

ANGLO-FRENCH WON COMPLETE VICTORY

Withstood Tremendous Assaults of the Germans and Prevent a Break Into Hill Positions.

ENEMY ESTIMATED TO HAVE THROWN IN 13 DIVISIONS

The French on Crucial Part of the Line at Loere Ching to all the Dominating Ground.

(By Associated Press.)

Today's reports from the battlefronts only serve to emphasize the victory won by the Anglo-French forces yesterday in withstanding the tremendous assaults by which the Germans hope to break into the allied hill positions southwest of Ypres and begin cutting their way toward the canal ports.

The situation seems to be one of the most high command deciding once again to make a stand after having ordered the Germans to use tens of thousands of men in fighting their way desperately forward as far as they have. The decision made the Germans taken and the Germans stopped, as they have been previously on other fields since the great offensive opened March 21st.

The enemy is estimated to have thrown out as many 13 divisions, in all about 175,000 men in the attack on a 12 mile front, but despite continued furious assaults has been held almost on his tracks everywhere. At a few points there were slight enemy penetrations but the line was largely reestablished late yesterday.

During last night the French in dashing counter blows drove the Germans from the remainder of the small stretches of ground they had gained in the initial drive of the day.

A most welcome feature of the current news from the front is the announcement that the French on the crucial part of the line at Loere have not lost any part of their hold on the dominating ground. They now have undisputed possession of Loere itself for the first time in several days and apparently held off all enemy efforts to edge in around that place and force its abandonment.

The importance of Loere lies in the fact that it guards the approach to Mount Roure, one of the most valuable hills of the defensive line which cannot be taken in flank as long as Loere remains in allied hands.

Similarly allied troops stopped a drive toward Scherpenberg by holding at La Clytte while Belgians dealt with them successfully and prevented any breach in the line toward the west.

All evidences point to the probability that the Germans suffered well-nigh the heaviest casualties of any day of the fighting on the northern front, as wave after wave of the attacking forces were mowed down by artillery and infantry fire. They were so exhausted by their fruitless effort that they remained practically inactive all night, while no reports come today indicating any resumption of major activities on their part.

South of the Somme front the British carried out local operations last night, further improving their position before Amiens by advancing the line east of Villers-Bretonneux.

Entente Allied Line Advanced. British Headquarters in France via Ottawa, April 30.—The entente allied line has been advanced between La-Clayette and Kemmel.

The Franco-British forces also have made some progress south of that region.

The artillery was increasingly busy this morning from Vimy northward.

Thus far the German capture of Kemmel hill has done little good for the entente allied artillery has kept the hill so smothered with shell fire it has been impossible for the enemy to occupy it in force.

Fierce fighting continued about Loere all yesterday. The enemy sacrificed great numbers of men at the ridge west of Voormezele. Also heavy fighting continued throughout the day and the number of assaults in that region were great. It is impossible to say how many attacks the enemy made in the course of the day. They came forward in waves throughout the long hours.

French Hold Loere Village. London, April 30.—The French hold the entire village of Loere, west of Kemmel, says an official statement from the war office.

During the night the British advanced their line east of Villers-Bretonneux on the front before Amiens. In the vicinity of Loere the French by counter attacks yesterday afternoon an endeavoring drove the Germans from the dominating of the ground they had gained in the morning.

The Germans having been heavily repulsed all along the battlefront the night passed in comparative quiet.

Long Range Gun Again Bombs. Paris, April 30.—The long range bombardment of the region of Paris was resumed this morning.

Heavy Fighting Near Avre. Paris, April 30.—Heavy artillery fighting occurred last night north and south of the Avre in the sector of Noyon and along the Oise, the war office announced today.

Long List of Dead All That Attacks Net the Huns.

With the British Army in France, April 29.—By the Associated Press.—This has been one of the bitterest days of fighting that the Flanders

WHITE GUARDS KILL MANY RED GUARDS

Part of the Finnish Government Forces Capture the Town of Viborg, 75 Miles of Petrograd.

NEARLY ENTIRE FORCE OF 6,000 ARE KILLED

The Rebels Made a Last Desperate Attempt to Break Through in Direction of Frederiksham.

(By Associated Press.)

