

FRENCH RECAPTURE GREATER PART OF DOUAUMONT FORT IN TERRIFIC ALL-NIGHT ATTACK

Germans Retain Only Small Corner of Stronghold Taken by Branden-burgers in Early Verdun Fighting Both Berlin and Paris War Offices Claim Repulse of Fierce Assaults—Teutons Admit Enemy is On the Offensive in Virtually Every Sector of Meuse Battlefront

The greatest French counter-offensive since the battle of Verdun began three months ago, is carrying French legions into a smashing drive against the German lines both east and west of the Meuse.

An official statement from the German War Office this afternoon, admitting that the French are on the aggressive in practically every sector of Verdun, specifically denies the French claim that virtually all of what remains of shell-wrecked Fort Douaumont is in French hands.

"South of the ruins of Fort Douaumont and south of the village of Douaumont an engagement is still going on," said the German statement. "Fort Douaumont remained firmly in our hands."

The French War Office, on the other hand, announced today that the French have made further progress in the fighting at Fort Douaumont and have now cleared the Germans from all but the northeastern corner of the fort.

The German War Office admits the loss of a position northwest of Fort Vaux to the French, but declares that it was reconquered by the Germans. Berlin not only claims the repulse of all French attacks west of the Meuse, but reports the capture of a French blockhouse south of Camard Forest.

The British War Office admits the loss of 1500 yards of trenches at the north end of Vimy Ridge, about half way between Loos and Arras.

A great war council, attended by all the field marshals commanding the German armies, is being held in Berlin, according to reports received at Amsterdam. The calling of the war council is said to have been prompted by the dissatisfaction that has developed among German commanders as a result of the futile efforts of the Crown Prince at Verdun.

"HOOK THE CROOK" INDICTED Four Men and Woman Accused of Peddling Drugs by Federal Grand Jury

In its first presentation to Judge Dickinson today the Federal Grand Jury indicted four men and a woman for illicitly dealing in narcotics and returned a true bill against one man for unlawful possession of dope.

ITALIANS FALL BACK FROM 7 TO 10 MILES Austrians Claim Big Gains on Mountains Dominating Arsiero

VIENNA, May 22.—The furious drive of the Austro-Hungarian troops in the Tyrolean Alps, the Italians have fallen back from seven to ten miles. The capture of the Italian position on the Lavaron plateau east of Rovereto is regarded by Austrians as one of the most important achievements of the Austro-Hungarians since they opened their offensive on the southwest front on May 14.

12-INCH GUNS ACTIVE FORESEES END OF STRIFE

ROME, May 23.—President Wilson's reply to Pope Benedict's reported peace message has reached the Vatican.

BERLIN SOCIALIST LEADER APPROVES U. S. PEACEMAKERS

Either Wilson or Taft Acceptable to Party, Philip Schiedemann Declares

WATE STAKED HIS LIFE AGAINST MILLIONS WITH DRUG WORTH 25 CENTS

NEW YORK, May 23.—While Dr. Arthur Warren Wate, now vivand and Lohario, on trial for his life for the murder of his father-in-law, John E. Peck, a millionaire and grazier, sat in court today the prosecution brought out the cold facts of his poison plot. The defense did not dispute the evidence of the prosecution.

30,000 MEXICAN TROOPS MARCH ON U. S. BORDER

WASHINGTON, May 23.—Thirty thousand Carranzista soldiers, infantry, artillery and cavalry, are massing south of the international boundary in Mexico, where they command the Big Bend district of Texas.

WASHINGTON FEARS MOVE TO BACK UP DEMAND FOR EVACUATION

WASHINGTON, May 23.—Officials today admittedly were troubled over this latest movement, fattered by General Trevino, officially reported to the State Department today. They can see little reason for this show of strength, as the earlier reports stated that only 10,000 troops were being used in the present movement.

PRESBYTERIANS EXPECT FIGHT ON BOARD MERGER

ATLANTIC CITY, May 23.—The General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church is expecting that a fight will develop this afternoon over the proposition to merge the Board of Education and the College Board, one of the most important questions to be decided by the convention.

DR. EDWARD L. WARREN Newly elected permanent clerk of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church. He is librarian of the Kentucky Theological Seminary, at Louisville, Ky.

MAUNA LOA VOLCANO AGAIN IN ERUPTION

HONOLULU, May 23.—Mauna Loa volcano, which was in eruption last week, is active again. A flood of lava, which burst forth Sunday night at an elevation of 7000 feet, is flowing down the mountain side, traveling southwest at the rate of about one mile an hour.

SEATS AT \$250 FOR REPUBLICAN CONVENTION

CHICAGO, May 23.—The demand for Republican Convention tickets has become so great today that the price for a single season seat has advanced to \$250.

QUICK NEWS

JAMAICA RACING RESULTS First race, fillies, 2-year-olds, selling, \$500 added, 3 furlongs—Solveig, 109, Keogh, 7 to 10 and out, won; Lobelia, 96, Kummer, 17 to 10 and out, second; Old Drury, 103, McCahey, 10 to 1, 3 to 2 and out, third. Time, 1:01 3-5. Only three starters.

WOODBINE RACING RESULTS First race, \$600 added, Rouse Plate, selling, 3-year-olds and up, 6 furlongs—Commensia, 107, Anderson, \$3.70, \$2.70, \$2.30; Astroloer, 119, Warrington, \$3.50, \$2.60; Tito, 104, Mori, \$3.00. Time—1:10. Lady Spendthrift, Lochiel, Johnny Harris, Lehigh and Tackard also ran.

