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ASHEVILLE, N. C., TUESDAY AFTERNOON, MARCH 16, 1915.

COMMISSION FORM IS SWEEPING CITY FORMAL DEMAND

t 1 O'clock Advocates of New Charter Claim Lead in Every Precinct, From 10 to 144 Votes.

AJORITY ESTIMATED FROM 450 TO 850 VOTES

pponents of Commission Government Content Charter Will Be Defeated by Material Majority.

At 1 o'clock the majority for com-ission government reported by suprters of the bill in each precinct as as follows:

First precinct, 10; second precinc third precinct 144. fourth preet 72; fifth precinct 62; sixth pre-

there were many voters this morning at 8 o'clock, dy to register their verdict on the great success. nct, but it expected that the total able to clear expenses so that it is as-ate will not exceed 1,500, and many sured of being a very successful venizens express the opinion that the ture. gures will be even less. At 10 o'clock e leaders of the fight for the prothe election ed charter claimed a majority o two to one. had been mad up to this ur. At 11:30 o'clock Judge Henry Stevens, who took an active part the bill and in the work its adoption, made the following

tement to The Gazette-News: "Commission government will every precinct in the city with a jority varying from 450 to 700. als victory will be a great triumph government over an anti-

Throughout the campaign, of commission government studiously refrained from any on any officer of the present administration. The fight has against a system and not against

ve read and listened to the argu- cussed by those i nattendance. for and against the tictory is a complete refutation of the arguments made against the tdoption of the bill. The people know and today's overwhelming what they want, they have made up their minds that they will have what they want, and today's splendid vic-

tory is the result. "When the election is over. sincerely trust that all factional feeldizenship of Asheville will unite in working for a greater Asheville."

he polls will close at 6:38, and as the ballots are large, in size and printing, the figures on the day's results will be available in a short time after the ballot zoxes are clased, The board of canvassers, made up of the various election officers, will meet smorrow at noon to canvase the returns and declare the official vote. At 12:15 o'clock, Secretary Will H. Daniel gave The Gazette-News ollowing statement: "The bill will be defeated by a stubstantial majority. urth, and sixth precincts; the secand precinct is about an even break; he supporters of the bill are ahead in other two voting places."

D. Hiden Ramsey, secretary of the franization supporting the bill, at 10:30 o'clock this morning said: "The ommission government vote is ahead n every precint in the city at the raof two to one; and

"The contest is even in the first, and we are ahead in all the other precincts from two to one to three and a half to one."

made this statement to The Gazette-News: "The contest in the first pre-tinet, which we expected the statement of the first precinct, which we expected our opponents to carry, is very close with a slight lead for commission govern-

LOS ANGELES FIRE KILLS TWO AND SEVERAL INJURED Special to The Gazette-News

REPORTED AS BETTER

Dr. George Winston, who has been and he is being backed almost by a solid organization of the city employes, who are protesting against any change. Their slogan is "Let good enough the lastil very ill. Physicians attending Dr. Winston are very hopeful of the carly recovery.

MOTHERS CLUB WILL

Important Meeting of Club of Orange Street School to Be Held.

The Mothers' club of Orange Street school will meet in regular session this afternoon, the vice-president, Mrs. Margaret Wallis presiding successfully countered.

Petrograd claims that the Russians Petrograd claims that the Russians peak their antagonists on Reuben Robertson. The chief busi- are holding back their antagonists on ness of the meeting will be to hear almost the entire Przasnysz front the reports of the school luncheon while the Germans are keeping up a committee, the medical inspection committee and the playground committee. These three committees have been unusually active during the past counter attacks, with Vienna claiming month and some very good reports are anticipated from them.

