

GREAT BATTLE IS UNDER WAY ON THE YSER CANAL

SOME MILITARY CRITICS DEEM IT BIGGEST OF WAR

They Say the Germans Are Trying to Break Thru to Channel Ports.

MOVEMENT SUDDEN ONE

They Say Hindenberg Has Been Brought From East to Take Charge.

April 25. What some military critics deem the greatest battle of the war was on the Yser canal.

The Germans are generally believed to be making desperate efforts to break thru to the French coast. Some such reports have been anticipated by the British.

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The coaling process will take all of today and most of tomorrow. The Wilhelm also will take on about a ten days supply of water and provisions, this being the estimated time she should require to make the nearest German port.

The formal request for provisions and fuel was made several days ago, Collector Hamilton stated today, and after consideration was allowed. Further than this the collector would not talk because of the danger of violating neutrality.

Installation of boiler tubes and other boiler repairs were completed yesterday. It was said here today, and Capt. Thierfelder will be in a condition to attempt a dash past the enemy's warships lying in wait off the cape or give notice that he desires to

GENERAL ATTACK ON DARDANELLES.

London, April 25.—The admiralty and war office declared this afternoon that a general attack on the Dardanelles had been begun. An army has been embarked successfully.

SINGING EXERCISES OF GERMANTON HIGH SCHOOL

Washington, April 25.—The German High School held its commencement exercises at 10:30 a. m. and Saturday afternoon the students entered a play. Saturday afternoon the school held the query he should give the Philippines.

WILLING COUPLE HELD BY CHARLOTTE OFFICERS

London, April 25.—Intercepted on the afternoon should be a man, and Miss G. Hinson, a 16-year-old girl of Elm St., were arrested by police yesterday and taken to the young woman's father, John Hinson. He came to the city at 10 o'clock and will accompany his daughter home today.

STEAMER UNABLE TO PROCEED TO ROTTERDAM

London, April 25.—The steamer "Hesperus" with 100 American women, was unable to proceed to Rotterdam. Jane Addams has been to Ambassador Page.

HUNDREDS PRESENT AT OPENING SESSION OF INDUSTRIAL CONGRESS

Muskogee, Okla., April 26.—Hundreds of men of national reputation, including leaders in finance, manufactures, commerce, agriculture, transportation and public affairs, faced Senator Fletcher of Florida today when he called to order the annual convention of the Southern Commercial Congress. The gathering was one of the largest and most representative of its kind ever held in this country.

In the opening address Senator Duncan, of Florida, asserted that the older states of the Southland hold for their youngest sister, Oklahoma.

Delegates Present. Delegates from every state and important city in the South and from many northern states were in attendance.

Agricultural Needs of South. A broader conception of the agricultural needs of the South was urged by several speakers on the first day of the six days' session.

State Aid Commission. Establishment of state aid commissions which would act as clearing houses between land available for purchase and homeseekers was urged by Prof. Charles B. Austin, head of the division of public welfare of the University of Texas.

Parade a Notable Feature. Mounted cowboys and Indians in motorcars lent picturesque touches to the parade here today in connection with the opening of the congress.

GERMAN CRUISER NOW TAKING ON SUPPLIES; MAY MAKE DASH TO SEA

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into within the next few days, it is stated. It is believed the time limit allowed by the government for repairs to the sea raider expires Friday or Saturday.

Commander Thierfelder and the collector were in close conference all yesterday afternoon and it was reported this morning that the collector officially informed the captain of the rapidly approaching day for the decision as to internment or departure from this port.

It is understood that on leaving the coal pier the captain will make formal request of the port authorities for a river patrol to guard his ship against any possible hostile attacks.

It is known that the German commander has received several "impassant" communications since he has been in port, although they did not include as strong threats as those addressed to the Prinz Eitel Friedrich. Launches from the Norfolk navy yard will probably be detailed to the duty.

PESSIMISTIC OVER AUSTRO-ITALIAN SITUATION

Paris, April 26.—A diplomat accredited to the Quirinal who requested his name be not disclosed told a Geneva correspondent that in a conversation with Prince Von Buelow, the German ambassador appeared pessimistic over the outlook of a peaceful solution of the Austro-Italian difficulties.

WORK IS RESUMED ON DURHAM BAPTIST CHURCH

Durham, April 26.—Work, which has been suspended for several weeks on account of lack of funds, was resumed today on the Edgmont Baptist church in this city as sufficient funds have been raised during the past few weeks to continue the work for some time.

