

AUSTRIANS PRESS ON OVER ENTIRE ITALIAN FRONT

Forces of Dual Crown Begin Offensive Movement from the Alps Mountains to the Adriatic Sea.

HEAVY FIGHTING REPORTED

Many Bodies of Soldiers Said to Be Floating Down the River Adige.

HEAVY GUNS FROM GERMANY

Geneva, Switzerland (Via Paris), May 18.—Reports from Innsbruck indicate that the heaviest fighting of the war between Italy and Austria during this year is in progress in the region of Rovereto and the Sugana valley, while there is every evidence that the Austrians have begun a general offensive against the Italians from the Alps to the Adriatic.

The Austrians have brought several batteries of their heaviest guns from Germany and have installed them near Gorizia and Monfalcone, where the staff of Archduke Frederick has arrived. The Austrians are also rushing troops from Innsbruck into the region of Trent.

Swiss troops on the frontier report that the Austrian positions on the Adamello range recently have been greatly strengthened and the artillery duels are increasing in intensity.

House Committee Rejects Five-Year Naval Program

Washington, D. C., May 18.—In deciding upon the increase of the navy the house naval committee today voted to abandon the five-year building program, recommended by Secretary Daniels, and to recommend that five battle cruisers, to cost \$20,435,531 each, four scout cruisers, ten torpedo boat destroyers, twenty submarines, one hospital ship, one oil supply ship and one ammunition supply ship be built during the 1917 fiscal year.

London Hears Pope Asked Kaiser to Stop Subsea War

London, May 18.—Sir Edward Grey, the foreign secretary, announced in the House of Commons today that the government had been informed by Sir Henry Howard, British minister at the Vatican, that representations had been made to Germany by the Vatican with a view to inducing Germany to abandon submarine warfare.

French Occupy a Greek Fortress

Berlin, May 18.—(By Wireless to Sayville.)—The Overseas News agency today gave out the following: "It is reported from Athens that French troops have occupied Fort Dowdatis by force and that the Greek government has delivered an emphatic protest to the ministers at Athens of the entente powers. Greece points out that the occupation of the fort is contrary to promises which had been given."

The Weather

Table with weather forecast for Omaha, including temperature, wind, and precipitation data.

RAILROAD MAN WHO HAS RETIRED AS U. P. PRESIDENT.



PRESBYTERIAN ASSEMBLY MEETS

Indication That Rev. W. S. McEwan of Pittsburgh Will Be Elected Moderator.

BIG ISSUES TO BE CONSIDERED

Atlantic City, N. J., May 18.—Interest in the first day's sessions of the Presbyterian assembly which began its 128th annual meeting here today, centered in the election of a moderator to succeed the Rev. J. Ross Stevens, president of Princeton Theological seminary. Leaders among the 2,000 delegates predicted that the assembly would set a precedent by selecting the Rev. W. L. McEwan of Pittsburgh. It is customary to alternate between the east and west in filling the highest office in the gift of the church.

The gathering was considered one of the most important in the history of the church. Among the matters to be considered are an overture from the Cincinnati Presbytery for the expulsion of the New York Presbytery on charges of ordaining to the ministry men who disclaim many of the essential beliefs of the church, and the proposed consolidation of the college board and the board of education.

War and Christianity.

The reports that have been prepared by various committees for consideration during the week reflect some of the new phases of church problems and particularly some of the effects which the great war in Europe has had on church work.

These reports compiled in a book of 296 pages, which were placed in the hands of the delegates to the assembly here today, include some optimistic views as to the effects which the war is having and will continue to have on religion.

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Mine Laying Ship San Francisco is Badly Damaged

Portsmouth, N. H., May 18.—The mine-laying ship San Francisco, which was damaged while ashore in Nantuxet harbor in a storm yesterday, arrived here today under command of the torpedo boat destroyer tender Melville. Only one of its engines was working. Four boilers will have to be replaced. It was said.

MOHLER RETIRES AS PRESIDENT OF UNION PACIFIC

Operating Head of the Big System in the West Announces He Will Retire July 1.

STILL PARTS WITH COMPANY

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EFFECTIVE ON FIRST OF JULY

A. L. Mohler, president of the Union Pacific railroad, is to retire from active service. He announced his intention last night, which came as a surprise to his many friends in Omaha. He says he will take a rest, but still will be identified with the road.

Mr. Mohler's announcement as given to the press follows: "Mr. Mohler announces that he has decided to retire as president of the Union Pacific Railroad company and the Oregon Short Line Railroad company on July 1, but will still be identified with these companies in an advisory capacity."

Two German Ships Reported Sunk by Russian Submarine

London, May 18.—The sinking of two German steamships by a submarine, believed to be a Russian, is reported in a Reuter dispatch from Stockholm. The steamships were the Kolga, Hamburg for Stockholm, and the Bianca.

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TURKS AIDING GERMANS ON THE YSER—In an effort to break the British lines and get to Calais, the Germans have brought their Turkish allies from the Balkans. The photograph shows a detachment of Turkish infantry in Asia Minor preparatory to entraining for the western front. Note the steel helmets of the German type.



GEORGE ROGERS, CIGAR MAN, DEAD

Expires at Hotel from Heart Failure, After Being at Work as Usual Wednesday.

HAS SUFFERED THREE YEARS

George Rogers, for many years a prominent cigar man of Omaha and candidate for the nomination for sheriff on the democratic ticket at the April primaries, died suddenly from heart disease at the Fontenelle hotel early yesterday morning.

Mr. Rogers is survived by his wife and three sons, and lived at 2010 Binnycy street. Mr. Rogers took dinner Wednesday at the Fontenelle with a cigar salesman, who was endeavoring to sell Mr. Rogers a new line of cigars. He had been at his usual labors during the day and attended the Rotary club lunch at noon.

