

AUSTRIANS PRESS ON; SERBIAN ARMY ACTIVE

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VERDUN STRUGGLE STILL GOES ON

Italians Fight Desperately to Check the Austrians From Breaking Through And Marching on to the Venetian Provinces. — Vienna Reports the Capture of Important Fortified Points. — Germans Renew Their Activities on the West Bank of the Meuse.—Great Activity is Expected Along the Front at Saloniki.—Athens in Turmoil.

(By The Associated Press)

The Austrian drive against the Italians in the southern Tyrol continues to progress in the region of Arsenio, where the Italian forces are fighting desperately to prevent their foe from breaking through and gaining the route to the Venetian provinces.

Vienna reports the capture of fortified field works at Cornovo and an important position in the fortified district of Asinigo.

The Germans have renewed their activities on the west bank of the Meuse in the Verdun region, advancing to Corbeaux woods and driving against the French lines to the west of Cuneires village. Paris declares the attacks were repulsed.

The hills in infantry activity on the east bank of the river have been notably busy in the vicinity of Fort Vaux, southeast of Fort Douaumont, near which the heaviest fighting in this sector of the Verdun front has occurred recently.

The situation in the Balkans indicates important developments in the near future. Athen advices report the breaking out of serious trouble in the Greek capital after it became known that Bulgarian forces had entered Macedonia.

The entente forces at Saloniki are reported to have just been reinforced by the arrival of some 80,000 to 100,000 Serbians, the remainder of King Peter's army.

Notable activity along the entire Saloniki front has been reported recently.

Dispatches through London from the field of war in German East Africa report the slow but sure formation of a cord on around the German forces there.

REV. LUTHER MCKINNON, D. D.

Death Occurred Yesterday at His Home in Clinton, N. C.

A message was received here yesterday from Mr. Howard McKinnon announcing the death of his father, Rev. Luther McKinnon, D. D., which occurred at his home in Clinton, N. C. yesterday morning. Dr. McKinnon had been helpless for nearly thirty years as a result of paralysis. He bore his sufferings all these years with strong Christian fortitude, cheerful and bright at all times.

Dr. McKinnon was born October 31, 1849, in Richmond county, N. C. He was prepared for college at the academy in that section; entered Davidson College in 1857 and graduated in 1861, sharing first honor. He studied in the Theological Seminary at Columbia, S. C., and was licensed to preach by the Fayetteville Presbytery in 1864.

In 1864 and 1865 he was chaplain of the 36th North Carolina regiment. He was ordained evangelist April, 1866, by the Fayetteville Presbytery. He was principal of Floral Female College from January, 1865 until June, 1866. In 1866 he was called to the Goldsboro Presbyterian Church and served as pastor for over four years. He was pastor of the Presbyterian Church in Concord from December, 1871, until October, 1883. In 1883 he was called to Columbia, where he remained from October of that year until April, 1885. He was elected president of Davidson College September, 1885, which position he held until his health failed a year or so later.

Dr. McKinnon was a man of great energy, and whatever he undertook he did thoroughly. As a pastor, he attended to and closely supervised every little detail of the church government, besides keeping the strictest watch over his congregation. As President of Davidson College, he displayed the same disposition to attend to details, and succeeded in increasing the patronage of that institution materially. He was pastor here for twelve years, and no minister of any denomination has ever been more beloved by all our people regardless of denomination.

A meeting of the session of the First Presbyterian Church here was held last evening and Messrs. G. M. Lora and D. B. Morrison appointed to attend the funeral of Dr. McKinnon as representatives of the church. They left last evening for Clinton, where the funeral services will be held this afternoon.

GRAVE TROUBLE OCCURS AT ATHENS

Following News of the Invasion of Macedonia by the Bulgarians.

(By The Associated Press)

Paris, May 29.—A news dispatch from Athens says that grave trouble has broken out there following the news of the invasion of Macedonia by the Bulgarians.

Bulgarian troops crossed the Greek frontier on May 26, and occupied three Greek forts. The Greek troops which had garrisoned these forts withdrew on the advance of the Bulgarians, who claimed permission from the Thame government for their act. The Bulgarians were said to be led by German officers who explained to the commanders of the Greek forts that the central powers were merely being accorded the same privileges that had been given the Allies in permitting them to occupy Salonki.

Cross Roads Items.

Cross Roads and Rimer baseball teams will play at Cross Roads next Thursday at 3:30 o'clock.