London, April 30.—White Guards of the Finnish government forces have captured Viborg, 75 miles northwest of Petrograd, after killing nearly the entire force of Red Guards, according to an official announcement issued at Vassar and transmitted from Copenhagen by the Exchange Telegraph company.

The rebels made a last desperate attempt to break through in the direction of Frederiksham.

W S S

LONDON TIMES LAUDS AMERICAN LABOR AIM

Speech of James Wilson Fresh Proof of Labor's Loyalty in War Time.

London, April 29.—In the course of an editorial entitled "Voice of American Labor," the Times says:

"In the banquet house at Whitehall, in which one king of England walked to the scaffold for seeking to extinguish the rightful liberties of his people, from whose precincts the flight of another secured forever the foundations of constitutional government, a spokesman of American labor has reaffirmed his fellow citizens' acceptance of the challenge to human freedom which German militarism has flung down. Englishmen at home and Englishmen in New England were one people who a noble structure was created, assert rights they had inherited in common from their fathers. The speech of James Wilson made yesterday is fresh proof that they have handed down these rights and that their descendants are vindicating the same rights today.

" * * * American labor will not hear of a peace conference with the enemies of civilization until Prussian militarism has withdrawn within its own boundaries. That is the first, but not the only condition. American labor will not agree to such a conference even then until the Germans have satisfied them that Germany recognizes the right of civilized nations to determine their own standards. Kultur and treaties forced upon the people of Russia and Rumania show how far Germany is from recognition of this principle. * * * America is making ready to avenge compelling force, for so long as such a measure may be needed. The way in which 4,000,000 of her organized workers have put aside all industrial squabbles in order to complete the war is a signal indication of their resolve. It runs through the whole people from the man in the trenches to those at home who know with sorrowful hearts that Secretary Baker is telling the truth when he reminds them that they must undergo consecration and sacrifice which he has seen and revered in France and England. They are undergoing it already and we know it must exercise the same austere and ennobling influence upon them that it had upon our other allies and ourselves."

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Uruguan Minister Dead.

(By Associated Press.)

Washington, April 30.—Dr. Carlos de Pena, minister from Uruguay to the United States died in a hospital here today.

W S S

EDITOR OF GERMAN NEWS-PAPER GETS 5-YEAR TERM

Kansas City, Mo., April 29.—Carl Gleaser, publisher of the Missouri States Zeitung, today pleaded guilty in federal court before Judge A. S. Van Valkenburgh, to a charge of violating the espionage act. He was sentenced to five years in the federal penitentiary at Leavenworth.

With Jacob Frohwerk, connected with the same German language newspaper, Gleaser was indicted by a federal grand jury recently as a result of articles appearing late last year in the publication attacking the administration and covertly defending Germany in the war.

battleground has seen since the present offensive began. Since early morning von Arnim has been flinging great numbers of German troops against the allied lines between Zillebeke lake and Bailleul, with the hills east of Mont Kemmel as his ultimate objective. At the same time a secondary thrust has been made at the Belgians in the region of the Yser, north of Ypres.

When the correspondent left the battlefield shortly after 1 o'clock in the afternoon, the German commander had nothing to show for his pretentious drive but a long list of dead and wounded.

Along the major portion of the front his troops have been held and when they succeeded by superior weight of numbers in pushing forward they were soon ejected by counter drives. The allied line was intact all through at that hour.

LONDON HOPEFUL AND CONFIDENT

German Arms Suffered Most Severe and Costly Repulse Monday Since the Drive Began.

BRITISH WON SUBSTANTIAL VICTORY IN THIS INSTANCE

Huns Failed Signally in Attack Southwest of Ypres and the Losses Were Immense.

(By Associated Press.)

London, May 1.—The failure of a German attack southwest of Ypres on Monday with its immense losses to the enemy is commented on here in more hopeful and confident tone, in marked contrast to some recent news of the progress of the German advance toward the canal ports.

The census of opinion is that the enemy Monday suffered the most severe and costly repulse since he began his offensive March 21st, and it is contended that if the term of victory or defeat are applicable to single cases in such prolonged battle then the allies Monday won a very substantial victory.

French Improve Their Positions. London, May 1.—French troops last night materially improved their positions in the locality of Loere on the Flanders front, the war office announced today. The British rushed the German post in the Meteran sector and took prisoners.

