

KAISER MAKING LAST SUPREME EFFORT TO TAKE VERDUN; MILLIONS OF TEUTONS WILL BE ASSAULTING BY END OF WEEK

Hundredth Day of Greatest Battle in History of World—Fresh Troops Arrive to Meet With Great Losses Immediately—Train After Train Racing With Men From Russian Theater—Austrians Said to Be On Way to Help Germans—More Intense Is Fighting Both By the Gunners and Infantry—Emperor Expected to Witness Grandest Attempt Any Army Ever Made When Tide of Battle Reaches the Decisive Moment

(By the United Press)

Paris, May 31.—The hundredth day of the world's greatest battle at Verdun found the German Crown Prince rushing fresh legions to the front amid the roar of great guns along the Meuse.

Military experts are convinced that this latest offensive, begun Sunday, will be the final supreme effort to pierce the French lines. The volume and violence of the artillery fire and the frequency and intensity of the infantry attacks eclipse anything seen on a battlefield in the world's history.

The Kaiser is sending every man he can spare into the Verdun sector. He is himself expected to be present at the last desperate assault. For the past 72 hours trains have been unloading divisions from the Russian front. One of these divisions has already suffered terrible losses.

The report is current that a large Austrian force is en route to participate. It is believed here that Teutons numbering millions will be hammering at Verdun by the end of the week.

Looks As If Germans Will Take City Finally.

Throughout yesterday, last night and this morning an unprecedentedly violent battle raged northwest of Verdun. Between the Meuse and the Dead Man's Hill front the Germans launched attack after attack, whole divisions participating. For the most part these were repulsed. German dead literally covered the slopes.

In the hundred days' offensive the Germans have captured a hundred square miles of territory at an uncounted loss in human beings, though slowly, despite almost terrifying losses, the Germans are conceded to be gradually gripping their hold on the country about Verdun. French military experts say German success depends on whether the Germans have more reserves. The French defense depends likewise on reserves.

DUTCH WAR MOVE WAS CAUSED BY ALLIES; NOT BY THE KAISER

The Hague, May 2.—(By Mail)—Despite the statements of certain pro-English newspapers, it is now known authoritatively that it was fear of the Allies, and not of Germany, that prompted the Dutch government to take war-like measures a month ago.

Certain reports reaching the Dutch government about steps taken by the Allies at the Paris economic conference caused grave concern here.

This does not mean, however, that the anti-German feeling of the greater part of the people of Holland has been lessened.

Hollanders are generally convinced that Germany has respected Dutch neutrality in this war only because she depends upon Holland for her food supplies.

C. A. MOORE, KINSTON BOY, AMONG THE MANY GRADS. OF THE A. & M.

(Special to The Free Press)
West Raleigh, May 31.—Diplomas were awarded to 89 graduates at the closing exercises of the North Carolina A. & M. College commencement here yesterday. Of the number 30 graduated in agriculture, 3 in chemistry, 19 in civil engineering, 20 in electrical engineering, 10 in mechanical engineering and 7 in textile industry.

K. L. Greenfield of Kernersville, N. C., was awarded the oratory medal. He is a graduate in agriculture. His subject was "Pan-American Peace." J. H. Mason of Charlotte received the textile designing medal.

C. A. Moore of Kinston graduated in electrical engineering.

APPEALS TO WOMEN TO HELP GET P. MASTERS BEYOND EVIL POLITICS

New York, May 31.—An appeal to two million American clubwomen to help take the postoffice department out of politics was made by the civil service reform leader, Richard Henry Dana of Boston, before today's session of the Federated Women's Clubs national convention here.

Dana declared the political appointment system has made the U. S. postal service the poorest and the most inefficient in the world.

BRIEFS IN THE NEWS OTHER EAST CAROLINA CITIES AND COUNTIES

New Bern naval militiamen took the torpedoboot Foote, of Spanish war fame, from Washington to New Bern, a distance of 108 miles, in nine hours, which was by a good bit the best speed that the shaky old ship has made in years.

J. F. M. Mills of Onslow county and George Wooten of Fort Barnwell fought on an A. C. L. train between New Bern and Wilmington in August of last year. Now Mills is suing in Jacksonville court because he was arrested.

The Pitt county commissioners have had the financial statement of the board printed in pamphlet form for the benefit of the public.