Taken Suddenly Ill

A moment later he threw his hands over his heart, announced that he was very ill and asked to be taken out of the dining room. Friends immediately carried him out and Dr. H. M. Fitzgibbon, who was in the hotel at the time, was called. The doctor advised that the sick man be not removed from the hotel, but be put to bed there.

Candidate for Sheriff

The immediate cause of death is said by the doctor to have been what is known as angina pectoris, or the hardening and blocking of the arteries immediately about the heart, otherwise called "heart block."

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Judge Day Asked To Hold Hearing On Decatur Bank

District Judge George A. Day has been requested by Attorney General W. E. Reed to go to Tekamah next week to hold a hearing on the application for receivership of the defunct state bank at Decatur. No date has been set for the hearing.

LYNCH CONVICTED BY COURT-MARTIAL

American Living in Dublin Found Guilty of Participating in the Recent Irish Rebellion.

London, May 18.—Jeremiah Lynch of New York has been tried and convicted by a court-martial at Dublin on a charge of participating in the Irish rebellion. The sentence was to be promulgated today, but no word has been received by the American embassy here as to what sentence was imposed.

Formerly Lived at New York

New York, May 18.—Jeremiah C. Lynch is a naturalized American citizen, it was said today by his friends in this city. Up to four years ago, when he returned to Ireland to engage in the insurance business in the city of Cork, he was prominent in Irish circles here as president of the Philo-Celtic society and as a member of the State Celtic league.

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WARRINGTON NAMED FOR REGISTER AT BROKEN BOW

Washington, D. C., May 18.—President Wilson today announced M. C. Warrington of Mason City, Neb., as register of the land office at Broken Bow, Neb.

FRENCH REPORT BIG GAINS AT VERDUN

Fort and Trench Taken and Numerous German Rushes Repulsed With Great Losses.

AEROPLANES BOMBARD METZ

Paris, May 18.—Several attacks were made by German troops on the Verdun front last night in an effort to capture a redoubt at Avocourt. The official statement of today says the Germans were repulsed each time and that they lost heavily. French troops, after severe fighting, captured a German fort on the northeast slope of Hill 304.

One German trench north of Hill 287 was raided by French forces, which killed or captured the occupants of these positions. On the Verdun front east of the Meuse the artillery on both sides was active during the night.

Germs Repulse French

Berlin, May 18.—(Via London.)—The repulse this morning of three attacks by the French against German positions on Hill No. 304, northwest of Verdun, was announced by the war office today.

Dakota Wesleyan Orator First Man in Mohonk Contest

Mohonk Lake, N. Y., May 18.—Francis Case, a student at Dakota Wesleyan university, representing the western group, won the eleventh annual national oratorical contest of the Intercollegiate Peace association today.

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ORDERS CONSULS TO GO TO EL PASO TO SEE FUNSTON

United States Agents at Five Mexican Cities Are Ordered to El Paso to Confer With the American Commander.

WANTS TO GET REAL FACTS

Government Wishes to Arrange for Closer Co-Operation Among the Military and Civil Officers.

DEEMER SAFELY ACROSS LINE

BULLETIN. El Paso, May 18.—An American soldier who crossed the international boundary, a mile and a half east of Juarez, early today, was shot and killed by Mexican customs guards. General Gavira, Carranza commander in Juarez informed General Bell, stating that the American was intoxicated and fired on the Mexicans before they shot him.

General Bell immediately detailed two officers to Juarez, and these, in conjunction with two officers assigned by General Gavira and the Mexican military judge, began an investigation of the shooting.

Washington, May 18.—American consuls and vice consuls at Chihuahua, Juarez, Nogales, Durango, Aguas Calientes and Monterey have been ordered to El Paso to confer with Major General Funston. It was announced that the purpose is to provide closer co-operation between the American civil and military authorities in watching developments in the border region, but it may have a bearing in ultimate withdrawal of the American forces. Consul Letcher of Chihuahua probably will later come to Washington to make a report.

Official advices of the rescue of Deemer and Payne, the two Americans carried off by Mexican bandits after the Glenn Springs and Boquillas raids, say Colonel Sibley and the expedition after the Boquillas raiders were yesterday at Los Aldamos, forty miles south of the border, while Major Langhorne's troops were last reported near Cerro Blanco, where they struck the bandits, wounding and taking two. Both forces now are out in small detachments.

Deemer Safely Across Border

Marathon, Tex., May 18.—Jesse Deemer, the Boquillas store keeper, and Monroe Payne, negro, kidnaped by the Big Band bandit raiders and rescued by Major George T. Langhorne's cavalry detachment, have reached Boquillas, according to official reports received here today.

No official confirmation has yet reached here of the reported engagement between the American troops and the bandits, in which six Mexicans were said to have been killed and seventy-five captured. It is thought that the story of the encounter may have had its origin in a fight that occurred when Major Langhorne released Deemer and Payne.

Bandits Are Surprised

According to the official report, the rescue of the Americans took place in the dead of night. Major Langhorne, with a detachment of the Eighth cavalry, drove in automobiles and trucks to a ranch house where part of the Glenn Springs raiders were quartered.

To Fix Date for the State W. C. T. U. Meeting

An invitation to meet in Omaha the latter part of May and decide the date for the state Women's Christian Temperance union convention was voted to be extended the state temperance executive committee. This action was taken by Douglas county Women's Christian Temperance union officers, who met Wednesday at the Young Men's Christian association.

Rooms! Rooms!

The best, best, and months the "Rooms for Rent" columns of The Bee have been making wonderful gains, but the first 14 days of this month will get all former business. Over 100% MORE "Rooms for Rent" ads in The Bee first 14 days in May than any period (1916).