Artillery Duels Reported. Paris, May 1.—Artillery duels and some intense infantry action occurred last night on the Somme front and at Villers-Bretonneux on both sides of the Avre southeast of Amiens, says the war office reports.

AMERICAN AIRMAN GETS A GERMAN MACHINE.

With the American army in France April 30.—(By the Associated Press.)—A German airplane was brought down in enemy territory by Captain Norman Hall, of Colfax, Iowa, and Lieutenant Edward Riebenbacher, of Columbus, Ohio, after a duel over the American line on the Toul sector.

Situation Along the Line Improving. With the American Army in France, April 30.—The situation along the American sector is gradually being established. There has been no infantry attacks during the last 48 hours, but small patrol parties and outposts have had encounters in the darkness and the mist.

W S S

MUSICIANS RECEIVE CHARTER.

"The Musicians' Protective Union, Local No. 503, of Salisbury, North Carolina," Receives Its Charter.

The charter for the newly organized Musicians' Union has arrived and will be kept open for 30 days during which time applications will be received upon the same terms as the original members joined.

The organization will be known as "The Musicians' Protective Union, Local No. 503, of Salisbury, North Carolina." Any instrumental musician 16 years old, or over, is eligible for membership and as Salisbury and Spencer are the strongest union towns in the South, it is hoped that the new local will meet with success.

The organizations in Salisbury at present composed of union musicians are the Salisbury Concert Band and Proctor's Orchestra.

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CROWDER MAKES A REQUEST AS TO THE DRAFT BILL

Asks Congress to Eliminate from Bill the Amendment Putting Youths Becoming 21 Years of Age at Bottom of Eligibles.

(By Associated Press.) Washington, April 30.—Provost Marshal General Crowder today requested congress to eliminate from the bill extending the draft to youths now 21 years of age the amendment putting at the bottom of the eligible list those who would register under this measure and asks that the bill basing quotas on the number of men in class 1 be amended so as to make its operation retroactive.

General Crowder made the request in letters to the chairman of the Senate and House Military Committees. Of the proposal to put new registrants on the bottom of the list of eligibles General Crowder said:

"The plan proposed by this office would result in these registrants being given order numbers scattered all through the entire list of order numbers. This seems to be fairer than the plan proposed by the amendment. The result of the House amendment in many jurisdictions would be to delay the call of young men for a considerable time. In the meantime their status will have changed. They will have married or become integrated in the industries of the country. Moreover, it establishes a precedent which may be appealed to provided aliens registered under the provisions of the new legislation based on the treaties to be negotiated."

58 NAMES ON THE CASUALTY LIST

Two Killed in Action, Two Died of Wounds and Six Succumbed to Disease in Addition to Hurt.

ONE CAPTAIN MEETS DEATH WHILE ENGAGED IN BATTLE

Lieut. John W. Morris, Previously Reported Seriously Wounded, is Prisoner and Unwounded.

(By Associated Press.)

Washington, April 30.—The casualty list today contains 58 names, divided as follows:

Killed in action, 2; died of accident, 2; died of disease, 6; wounded severely, 5; wounded slightly, 42; missing in action, 1.

Captain Richard Laurence Jett is reported killed in action, Captain Charles A. Chambers died of pneumonia, and Lieutenants Robert D. Coye, Rufus Crain and Francis Worthington Hine were slightly wounded.

In issuing the list the department announces that Thomas J. Mooney, who was previously reported as having died of accident, was due to error in cabling. Lieut. John W. Morris, previously reported wounded severely, is reported a prisoner and unwounded.

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GERMAN DEAD EVERYWHERE

Lull in the Fight Which Reveals the Ground Covered With the Men Kaiser Bill Has Sacrificed.

Again there has come a pause in the battle of Flanders, where the ground everywhere is covered with the gray clad bodies of German dead, and the British and French are holding securely to all their positions.

From Saturday until well into Monday night General von Arnim's forces continued their efforts to break the British lines on the Ypres salient and to press back the British and French from the high ground to the southwest, but everywhere their efforts were fruitless. True, they gained their objective and again captured Loere, but a counter thrust forced them out again and at last accounts the French were holding the village.

In the hilly region just to the north of Loere the British also pushed back the enemy at several points, notably between Kemmel and La Clytte.