COTTON MANUFACTURERS MEET AT WRIGHTSVILLE

Wilmington, May 30.—The annual meeting of the Association of Cotton Manufacturers of North Carolina will be held at Wrightsville Beach, July 21 to 23.

ANTI-TRUST LAW IS NOT ADVANTAGEOUS TO BUSINESS, SAYS

Wisconsin University President Tells Natl. Lumber Manufacturers It Should Be Amended to Permit of Co-operation, Etc.

(By the United Press)

Chicago, Ill., May 31.—Declaring the Sherman Anti-Trust law should be modified to permit business interests to co-operate and promote, not restrain, trade, President Chas. R. Van Hise of the University of Wisconsin was applauded long and loud at the opening session of the National Lumber Manufacturers' convention here today.

The address was declared particularly appropriate at this time, when business men in all lines of American trade are trying to have the new Federal Trade Relations Committee given authority to pass on co-operative contracts between business concerns.

They want the line drawn between advantageous co-operation and blighting monopoly.

President Van Hise, who went before a committee of congress recently and asked the amending of the anti-trust law to permit the lumber manufacturers to curtail production, under federal regulation, to a point which would make it possible for them to profitably conserve their forest supplies for future generations, explained his views on this point. He declared that under present conditions it might be possible for an industry to waste its entire future natural supply to meet a present demand.

Mayor William H. Thompson opened the convention. R. A. Long of Kansas City responded. The annual address of the president was then made by President R. H. Downman of New Orleans.

At the afternoon session Dr. Herman von Shrenk of St. Louis read a paper on tests of fire-resistant paints in which he touched on the latest move of the nation's lumbermen, to find means for making the nation's lumber building material non-inflammable.

RESTA WINS EASILY IN SWEEPSTAKES AT INDIANAPOLIS TRACK

Indianapolis, Ind., May 30.—Dario Resta easily won the sixth annual international sweepstakes on the Indianapolis motor speedway today, capturing the 300 miles in 3 hours, 36 minutes and 10.82 seconds. He finished two minutes ahead of Wilbur D'Alene, and three minutes ahead of Ralph Mulford. Resta's average speed was 83.26 miles an hour. Ralph DePalma completed 300 miles of last year's 500-mile grind at an average speed of 90.21 miles an hour.

EARL COTTON, CONVICT WHO ESCAPED SEVERAL TIMES, KILLED AT LAST

(Special to The Free Press)
Asheville, May 31.—Earl Cotton, a white convict, doing a long term for murder, and Charley Helton, another convict, were shot, the former being instantly killed, when they attempted to escape from State prison guards at Round Knob. Helton, a white boy of 18, is in serious condition. He had but six months to serve.

Cotton had escaped three times before.

PINCHED FOR HIS ACT AND NOT FOR HIS NAME

New York, May 31.—Suerbes Roswides, 40, was today arrested when caught throwing bricks through a window at William Vanderbilt Sr.'s, Fifth Avenue Mansion, thinking it to be Rockefeller's.

ROOSEVELT IN HOT COMMENCEMENT AT CASWELL TRAINING SCHOOL THIS A. M.

Denounces 'Moral Treason' of the Tribe in Kansas City Address

'AMERICA FOR AMERICANS' Vents Wrath at German-American Alliance—Invades Center of German-Americanism to Deliver Himself of Sentiments

By PERRY ARNOLD.

(United Press Staff Correspondent)
St. Louis, May 31.—Col. Roosevelt in a speech today flayed, dissected and excoriated hyphenated Americans in this city, having the second largest German-American population in the United States. The former President has seldom been so vitriolic as when he denounced the "moral treason" of the hyphenates at a City Club luncheon.

The "German-American Alliance" came in for a part of Roosevelt's wrath. He declared that it and its branches are composed of people "disloyal" to the United States and "unfit for citizenship." He appealed powerfully for "America for Americans," lauding in glowing terms those immigrants who sought political freedom here and fought and bled in proving their fealty to the Stars and Stripes.

The Colonel said, "I stand for straight Americanism, unconditioned, unqualified, and against any form of hyphenism. I do not mean when the hyphen is employed as a matter of convenience, although that should be avoided. I condemn it whenever it represents any effort to form political organizations along racial lines."

Cares Not What Germans Think of Him.