SIX DROWN WHEN BRITISH STEAMSHIP SINKS LONDON, May 23.—The British steamship Rheana, 285 tons, has been sunk. It was announced today. Six members of the crew were drowned. The captain and three sailors were saved.

DR. SCHELLING'S DAUGHTER TO WED PROF. SERONDE Joseph Seronde, 32 years old, of 4008 Spruce street, assistant professor of French at the University of Pennsylvania, and Miss Dorothea Darbyshire Schelling, 26 years old, of 4109 Spruce street, daughter of Dr. Felix E. Schelling, head of the English department at the University, obtained a marriage license today. The wedding will take place June 1.

ASQUITH MOVES NEW \$1,500,000,000 WAR CREDIT LONDON, May 23.—Premier Asquith this afternoon moved in Commons a new war credit for \$1,500,000,000, bringing the total appropriations since the beginning of the war to \$11,000,000,000. In urging the passage of the credits, the Prime Minister declared that without loans from England the Allies would be unable to continue their combined operations successfully.

TROY COLLAR WORKERS TO GET 10 PER CENT. INCREASE TROY, N. Y., May 23.—Nearly 20,000 women and girls who work at home and in factories of the Troy collar firms will receive an increase in pay amounting to 10 per cent. commencing next Monday.

TWO INDICTED IN WIRE-TAPPING SCANDAL NEW YORK, May 23.—Indictments in connection with the wire-tapping scandal that has involved city and Federal officials were returned today by the Kings County Grand Jury against Charities Commissioner John A. Kingsbury and Attorney William H. Hotchkiss. Both men figured prominently in the charities investigation during which the telephone of the Rev. William B. Farrell, a Catholic priest, was tapped.

WILL OPEN BARGE LINE TO NEW YORK MONDAY A new barge service, which will be known as the Blue Bee Line, will connect Philadelphia with the port of New York starting Monday next. The route will be by way of the Delaware and Raritan Canal. Four barges, each with a capacity of 125 tons, will be put into service at first. The object of the service is to overcome the congestion of railroad traffic between the two ports.

\$350,000 GIFT TO HAVERFORD FOR GRADUATE WORK Haverford College, through its Board of Managers, which met yesterday, announced that in the will of the late Thomas Wistar Brown, for years president of the Board of Managers, a bequest of \$350,000 had been made for special graduate work in sociology, biblical literature, philosophy and history. Hitherto the college has had no special fund for graduate work. Other bequests also were announced. The Gideon Seull gift of a chair in English constitutional history was \$146,000 instead of \$100,000, as at first believed. This sum, together with the sale of land in West Philadelphia for \$72,000, gives the college more than \$500,000 for use next year. The land was a part of the Jacob P. Jones estate, bequeathed to Haverford in 1896.

TOWNSHEND ASSIGNED TO ISLAND IN MARMORA LONDON, May 23.—The American Embassy at Constantinople has sent word of the disposition of the British forces captured by the Turks at Kut-el-Amara. A British official statement says: "Ambassador Page states that the American Embassy at Constantinople has been informed by the Ottoman Government that General Townshend (who was in command at Kut-el-Amara) and his staff will be brought to Constantinople and probably will be assigned to the island of Prinkipo, in the Sea of Marmora, where they will be allowed full liberty. Most of the officers and men are still at Kut and Bagdad. Some will be sent to Damascus."

VARE EXPOSAL TO SHOCK CITY, SAYS PENROSE

Senator Declares Prosecution Will Follow Evidence of Lawless Practices PROMISES AFFIDAVITS

Foe of Downtown Leaders Asserts Documentary Evidence Will Prove Corrupt Rule Penrose Threatens to Bare Fraud in Vare District

SENATOR PENROSE DECLARES: The State will be startled by the publication of the facts in South Philadelphia. The Vare influence is based on practices which will not be tolerated by decent Republicans of the State.

SENATOR VARE REPLIES: The statement is so far from the truth that I wouldn't dignify it by making an answer to it. This is merely another one of those "Penrose bluffs."

Disclosures of illegal practices underlying Vare political control in South Philadelphia, which will startle the State, are promised in a statement made today by United States Senator H. Penrose.

According to the Senator, the Vare influence in that section of the city is based upon practices that will not be tolerated by decent Republicans of the State.

In elaboration of his startling declaration, Senator Penrose let it be known at Washington this afternoon that a Penrose dossier of considerable data which could furnish the basis of legal proceedings against the Vares and their followers. He did not supply details, but said he had affidavits that applied to instances of high-handed methods and illegal practices. He promised that the request of this preliminary evidence would be legal proceedings which would lift the lid and reveal a condition that would shock all good citizens of Pennsylvania.

Incidentally, the Senator took occasion to reply to the action of the Brumbaugh forces, who in the 14th District, a Penrose stronghold, have threatened a similar legal investigation of election methods.

SENATOR WELCOMES PROBE. "As far as I am concerned, I welcome any investigation of the election in Pennsylvania, not only in connection with the election of delegates but with the nomination of Congressmen and other officers."

Berlin Meat Bation Half Pound LONDON, May 23.—The Berlin Meat Bation Commission has today announced that the Berlin authorities have issued an order allowing the sale of meat in Berlin to be limited to a half pound per person per week.