The lunch counter at the school has been in operation a week and the report will show that the students can be furnished a good wholesome lunch of troops is difficult, at absolute cost and the counter still he a great success. During the week hot cost and the counter still be a Austrians are hammering away in an During the week hot on of commission govern-this city. Voting has been soup was served at two and one-half cents a bowl and sandwiches at the same price and the counter has been

> The report of the medical inspection committee will show that over 150 pucondition noted and that in a number of cases treatment has been started by the family physicians of the children inspected. The parents are showing a great deal of enthusiasm in this project and are giving the committee

their hearty co-operation in the plan. The playground committee will report its activities and give an ac- shot on sight. count of the work that has already been done towards equipping the pub- in the enclosure are compelled to rebusiness-like lic playgrounds. The recent gift of port to the commandant daily. J. T. Bledsoe of \$10 towards equipment for the boys playground will be reported by th ecommittee and it i thought that this sum will be used to provide a chute-the-chutes for the

pected this afternoon and numerous other items of itnerest other than the "During the campaign the people work of the committees will be dis

USED ON INCRBASE

fing will be laid aside, and that the More Cotton Used During February Than Same Month Last Year.

> Washington, March 18 .- Cotton ed during February amounted to 463,167 bales, exclusive of linters, compared with 455,231 bales used during February, 1914, the census bureau the announced today.

For the seven months ending February 28 the cotton used amounted to 3,054,256 bales against 3,271,856 bales for the same period last year.

Cotton on hand February 28 in school buildings and making improve-manufacturing establishments was 1, school buildings and making improve-ments in general. And it was under 654,813 bales against 1,712,258 bales inst year. In independent warehouses 4,820,640 bales against 2,313,874 bales men and members of the school board last year.

Exports amounted to 1,501,701 bales against 751,013 balest last year; and for the seven months ending February 28,5481,040 bales against bales for the same period last year. The imports during February were 28,727 bales against 20,771 bales for

ment. In all the other precincts the bill is ahead, and will be adopted by a total vote of about 850.

Durham, March 16 .- On the eve of Los Angeles, Cal., March 16.—Two pears to be an even bet for either side.

London, March 15 .- The only activity along the East Prussian front appears to be the resumption of the German bombardment of Ossowetz The attacking batteries have been school will meet in regular monthly brought up closer but the Russians

violent artillery fire.

In the Carpathians and in Galicia there is the usual story of attacks and a slow advance for the Austrians; but Petrograd declares that the Russians are more than holding their own on this part of the eastern battle front. Snows are deep and the movement

The Russians are bombarding Przemysl with heavy artillery, while the attempt to relieve the besieged forces, Batteries Silenced.

Paris, March 16 .- Several batteries of field artillery which had been posted above Kumkale at the entrance of the Dardanelles were silenced Sunday by British warships, says a special from Athens,

Enclose Operations. Berne, Switzerland, March 16.— Barbed wire fences ten feet high along which sentries have been posted at frequent intervals now encircle the entire zone of German military operations in Alsace. Notices have ing to smuggle letters through will be

All foreigners permitted to remain

men Decided Yesterday to Ask Commissioners

to Call an Election.

At an important meeting of the county school committeemen and members of the county school board, held in the office of the county superintendent yesterday, it was decided upon by those in attendance, to ask the county board of commissioners to call a special tax election in Asheville township for the purpose of voting a school tax of 30 cents on the dollar. The last legislature passed a bill which gives the right to any township

or the same period last year.

Cotton on hand February 28 in purpose of building schools adding to yesterday decided to ask the commissioners to call the special election in

this township. A member of the committee stated

As the board of county

ON COMMISSION PLAN JUDGE FRANK CARTER

has a good fighting chance to carry.

City Attorney Charles Scahlett is directing the efforts of the opposition. Frenk Carter has rendered the people and he is being backed almost by a solid organization of the city employes, tion to the bench

"GUY V. ROBERTS "J. COLEMAN RAMSEY. "P. A. McELROY,

ZEPH RAY,

C. B. MASHBURN."

Certain Facts Wanted, However, Regarding Detention S. Navy, Pennsylvania, Is of Cargo of the Will-Launched Today-Most iam P. Frye. Powerful Warship. NOTE TO BE SENT WHEN MAIN BATTERY CONSISTS

Representations Will Include Five Battleships of the British Habeas Corpus Proceedings Dresden Only One of Five Ger-Demands for Indemnity for Cargo and Ship Sunk by Cruiser.

