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### RUSSIAN AND GERMAN WARSHIPS ENGAGE IN BATTLE IN BALTIC SEA

With Unofficial Accounts of Result of the

Battle.

AMAGE TO RUSSIANS

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ive German Cruisers and Flotilla of Torpedo Boats Engaged—Fog Covered Zone of Battle.

Petrograd, July 3.-When ne Russian naval equadron in e Baltic gave battle to five erman cruisers and a flotilla torpedo boats off the east oast of Gothland yesterday, ne German cruiser was beachl and the other German warhips were put to flight, acording to an official stateent issued by the Russian adniralty. The damage to the Russian ships, the statement dds, was insignificant.

Battle in Bosphorus. Russ Petrograd, July 3.-A Russian submarine in the Black
tea, says an admiralty statement, has sunk two Turkish
steamers and one sailing ship
with cargoes of coal and provisions, and exchanged shots visions, and exchanged shots with three armed schooners off the mouth of the Bosphorus, driving them ashore.

Belgian Steamer Sunk.

London, July 3.—The Belgian steamship Boduoquat has been torpedoed and sunk by a German submarine. The crew were landed at Falmouth.

the naval engagement between Russian and German cruisers in the Baltic yesterday apparently were lost in the fog which. enshrouded the one of the con-

Petrograd claims officially that the Russian cruiser squadron drove a German cruiser ashore, but all unofficial accounts agree taht the vessel that met disaster was the ninelayer Albatross. Petrograd also says the German warships were forced to retire, while unofficial reports declare the Russuperior numbers after a batde of half a day.

The submarines of the enents powers are now having their innings. Yesterday there came a report from Athens that Turkish troop ship had been sunk in the sea of Marmora by a British submersible, while Petrograd claims that a Rus- meets in Asheville July 14-15-16. sian submarine obtained a board of trade meeting last Friday heavy bag of merchant ships in night and a strong and live delegation

London is encouraged by the villel Murphy Scenic highway.

The plans are to start from Murreport from General Hamilton at the Dardanelles, which says that the French troops have also advanced until the AngloFrench lines on the Gallipoli peminsula are almost safe.

This report is countered by the Constantinople claim that the at the Dardanelles, which says able. Constantinople claim thta the British forces have been driven back to their original post-INTEREST IN NEGRO

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#### Petrograd Report Conflicts Shepps Declares He Has Secret of Becker Case

on whom the state relied in the first trial of Charles Becker to corroborate the feetly and a leading to his attorney, that Charles Becker had absolutely noththe testimony of Jack Rose, Harry ing to do with the murder, Vallon and Bridgie Webber, three in- A statement to that effect wa formers, is quoted as saying that he by H. T. Marshall, an attorney. held the secret of the Becker case

'and Whitman can get it for the any lawyer.

Ing. The story is so clear that any lawyer.

"From that time on my mouth was of

what was said at a recent meeting have entered the case had I

at Shepps' jewelry store.

Bridgie Webber, one of the three self-confessed accomplices in the

New York, July 8 .- Sam Shepps, plot which resulted in the killing of

"Becker," said Mr. Marshall, and that he was willing to tell it to absolutely nothing to do with the Governor Whitman. Becker faces murder of Rosenthal. Bridgie Webdeath on July 26 for the murder of ber, when he employed me as his Herman Rosenthal, unless the federal counsel at the first trial, admitted this to me and said he and the "I hold the secret of the Becker were perjuring themselves in order to case," Shepps is quoted as saying, save their skins. When Webber told "and Whitman can get it for the ask-me that, I told him to get another save their skins. When Webber told

way and me take his place in the elec- not been convinced of Becker's inno-The secret to which Shepps is self with the lawyers in his defense quoted as referring is believed to be at the second trial. I never would between Mrs. Becker and Jack Rose known from what Bridgie Webber at Shepps' jewelry store. 'framed up' by Webber, Harry Vallon,

