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BOTH SIDES LOSE HEAVILY

Russians Lost in Defeat and Germans Suffer Death of Many Men in Victory.

Stated That Teuton's Loss Was 150,000, While Czar Had 100,000 Troops and Many Big Guns Captured by Enemy—Allies Have Captured Town on Gallipoli Peninsula—In the West Battle Has Been Resumed With Allies on Offensive—Cains at Ypres—Rumors of Naval Encounter in the Baltic Sea.

RUSSIANS PUT TO FLIGHT.

One Hundred and Four Thousand Are Captured by Germans.

Berlin, May 21.—The Russian were defeated in the Nemen river district and are fleeing to Kovno. The Germans captured one hundred and four thousand Russians, seventy-two cannon, two hundred and fifty machines during the last three weeks fighting in Galicia. At the west the English attacks at Neuvechappelle and the French attacks at Flirey were repulsed.

Germans Lost 150,000.

Petrograd, May 21.—The Austro-Germans are maintaining their offensive on the San river, around Przemysl and north of Jaroslau, but at other points the strength of their attacks is diminished. The Russians have made strong counter attacks along the San river and between Jaroslau and Sleniawa, but there have been no decisive results on either side yet. It is estimated that the Germans have lost one hundred and fifty thousand since their advance from Dinajec.

Gallipoli Towns Destroyed.

London, May 21.—The Allies have captured the town of Maidos on the Gallipoli peninsula. The town of Dardanelles has been destroyed by the fleet's bombardment. The town of Gallipoli has been wrecked by bombs from the Allies' aviators.

Western Battle Resumed.

Paris, May 21 (Official).—The weather conditions in West Flanders and Northern France have improved and the Allies have resumed the offensive. The French gained further ground north of Ypres and the British are making progress north of LaBassee, fighting at the northern end of the battle line.

Vatican Remains Neutral.

Rome, May 21.—King Victor Emmanuel today signed a decree suspending diplomatic immunity for the Austrian and German ambassadors to the Vatican. They will leave Italy tomorrow. The Vatican will remain neutral.

Austrians Intern Italians.

Venice, May 21.—Dispatches from the front state Austrians have already interned fifty thousand Italians in the districts about Pola. Great concentration camps have been opened in Croatia. Leading Italian citizens have been arrested in several towns charged with espionage. Large forces are arriving on the frontier. It is reported that Italian warships have entered the Austrian port of Cattaro.

Austrians Kill Italians.

Vienna, May 21.—Austrian troops today fired upon Italian rioters at Sara. Several were killed and many wounded.

FRENCH MAKE GAINS.

But Germans Stubbornly Contest Every Inch.

Paris, May 22 (Official).—Steady progress is being made by the French north of Arras, but the Germans are stubbornly contesting every inch of gain. Between Arras and LaBassee the Germans delivered fierce counter attacks, endeavoring to regain lost ground, but were repulsed with heavy losses.

ITALY'S WAR PROCLAMATION.

King Explains Why Italy Was Forced Into The War.

Rome, May 22.—King Victor Emmanuel today signed bill giving cabinet full power to act. The king's war proclamation was drawn up in collaboration with the ministry and countersigned by the cabinet and monarch. It explains why Italy was forced to resort to arms and appeals to the patriotism of Italy so that victory may be assured. Two other proclamations,

one to the navy and the other to the army, have been drawn up.

The German Ambassador Prince Von Buelow is quoted as saying: "I shall leave Rome only when ordered to do so. Never again will I set foot on the soil of treacherous Italy." Parliament has adjourned and the cabinet is now supreme. The announcement that the king had signed the war proclamation was greeted with cheers by a hundred thousand people massed in the public square. Great processions were formed with bands and are now marching through the streets of the city.

Roumanian Army Mobilized.

Bucharest, May 22.—Roumania is ready to follow Italy into the war against the Teutons. Almost the whole army has been mobilized quietly.

Ambassadors Held in Italy.

Rome, May 22.—It is reported today that the government will delay handing passports to the German and Austrian ambassadors until Italians in Germany have had time to return to Italy.

Austrian Premier Resigns.

London, May 22.—Dispatches from Paris and Geneva state that the Austrian premier Buriane has resigned.

Russians Invade Turkey.

Petrograd, May 22.—Russian troops have landed on the Black sea coast of Asiatic Turkey and destroyed the quays and stations at West Eregli.

Killed in Train Collision.

Carlisle, Eng., May 22.—Thirty-five soldiers were killed and seventy injured in the collision of a troop train and a passenger train this morning in a heavy fog.

Fifty were killed and three hundred injured in the Carlisle wreck.

English Ship Torpedoed.

Queenstown, May 22.—The British sailing ship Glenholm was torpedoed and sunk off Berehaven, Ireland this morning. The crew was saved.

Says Allies Used Gas.