Discussing the German-American Alliance, its aims from published statements and its warning to leaders in the national conventions that they must deal with the solid German-American vote, Roosevelt said: "Such a statement represents moral treason to the Republic. The program on which the Alliance wants American citizens to vote is one affecting Germany, only Germany. I do not in the least object because it denounces me. It has denounced Mr. Wilson almost as often, almost as severely."

BULLETINS

(By the United Press)

ZEPPELIN WRECKED.
London, May 31.—A zeppelin struck a tree in descending near Velesk and was completely destroyed, according to a Central News Amsterdam dispatch.

GERMAN CHANCELLOR CAN'T SEE PEACE.

London, May 31.—The German Chancellor's last speech holds no hopes for an early peace, Premier Asquith told the House of Commons this afternoon.

PRESIDENT SAYS U. S. WOULD FIGHT FOR RIGHT

(Special to The Free Press)
Washington, D. C., May 31.—In his annual address at Arlington Cemetery yesterday the President declared:

"We are ready to fight against any aggression, whether from within or without. But we must guard ourselves against any sort of aggression which would be unworthy of America. We are ready to fight for our rights when those rights are coincident with the rights of man and humanity."

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INTERESTING EXERCISES AND ADDRESS FEATURE SECOND ANNUAL PROGRAM OF AN INSTITUTION OF WHICH KINSTON AND STATE ARE PROUD

The second annual commencement exercises of the Caswell Training School, North Carolina's splendid institution for the care and training of the feeble-minded, were held this morning. A large number of friends of the institution gathered to witness the interesting exercises and hear the masterful address of Hon. Joseph F. Spainhour of Morganton. The exercises were held in the large dining room, which had been converted into a most comfortable auditorium with an improvised stage.

The exercises included songs and drills and the parts were all taken with credit to the pupils and institution. Mr. Spainhour remarked in the course of his address that he saw no difference in the exercises today and those that he had witnessed in his town's school commencement last week.

Just Like Normal Kids.
Rev. G. B. Hanrahan of the Presbyterian church invoked the blessing of the occasion and without any announcement the pupils in various combinations came upon the platform and took their parts. When the curtains were first thrown back the entire school was on the platform for a song; then followed a doll song by several of the little girls.

Among the numbers on the program deserving of special mention were the singing of "Old Black Joe" by a sextette of girls, a gun drill by five boys and a tableaux in song and story entitled "Queen Flora's Day Dream." This was the concluding number and it was most creditable. The children were dressed in costumes to represent various characters of dreamland, and they carried their parts with evident joy and most capably. The undertaking of this number, in which 30 or 40 children took part, would have been a difficult one for any school, to say nothing of doing so with subnormal children.

Mr. Spainhour's Address.

Mr. J. D. Boushall of Raleigh, one of the trustees of the school, introduced Hon. Joseph Spainhour, lawyer and legislator. Mr. Boushall's remarks were brief and witty. Mr. Spainhour delivered a most thoughtful address. He spoke on the need for preparedness of the boys and girls of the State that a great State might be builded. He emphasized the great importance of education, pointing out the necessity for educating and developing every animal and material thing that its usefulness might be enjoyed to the fullest. He urged the parents to give to the children opportunities for fitting themselves for life, but depreciated the idea of the parents undertaking to choose the calling for their children. Let them seek those vocations to which they are best suited and have a desire to follow. The particular calling was of not so much importance as the mastery of the one chosen; "Doing it a little better than the other fellow" were Mr. Spainhour's words of admonition to the boys and girls who were preparing for life's responsibilities.

One of the most forceful points of the interesting address of Mr. Spainhour was his emphasis of the need for providing educational opportunities for every normal child as well as caring for the unfortunate and afflicted.

School Not As Well Known As Should Be.

Dr. McNairy thanked the friends present for their interest and asked their continued help to spread the good news of the work that the school was undertaking to do. There were many people in the State who yet did not know of the institution, of its function or needs, he said.

Among those present from other parts of the State were Hon. J. R. Baggett of Lillington who made the

UNITED STATES MUST WITHDRAW FORCES OR CARRANZA WILL CONSIDER ACTION IN KEEPING THEM IN MEXICO "UNFRIENDLY"

'Deliberately' Familiar Word Used—'Present Idleness' of Pershing's Army Cannot Be Understood by De Facto Government, Said in Communication Which Is Virtually Ultimatum Received by State Department Today—Explanation Will Be Heard if Washington Desires to Make One—Believed Administration Will Maintain Army Exactly Where It Is and Defy First Chief to Attack—There Indefinitely to Capture Villa

(By the United Press)

Washington, May 31.—Unless the United States withdraws its troops from Mexican soil, or at least explains its present purpose and reason for their remaining, in view of their "present idleness," the Carranza government will consider the men's further presence a deliberately unfriendly act. This is the gist of the note from Carranza, handed the State Department today by Ambassador Arredondo.