FACTS ARE OBTAINED

Washington, March 16.-The United States will make formal representations to Germany on the sinking of the that the informal conferences between affoat. state department officials and the Gerambassador had paved the way

Newport News Ship Building and Dry greater in size. Dock company to repair the sea raider now in dock here was discovered yesterday. This fact, it is believed, accounts for the fallure of the German been commander to forward to Washington posted that any person approaching his formal request for time in which within 60 feet of the fence or attempt- to make his vessel seaworthy.

Captain Thierichens, it is understood, has asked the ship building company concerning certain boilers and machinery he would need, but contemplates having his own men make the repairs.

There came to light today another framatic incident concerning the Prinz Eitel's dash for refuge in the American port, loaded with rescued rews and passengers of her sunken side. Officers of the sunken ships

School Board and Committee- Ich should encouter a British war- eight 15-inch guns. ship what would you do about the

women and children aboard?" The commander replied that he known here officially, would hoist a signal showing that his Five ships of the

rould have to give battle. prepare for the removal of the immi- knots for the Pennsylvania. grants aboard the gruiser. They are te be sent to Ellis Island.

Y. M. C. A. INDOOR CONTEST

Made in Game.

and in this way improve the entire the Y. M. C. A.'s were held last ment equal to that of the Pennsylvaschool systems of the county, night at the association building and the representatives were chosen for As the board of county commissioners is now in season it is thought the shotput and the 220 yard potato sioners to call the election will be taken up, either today or tomorrow.

JUDGE FRANK CAPTER

ENDORSED BY MADISON

The cruising radius of the Pennsylvania will be considerably increased by the fact that she will be equipped to the six events to be contested and the scores made are to be forwarded to the national headquarters for comparison with the other association's results. The final outcome and the saverding of the championship will be national headquarters for comparison with the other association's results. The final outcome and the saverding of the championship will be national headquarters for comparison with the other association's results. The final outcome and the scores made are to be forwarded to the national headquarters for comparison with the other association's parison with the other association's results. The final outcome and the scores made are to be forwarded to the national headquarters for comparison with the other association's parison with the other association's results. The final outcome and the scores made are to be forwarded to the national headquarters for comparison with the other association here is permitted to the scores were sent by the fact that she will be considerably increased by the fact that she will be considerably increased to the scores made will have a capacity of if the extraction's of its experiment.

From her enormous main battery the pennsylvania will be considerably increased to the fact that she will be equipped of or of the leaves of fuel oil.

The boys here having the highest part of the pennsylvania will be considerably increased that she will be equipped of the scores made are to be forwarded to the scores made are to be for sioners is now in session it is thought the shotput and the 220 yard potato

New Super-dreadnaught of U.

OF TWELVE 14-IN. GUNS

Navy Yet to Be Launched Will Have Less Tonnage Than Pennsylvania.

Newport News, Va., March 16 .tions to Germany on the sinking of the American ship William P. Frye by the Pennsylvania slipped from the ways be returned to New Hampshire. He had been sunk. German converted cruiser as soon as into the historic waters of Hampton ordered that Thaw be sent back to certain missing facts regarding the Roads here today she took her place Matteawan unless legal papers were destruction of the Frye's cargo are in the lead of the navies of the world served on the warden of the prison Glasgow, Captain John Luce, R. N., H. obtained. President Wilson said today as the mightiest fighting machine where Thaw is now held calling for M. auxiliary cruiser Arama, Captain

In size and gun power the Penn- That has already been done. sylvania is greater even than the writ of habeas corpus was served on N., caught the Dresden near Juan for the formal representations, which Queen Elizabeth of the British navy, Warden Hanley of Tombs prison rewould include demands for indemnity which led the recent terrific assault quiring him to produce Thaw in of the allies on the forts of the Dar-court on Friday, March 19. The writter minutes' fighting the Dresden hauled Newport News, Va., March 16.— danelles. While the British monster was issued by Supreme Court Justice. That Captain Thierichens of the Ger-carries larger guns, her main battery Bijur. This, it was said would preman converted cruiser Prinz Eitel is only two thirds the size of that Friedrich had made no request to the the American battleship is 3,000 tons Attorneys for Thaw presented ar-

vania will consist of twelve 14-inch, ing been found not guilty of 45 calibre rifles, set in four turrets, charge against him, big gun arrangement adopted in the was extradited. centrate their fire on either broad-