Berlin, May 22 (Official).—Southwest of Lille and in the region of the Argonne the Allies used asphyxiating gas fumes, attempting to dislodge the Germans. The Allies' attacks northwest of Neuce Chappelle were repulsed. At the east the Germans repelled a Russian night attack on the Dubissar river.

MILITIA TO BE DISCUSSED.

South Carolina Governor and Senators Will Attend Conference in Washington.

Columbia, May 24.—Gov. Manning, Senator E. D. Smith, Senator B. R. Tillman and Adj. Gen. Moore will go to Washington June 4th for a conference with Gen. A. L. Mills, chief of staff, when militia affairs in South Carolina will be discussed. The governor will attend the Confederate reunion at Richmond and will go from there to the national capital.

The South Carolina party will also hold a conference with Lindley M. Garrison, secretary of war. No announcement has been made as to the matter to be discussed.

MOYE C. DOWLING CLEARED.

Acquitted of Forgery of Minutes of Defunct Citizens' Trust Company.

Augusta, Ga., May 21.—Moye C. Dowling, vice president and cashier of the old defunct Citizens' Trust company, in which the losses were about \$160,000, and who was also treasurer of the Atlantic States Life Insurance company, today was acquitted of the charge of forgery. The allegation set out that Dowling had forged minutes of the company which gave him and D. H. Willard authority to dispose of certain assets of the company; the directorate denying the purported minutes.

CABINET MEETS WITH WILSON

FOREIGN COMMERCE QUESTIONS TAKEN UP.

Decided That No Action Will be Taken Pending Receipt of German Reply—No Official Action Taken.

Washington, May 21.—President Wilson and his cabinet met today for the first time since they gathered ten days ago and approved the note which the United States subsequently sent to Germany as a protest against the sinking of the Lusitania, with the loss of more than 100 American lives.

In the absence of any definite news from Berlin there was no discussion, it was understood, of the probable contents of Germany's reply.

When the cabinet met there has been published here a British foreign office memorandum saying the arrangements being made by Great Britain with American cotton interests for disposition of their cargoes were understood to be acceptable to the United States. Later Secretary Bryan gave out a statement declaring that whatever had been done by state department representatives to assist the cotton interests had been of an unofficial character and was not to "be construed as a recognition of the order in council" issued by Great Britain.

Sir Cecil Spring-Rice, the British ambassador, issued a statement tonight, explaining that this also was his understanding. The United States has received no reply to its note of March 30 wherein the British order in council was declared to be a violation of international law.

In view of continued detention of American cargoes a further protest was prepared a week before the Lusitania disaster to be sent as soon as further data on interference with American shipping could be obtained. In some official quarters it has been urged that the note be dispatched now because of the conviction it might convey to Germany of the purpose of the United States to obtain an adherence to international law by the allies.

There was brief discussion of the subject today by officials and President Wilson said the situation with Germany ought not to be complicated with any correspondence with Great Britain and it is certain the note will not be issued until after the German reply is received.

That the United States is prepared to controvert further the right of Great Britain to enforce virtually a blockade against neutral countries, detaining goods not contraband, was the intimation conveyed by Secretary Bryan's statement regarding the British foreign official memorandum.

FORMER MAYOR SUICIDES.

John J. Fowler, Three Times Mayor of Wilmington, N. C., Drowns Himself.

Wilmington, N. C., May 24.—John J. Fowler, who was well known in local political circles, having served three terms as mayor and was subsequently city clerk, committed suicide during the night by drowning. The funeral will be held Tuesday.

NOT OUT FOR COUNT.

Manning Will Recover From Force of Tornado.

Manning, May 20.—The work of clearing up the debris from the recent tornado is going on systematically and a large per cent. of it has already disappeared. At the same time a great deal of repairing has been done and work has commenced on rebuilding several of the demolished buildings. It is promised that the two tobacco warehouses that were totally destroyed—Glenn's and Cothran's—will be rebuilt in time for the opening of the approaching tobacco season. Manning was subjected to a heavy blow, but it was by no means a knockout. In a few months it will be found to be a bigger and better business town than ever before. It will take a great deal of business to replace the heavy loss that was suffered, but the business men of the place are going after that business with a will and determination that means that they are going to get it and more besides.

ROOSEVELT WINS SUIT.

Jury After Long Delay Brought in Verdict for Defendant.

Syracuse, May 22.—Theodore Roosevelt today won the \$50,000 libel suit brought against him by William Barnes. The jury which had been out over forty hours, came into court at 10.07 this forenoon with a verdict: "We find for the defendant."

WOMAN'S AUXILIARY COMING.

BOARD OF MISSIONS ADJOURNS SESSION AT SPARTANBURG.

Miss Katie Lee of Charleston Chosen President at Final Meeting, when Invitation to Meet Next in Sumter Was Accepted.

