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ALLIES AGAIN BEGIN ATTACK ON TURK FORTS

RUSSIAN AVIATORS DAMAGE GERMAN TRENCHES AND BOATS ON VISTULA

GERMANS CONTINUE ASSAULT ON YPRES

No Explanation Given For Suspending England-Holland Shipping.

LONDON, April 23.—The British forces, despite the repeated German rushes, have held hill number 60, near Ypres. The fighting in that locality today shows signs of developing along a wide front with increasing intensity, even rivaling the German attempts to break through the British lines last fall.

While there has been a lull in the German counter attacks, according to the British official report today, it is assumed that both sides are being strongly reinforced. The tone of the British communication indicates that the issue has not yet been finally decided.

The city of Ypres, whose historic structures were shattered by the German projectiles last October, is again the target of heavy shells. Seventeen-inch missiles are now being used. Unless the civilian population has fled or has taken to the cellars the losses among its people must be heavy.

The assault on the Dardanelles has been resumed, although it is not apparent whether the allies' forces are ready to begin the expected general attack. Four British warships entered the straits yesterday and bombarded the Turkish forts, which also were subjected to an indirect fire across the peninsula from the gulf of Saros. The result of the fighting was not disclosed. The bombardment of the Turkish fortifications at Smyrna in Asia Minor also is believed to have been resumed. Nothing indicates, however, that a move has been made toward an attack by the forces which were landed at the Gulf of Saros, such as is expected to accompany the next effort on a large scale to win the Dardanelles. Although Great Britain is silent, Germany is apparently expecting extensive land operations near the Dardanelles.

A Petrograd dispatch says that Russian aviators inflicted considerable damage on the German positions at several points. Bombs were dropped on Plock and Miawa, in Russian Poland. Several German boats on the Vistula river were struck. The German trenches were damaged.

There is no official explanation forthcoming of the stoppage of traffic between England and Holland. One theory is that it is a stroke at spies; another, that an area is being cleared for naval action. The latter explanation seems incomplete as the vessels from Scandinavian ports are not held up.

LONDON, April 23.—Europe is highly expectant. A big battle is developing near Ypres, there's a prospective naval engagement in the North Sea, and preparations for a naval and military attack on the Dardanelles or some other spot in Turkey.

Official reports confirm rumors of a severe battle near Ypres. The reports are conflicting. The result of preliminary fighting is unknown. Apparently the Germans, following their loss of Hill Sixty and failure to regain it, have begun an offensive from the northeast before Ypres, and also against the Belgians further west. The Germans claim to have driven the allies to Ypres Canal, taking many prisoners and guns. The French say the allies' counter attacks succeeded, and that the Belgians repulsed the Germans. The (CONTINUED ON PAGE SIX.)

TEAGUE AGAIN NAMED COMMANDER STATE U. C. V. REED HEADS 2nd. BRIGADE

COLUMBIA, April 23.—Major General B. H. Teague of Aiken was re-elected the commander of the South Carolina division of the U. C. V. at the meeting this morning. H. H. Newton of Bennettsville was elected commander of the first brigade and C. A. Reed of Anderson was re-elected commander of the second brigade. The selection of the next place of meeting was left with General Teague. The annual reunion was brought to a close this afternoon with a great parade.

TWENTY LIVES LOST IN STORM

ELECTRICAL STORM SWEEP TEXAS AND EASTERN OKLAHOMA

AUSTIN SUFFERED HEAVIEST LOSS

River Channel Moves Two Miles—Oil Wells Fired—Train Service Stopped.

DALLAS, Texas, April 23.—Eight persons were known to be dead today as a result of the rain, electrical and wind storm which was general over practically all of Texas and the eastern portion of Oklahoma yesterday and last night. Thousands of dollars worth of property damage was done. Wire and rail communication was disarranged. Six of the eight dead are negroes.

The storm was especially severe in Austin, Texas. The city was in darkness last night. A rescue squad was busy all night taking the endangered persons to higher ground as a result of the flooding of Water Creek.

Oil tanks were set on fire by lightning at several places. In Oklahoma the Canadian river at Chickasha cut a new channel two miles from the old bed. Ten passenger trains were marooned there.