Five battleships of the British navy were well aware that the cruiser was yet to be launched will have less tonnage than the Pennsylvania, the ships Captain Monssion of the French of the Royal Sovereign class being of passenger vessel Florida wen to Com- 24,500 tons displacement, and none will equal the Pennsylvania in arm-Freder- ament. Each is designed to carry

act believed, Commander Thierichens carry the same main battery of mid that if his ship were attacked he twelve 14-inch rifles. They will exhapped with turbine engines as is the Okia-homa, the Oueen Elizabeth and all was heard from her until the ceed the Pennsylvania in speed, esti-Immigration efficials have begun to mates calling for 22 knots against 21

The 1914 estimates for the German gines, while the California, of the navy call for three ships of the Kais- 22,000 class will be driven by electric- was no match for the battle cruisers placement of 29,000 tons and carry-

ing eight 15-inch rifles.

The British ships of the Queen Elizabeth class greatly exceed those of any other navy in speed, require-ments calling for 25 knots an hour STARTED LAST NIGHT ments calling for 25 knots an hour while the Royal Sovereign class will make at least 22.5 knots.

Since the outbreak of the war de-Local Team Is Composed of have been jealously guarded and it is probable that Great Britain, Germany and France have laid down factory in a navy collier and the exchine guns and two torped tubes. been made. So far as is known, however, no vessels have been planned which will exceed in size the three American ships of the California today that it was the plan to gradu-ally have all the townships in the county vote on special school taxes and in this way improve the entire the various line of the local team class, work on which has barely and in this way improve the entire the various line of the local team class, work on which has barely ment of \$2,000 tons each and arma-

The cruising radius o fthe Pennsyl-

Angeles, Cal., March 16.—Two women are dead, three are fatally intimed and many were injured an apartment fire early today.

Most of the occupants of the occ The standing in the shot put was as ma canal and present navy dry docks. follows: A. McIntyre. .56; C. English, 58; E. D. Johnson, .52; R. Bolling, 52; W. Watts, .42; R. Owens, .27; C. Beal, .35 and J. Campbell, except under most favorable conditions of tide and wind.

Thaw Back to New Hampshire; Orders Him to Matteawan.

EXECUTION OF ORDER DELAYED BY WRIT

Will Prevent Thaw Being Sent to Matteawan Before Saturday.

New York, March 16 .- Justice When the new super-dreadnaught Page, has denied the motion of the The British admiralty announced last the prisoner's retention in New York. The vent Thaw's being sent back to Mat-

guments and briefs intended to sus-The main battery of the Pennsyl- tain their contention that Thaw, havshould be rethree guns to a turret, the plan of turned to the state from which he

sister ships which preceded her, the Deputy Attorney General Kennedy Nevada and Oklahoma. Her tonnage argued that the commitment upon measurement is 31,400, against 27,500 which Thaw first was sent to Matteafor the Nevada and Oklahoma and wan was still valid and that Thaw the Queen Elizabeth. The latter, how- being within this jurisdiction regardever, carries eight 15-inch rifles, 45 less of how he happened to be here, callbre, set two to a turret, while the should be returned to the instance hos-Nevada and Oklahoma have ten 14- pital forthwith. He asked that Thaw inch rifles each in two 3-gun and be placed in the hospital until some two 2-gun turrets. In all these ships, decision was made upon the motion including the Pennsylvania, the tur- or until Thaw should be released by rets are all on the center line to con- due process of the 'aw.

February 28, 1916, Her keel was

battleship construction had develop- career, sylvania with the British battleship sruhe, Details of four other British battle-ships, already authorized, are not

of the newest English, German and off the Falkland islands. Late in Aug-Japanese battle craft. The Nevada ust she sank the British steamer Hya-will be operated by reciprocating en-des off the coast of Brazil. abandoning the reciprocating type the darkness. until a thoroughly satisfactory marine turbine is found. If the experiment case warships have searched for her current to be generated by steam tur- South Atlantic. talls as to foreign naval programs bines running at high speed, is sucneeds to determine whether it is equally efficient in high power plants.