Officials Reticent.

The communication arrived this morning, it is reported. Following its delivery officials were reticent in discussing its contents. At first they stated it to be not an "ultimatum," but merely a "continuation of diplomatic correspondence."

What action will be taken by the administration cannot be predicted at this hour, but it is believed generally that the President will, in conformity with his previous declarations, order that the army be kept where it is until "its purpose"—the capture of Villa, dead or alive, has been fulfilled.

TRIAL OF ROFRANO FOR POLITICAL MURDER IS SCHEDULED FOR TODAY

New York, May 31.—Michael A. Rofrano, the Tammany politician and assistant New York street commissioner who, for more than a year, walked around under the very noses of the Gotham police while they were scattering his picture and a \$5,000 reward offer through every city in the country in an effort to capture and bring him to trial for hiring a gunman to do the political murder of Michael Gaimari, is scheduled to go to trial here today.

Rofrano gave himself up. He said he was tired of being hunted. He had been living in a house near Washington Square, had gone to picture shows and stood beside policemen who were looking for him. He went about to conferences with his political followers.

EPSTEIN MURDER CASE CONTINUED UNTIL AUG.

(Special to The Free Press)
Goldboro, May 31.—In Superior Court here Judge Lyon granted a continuance of the case of young Hyman Epstein, charged with the murder of Leonard Edwards, until August.

PROFESSOR RIDDICK PRESIDENT A. & M.

(Special to The Free Press)
Raleigh, May 31.—Prof. W. C. Riddick of the faculty was unanimously elected by the trustees of A. & M. College to succeed Dr. D. H. Hill as president. Dr. Hill's resignation takes effect tomorrow.

DECLINE ON COTTON FUTURES MART TODAY

New York futures quotations were:
January .. 13.14 13.00
March .. 13.27 13.14
July .. 12.81 12.68
October .. 12.93 12.81
December .. 13.08 12.95

address last year, Hon. J. D. Boushall of Raleigh, and Mr. Spainhour of Morganton, the speaker of the occasion. Mr. D. F. Wooten of Kinston of the Board of Trustees, and Dr. Ira M. Hardy, founder of the school, were also present as well as other well known people and friends of the school.

SAFEBREAKERS MAKE HAUL IN DR.'S PLACE

\$30 More or Less Taken From Strong Box in Office of W. T. Parrott—Door With Combination Opened Without a Scratch—It Is Thought There Were Two Operators, One of Them Expert

Dr. W. T. Parrott is inclined to the belief that it was an expert who opened a safe in his office on Gordon street near Queen Tuesday night or early today, but that the expert had a novice for an accomplice. The door of the safe was opened without a scratch; after the safe had been rifled and a strongbox removed the door was locked again. Dr. Parrott and his office assistant are positive that the safe was locked Tuesday night. It is believed no one else knew the combination.

Wooden drawers in the safe were pried open with some bulky instrument, and a very bunglesome job made of it. The metal box was removed and one end forced open. A sum of money, not exceeding \$30, Dr. Parrott thinks, was taken. The box was found in an alleyway in the rear of the office today. It is thought that the man who opened the safe door stood guard while a companion, less adept, finished "the job."

FINALS AT UNIVERSITY NORTH CAROLINA TODAY

(Special to The Free Press)
Chapel Hill, May 31.—An audience that filled Memorial Hall heard the commencement address by Secretary of the Treasury McAdoo to the University of North Carolina graduates here this morning at 11 o'clock. Class reunion exercises were held Tuesday. The class of 1911 paraded in sailor uniforms. Theirs was the big show of the day. Gen. Julian Carr, '66, was present.

JOHN BARRETT MAKES ADDRESS AT DAVIDSON

(Special to The Free Press)
Davidson, N. C., May 31.—Hon. John Barrett made the commencement address at Davidson College yesterday. He recalled the fact that President Wilson was a student at Davidson once in his youth, touched on the effect of American civilization upon all the world, and urged the graduates to do their part in helping to maintain that influence.