

GERMANS PRESS DEFENDERS BACK NEARER VERDUN

Teutons Attack Both Sides of French Salient Northwest of Fortress and Make Steady Progress.

TWO HAUCOURT FORTS FALL

Berlin Reports Capture of Strong Points of Support to South of This Position.

PARIS ADMITS FOE'S ADVANCE

Persistent attempts by the Germans to reduce the salient in the Verdun region, which yielded almost entirely to this operation, although the artillery in other sectors around the fortress is being intermittently employed.

Berlin reports the capture of two strong points of support to the south of Haucourt, which passed recently into German hands, an entire French position along a front of more than a mile and a quarter, coming into Teutonic possession.

Violent fighting is taking place on the Austro-Italian front, the Austrians being on the aggressive in several sectors and reporting considerable successes with the capture of numerous prisoners.

Guardian Named For Stepson of A. G. Spalding

OAKLAND, Cal., April 8.—During Churchill, 37 years old, stepson of the late Albert G. Spalding, base ball king, was placed today under the guardianship of his mother, Mrs. Elizabeth Churchill Spalding, on her testimony before Judge William E. Wells in the superior court here that he was mentally incompetent to handle his estate.

Wilson Abandons His Week-End Trip

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 8.—President Wilson, who left last night on the naval field Maxwell for a week-end cruise will return to Washington at once, arriving about 4:30 p. m. today. Since and about were given officially on the cause for his return.

Banker Loses Suit Against Governor of North Dakota

MINNAPOLIS, N. D., April 8.—A damage suit brought by Grand E. Youmans, former president of the Northern Trust bank of Minneapolis, against Governor E. B. Hanna and several North Dakota state officials and lawyers, was dropped for the defendant by Judge Kinnear in district court here last night.

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PROMINENT MERCHANT WHO DIED YESTERDAY MORNING.



WILLIAM H. KOENIG

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Treasurer of Thomas Kilpatrick & Co. Falls to Rally Following an Operation.

HE WAS BORN IN THIS CITY

William H. Koenig, treasurer of Thomas Kilpatrick & Co. and long a prominent figure in the business and social life of Omaha, died at the Methodist hospital yesterday.

Mr. Koenig is survived by his widow and two children, Frederick William, 21 years in the New York office of Thomas Kilpatrick & Co., and Gertrude, 18 years, who attends school in Omaha, and his mother, Mrs. Eleanor Koenig, now in New York.

Arrangements for the funeral are yet to be made. Members of the family believe that the son in New York, and relatives from other cities, who have been summoned, will reach Omaha in time to hold the funeral services Monday or Tuesday.

Shooting of Iowa Men as Spies by Canadians Denied

ROCKWELL, CITY, Ia., April 8.—Peter and Otto Schroeder brand as false reports from Claret, Sask., Canada, that their father, Charles Schroeder, and brother Louis, were executed as spies there on March 21.

General Villareal Held on Warrant From Washington

SAN ANTONIO, Tex., April 8.—General Antonio L. Villareal, former governor of Nuevo Leon, was detained today by United States immigration authorities on a warrant from Washington charging him with such activities as to render undesirable his further residence in the United States.

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KAISER DECLARES NONE OF U-BOATS SAILED FROM SUSSEX

Government Announces No Subseas or Warships Had Any Part in Sending British Steamer Down.

ALL OF THE PLUNGERS BACK

Reports of Their Commanders Show Ship Not Destroyed by Teuton Shell.

IS RESPONSIBLE IN NO SENSE

BERLIN, April 8.—(Via London.)—The German government is able to announce that no German submarine or warship was responsible for the explosion which damaged the British steamship Sussex.

When Germany, on April 5, handed Ambassador Gerard an interim note replying to the inquiries of the United States government, regarding the Sussex and four other steamers, the matter of responsibility was still in doubt and the investigation was still proceeding.

The German foreign office, appreciating the agitation in the United States over these cases transmitted an interim response declaring the readiness of the government should the Sussex prove to have been destroyed by a German torpedo, contrary to the understanding with the United States, to make all reparation, including the payment of compensation.

ENTENTE TO FORM TARIFF LEAGUE

Four Days' Conference at Paris Will Outline Scheme of Preferential Duties.

CONTRACTS, PATENTS, CREDITS

PARIS, April 8.—The conference of the entente allies for discussion of economic and commercial questions will assemble in Paris on April 12. It will be attended by many distinguished delegates, including a number of cabinet ministers from the various countries.

Holland Considers Calling Recruits of 1917 to Colors

LONDON, April 8.—A bill has been submitted to the second chamber of the Dutch Parliament to authorize the government, in view of the prevailing extraordinary circumstances, to call up, if necessary, the recruits of the 1917 class, a year in advance of the original date.

SNOW COVERS ALL EASTERN STATES

Storms Over Ohio Valley and Cape Hatteras Moving Eastward and Northward.

WARMER WEATHER IS COMING

WASHINGTON, April 8.—Snow storms centering over the Ohio valley and Cape Hatteras were moving eastward and northward today and promised to cover almost the whole region east of the Mississippi and north of the Gulf states.

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THE BEE'S Shakespeare Tercentenary Prize Puzzle

Grid of letters for the puzzle: ROAEELUJSS, DMTCBISECI, ARIHAETARP, DAOMLRHOF, LNGEOLDRNT, AENAPBEIGI, BUSSCIANY, DILINUSATN, RERADELSTI, YAOCFMRCUO

Explanation and Conditions of the Competition

This is what is called a "King's Move" puzzle: Start on any of the 100 squares and move in any direction one square at a time, but using no square more than once in a combination.

AMERICAN FORCE STRIKES FRESH TRACKS OF VILLA

Baker Declares There is No Basis for Reports that Expeditionary Army Will Be Withdrawn from Mexico.

OBJECT IS NOT ACCOMPLISHED

Aviator and Observer Returning from Front Assert New Trail of Bandit Found.

NATIVES ARE AIDING PERSHING

EXPEDITIONARY FIELD HEADQUARTERS SOUTH OF NAMIQUIPA April 8.—(By Aeroplanes and Wireless to Columbus, N. M., April 8.)—That the American troops are on a fresh trail of Villa is a result of a report made by an army aviator and an observer, who returned today from what may prove one of the most important scouting flights of the campaign.

The flight, made over eighty miles of territory hitherto unexplored, developed information which military authorities here considered of valuable importance. The entering of new territory in the case is the consummation of a plan which General Pershing and his staff have had under way for several days, but for which more definite reports were necessary than those available. It was this information the aviators were sent to get.

Reports brought by the aviators showed that somewhere south of Santa Fe a cavalry column is riding a thrilling ride which may equal in importance that upon Guerrero and his staff have had under way for several days, but for which more definite reports were necessary than those available. It was this information the aviators were sent to get.

Will Not Withdraw

WASHINGTON, April 8.—Secretary Baker stated most emphatically today that there was "absolutely no basis of any kind" for reports that operations were under way for withdrawing American forces from Mexico. He said the American troops were moving rapidly south and that the orders to General Funston following the Columbus massacre had been unchanged.

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The Weather Fair. Temperatures at Omaha Yesterday. Fair. Wind, light, variable. Clouds, few.