#### Thinks Thaw Was Under Illusion While In Cell

ret, a policeman assigned to the ten-derion station on the night that Har-him they were not," said the witness, reer." ry K. Thaw was taken there after he had killed Stanford White, testi-

"Some women had been arrested

#### Astor Transferes Property In New York to His Son

real estate from William Waldorf As- district. by bequest ever made in New York. here, and include half of the old As-

New York, July 3.—Deeds record- was torn down two years ago, and watchman, made a hurried investigating the transfer of \$7,280,000 worth of two office buildings in the financial tion and then telephoned for an expert

London, July 3.—Details of Captain John Jacob Astor, on file the largest real estate holders on here are declared to represent the Manhattan Island. Captain Astor largest gift of real estate other than joined the English army several years That deeds were filed yesterday by the war began. He is captain in the counsel representing the elder Astor Life Guards. He was reported to have been wounded in battle in France last or House, the other half of which October.

#### Relief Measures for Mexico City Before the Officials explosion blocks.

largely the attention of the officials of

Washington, July 3.—Relief measthe latest advices told of famine and they noticed the odor of burned po
anarchy and threats for the safety of der, which persisted for some time. foreigners.

The relief measures include efforts the Washington government. Both to obtain the consent of Carranza to Hisgins of the senate and head of the Daubert of Brooklyn .338; J. President Wilson at Cornish, N. H., ship supplies to Mexico City through capital police, who directed the inand Secretary Lansing, at Washing- his agents and the removal from the sian ships had to retire before ton had under consideration relief danger sone of foreigners through the

## NUMBER TO ROAD MEET

Murphy, July 3.—Murphy will send a big delegation to the North Car-olina Good Reads association which

EXPOSITION ASKED

### MURPHY TO SEND LARGE CARRANZA FORCES DENY PEACE REGULATIONS The report could be heard for a mile and in a few minutes a crowd of

Galveston, July 3.—Official denial and evoited officials were rushing back that peace negotiations are in progress or contemplated between Villa building.

After the first rumors of a bomb, to a cablegram to the Carranza con-sul here. The defeat of Zapata forces east of Mexice City by General Gon-

Consul General Shanklin and C. J. O'Cenner, representing the Red Cross, it is said, reached Mexico City Wednesday with a large quantity of sup-

# FIRST ORGANIZED CLASS

Washington, July 1.—The selection nine officers to form the first or-nised class in aviation at the na-

Public Reception Room & ch East Side of Jing Wrecked by owerful Explosion.

EXPLOSIVE PROBABLY PLACED BY CRANK

Official Statement Concerning Incident Will Be Deferred Pending Expert

Investigation.

mark timed shortly before the exploby "R. Pearce," was typewritten and indicated that the writer had waited some time for an opportunity to car-

to the police. There is only one man of the name that was signed to the letter given in the Washington direc and tory, and search is being conducted for him.

> Washington, July 3.-A tremendous explosion, believed to have been caused by some kind of bomb or infernal ma. chine, wrecked the public reception building shortly before midnight last No one was injured.

was placed by a crank who desired to create a sensation. Visitors were al a timed machine might have been lef without attracting attention.
Superintendent Wood, of the capitol

building, summoned by panic-stricken Until the expert has made his repor

no official statement concerning the in-The doors of the capitol were closed

immediately after the explosion and no one was permitted to enter while the investigation was under way While the origin of the explosion had not been explained, some reports in caused by a bomb,

Reports said the windows in the reeption room had been blown out, that an immense plate-glass mirror had ceiling and walls were torn down. The was heard for

they noticed the odor of burned pow-

building, Sergeant-at-Arms the cause of the explosion until the investigation was completed.

The building had been closed since dark and there was no one in it but the floor below at the east entrance said he was blown from his chair.

excited people had gathered. In the meantime lights had been switched on

of the investigators concluded that the blast had been caused by The sides of the wall were tern out, however, and all the pipes apparently were intact. There had been no gas explesion occurred there nearly 20 years ago, it was said.