Washington Camp No. 16 P. O. S. of A. will hold its regular meeting Wednesday night, May 31st, instead of Friday night, on account of the county meeting in Concord, which will take place Friday evening.

Mrs. W. J. Montgomery was taken suddenly ill just before noon today. Her condition, which is serious, is improved as we go to press.

Fisher's are offering \$2.98 lingerie waists for \$1.95. See new ad.

DINNER THIS EVENING.

Y. M. C. A. Campaign to Start at Business Men's Dinner.

The Business Men's Dinner Conference this evening at 7 o'clock at Central school promises to be one of the most interesting events that has taken place here in weeks. Preparations have been made for scores of plates and the indications are that the banquet will be well attended.

Mr. Wilson, the bustling interstate Y. M. C. A. secretary, has been assisting the local committee in making the arrangements, and reports that Mr. M. B. Spier, a well known business man of Charlotte, and Prof. E. W. Daniel, professor of English at Clemson College, have accepted invitations to speak. The local committee secured Mr. Wilson as a speaker for the occasion several days ago and he with Messrs. Spier and Daniel, will be the honor guests at the dinner.

A number of ladies of the city are busy this morning arranging a menu for the dinner, which promises to be as successful from a culinary as well as an oratorical standpoint.

SPEED KINGS READY.

Indianapolis the Objective of Racing Fans This Week.

(By The Associated Press)

Indianapolis, May 29.—The annual flood of automobile race fans was pouring into Indianapolis today from every direction. The sixth annual running of the international sweepstakes on the Indianapolis motor speedway tomorrow is the attraction.

Twenty-one, and possibly more, drivers are expected to start the 300 mile contest.

If it is calm and cool tomorrow a record breaking performance is anticipated.

Ralph De Palma's average of 89 miles an hour was made under nearly perfect conditions. As the field of starters is fast and the race has been cut from 500 to 300 miles, it is considered probable that his speed will be surpassed.

Y. M. C. A. SPEAKERS

Come From Charlotte and Winston-Salem to Appeal for Y. M. C. A.

Yesterday six pulpits in the city were filled by Y. M. C. A. speakers, who presented the cause of the Y. M. C. A. and appealed to the Concord Churches to support the movement to establish such an institution here.

In the morning Mr. Allen Craig, of Winston-Salem, spoke at the Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church; Mr. G. C. Huntington, of Charlotte, at McKinnon Presbyterian; Mr. John H. Ross, of Charlotte, at Trinity Reformed Church, and Mr. E. G. Wilson, of Charlotte, at the First Presbyterian Church.

In the evening Mr. Wilson spoke at Central Methodist Church and Mr. Huntington spoke at Forest Hill Methodist Church.

NEW YORK STOCKS.

No Striking Changes from Last Week's Final Quotations.

(By The Associated Press)

New York, May 29.—Aside from such specialties as the Automobile group, in which gains of two to five points were recorded, no striking changes from last week's final quotations were noted on the resumption of trading today. War shares, such as Crucible Steel, Mexican Petroleum and some of the metals were lower by a point. There were fairly large initial offerings of United States Steel, Reading and Kennecott Copper at minor changes, but otherwise dealings were light and narrow.

NO ACTION YET TAKEN ON BLAKELEE ATTACK

On the Senate Postoffice Committee, Made Saturday.

(By The Associated Press)

Washington, May 29.—No action was taken by the Senate Postoffice committee on the attack Postmaster General Blakelee that the committee in amending the postal bills had surrendered to the railroads. Chairman Bankhead said the committee would meet tomorrow.

Attention, Veterans!

Dinner will be served by the Daughters of the Confederacy to the Veterans at the Central Graded school on Saturday, the 3rd day of June. All Veterans are requested to meet at the St. Cloud hotel at 12 o'clock sharp and march down in a body.

H. B. PARKS, Com. Camp No. 212, U. C. V.

Sergeant Hollman, of the United States Army, is here for a week. Sergeant Hollman will instruct Company L in military discipline and other features of military work during his stay.

Miss Vermile Lide, who was a member of the graded school faculty the past year, left Saturday night for Hampton, Va., where she will visit for several weeks.

Miss Annie E. Snyder, of Concord, will graduate at the Normal and Collegiate Institute, of Asheville, next week.

Carranza is anxious to have relations with this country confined to diplomatic correspondence.