Spartanburg, May 21.—The woman's auxiliary to the board of missions of the South Carolina diocese of the Episcopal church concluded its 30th annual convention here today. The convention was attended by over 100 delegates from various parts of the State and was declared to be a most successful one. Just prior to conclusion an invitation was extended by Mrs. Mark Reynolds of Sumter to have the 31st annual convention meet in that city next May. The invitation was accepted.

The following officers were elected on the final ballot to serve for next year: President, Miss Katie Lee, Charleston; treasurer, Mrs. Paul Kennedy, Spartanburg; secretary, Miss Maude Harrold, Charleston. Vice presidents of the three convocations into which the State is divided were chosen as follows: Charleston, Mrs. J. J. Miles, Charleston; Columbia, Mrs. W. P. Breeden, Bennettsville; Greenville, Mrs. J. W. Mixson, Union. Other officers are: Educational secretary, Miss Virginia Singleton; united offering custodian, Miss Fannie B. Duvall, Cheraw, and junior director, Miss Sarah Furman, Pendleton. Today was junior day and the activities of the convention were confined to those concerning the work of the younger members. Many novel methods of interesting the children in the missionary cause were discussed. Dr. William Milton, rector of St. James church in Wilmington, N. C., spoke upon personal service.

MEET NEXT IN COLUMBIA.

Regular Session of Underwriters Comes to Close—Cathcart Re-elected President and P. Moses, Jr., Vice President.

Greenville, May 20.—After selecting Columbia as the next meeting place and the election of officers the South Carolina Underwriters' association adjourned its session at Chick Springs this afternoon. Officers re-elected were as follows: James A. Cathcart, Columbia, president; P. Moses, Jr., Sumter, vice president; Samuel N. Grist, Yorkville, secretary and treasurer. The meeting just over was considered one of the most profitable ever held by this association.

ONLY EQUITY CASES.

Short Term of Court for Clarendon County.

Manning, May 21.—The regular spring term of the court of general sessions for Clarendon county is scheduled to open in Manning on the first Monday in June, with Judge T. J. Mauldin presiding. In consideration of the fact that the overhead plastering in the court room was greatly damaged by leakage in the recent tornado, rendering it unsafe, and also in consideration of the further fact that there are no important criminal cases to be tried, the local bar together with the clerk of court and sheriff, and with the consent of the solicitor, have united in requesting the presiding judge to adjourn the term entirely except that he is requested to come himself and spend a few days in hearing equity cases. There is no doubt that Judge Mauldin will cheerfully comply with the request. In doing so he will not only avoid the risk of possible bodily injuries in the court room, or the extra expense of hiring another hall, but the saving of jurors' fees alone will contribute largely toward defraying the cost of repairing the court house.

FERTILIZER TAG TAX.

Receipts at Clemson College Fifty-Five Per cent of 1914.

Clemson College, May 24.—The fertilizer tag tax for the period from July 1, 1914, to May 18, 1915, was fifty-five per cent. of the tax for the same period of last year. Figures from the office of H. M. Stackhouse, secretary of the State board of fertilizer control at Clemson College, show the tax receipts to May 18, to be \$148,192. The tag tax receipts on May 18, 1914, had reached \$270,244. This year's tax is to date, therefore, is fifty-five per cent. of that for the same period last year and fifty-three per cent. of the total for last year, which was \$277,000.

MARRIAGE LICENSE RECORD.

License to marry has been secured by Henry Murray, Sumter, and Dora Colclough, Tindal.

LOWERING CLOUDS BREAK

Italian-Austrian Conflict, Which Has Been Threatening for Weeks, Has Begun With First Success for Italians.

AUSTRIANS SAY ITALY IS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE GREAT WAR

Austrians Driven Back in Attempt to Invade Italy Through Mountain Passes—Fleet Sails Up Adriatic—Bombard the Austrian Towns—Aeroplanes Hover Over Italian Towns and Drop Bombs on Venetian Arsenal—Great Russian Battleship Has Been Sunk With Fourteen Hundred on Board—Turkish Gunboats in East.

ITALIANS SCORE FIRST.

Austrians Driven Back From Italian Soil.

Rome, May 24.—The first skirmish of the war resulted in a success for the Italians over the Austrians who invaded Italy through a mountain pass between Mont Dilegno and Bejo. The enemy were driven back into Austria. Lieut. Gen. Count Luigi Cadorna, commanding the entire Italian forces, is preparing to establish his great headquarters at Bologna. The news dispatches today state that Germany has declared war against Italy. Germany is now moving seasoned veterans from the French and Belgian front to meet the Italians. Italy has a quarter of a million men massed along the Austrian frontier. It is reported that the Italian fleet under the Duke of Abruzzi has sailed to bombard the Austrian defenses on the Adriatic. All Italian railways have been seized for the movement of troops. High official circles expect a long war, one stating "it will last as long as the war in Europe lasts."

