, Raleigh. The conciliar elec-
tions occupied a good part of the af-
ternoon.

Bishop's Salary Increased.

The Bishop's salary was increased
from \$3,000 to \$3,600. In addition
to the salary the Diocesan head is
furnished the handsome bishop's
house at Wilmington and expenses.

Rev. John H. Griffith was re-elected
chairman of the Social Service
Commission, and Mr. G. V. Cowper
of Kinston was elected to the com-
mission.

The report of Mrs. James G. Stat-
on of Williamston, president of the
Woman's Auxiliary and Parochial
Society, for the conciliar year, read
at a joint meeting of both houses at
the afternoon session, showed that
more than \$3,000 had been given to
various phases of woman's work
through the Auxiliary for the cause
of missions.

Elizabeth City Next Year.

The 1917 Council will be held in
Elizabeth City, beginning on May
15.
The Finish at St. Augustine's.
In St. Augustine's church, colored,
South Independence street, where the
colored delegates met during the
Council, the final service was held
Tuesday evening simultaneously with
that in St. Mary's. Revs. J. W. Her-
ritage, J. B. Brown, S. Alonzo, Mor-
gan and R. I. Johnson participated.
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