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GERMANS STILL A PETTY THIEF MAKING GAINS FROM BOYHOOD IN REGION OF HE'S ON TRIAL FT. DOUAUMONT NOW FOR LIFE

Unprecedented Bombardments of French Lines Around Verdun Continue Despite Heavy Losses Teutons Are Suffering

(By Associated Press.)
Continuing their unprecedented bombardments and infantry attacks in the region of Verdun, the Germans captured a section of French trenches south and southwest of Fort Douaumont, but were repulsed at other points with heavy losses. Around Douaumont a heavy artillery duel is still in progress. Germans have increased their fire against the French positions on Hill 304. Attempt of the Germans to advance north of Olyka station, southeast of Lutsk was repulsed by the Russians. The Germans are occupying Fussian positions west of Dalon Island but have been driven out by a Russian counter-attack. Rome reports the repulse of Austrians in the region southeast of Trent. At other points on the Austro-Italian front the situation is unchanged. Petrograd says a junction was effected between Russian and British troops in the region of Kut-Ei-Amar. The Russians are reported to have come from Persia and doubtless a force of Cossack cavalry will be officially reported from London to have joined the British. Artillery fighting is underway on the Serbo-Greek frontier. King George signed the military service bill today. Lloyd-George was named to try to settle the Irish situation by conciliating all parties.

French Losing.
Paris, May 25.—The tide of battle at Verdun has flowed against the French during the last twenty-four hours. The Germans are rallying from the smashing blows which took from them the most of Fort Douaumont by a lavish expenditure of life and partially recaptured the ground lost on the right bank of the Meuse. They also gained a small advantage on the left bank. Military opinions are not greatly concerned over the result of the day's fighting. Such incidents are regarded as inevitable in the strategy of action and reaction upon which the German defense is based. The aim of the defenders is to inflict the greatest possible loss on the enemy with the least possible cost to themselves. French counter-attacks are expected to restore the situation in favor of France by tomorrow. The occupation of Gamberes village has given the Germans a slight advantage as to a certain extent it commands the French lateral communications. However, the village is still covered by French artillery and the Germans will be unable to profit to any great extent by its possession.

Berlin Report.
Berlin, May 25. (Wireless)—The repulse of the French counter-attack on the Gamberes village is announced by the German press. The capture of additional French trenches southwest of Fort Douaumont and the recapture of Haudentum quarry by the Germans is also reported.

Average Gains.
Paris, May 25.—Inspection by military authorities of maps of the Verdun region shows that within the last month German gains on the west bank of the Meuse from Gamberes to Avocourt have an average depth of 300 meters. The line eastward from the river is substantially the same as a month ago.

Hollander Is Jailed On Charge Of Offering To Reveal 'German' Letters

New York, May 25.—A man giving the name of August DeLoew, 31 years old, a native of Holland, was arrested tonight by Captain Tracey, head of the New York police "amb

Waite Bares Story of Sordid Past Up To Time He Poisoned Wife's Father—Expelled From College

(By Associated Press.)
New York, May 25.—In an effort to save himself from the electric chair, Dr. Arthur Warren Waite, on trial here for the murder of his millionaire father-in-law, John B. Peck, took the stand late today and bared the sordid secrets of his life. Young Waite coolly and without hesitancy told a story which was devoted largely to the admission of "thefts from time he was a boy until he stole ten dollars from the mother of the girl he married, while he was courting Miss Peck. His father, Warren W. Waite, and his brothers, Frank and Clyde, preceded him on the stand. The father told of the taint of insanity in the family, and the brothers of his elchery while a boy. Waite told how he was expelled from a college fraternity at the University of Michigan for stealing five hundred dollars from his fraternity mates; how he doctored his Michigan diploma to gain entrance into the University of Edinburgh and later systematically robbed the dental firm he traveled for in South Africa. Counsel for the defense today, by his examination of the witness, sought to show Waite is mentally un-sound.

Brothers as Witnesses.
Walter R. Deuel, Waite's counsel said he expected to end the defense by Friday night. Deuel told the jurors the defense would show an un-sound mind. Kates, his attorney, said the attorney would show his mental weakness, while his father and two brothers would testify as to the prisoners condition and concerning circumstances of his early life. Counsel promised to produce alienists to show Waite's mind was diseased.

Frank A. Waite, a brother was the first defense witness. He said because Waite had a large head the other members of the Waite family "poked him at him." He said his brother lagged on the way to school when a child and was always getting into trouble with the other boys.

Arthur was eighteen when he entered Michigan university. He sent back seven thousand dollars from South Africa and brought fifteen hundred when he returned. The brother described visits to Waite's apartment when he was in a stupor from narcotics and said the dentist then talked a trandom and in lucid intervals acted far differently than when normal. Waite never discussed his intention to marry Clara Peck until after the engagement was announced. Cross examined he said he remembered visiting a physician of Bellefont hospital there was no epileptic mental deficiency, nor criminality in the Waite family. He said he did not see "brother reading a book on arsenic, and did not recall hearing Arthur say after the death of Peck that he had been told he could get arsenic from Gardner to put in to the embalming fluid.