DALLAS, Texas, April 23.—Twenty persons, perhaps more, met death last night in the rain, electrical and wind storm, which was general over nearly all of Texas and eastern Oklahoma. Austin felt the brunt of the storm which, in places, reached cyclonic proportions. The death toll there is expected to be at least 15. The property damage is estimated as large. Burning oil tanks alone resulted in the loss of approximately \$200,000.

NEGRO CHARGED WITH ASSAULT CAPTURED AT BLYTHEWOOD

WINNSBORO, April 23.—Following two days of almost continuous pursuit, Julius Smith, the negro who on last Tuesday is alleged to have assaulted a farmer's wife of Fairfield County, was arrested Thursday afternoon near the outskirts of Blytheville, a small town fifteen miles north of Columbia, by Sheriff A. D. Hood, assisted by two rural policemen, and spirited away to the State penitentiary for safe-keeping.

VILLA IS PREPARING FOR ANOTHER ATTACK

Concentrating Forces at Aguas Calientes—Needs Ammunition For Artillery.

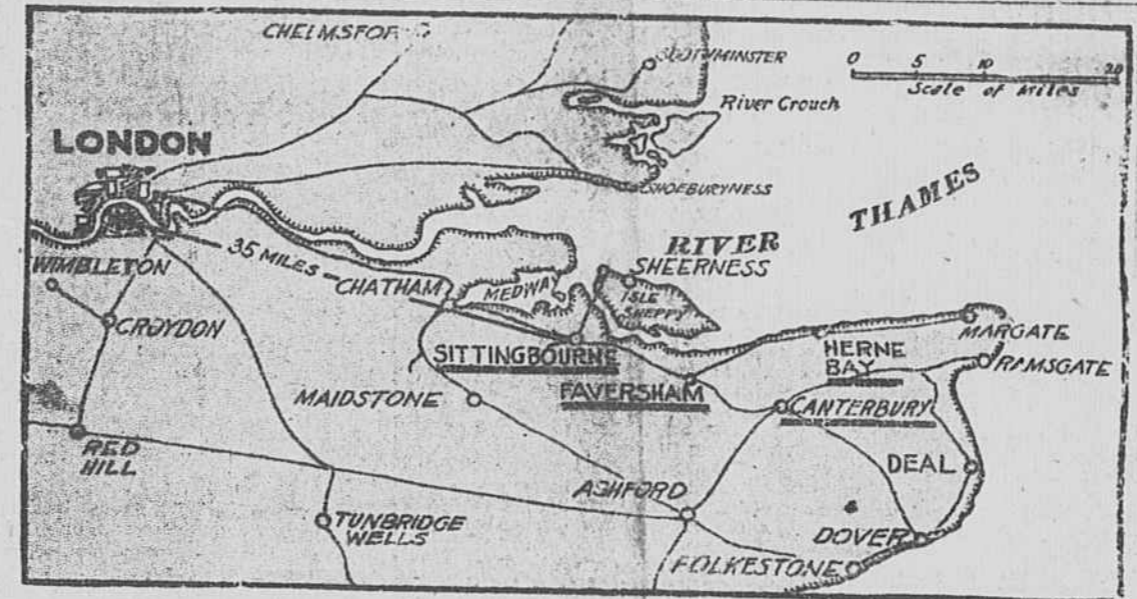
WASHINGTON, April 23.—Villa is continuing his efforts to concentrate troops at Aguas Calientes for another attack on Obregon's army, according to advices to the state department today. Obregon is reported to be advancing northward from Irapuato. It is said Villa is short of ammunition, especially for artillery. No official estimate of Obregon's losses in Celeya has been received. Villa is reported to have lost six thousand men. Obregon's losses are believed to be much less.

The state department today stated it was reported in Vera Cruz that Guadalupe has been occupied by constitutionalists. Obregon is advancing northward, forces going to the front from Vera Cruz. The railroad is open from Vera Cruz to Pachuca. Vera Cruz reports say the constitutionalists at Nuatusco have joined Zapata.

Eagle Pass advices say there is passenger traffic to Monterey, Saltillo and Torreon via Piedrasnegras.