WILL TACKLE CHICAGO; BILLY SUNDAY ACCEPTS CALL

Chicago, April 25.—Billy Sunday will come to darkest Chicago and reform its two and one-half millions of inhabitants provided he is guaranteed suitable remuneration. He made this plain in a telegram sent to a committee of local clergymen. He also made it understood that he considers the reformation of a city the size of Chicago worthy of considerable reward.

PLANT OF HIGH POINT CASKET COMPANY LOST

The High Point Casket Company's plant, including building, machinery, materials and stock, was completely destroyed by fire which was discovered shortly after 4 o'clock Saturday morning.

REPORT BY ENGINEER HOWLAND ON VISIT TO THIS CITY

The committee on fire prevention of the National Board of Fire Underwriters issues the following bulletin on conditions in Winston-Salem, as gathered by a representative during his visit to this city in February.

The city was visited by Engineer J. H. Howland, February 23 and 24, 1915, for the purpose of discussing with city officials and interested citizens the findings in our report of July, 1913, and of advocating the adoption of the recommendations, especially those considered most urgent.

The more important water supply improvements made subsequent to the 1913 report, include: Establishing a department repair shop with regularly appointed foreman in charge, the partial preparation of more complete records, the installation in a semi fireproof addition to the Salem station of a low-lift centrifugal and a high-lift horizontal cross-compound pump, each of 2,900,000 gallons capacity, the completion of a 1,900,000-gallon settling basin at the Winston station and a 3,900,000-gallon clear water basin at the Salem plant, on February 22, 1915, the sum of \$50,000 became available.

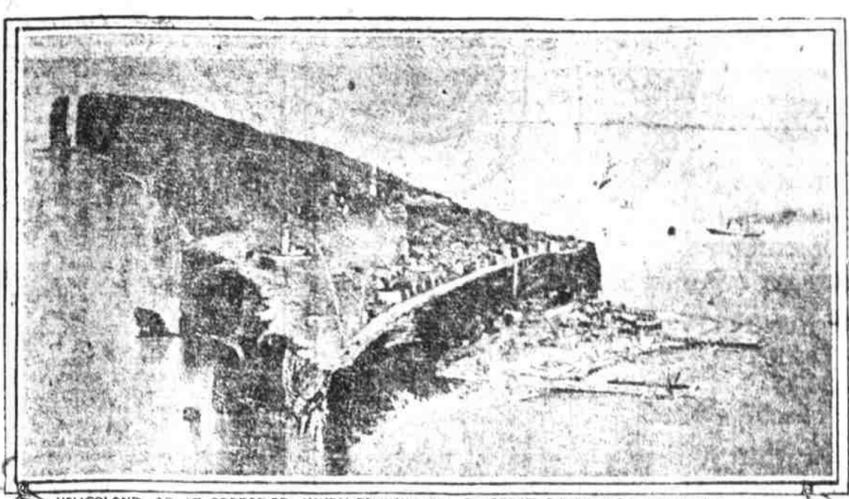
D. A. R. MAY ESTABLISH A NATIONAL UNIVERSITY

Washington, April 26.—The national board of management of the D. A. R. met here today to consider the foundation of a national university by the society. For this purpose the old John Paul Jones home in North Carolina has been offered, together with certain sums of the state and county contingent contributions to the society.

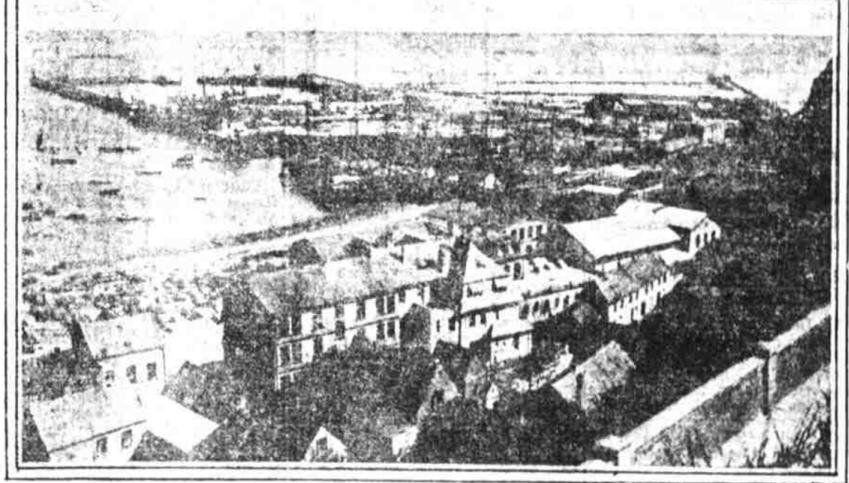
EXERCISES IN HONOR OF CONFEDERATE DEAD

Atlanta, Ga., April 26.—Memorial exercises were conducted in several states today in honor of the Confederate dead. The day was a legal holiday in Alabama, Florida, Mississippi, and Georgia, schools, banks and other public institutions being closed.

