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## ONE KILLED IN PISTOL BATTLE, SEQUEL TO THE CHARLESTON ELECTION

Sidney J. Cohen, Newspaper  
Man, Hit by Stray Bullet;  
Four Others Shot.

MILITIA AIDS POLICE

Meeting of Democratic Com-  
mittee to Canvass Tues-  
day's Returns Broken Up.

Ballot Boxes, Thrown Out of  
Window, Are Recovered.

Charleston, S. C., Oct. 15.—A pistol battle in which one man was killed and four others shot, broke up a meeting of the Democratic city executive committee here today in which the votes at last Tuesday's primary were to be canvassed. A National Guard company, which, with fixed bayonets, helped the police to restore order today, still was patrolling nearby streets.

The man killed was Sidney J. Cohen, a reporter for the Charleston Evening Post. He was shot through the lung. W. A. Turner, an insurance agent, and W. E. Wingate, superintendent of the city chain gang, were seriously wounded. H. L. Wilensky, a city meter inspector, and Jeremiah O'Brien, inspector of weights and measures, and a member of the executive committee, received minor bullet wounds. Six arrests were made.

### Culmination of Bitter Campaign.

Today's trouble was the culmination of a bitter political campaign, which ended last Tuesday in a primary held while several companies of National Guard were kept in readiness to suppress possible disorders.

One of the six men arrested, Max Goldman, a marine engineer, tonight was in a hospital suffering from a severe blow on the head. Others arrested:

S. J. Brown, ice wagon driver and former policeman; Edward McDonald, stevedore and former policeman; J. J. Healy, former police sergeant; Fred Stender, deputy sheriff, and J. J. Steeken, keeper of a cemetery. No charges were preferred against any of them.

Governor Manning, at Columbia, immediately upon being informed of the shooting, ordered the Washington Light Infantry, the Washington company with fixed bayonets quickly cleared the streets in the vicinity of the building. Later the militiamen aided civil authorities in patrolling the streets and remained on duty late tonight.

### Second Regiment Held.

The entire second regiment located here was held at its armory. Governor Manning also ordered local dispensaries closed.

There were only small groups of men on the streets tonight and no outward evidence of more disorder.

The militia is under command of Col. E. M. Blithe, of Greenville, in the absence of Adjutant General Moore, who is attending the rifle matches at Jacksonville.

Charleston had been prepared for trouble since last Monday night when Governor Manning ordered four companies of state guardsmen and three divisions of naval militia held in their armories.

Wednesday, primary day, passed quietly, however, and at 7 o'clock Wednesday morning the guardsmen withdrew. Followers of Mayor John P. Grace, an aspirant for re-nomination, charged that Governor Manning was unscrupulously trying to interfere with the primary.

### Had Met to Canvass Returns.

Official returns showed that Hyde had been nominated by a majority of 10,000 votes of more than 6,000 cast. More than 100 votes were contested by the Grace adherents and the city executive committee met today to canvass the returns.

Bitterness engendered by the campaign, the presence of the militia on primary day, and the closeness of the vote created such a threatening atmosphere that many extra policemen were detailed to aid in front of the building where the meeting was to be held today. The building was crowded and a large crowd in front was held in check by the officers.

Just as the meeting was to be called to order a fight started in a hallway adjoining the committee room. During the scuffling, shouting and jangling in the hallway some one in the committee room fired a shot and the real fight was on.

Several pistols were brought into play and as the firing continued amid the scramble to escape, yelling and cries of the wounded, some one threw three dollar boxes out of the window.

Cohen Accidentally Shot.

Cohen was shot as he was making for a window to escape, when a pistol for which two men were fighting was discharged. He was fatally wounded. Whether any of the wounded were

## GERMANS ATTEMPT TO SAIL FOR HOME

Forts of Several Interned Sailors are Frustrated.

## ONE IS UNDER ARREST

Try to Secure Passage on Dutch Steamers for Rotterdam—Shore Liberty From Cruisers to be Denied in Future.

Newport News, Va., Oct. 15.—Several sailors from the German auxiliary cruisers Kronprinz Wilhelm and Prinz Eitel Friedrich, interned at the Norfolk navy yard, attempted to secure passage today on the Dutch freight steamers Mennikendam and Maartensdijk about to sail from this port for Rotterdam. One of the men was arrested aboard the Maartensdijk at the request of her captain and is being held by the police for the commandant of the navy yard. The others are supposed to have returned to their ships.

The Dutch captains reported the incident to Collector or Customs Hamilton, who issued a statement saying rigid precautions would be taken in the future to prevent the interned Germans from escaping.

On account of the disappearance of six members of the crew of the Wilhelm, who recently broke a leave of absence granted them for a cruise in a power yacht they had bought, has resulted in an order from the navy yard against the granting of any further shore liberty to the German sailors.

Since the cruisers have been interned their commanding officers have been allowed to give leaves to their men at will.

Collector Hamilton is co-operating in every way with Admiral Beatty, commanding the Norfolk navy yard, in taking steps looking to the prevention of the departure from this port of neutral ships foreign bound of any of the missing men. Nothing had been heard up to this afternoon from the six officers who left Sunday on a small yacht. It is feared they may attempt to leave at once.

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## MERCHANT MARINE TO AID THE NAVY URGED

McAdoo Speaks for Navy Equal to Any Nation's.

Plan of the Administration Is to Appropriate Forty or Fifty Million Dollars for Merchant Marine as Naval Auxiliary.

Kansas City, Mo., Oct. 15.—A plea for a navy which would make the United States able to face any other world power, and a \$40,000,000 merchant marine to be used as a naval auxiliary in case of war, was made by William G. McAdoo, Secretary of the Treasury, in an address before the Kansas City Commercial Club today.

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