The annual ball will be a dance at the Jefferson hotel tonight. The veterans took up a large part of the session this morning with a discussion of the pension money and finally adopted a resolution to name a committee to look after the passage by the senate of the Smith bill, removing the property qualification on pensioners and letting all Confederate soldiers and widows of soldiers share in the pensions. Several rapped the State for "parsimony" in the amount of pension appropriated.

Towns Attacked In Raid By German Aviators



German aeroplanes reaching over towns along the Thames river in broad day light have so frightened the British people that special night watchmen have been sent all over London to watch for their approach. If they come in the night every light in the city will be put out. Guns have been mounted, and every preparation known in the present day against such an attack is said to have been ordered at a special meeting of the cabinet. The raids Friday, April 16, did very little damage, but they caused excitement.

The map shows the course of the aeroplanes and the towns near which they dropped explosives. They were sighted at Deal, on the coast. About noon they appeared over Herne Bay, and they went on to Canterbury, about fifty miles from London. Within a few minutes they were reported over Canterbury, closer to the capital, and very soon afterward they appeared over Faversham and then over Sittingbourne, not more than thirty miles away, dropping bombs on each town. So far as known the damage done by the bombs was negligible.

JURY TRIAL FOR THAW ON QUESTION OF SANITY

DECISION RENDERED THIS MORNING BY JUSTICE HENDRICKS

CONSPIRACY FOILED

Plans Said To Have Been Laid To Take Thaw Out of State.

NEW YORK, April 23.—Harry Thaw has finally succeeded in bringing the question of his sanity before a jury after many attempts. The supreme court of New York today granted the application for a jury trial made in his habeas corpus writ. The trial date is May 17th.

Justice Hendrick made it clear that a jury is called to add the court by advice. The jury's finding won't be binding if the court is satisfied it isn't in accordance with the evidence. The justice said the court could disregard the jury's decision and render its own.

Thaw was radiant when he heard the verdict. His first thought was of his mother, who was not present. Thaw was remanded to the toms until the trial. It is believed the trial won't last more than a week. There won't be an array of expert witnesses as at his first trial.

NEW YORK, April 23.—The question of the sanity of Harry K. Thaw will be determined by a jury. Supreme Court Justice Hendricks in his decision today granted the application for trial made by Thaw's attorneys in a writ of habeas corpus.

Thaw was in court when the decision was announced. His face immediately lighted up with pleasure. He was kept busy, nearly half an hour shaking hands and receiving explanations before he was taken back to the toms.

"It will be good news to mother," Thaw told the newspaper men. "That's all I want to say for publication."

The question which Hendricks had to decide was whether the court had the power to grant a jury trial. He held that the jury was called in "to assist the court by their advice" and that its findings would not be binding if the court was satisfied it was not in accordance with the evidence and with justice. The trial is set for May 17th.

Conspiracy Uncovered.

NEW YORK, April 23.—Sheriff Griggenhagen said today that he had taken every precaution to frustrate the alleged plot to take Harry K. Thaw out of New York State which was revealed last night in Norfolk, Va.

Without accusing Thaw or any of his intimates the party who reported the plan to the local authorities said that he had reason to believe that plans had been laid to take Thaw from his guard on the way to court and hurry him to the first train for Virginia.

According to the sheriff the plan was first revealed by a letter, written to Assistant District Attorney Frederick J. Grosvin here by Louis Weinrop of Norfolk. The text of letter said that Weinrop was offered \$1,000, all expenses, automobiles and two men to be paid by him for taking

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MAKE APPLICATION FOR UNIQUE ARRANGEMENT

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE WORKING IN INTEREST OF GRAIN ELEVATOR

UNLOAD GRAIN HERE

Plans Said To Have Been Laid In Order That Grain May Be Treated and Re-Shipped at Low Rates.

Application has been filed by the Traffic Committee of the chamber of commerce with the Interstate Commerce Commission, at Washington, to have instituted an arrangement on grain shipments from the middle west in bulk carloads, to cities in the lower southeast, by which such bulk shipments may be stopped in Anderson and the shipment reconverted here before proceeding on to its destination.