Buy Monday's Yps Barrage at 10¢.

TOBACCO MEN PLEAD FOR A SQUARE DEAL

AT OPENING SESSION OF THE CONVENTION TODAY.

PROTEST AGAINST PAYING MORE TAX

Jacob Wertheim, of New York, President of the Tobacco Merchants' Association of the United States, in His First Annual Address at the Meeting Which Opened Today, Protested Against the Anti-Tobacco Legislation in the Various States Including Restrictions on Smoking and More Tax.—Industry Already Taxed to the Limit.

(By The Associated Press)

Washington, May 29.—Demands for a "square deal" at the hands of the legislators for the tobacco industry was voiced by Jacob Wertheim, president of the Tobacco Merchants' Association of the United States in his first annual address at the opening session of the organization here today. In this connection the speaker referred to the proposed anti-tobacco legislation in the various states, including restrictions against smoking which he said, if enacted, would result in necessary loss of business to the industry.

Mr. Wertheim protested against the proposal to levy additional taxes on tobacco and contended the industry already was taxed to the limit. Statistics were introduced to show that additional burdens in taxes virtually would amount to confiscation of property.

The program for the afternoon session called for the reading of technical papers regarding the industry. Tonight the association's annual banquet will be held when prominent members of Congress will speak.

Several hundred delegates representing 30 states, Cuba and Porto Rico, are participating in the session, which will continue through tomorrow. The chief object of the association is to bring about a closer co-operation with those identified with the industry.

VALUABLE PAINTINGS DESTROYED BY FIRE

Portraits of General J. S. Carr and Capt. E. J. Parish Burned at Durham.

(By The Associated Press)

Durham, May 29.—Oil paintings of General Julian S. Carr and Captain E. J. Parrish, valued at \$2,500, were destroyed in a fire that Sunday night after 11 o'clock broke through the O'Brien building, in the central part of Durham's business district. The fire originated in the Hightower and Goodwin photo studio and practically destroyed the Womble Jewelry Store and the Singer Sewing Machine company, in the same building. The total loss is estimated at \$12,000. Fire Chief Christian suffered a deep gash in the head when struck by a piece of steel and Capt. A. H. Turner, of Hope Co. No. 2, suffered a crushed foot during the fire.

Gibson Mill Wins From Cross Roads.

The Gibson Mill ball team won the game from the Cross Roads team in a tenth-inning struggle on the Cross Roads diamond Saturday.

The steady pitching and timely batting of Green for Gibson was a feature, and also Canble's triple in the tenth inning, with first sack occupied.

Says Publishers Must Raise Rates.

A prediction that if the publishers of weekly papers do not increase their subscription and advertising rates, many of them will "hit the ceiling," before the close of the year, was made by H. C. Fellows, editor of the Henric Standard in a paper read at a recent meeting of the Oklahoma Press Association held at Tulsa. Mr. Fellows urged the general adoption of the \$1.50 a year subscription price for all weekly papers.

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THE WALTER REUNION.

More Than 150 People Gather to Honor Mr. Abner Walter.

More than one hundred and fifty people gathered at the residence of Mr. G. C. Goodman on the 27th to celebrate the 90th birthday of Mr. Abner Walter.

Mr. Walter is one of those cheerful souls who has grown old gracefully. Neither the burdens of the war nor the vicissitudes of life have been able to sour his disposition. Calmly, smoothly he glides down the decline of life, holding fast the warm love of his children and the kindly regard of his friends.

There were present to greet him and to cheer him with their loving ministrations, five children, ten grandchildren, and twenty five great grandchildren, all vying with each other to make it a happy day for him.

Mr. Walter seemed especially to enjoy the old songs, sung by the Veterans' Choir, who were present to furnish music and to greet their aged comrade. Very noticeable was the spirit of good fellowship, which pervaded the entire gathering. There was no segregation of small coteries, who stood aloof. All mingled freely and everyone contributed his best to the general good time.

After partaking of a splendid repast, which reflected great credit upon the good ladies of the community, several short speeches of congratulations and good wishes were made and all seemed reluctant to leave the scene of such an enjoyable day.

CONFERENCE ADJOURNS.

Methodist Episcopal Church General Conference Closed.

(By The Associated Press)

Saratoga Springs, May 29.—The session of the 27th annual general conference of Methodist Episcopal Church, held here during the last four weeks, were concluded today at a meeting at which practically all the business transacted was of a routine character.