NOTIFIED OF WAR DECLARATION

U. S. Embassies Will Look Out for Interest of Warring Nations.

Washington, May 24.—The United States was officially notified today that Italy had declared war on Austria. Approximately half the population of the world is now warring. The United States neutrality proclamation will be issued shortly. The American ambassador at Rome has been instructed to take over the business of the Austrian embassy and the United States ambassador at Vienna has been instructed to take charge of Italian interest in Italy. It is expected that the Germans answer to the United States will now be delayed until the end of the week.

Russians Claim Success.

Petrograd, May 24.—Successful Russian attacks against the right wing of the enemy's armies in Galicia are officially announced.

Italy Wholly Responsible.

Vienna, May 24.—Emperor today issued a manifesto placing the full responsibility for the war upon Italy, charging a "breach of faith." The people of Austria and Hungary are urged to support the national honor.

French Capture Lorette Heights.

Paris, May 24.—Despite heavy losses near Ypres and north of Arras the Germans have resumed the offensive in both regions. Their attacks have been repulsed. Three thousand Germans were killed and a thousand captured, when the French captured Lorette Heights.

Wreck Killed 190.

London, May 24.—It was officially announced today that one hundred and ninety soldiers were killed in Saturday's wreck of the Carlisle.

Diplomatic Relations Severe.

Berlin, May 24.—Diplomatic relations between Germany and Italy were severed today. Germany will support Austria in every possible way.

Two Millions Cost Hourly.

London, May 24.—The cost of war to all nations is estimated to be two million dollars hourly.

Germans Take Prisoners.

Berlin, May 24.—The Germans repulsed the Allies at Neuve Chapelle, capturing the Givenchy and Lorette hills and taking one hundred and fifty prisoners.

Fighting Increases in Violence.

Constantinople, May 24.—Two thousand Allies were killed in an attack on Sed U'bah, on the Gallipoli peninsula. The attack was repulsed.

Fighting more violent. The allies have been forced. The Turkish gunboat Deria was torpedoed and sunk by a hostile submarine. Two were killed.

Italians Confiscate Ships.

Rome, May 24.—All Austrian and German merchant ships in Italian ports, estimated to be worth twenty million were seized at Genoa, over two hundred large cases of arms and ammunition, consigned from Spain to Germany were confiscated.

Aeroplane Drops Bombs on Venice.

Rome, May 24.—An Austrian aeroplane flew over Venice, Porto Corsina, Ancona, Bartoletta and Gesi, today. It dropped bombs on the arsenal at Venice before it was driven away.

Russian Battleship Sunk.

Berlin, May 24.—A news dispatch from Bucharest says that the Russian battleship Pantelion was sunk in the Black sea with fourteen hundred aboard.

British Again Advance.

London, May 24 (Official).—The British have made another advance at Festubert, northern France, repulsing the German counter attacks by mowing the enemy down with the artillery.

FORM STOCK ASSOCIATION.

C. L. Cuttino President and J. F. Williams Secretary and Treasurer—Twenty Members.

A live stock association was formed and the following officers elected: C. L. Cuttino, president; S. J. White, vice president; J. F. Williams, secretary and treasurer. Twenty members enrolled themselves and a committee on membership consisting of the president, vice president and secretary was appointed. These officers were also appointed a committee to draw up by-laws and constitution. The association endorsed the city of Sumter by suitable resolutions as a suitable place for collecting and shipping live stock and requested the Chamber of Commerce to present these resolutions to the proper authorities who are authorized to establish these shipping points. President Belser's invitation to use the Chamber of Commerce as headquarters was accepted, as was an offer of assistance from the secretary of the Chamber of Commerce.

WILSON HAS NEW GRANDCHILD.

Girl Born to Mr. and Mrs. McAdoo—Ellen Wilson.

Washington, May 21.—A baby girl, the second grandchild of President Wilson, was born tonight to Secretary and Mrs. William G. McAdoo. She will be christened Ellen Wilson for the late Mrs. Wilson.

The secretary and Mrs. McAdoo, who is the president's youngest daughter, were married at the White House a year ago. Mr. McAdoo went to his office at the treasury department today for the first time since he was operated on for appendicitis nearly two months ago.

The president was at the McAdoo home when his granddaughter was born.

Six Killed When Boiler Explodes.

Bordentown, N. J., May 24.—Captain Mattie, Engineer Varley, his wife and two children and Steward Stour were killed in a boiler explosion of the Sand Dredge Delaware today.

Dixie Highway Outlined.

Chattanooga, May 22.—The Dixie highway will run from Indiana to Chattanooga, by two routes, one through Cincinnati, the other through Louisville and Nashville. Chicago will be the northern terminal. The route south of Chattanooga is undecided.