The application of the Traffic Committee has been placed before the Interstate Commerce Commission through B. J. White, commissioner of the bureau of markets, United States Department of Agriculture.

The granting of this petition would mean a great thing for Anderson, in all probability. The granting of the petition would mean that a car of grain could be purchased in the middle west for delivery at some city of the southeastern States, at a through freight rate charge, and this car routed by Anderson, where it would be stopped, the contents unloaded and reconverted—that is, ground into meal, hominy, etc.—and shipped on to its destination on the original freight rate.

Such an arrangement, it is stated, would enable the grain elevator now being built here and the corn and flour mill which is already in operation to do a business of this kind very profitably.

EUROPEAN COMMENT ON WILSON'S SPEECH

Commend Stand On Neutrality As Expressed By President.

WASHINGTON, April 23.—The European comment on President Wilson's neutrality speech before the Associated Press in New York Tuesday's being noted with interest by the president's closest advisors and friends, who say that he expected to hear conflicting opinions.

The president's principal idea in the speech, they said today, was to show that the United States stands ready to help either side, or both to recover after the European war. Any interpretation that the president has given up hope that the United States will eventually secure peace was declared by his friends to be without foundation.

Thaw away. The writer said that he refused the offer because the man who made the offer and who he said he knew as a detective refused to give him \$50 in advance, only offering to pay his car fare to New York.

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MILITIA ENCAMPMENT FOR CITY POSSIBLE

PROPOSITION OF PUTTING IN BID FOR ONE TO BE CONSIDERED

SECOND REGIMENT

National Guard of South Carolina Could Be Induced To Hold Maneuvers Here.

The advisability of the city of Anderson putting in a bid for the encampment here this summer of the Second Regiment of the National Guard of South Carolina, is a matter which will be taken up by the entertainment committee of the chamber of commerce in the near future. That it is possible for Anderson to get the encampment, there seems to be no doubt, according to a communication received from the captain of one of the companies composing the Charleston battalion of the Second Regiment.

A communication received from this officer stated that a number of the Charleston militiamen had expressed a desire to have the encampment of the Second Regiment in Anderson. The writer added that so far only one city had put in a bid for the encampment, and that was Charleston. The officer suggested that Anderson cared to put in a bid for the encampment an application be placed with the adjutant general at once.

Just what kind of an offer Anderson would have to put up to secure the encampment, is not known, but it is presumed that a fund of several hundred dollars would have to be raised, a camping site provided and other inducements held out. Whether Anderson cares for the encampment of the regiment to the extent of offering such inducements is a matter which will probably be definitely decided by the entertainment committee of the chamber of commerce, for it is not likely that any other agency would be interested in the proposition.

DIXIE HIGHWAY COMMITTEE MEETS

To Act on Formation of Famous Highway on May 10th. at Louisville.

LOUISVILLE, April 23.—The Dixie Highway Commissioners today adopted a resolution calling for a meeting of the highway commissioners at Chattanooga, May 20th, when the location of the highway from Chicago to Miami, Fla., will be decided. Clark Howell was elected the commissioner's permanent chairman and W. W. Marr, an Illinois road commissioner, was elected secretary. Advocates of various routes were directed to submit the formation of favored routes by May 10. A committee from the Dixie Highway Association is in full accord with the movement.

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SAYS BARNES WAS TWO-FACED

SAYS HE TRIED TO HELP "DR. JEKYLL" TEMPERAMENT ABSORB "MR. HYDE"

ADMITS THAT HE CONSULTED BARNES

On Question of Appointments While He Was Governor of New York.

SYRACUSE, April 23.—Theodore Roosevelt described relations with William Barnes and gave his ideas about millions of dollars in campaign funds during the second day's cross-examination in Barnes' suit for \$50,000 for alleged libel. He mentioned the famous half million dollar contribution by Thomas Fortune Ryan to Alton B. Parker's presidential campaign. He swore he had never seen a list of names of persons contributing to his own three million dollar presidential campaign fund. The colonel identified many initials on the list as those of men allied with the country's most powerful financial, business interests. He declared he believed a man contributing a half million to aid a presidential candidate is prompted by the same spirit that would cause him to give a church a similar sum. Such contributors don't hope for reward in one case more than in the other. He declared he would have been surprised if big business men hadn't contributed to the Republican campaign fund of 1904. He professed astonishment that the Standard Oil heads contributed. He said he had ordered the refusal of their contributions.