Heligoland, Which Is Now Centre of Operations



HELIGOLAND AS IT APPEARED WHEN RELINQUISHED BY GREAT BRITAIN TO GERMANY



THE NEW HARBOR AT HELIGOLAND

Heligoland, which is now the centre of the new operations, is the strategic point that must either be destroyed or rendered abortive as a harbor of refuge before the British destroyers can hope to successfully cope with the forces in the Elbe or the Weser.

NEW GRACE CHURCH TO BE MODERN STRUCTURE

Sunday was an interesting day with the congregation and friends of Grace M. E. church. The matter of the erection of a new house of worship was presented to the church and congregation with the result that great enthusiasm in the proposed new building was aroused.

AMERICAN SENTENCED TO DEATH IN MEXICO

Washington, April 26.—Philip E. McCleary, an American newspaper man at Vera Cruz, has been sentenced to be shot by Carranza for sending out uncensored news dispatches.

HONOR TO REVOLUTIONARY HEROES IN SAVANNAH

Savannah, Ga., April 25.—Tardy recognition to two of the foremost Southern leaders in the American Revolution was made today, when a handsome monument was unveiled in memory of General Daniel Stewart and General James Screven.

PREPARING REPORT IN CARTER MATTER

Raleigh, April 26.—The special legislative commission investigating the Judge Carter-Solicitor Abernethy contempt case began a conference this afternoon at 3 o'clock for the formation of the final report.

Spy Trial Behind Closed Doors

London, April 26.—The case of the three alleged German spies, which the authorities have intimated is of the highest importance, was given a hearing behind closed doors today with the Lord Chief Justice presiding.

NEW APRIL RECORDS FOR HEAT MADE IN MANY PLACES

Washington, April 26.—At least 48 hours more of the early season's hot spell was predicted today by the weather bureau.

COUNTY COURT OPENS WITHOUT CEREMONY

The newly created Forsyth county court convened at 10 o'clock sharp this morning with Judge H. R. Starbuck on the bench and Clerk V. P. Pagan at his desk.

HENDERSON MILLS NOT TO SHUT DOWN

Henderson, April 26.—None of the three cotton mills in Henderson will be forced to shut down because of lack of dyestuff because of the curtailment of the supply as a result of the office blockade of German ports.

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TO PREVENT ENTRY OF ANY MEXICAN SOLDIERS

El Paso, Texas, April 26.—American military authorities along the Mexican border have received orders to prevent entry into this country of persons known to be soldiers of any Mexican faction, it was learned here today.

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ROOSEVELT IS STILL ON THE STAND

Former President's Fifth Day As a Witness in Libel Suit.

HUGHES CASE REVIEWED

A Number of Letters Introduced As Evidence in the Libel Suit.

Syracuse, N. Y., April 26.—The cross examination of Colonel Roosevelt in the Barnes libel suit was continued today. It was the former president's fifth day on the stand.

Colonel Roosevelt's testimony today was preceded by introduction into the records of several letters and stipulations between counsel that depositions of four unnamed witnesses outside the state should have the same effect as if the witnesses had appeared on the stand.

One of the letters written by Barnes discussed Governor Hughes and said should Hughes be re-elected he would set up a political machine and that all politicians who opposed him would have to get out of politics.

Colonel Roosevelt, in his reply, said: "Yesterday I saw Sherman Bennett, Geo. Smith, Cooks and Hitchcock, chairman of the national committee, here. I have been carefully going into the Hughes matter since I saw you. I appreciate to the full the force of the arguments you urged against his re-nomination. It is not pleasant for me to support a man who has behaved badly to the very men who did most for his election. I would approve his turning them down in the public interest but I object to its being done wantonly."

"Moreover I appreciate that he has alienated quite needlessly very many voters and that if we had the right man to put in his place (the right man from the standpoint of getting votes) I should say that it was certainly wise to nominate such a man. But no such man is in sight. While therefore I want to disclaim any intention of seeming to dictate the nomination, I think I ought to tell you my judgment is that the convention ought to nominate him."

"I am sure that the delegates from this district will be for him. I may add that every one present agreed to keep absolutely quiet in this matter and to consult with you before any kind of conclusion was announced but from the paper I should judge some one has talked."

A copy of the above letter was sent to Herbert Parsons. On August 24, 1908, Colonel Roosevelt wrote to Mr. Barnes from Washington: "Most emphatically whatever my friends do up in Albany I shall stand by them. I have given them my best judgment. Now if you and those like you fear that I shall ask you to cut your throats your fear is groundless."

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