Weekly Cotton Review.

New York, May 26.—The cotton market has been weak and unsettled during the past week with prices showing declines of approximately \$3 per bale from the recent high levels. Favorable weather and crop accounts combined with rather a less optimistic view of prospects for immediate peace negotiations seemed to be responsible for more or less general liquidation and scattered selling.

Prices at the close tonight showed rallies of several points from the lowest.

Notwithstanding the unfavorable character of the weekly report of the Weather Bureau, the disposition has evidently been to discount an official condition figure well up to the ten-year average, while there has also been a very general inclination to expect larger acreage figures from private authorities during the next few days than those published toward the end of April. One of these private reports, issued during the week, made the increase in area 12.7 per cent compared with an earlier season estimate of 9.2 per cent, and placed the condition of the crop at 80.6 per cent compared with the official 10-year average of 78.9 per cent. Scattering reports from the South have complained of delayed germination and late season owing to wet weather or low temperatures earlier in the month, but weather conditions recently have been more favorable and the crop is supposed to have made good progress during the past few days. Some scattered Southern selling from New Orleans, Memphis and eastern belt sources is supposed to have been based upon this improvement in crop prospects, while the decline has also reflected Wall Street liquidation on the less favorable view of the political news. Advances from the dry goods trade, however, have indicated no diminution of activity and the buying encountered on a scale down is supposed to have been inspired by a feeling that the strengthened technical position would render the market very sensitive to any resurgence of unfavorable weather or to anything in the shape of more definite peace rumors.

Dale Brown.

There was a surprise marriage at Luther Chapel, near China Grove, yesterday morning. Just after the sermon Rev. C. A. Brown, the pastor of the church, asked the congregation to be seated, as he had another service to perform. To the great surprise of those present a bridal party entered. Mr. Henry C. Dale, of Bolton, entered with his brother, Mr. J. W. Dale, and the bride, Miss Lala Brown, daughter of Rev. C. A. Brown, came in with her sister, Miss Edna Brown. While the party was entering Miss Ruth Brown played Traumeri on the organ. After the ceremony was completed and the happy pair had received the congratulations of many admiring friends, they left in Mr. Dale's car for their home at Bolton.

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DEATH OF JAMES J. HILL, THE RAILROAD BUILDER

MESSENGER OF CARRANZA ARRIVES IN WASHINGTON

Denies That He Brought Note, as Had Been Expected.

(By The Associated Press)

Washington, May 29.—Manuel Mendez, an attaché of General Carranza's foreign office, arrived here today and conferred with the Mexican ambassador, but denied that he brought a note as had been expected from his chief. He declared that he was merely in the United States on a vacation.

The ambassador and other officials expressed to be puzzled. It has been reported from Mexico and the border that a special messenger was bringing a new communication from General Carranza. No indication of its contents has been given, but it generally has been assumed by American officials that the expected note probably renewed the demand for the withdrawal of American forces, or made a protest against the new punitive expedition led by Colonel Sibley and Major Langhorne, which has, however, returned to American territory.

At the Mexican embassy it was said that if a note was coming it probably would be brought by some other messenger.

Special Agent Rodgers at Mexico City telegraphed that the note should have reached Washington yesterday. He has been assured that it will not be made public until delivered to Secretary Lansing. The ambassador, however, reiterated that he had no official advice that the note was on its way.

LEATHER SO SCARCE WE MAY GO UNSHOD

Magnates of Shoemaking to Take Problem Up With Government.

Philadelphia, May 29.—If you like to go around barefooted, or if you have always secretly envied the Dutchman his wooden shoes, you may enjoy the latest development in the council of war of the heads of the country's shoe industry, representing one billion dollars of capital, now on at the Chamber of Commerce here.

After it had been admitted at today's session that short skirts, by invading higher boots for women, have helped to boost prices, and it had been suggested that relief might be found by using shark instead of calfskins, or cloth instead of leather tops, it was decided that the only hope of keeping the cost of footwear from soaring is to effect a reciprocity agreement by which foreign countries—especially Russia—will release cow and calfskins now held back by war embargo.

A special committee was appointed to go to Washington and try to arrange with the State Department and the representatives of foreign governments for the importation of hides. A. C. McGowan of this city, who presided at the session, said:

"The object of this conference from our viewpoint is to receive suggestions that may show us a way prices can be kept from getting into a position that will make it almost impossible for some people to wear shoes, which condition of affairs seems likely from present conditions."