HUSTINGS WOULD DIVIDE RIVERS APPROPRIATION

(By Associated Press.)
Washington, May 25.—Senator Hastings, democrat of Wisconsin, today moved to recommit the rivers and harbors bill to the commerce committee with instructions to report the bill carrying not more than half the present amount of forty-three million. The motion may be voted on tomorrow.

BUSINESS MEN OF THE NATION SOLIDLY BEHIND "PREPAREDNESS"

Referendum Vote Among Commercial Bodies of Country Shows Strong Sentiment For Defense At Land and Sea

(By Associated Press.)
Washington, May 25.—A referendum vote just completed among commercial bodies throughout the country holding membership in the chamber of commerce of the United States shows the sentiment of business men overwhelmingly in favor of general preparedness, universal military training, a building program that would restore the United States navy to standing place, and an adequate army increase. Members voting in forty-three states of Alaska, Philippines and Hawaii brought out the largest vote of any canvass ever polled by an organization. The vote for general preparedness was nine hundred and seventy to eight; vote for universal training, eight hundred and eighty-nine to fifty-six, and vote for a navy increase nine hundred and fifty-two to ten.

Brandeis Vote Deferred Until Probe is made

(By Associated Press.)
Washington, May 25.—Action on the nomination of Louis D. Brandeis to the supreme court was postponed by unanimous consent in the senate executive session today. Senators opposed to the nomination asked for additional time to consider their course.

HOLD HEARINGS NEXT WEEK ON SHIPPING BILL

Washington, May 25.—Hearings on the administration shipping bill will be held next week by a sub-committee of the senate commerce committee equipped of Simmons, Fletcher, Bankhead, Jones and Lippitt. The hearings, which begin Monday, will be confined to those who ask to be heard and is expected to be concluded in two or three days. No witnesses will be called by the sub-committee. Administration leaders say the bill will pass the senate practically as it passed the house.

USE KNIFE ON MEN TO BOOST PREPAREDNESS

Philadelphia, Pa., May 25.—To help the cause of preparedness by increasing the number of epileptics in the army, navy and marine corps, surgeons at the Jefferson hospital this city have announced that they will remove through minor operations, and without charge for their services, disqualifying defects in applicants that can be remedied by the use of the knife. Many men are rejected at the recruiting station who might be saved to the service through a simple surgical operation, the Jefferson doctors have found. Last week they removed enlarged tonsils from one and hammer toes from another rejected applicant of the United States marine corps, and both these men will be enlisted when the wounds heal.

PATIENT SUITOR MAKES "FILE" AFTER COURTSHIP OF 45 YEARS AND WEDS

Atlanta, May 25.—After a courtship of forty-two years P. L. Kates and Miss Kate Hagan, of Rutherford, Tenn., have been married according to telegrams received by Atlanta relatives. The groom is 67 and the bride 58. The courtship began in school days and Yates said after his marriage that he had never believed he could afford to marry until he had paid for a thousand acres of land, had one thousand dollars in a bank and had built and furnished a home for his bride. All this he did, and married.

Just a Question of Veracity



Rear-Admiral Bradley A. Fiske, Secretary of the Navy.

C. S. Thompson, chairman of the executive committee of the American Defense society, has sent a letter to President Wilson concerning Rear-Admiral Bradley A. Fiske and the secretary of the navy. These are the opening paragraphs: "The American Defense Society desires to call your attention to an unfortunate situation. As the result of a request from the United States senate, the secretary of the navy has recently made public a letter written on November 9, 1914, by Rear-Admiral Bradley A. Fiske, who was then aid for operations. "The Secretary of the Navy has stated that his aid for operations filed this letter with the chief clerk of the navy department and did not show it to the secretary. Admiral Fiske stated that he handed the letter to the Secretary of the Navy, as the latter was standing at his desk in the navy department and he read it carefully."