Much of the snap of the German attacking forces has been absent from the maneuvers they have been carrying out in Flanders under the stiffened line of the entente troops, which has been apparent since last Sunday.

To the south near Amiens and to the east around Noyon the enemy likewise has failed in all his attempts to push farther forward. The British east of Villers-Bretonneux, which lies directly east of Amiens, have advanced their front and in the Noyon sector the French have re-established their lines which the Germans previously had captured from them.

The Germans on various sectors of the line are still hurling tons of steel against the British and French positions, but the allied guns are every where answering them in kind.

While the present halt in the battle possibly may indicate the near approach of the throwing into the front of the great reserve army which General Foch has gathered, that such is the intention of the supreme commander of the allied forces has not become apparent. It is not improbable, however, that at a meeting of the interallied war council in Paris, Wednesday, which will be attended by the American, French, British and Italian representatives, measures having in view the turning of the tide of the battle will be uppermost in the discussions.

In all the various war theatres except the western the situation remains relatively calm so far as fighting is concerned. All along the front in Italy reciprocal bombardments continue and small maneuvers by reconnoitering parties are being carried out.

In Macedonia the Serbians in the region of Monastir again have entered an enemy position and annihilated the garrison. They also have been successful in repulsing an attack by Bulgarians which had as its objective, the recapture of positions near Vetretsk, taken by the Serbians a week ago.

The emperor-king of Austria-Hungary is again reported in Swiss advices to be holding out the olive branch of peace—this time in the direction of Italy. He is said to have appealed to Italy to consider the proffer in her own interests.

German and Austrian newspapers are beginning to express their fear concerning the entry of the United States into the war, which they previously had referred to with scorn. "We must hurry and obtain a solid victory by arms before the American forces arrive," is the tenor of their plea to their peoples.

DO YOU ENJOY LIFE?

A man in good physical condition is almost certain to enjoy life, while the bilious and dyspeptic are despondent, do not enjoy their meals and feel miserable a good share of the time. This ill feeling is nearly always unnecessary. A few doses of Chamberlain's Tablets to tone up the stomach, improve the digestion and regulate the bowels is all that is needed. Try it.

HUNS TEMPORARILY ABANDON ATTEMPTS

Staggered by the Awful Punishment Inflicted by French and British They Are Halting.

NOT ONLY STOPPED BUT DRIVEN FROM POSITIONS

Political Troubles Brewing in Germany and Chancellor Von Hertling is Growing Very Uneasy.

(By Associated Press.)

Stunned by the severe punishment inflicted by the British and French the Germans in Flanders have given up for the moment attempts to gain further hill positions west of Mount Kemmel.

Meanwhile it is presumed General Arnim is reforming his scattered forces and bringing up new reserves to hurl against the granite allied defense.

The Germans occupation of Mount Kemmel, although a strategic loss, has not enabled the enemy to encroach further into the British and French positions southwest of Ypres nor has it apparently brought any nearer the evacuation of the flattened Ypres salient.

After intense fighting Monday in which the Germans strove desperately to enlarge their gains on the high ground north of the Lys there has been only local fighting. Apparently the allied commanders are content to hold their present line and let the Germans make more attacks in an endeavor to drive them back.

In their disastrous repulse the Germans not only failed to gain, although using larger forces than the defenders, but were driven from every position held since the capture of Mount Kemmel last week.

Along the Flanders front and in Picardy strong artillery bombardments continue. The Germans have been throwing great numbers of shells in the French position around Hangard south of the Somme, probably in preparation for still another attempt to drive the French back to the Avre.

A German attack in the Noyon sector brought the enemy into a French position from which he was thrown out in spirited fighting.

In Mesopotamia General March has advanced north northeast of Bagdad, captured two towns and nearly 900 prisoners.

The Turks avoided a battle at Kifra, 100 miles northeast of Bagdad, and fled toward Kirkuk, about 160 miles north on the main road to Mosul, apparently the British objective. A retreating column was attacked and more than 500 prisoners taken.

British cavalry then captured Tuzhermantli, about 30 miles northeast of Kifra. The pursuit toward Kifra continues.