BOOMS FOR REPUBLICAN PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATES

Gov. Whitman Will Place Hughes' Name in Nomination.

(By The Associated Press)

Chicago, May 29.—Two additional booms of candidates for the Republican nomination for President were brought to Chicago today. They were those of Charles E. Hughes, of New York, and Coleman Du Pont, of Delaware. Frank H. Hitchcock laughed the Hughes campaign.

Governor Whitman, of New York, will place Mr. Hughes in nomination according to present plans. When the roll of states is called for nomination it has been arranged to have Alabama waive in favor of New York, so that Hughes' name may be the first presented.

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BEST KNOWN CITIZEN OF NORTHWEST

Death Occurred at 9:40 O'clock.—He Was 78 Years of Age.—His Pacific Fleet Now Carries \$50,000,000 Worth of Tonnage to the Orient Every Year.—Converted Northwest From Wilderness to One of Richest Farming Sections in the Union.—He Blazed a Trail for Transportation Which Reached from Buffalo To Asia.

(By The Associated Press)

St. Paul, Minn., May 29.—J. J. Hill, railroad builder and capitalist, and most widely known citizen of northwest, died this morning at his home here at 9:20 o'clock.

James J. Hill discovered "the breadbasket of the world" in the Great Northwest; he led in its development from a wilderness into what now comprises six wealthy States dotted with 400,000 farms; and he blazed a trail for transportation which reached eventually from Buffalo to Asia, with a total mileage of rail and steamship facilities that would nearly girdle the earth.

That but roughly spans the story of his achievement.

Near Guelph, in Ontario, where James J. (romie) Hill was born in 1838, the son of an Irish-Canadian farmer who died when the boy was 15, there stands a tree stump labeled: "The last tree chopped by James J. Hill."

It marked the lad's resolution to go to the United States. He had been prompted by an odd incident. According to the story that is told, a strange traveler had stopped at the Hill farm to take dinner, and left his horse at the gate. Young Hill saw the animal was tired and he carried it a pail of water. The stranger was pleased with the lad's thoughtfulness and as he drove off he tossed him a newspaper from the United States, and called out gravely:

"Go there young man. That country needs youngsters of your spirit."

While Mr. Hill built up for himself and his associates an immense fortune, he also helped to create for the settlers along his lines a wealth of over five billion dollars in real property, which is represented by the value of the 400,000 farms and their 65,000,000 acres of improved land.

Upon his retirement at 69, the "streak of rust" he had bought 30 years before, had expanded to more than 6,000 miles and it was earning gross profits of more than \$66,000,000 a year, carrying 15,000,000 tons of freight annually. He still retained a hand in the Great Northern's policy as chairman of the board of directors, while his son Louis, who had worked up from the humblest position of his father's railroad became president.

The secret of the Hill success was no secret at all, according to Mr. Hill, and he had no new recipes to offer. "The man with the big opportunity today," he said, "is the man in the ranks." But the secret of failure he frequently declared to be extravagance. He regarded this as a national tendency, against which he strongly set himself, particularly as concerned the natural resources.

During his active supervision of the Great Northern system, Mr. Hill oversaw almost every detail, to the wonder of all employees with whom he came in contact. A fugitive instance of his recognition in his own country is the story of a tourist who declares that there are afloat in the Swedish section of the Northwest upwards of 10,000 different stories in Swedish dialect with "Yan Hill" as the centerpiece. Patrons of his lines have liked and disliked him in rapid alternation, for it was his point to have his way, not only where his road should run, but where his patrons should settle. This was part of his economic policy. He carried out a singular regularity in the location of branch lines, giving a minimum of short lines on which light trains were unavoidable. The principal test of his railway gospel was low grades, heavy power, large capacity cars, and big train loads on his main lines, and he began to preach this at a time when these things were held as visionary by most railway men.

In contact with the late E. H. Harriman, who outdid him in extent of railway ownership, Mr. Hill was not only the financial head, but the practical head, of his great railway system. He was the chief promoter and president of the Northern Securities Company, organized with a purpose to bring the Northern Pacific and Great Northern under one ownership, to which such opposition developed that a suit was brought in the United States Circuit Court, which decided that the acquisition was an illegal combination. It was dissolved in 1904 by the Supreme Court.

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