PEACE TALKS BY THE PRESIDENT AND TAFT TO FEATURE MEETING

Noted Speakers Will Address League to Enforce Peace During Convention Which Begins Today at Washington—Movement Supported By Political Leaders of Country

Washington, D. C., May 25.—Much interest is being shown in the first annual national assemblage of the League to Enforce Peace, which convenes here tomorrow, the principal feature of which is to be an address to be made at one of the sessions by President Wilson. Ex-President Taft, who is the head of the league, will preside at all of the sessions. The convention is to last two days, ending with a banquet at the New Willard hotel Saturday evening. Other addresses will be made by Newton D. Baker, secretary of war; Senator Lodge, of Massachusetts; Oscar S. Straus, former ambassador to Turkey; Theodore Roosevelt, former U. S. minister to Belgium; President A. Lawrence Lowell of Harvard University; R. G. Hett, president of the chamber of commerce of the United States; Benjamin F. Waterloo, president of the University of California; Edward A. Stearns, chairman of the League of Nations; William H. Taft, Jr.; John W. Weeks; Philip H. Gossett; J. Edgar Hoover; Herbert S. Packer; Thomas Bacon; White, Charles S. Ward; Nathaniel Bowman; Harry A. Wheeler; Franklin H. Hildner; Walter H. Hays; Oliver Wilson, of the National Grange; and Samuel

Tuskegee, Ala., May 25.—Major Robert R. Moton, a negro of undimmed blood, was installed here as principal of Tuskegee institute, which was founded by the late Booker T. Washington for the uplift of the negro race. In his installation address, Major Moton indicated that he would endeavor to follow out the policy of his predecessor, Dr. Washington. "While the outlook was never more hopeful, the negro problem is yet unsolved," said Major Moton. "While there is great encouragement in the fact that 70 per cent of the negro population can read and write it is safe to assume that 70 per cent of the negroes are really and truly educated. Our progress in this country has been wonderful and we have every reason for rejoicing; but shiftlessness, disease, inefficiency and crime are entirely too prevalent our people. Color and conduct still count in this question, but let us remember that conduct counts more than color." Major Moton reminded his hearers that in his last talk from the same platform Dr. Washington spoke of the importance and value of "character work." "If less work was necessary in this school under the leadership of Dr. Washington," he continued, "how much more imperative it is now that we have not the help and inspiration of his words and presence." "If we are to be true to the great negro trust," he continued, "if we are to carry out the aims and purposes of Booker T. Washington, we must each cherish and maintain the spirit which has always permeated

ARMY MEASURE 116 WILL FACE PASSED BY BOTH COURT MARTIAL HOUSES AND IS SENT TO PRES'T HEED DUTY CALL

Hay-Chamberlain Bill Ready For Wilson's Signature—Appropriation Measure Decided Upon By House Military Committee

(By Associated Press.)
Washington, May 25.—All three of the administration preparedness measures moved forward today. The army appropriation bill, carrying one hundred and fifty million dollars, was agreed upon by the house military committee. Democratic leaders in the house have prepared a special rule under which the naval appropriation bill will be taken up Monday and be voted on not later than next Friday. The Hay-Chamberlain army reorganization bill has already passed both houses and was today sent to President Wilson. Secretary Baker is studying the army bill and as soon as he makes his report President Wilson is expected to sign it.

Senator Lewis Wants U. S. To Propose Peace

(By Associated Press.)
Washington, May 25.—A resolution requesting President Wilson, unless incompatible with public interest, to suggest to the warring nations that the United States mediate, was introduced today by Senator Lewis. The resolution will lie on the table for discussion later. President Wilson is to propose a truce and each warring nation select a neutral country as its representative on the board of arbitration thus selected, according to the proposal. The president or his representative would preside as a referee.

BEHIND CLOSED DOORS COURT MARTIAL POPOFF

(By Associated Press.)
Petrograd, May 25.—M. Popoff, leader of the comparatively insignificant number of conscientious objectors to military service—all adherents of Count Tolstoy's doctrine—has been court-martialed together with a number of others at Moscow and has been sentenced to eighteen months imprisonment. More than twenty were acquitted after a trial which lasted several days behind closed doors. The private secretary of the great Tolstoy, M. Bulgakoff, however, was sentenced, along with twenty-eight other followers of Tolstoyan doctrine. The well-known author, Arvid Janszoff, was arrested at his home recently for signing a manifesto calling on Finns not to serve as soldiers for Russia. His arrest was made by order of the governor-general of Finland, and he is to be tried for treason.

PRINCE CHING PASSES HIS 80TH BIRTHDAY

(By Associated Press.)
Tien-Tsin, China, May 25.—The famous old Manchur, Prince Ching celebrated his eightieth birthday in Tien-tsin this month. President Yuan sent four of his personal attendants to visit the prince, and give him valuable presents. Under the Manchus, Prince Ching held many important offices, and once premier in the Chinese cabinet established by Imperial decree in May, 1911. He was dismissed from the premiership and appointed president of the privy council late in the same year. Upon the abdication of the Manchus, he retired into private life and now resides here.

The Export Trade Of U. S. Promises To Reach Five Billion End Fiscal Year

Washington, May 25.—The export trade of the United States promises to reach nearly five billion by the end of the fiscal year, June thirtieth. Statistics issued today by the department of commerce placed exports for the ten months ending with April at three billion, four hundred and one million. This is one billion one hundred and seventy five million more than at the same period last year. Trade balance in favor of the United States may reach two billion by the end of the year.

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