SMALLPOX BROKE UP COURT IN BALEIGH

court by smallpox at this term.

ling. 52; W. Watts, 42; R. Owens, could not enter many busy harhors 27; C. Beal, .35 and J. Campbell, except under most favorable conditions of tide and wind.

Two events will be contested Wednesday night when the running high jump and the fence vault will be decided. The remaining two events will be staged Friday night.

New York, March 13.—The Greek tions of tide and wind.

To Cost Over \$13,000,000.

When completed the Pennsylvania will have cost the government more tiliness of Iriam Diaho, a steerage passeled. The remaining two events will be staged Friday night.

Justice Page Refuses to Send Famous German Sea Raider Goes Down Following Five Minutes Battle With British Warships.

> DRESDEN'S CREW SAVED; FIFTEEN BADLY HURT

man Warshpis to Escape After the Falkalands Island Battle.

London, March 16 .- 7:55 p. m.)-

The admiralty statement said "On the 14th of March, H. M. S. John R. Seagrave, R. N. and H. M. S. Kent, Captain John D. Allen, C. B., R. Fernandez island.

down her colors and displayed the white flag. She was much damaged and set on fire, and after she had been burning for sometime her magazine exploded and she sank.

wounded. Germans are being landed at Valparaiso.

and no damage to the ships."

upon German squadron which was defeated by the British squadron off the Falk. land islands in December. the only one of the five German warships to escape. She was said to have fled to the westward, but there had been no definite reports as to her reported unofficially to have been seen in the Straits of Magellan, and later to Chilean coast.

The Dresden was a sister ship of the The enormous size of the new ship in the Indian ocean by the Australian and the startling rapidity with which cruiser Sydney after an adventurous ed, even before the great war, is in-dicated by comparison of the Penn-as is known, only the cruiser Karllast reported as operating in was estimated for in 1907. She was 's raiding commerce in the South Atwould hoist a signal showing that his ship had women and children aboard and officers of ships of the allies.

In reply to the question as to what would occur in case the signal were displacement of 30,000 tons, but will not equal the would occur in case the signal were displacement of 30,000 tons, but will held to say the saws as the signal were displacement of 30,000 tons, but will held to say the saws the signal were displacement of 30,000 tons, but will held to say the saws the signal were displacement of 30,000 tons, but will held to say the saws to say the saws the signal were displaced to displace 17,900 tons but designed to displace 17,900 tons but actually is considerably larger. In the main battery are ten 12-inch guns with a broadside fire of six guns and the beginning of hostilities she took Victorian to the control of the control of the war actually is considerably larger. In the main battery are ten 12-inch guns in tonnage with their with a broadside fire of six guns and the beginning of hostilities she took Victorian to the control of the war actually is considerably larger. In the main battery are ten 12-inch guns in tonnage with their with a broadside fire of six guns and the period of the war actually is considerably larger. In the main battery are ten 12-inch guns in the Dresden was assigned to the West with a broadside fire of six guns and the period of the control of the period of the war actually is considerably larger. In the present was actually is considerably larger. In the main battery are ten 12-inch guns in the present was actually is considerably larger. In the main battery are ten 12-inch guns in the present was actually in The Pennsylvania will be equipped provisional president of Mexico, from homa, the Queen Elizabeth and all was heard from her until the battle

> ity. One of the other two American in the fleet of Vice Admiral Sir Fredbattleships of the California class will crick Sturdee in the battle off the have turbine engines and the other Falkland islands, and after destruction reciprocating in line with the navy of the Scharnhorst, Gnelsenau, Leipzic department's policy of not entirely and Nurnberg, she steamed away in

> on the California with electric drive, persistently in the South Pacific and

periment with the California only She was 396 feet long. Her complement was 321 men. Juan Fernandez island, near which

the Dresden was finally run down is a Chilean dependency in the Pacific ocean about 400 miles off the mainland. The Chilean government protested to Germany in December against alleged violation of neutrality by German warships in Chilean waters and three destroyers were sent by

earthquake in Italy recently