Declaring a plutocratic suffrage giving political rights to the wealthy is "no longer possible in our nation," Chancellor von Hertling has informed the lower house of the Prussian diet that it must pass the electoral reform bill or give up more right to the people through force. The chancellor threatens a Prussian revolution if the demands are not met speedily. Apparently the chancellor fears grave disorders if the reform bill which he admitted was hedged around with safeguards was not passed. A motion to postpone action was defeated 5 to 1.

This is May Day, generally a time for strikes in Continental Europe. There has been no inklings of possible strikes within the Central empires except a call by the German Socialists of Austria several days ago for peace strikes May 1st.

Today's official statements reveal no break in the comparative quiet on the recently active battlefronts in Flanders.

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CEDAR GROVE SENDS FLOUR TO SOLDIERS

Orange County Rural Community Denies Itself Wheat Flour That Sammie and Their Allies May Be Fed.

Raleigh, May 1.—A considerable number of North Carolina flour mills have been grinding flour for export to Europe, but the first rural community in North Carolina to offer a carload of flour of its own production for export to our soldiers and the soldiers and civilian population of our Allies in Europe, is Cedar Grove, in Orange county. Through the patriotic co-operation of the wheat growers of the community, the Cedar Grove Milling Company has offered a carload of flour to the Food Administration and this will be ground, packed and shipped in the immediate future.

Dr. C. M. Hughes, one of the owners of the Cedar Grove Mill, declares that the people of his community are thoroughly alive to their duty under the present food situation, and that they are consuming considerably less than one-half the normal quantity of wheat flour. Thus, they are able to help out the boys who are fighting for them on the other side.

"We are just delighted to be able to send a carload of flour from our community to the boys 'Over There,'" declared Dr. Hughes to a Food Administration official today.

BOND SALES IS PAST HUNDRED THOUSAND

Spencer Passes the Hundred and Ten Thousand Mark and is Still Running Strong.

PROGRAM OF CLOSING OF THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS

An Event of Much General Interest Will Be the Closing of the Schools.

(By A. W. Hicks.)

Spencer, April 30.—The figures are still climbing and Spencer employees of the Southern are still taking Liberty Bonds. When the work whistle blew at the close of Monday's business the total sales aggregated \$116,150. These figures have been increased today by sales to new employees and to others returning from "off duty." Enthusiasm runs high and the employees are determined that every man who draws a check from the Southern shall be a bondholder. The sales by departments up to Monday night were as follows:

Car Department	\$22,900.00
Blacksmith Shop	5,500.00
Machine Shop	10,600.00
Roundhouse (Shop)	11,350.00
Roundhouse (Road)	7,600.00
Boiler Shop	12,900.00
Pipe Shop	3,850.00
Paint Shop	1,550.00
Erecting Shop	5,800.00
Mechanical Clerks	1,150.00
Electricians	2,400.00
Storehouse Clerks	2,450.00
Spencer Yard Office	6,000.00
Spencer Transfer	2,200.00
Salisbury Agents	400.00
Storehouse Employees	1,300.00
Spencer Depot	450.00
Spencerboro	2,200.00
Altaville, Va.	50.00
Charlotte	2,850.00
Gastonia	100.00
Greenville, S. C.	3,200.00
Danville, Va.	2,500.00
Asheboro	100.00
Brevard	150.00
Winston-Salem	1,850.00
Total	\$116,150.00

The schedule for the closing exercises of the Spencer High School has just been made out and include a number of interesting events.

On Friday night, May 3rd, there will be a debate on compulsory arbitration of industrial disputes by six speakers. The affirmative will be represented by Miss Ruby Hamilton, Miss Kathleen Armstrong, and Mr. Gideon Fesperman, while the negative will be supported by Garland Benton, Porter Holt and Edwin Kneeburg.

On Sunday, May 5th, at 8 p. m., the baccalaureate sermon will be preached by Rev. W. A. Lambeth, of Salisbury. On Monday night the gold medal declamation and recitation contest will be given. The contestants will include the following with their subjects:

- Isabell Perry, "The Soldier's Last Prayer."
- Inez Eagle, "The Highwayman."
- Ed M. Sweetman, "The Rider of the Black Horse."
- Sterling Studemire, "Appomattox."
- Orvin Barnett, "If He Lives Till Sundown he Will Get Well."
- Gladys Holt, "Joan, the Coaster."
- Mary Long, "The Confessional."
- Gideon Fesperman, "My Country, My Mother, My God."
- Edna Cheek, "Over the Hill to the Poorhouse."
- Glenn Pennington, "Spartans to the Gladiators."
- Anthony Ridenhour, "The Value of a Purpose."