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TO AID EXPORTS TO SWITZERLAND

WASHINGTON, April 23.—Secretary Bryan announced tonight that the United States has undertaken to relieve importers of American cotton and other non-contraband commodities in Switzerland from the rigors of the allies blockade. The action is in response to a note recently presented by the Swiss minister.

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MRS. M. LESSER PASSES AWAY

PROBABLY SECOND OLDEST PERSON IN POINT OF RESIDENCE

REMAINS WILL BE BURIED TOMORROW

In Jewish Cemetery in Columbia Beside Remains of Her Husband—A Sketch.

Mrs. Martha Lesser, with probably but one exception a resident of Anderson for more years than any other person of the present time, is dead. In the twilight of yesterday death came like a benediction to her long life of near 90 years, and claimed one who for some 60 years had been an esteemed figure in this community and for something like a half century a resident of the house in which she passed away. Such cases are rare, and aside from the loss to the community of one who was a stable figure of society, there is regret that another of these older residents, who formed the vanguard of civilization when this thriving city was but a secluded hamlet, has gone from earth.

Somewhat unexpected. Not until comparatively a short while before she died did any one have any other thought but that Mrs. Lesser would live yet some time. She had been ill for the past several days, but had gone through a period of improvement and was believed to be on the road to recovery. A rather sudden turn for the worse came, however, and thereafter she sank rapidly. Up until a few minutes of the end her mind was clear and she recognized all those who had gathered about her bedside. She would have spoken to one of her sons but a short while before death, but the power of speech had become impaired. Surrounded by her sons, daughters, grandchildren and great-grandchildren, this typical "Mother in Israel," who had gone through life deeply respected by her people and profoundly beloved by the community of which she had been a part for three score years and more passed into eternity.

Burial at Columbia. Today being the Sabbath with the Jewish people, Mrs. Lesser's remains will be interred tomorrow. The burial will take place in the Jewish cemetery at Columbia, beside the remains of her husband who preceded her to the grave over a score of years ago, and who, were he now living, would be past 110 years of age. The funeral services will be held in Columbia.

Mrs. Lesser was a native of Pheleina, Germany, and came to the United States of America many years ago. She and Mr. Michael Lesser, to whom she was married in New York city, came from the same place. Early in their life Mr. and Mrs. Lesser came to Greenville, where Mr. Lesser was in business for some time. From there they came to Anderson. They continued to reside in Anderson, Mr. Lesser conducting a very successful business here for a great many years. Surviving Children.

Mrs. Lesser had lived in the house in which she died No. 221 East River street, for some 50 years. She was the mother of 11 children, seven of whom survive. These are: Mrs. Callie Gelsberg, Mr. Abraham Lesser, Miss Annie Lesser, Mrs. Josephine Seligman, Mr. William Lesser, Mr. Samuel Lesser and Mr. Solomon Lesser. She is survived also by some 11 grandchildren and 7 great-grandchildren.

All of the relatives, with the exception of one grand-daughter, who resides at Athens, Ga., are here. The absent relative was telegraphed for yesterday, and is expected to arrive in Anderson today.

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FEDERAL LEAGUE MAY ENTER ORGANIZED RANKS; WOULD END HARD FIGHT

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The Chicago Herald today says that B. B. Johnson, the president of the American league, Phil Ball, the owner of the St. Louis Federals, Robt. L. Hendges, the owner of the St. Louis Americans, and Geo. H. Williams of St. Louis, one of the attorneys of

organized baseball, met and discussed peace terms yesterday. James A. Gilmore, the president of the Federal league, is said to have held a long distance telephone conference with various Federal officials. It was said that certain of the club owners in the Federal league had been offered clubs in the National and that there would be an amalgamation in at least five cities which now have Federal and organized baseball. Gilmore is quoted as saying that there should have been peace in baseball a long time ago.