Tuesday, May 7, at 8 p. m., a play, "Claim Allowed," a strong patriotic production based on the events of the present war, will be given by the graduating class.

Wednesday night, the commencement exercises will take place. This will include the annual literary address and the class day exercises by the seventeen graduates.

There are 607 enrolled in the school this year, the largest number in the history of the town, and the final examinations will end Friday of this week. Promotion cards will be presented on Tuesday.

The scholarship medals, one for the student making the highest average for the year, in the eighth grade, another for the ninth grade, a third for the tenth, and a fourth for the eleventh grade, will be presented Wednesday night. Other medals include one for the best debater, one for the best declaimer, one for the best reciter, and one medal to the student for the greatest improvement in penmanship, including the fourth to seventh grades, will also be presented Wednesday night.

The marshals elected today include Glenn Pennington, chief, Temple Gobel, Sterling Studemire, Anna Garry, Irene Swicgood, Emma Weant and Edna Cheek.

A new form of petty thievery occurred at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Gwinn Monday when in broad daylight an intruder visited the garden and gathered all the vegetables, lettuce, radishes, mustard, and everything else in sight and made for away with it. Mrs. Gwinn was about her household duties and did not see the thief at the time but it is understood she has a good clue to who took the things.

A party of seven including two young ladies and several gentlemen from Raleigh had a narrow escape from serious injury and perhaps going off the Piedmont toll bridge Sunday afternoon when a seven passenger

RUMORS OF PEACE MOVE BY AUSTRIA

Reports Reach Stockholm That Emperor Charles is Appealing to Italy to Consider Interests.

REPORTS THAT A "PEACE OFFENSIVE" WOULD START

No Previous Indication, However, That a New Move in This Nature Was Being Made Now.

(By Associated Press.)

Stockholm, April 30.—The Catholic International Press Agency, announces a dispatch from Basel, says that Emperor Charles of Austria is making a fresh peace offer, appealing to Italy to consider it in her own interest.

Although it has been predicted frequently that if the present German campaign fails a "peace offensive" would be inaugurated by the Central Powers there has been no previous intimation that a new move in this nature was being made.

Unless confirmatory advices are received through the usual channel of news from Switzerland this dispatch will be accepted with reserve. Ordinarily news originating in Switzerland is forwarded to this country by way of Paris.

W S S

THREE AMERICANS ARE VICTIMS OF SUBMARINE

Met Death March 21st in a Fight With a German Submarine, Which Was Finally Beaten Off.

(By Associated Press.)

Washington, April 30.—Three members of the crew of the American steamer, Chincha, were killed, the navy department announced today, in the ship's fight with a submarine on March 21st. Previous reports said several had been injured but made no mention of any having been killed.

The Chincha beat off the submarine after firing about 30 shots. One shot from the submarine got the Chincha aft, killing Seaman A. F. Edwards, of Augusta, and two others not named.

W S S

BOUND OVER TO SUPERIOR COURT

Two Young Men Charged With Breaking and Entering China Grove Store Given a Hearing.

The two young men who are charged with breaking and entering a store at China Grove were given a preliminary hearing in the county court this morning. They waived examination and were bound over to the May term of Rowan Superior Court, bond being fixed at \$300 each.

Accuse of carrying concealed weapons was continued until Thursday, May 2nd.

W S S

ALLEGED CONSPIRACY CASE ENDS IN FEDERAL COURT

Defendants Charged With Conspiracy Are Given Verdict of "Not Guilty"—Six Plead Guilty to a Misdemeanor and Minor Fines Are Imposed.

The case in Federal court against the officers, directors and stockholders of the Eristol Chemical Company and the Southern Root & Herb Company, which was called Monday afternoon and in which the defendants were charged with conspiracy in violating the Federal pure food laws in that they shipped in interstate shipment adulterated birch oil, and which gave promise of consuming several days and being hard fought, came to an end before the adjournment for noon today.

A verdict was returned this morning on motion of the district attorney of not guilty as to all defendants on the charge of conspiracy. This was in accordance