A strong effor permeated the build-ing, but none seemed able to detect six won and one lost; Wood of Boston, what it was. No trace could be found ten won and three lost. else that might have caused the ex-

examined the structural features of ark .342; Deal of St. Louis .337. The the building and found there was no Brooklyn club leads in team hitting cinity of the reception room.

While some efficials thought the ex-

pleasen was the work of an irrespon-sible crank with no others end in view gested that it might have been perpetrated by some one desiring to demonstrate his disapproval of some of the terian educator, died today at the age It was apparent there was no intent dent of Wilson college in Pennsyl-to destroy life, as it is generally known vania and of Ogden college in Ken-

### J. P. MORGAN SHOT BUT MOT SERIOUSLY INJURED: ASSAILANT UNKNOWN

#### Carolina League to Have Split Season: First Season Ends Monday: Locals Win

Carolina League of Professional Base-

the pennant in the first season, for vote for a split season public being four games ahead, if every one will believe it, but as for proof—
say do you want that I should go so far as to bring Becker back to Broad
"From that time on my mouth was Washington, July 3.—The public being four games ahead, if every game is lost between now and the season here Monday afternoon far as to bring Becker back to Broad
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"From that time on my be ahead and winners of the first morning and afternoon games.

When the proposition was received ball clubs was organized three years here last night by the directors of the ego, there will be a split season the Asheville team, Manager Jack Corbett first part of the present season to end of the Mountaineers stated that he next Monday night and the second was opposed to it, because he had a season to begin Tuesday afternoon, comfortable lead; had worked hard to This information was received by The get it and stood a god chance to win Gazette-News in a message from the pennant for the entire season; bu President Arthur Lyon of High Point he stated that he would sacrifice his own interests for the welfare of the This means that Asheville will win league and with the local directors

the Mountaineers would still games being scheduled for Monday Tuesday Asheville will open the sec-Every club in the league voted for ond half of the season at Winston-Sa-

Question of Armenian's.

# Charter Not Cleared Up

"requisitioned" by the British the question of charter.

-Ambassador government, but that the requisition Page at London has cabled Washing- had been cancelled before the vessel ton that the British steamer Armen- sailed from Newport News. The status ian which was torpedoed and sunk of the ship, as heretofore understood, however, is unchanged, as dispatches Monday by a German submarine had not yet made public, do not clear up

### 520,000 More Russians Now In German Hands

and 520,000 men as prisoners; and 300 field pieces, 770 machine guns, besides

National League Man Makes Largest Lumber and Brick Record of .336-Ty Cobb Leads Americans.

Chicago, July 3 .- Jake Daubert of been demolished and that part of the ship in the National league, accord- brick yards closed business teday, In the American league Cobb con-Persons who reached the capitol tinues to head the list, and Magee they would not deliver any building oon after the explosion occurred said holds the lead in the Federal league, Leading National league batters who have participated in at least half allie dbuilding, construction and ma-Ellfott Woods, superintendent of the the games of the season, including

quiry, refused to give any theory of York . \$23; Luderus of Philadelphia .321; Good of Chleago .313; St. Louis and New York are tied for first place in club batting with .259.

Wednesday's, are as follows:

Among the National league pitchthe watchmen and telephone switch- ers who have worked in ten or more board operators. Watchman Jones on games the leaders are; Pierce of Chicago; won eight and lost one; Alexander of Philadelphia, wen 14 and lost three; Meadows of St. Louis, wo seven and lost two.

The batting leaders of the American league are: Cobb of Detroit ,379; Fournier of Chicago .343; Jackson of Cleveland .330: Crawford of Detroit .\$29; Lajole of Philadelphia .329. 51 and he has scored the most runs 72 in 67 games, but Crawford has

for a total of 122 bases. Chicago leads in team batting with 267, and Detroit is next with .259. The top notch pitchers of the American league are Laber of Chicago, 14

bested Cobb in long hitting with hits

ederal League. Superintendent Wood said he had .352. Then follow: Campbell of New-camined the structural features of ark .842; Deal of St. Louis .837, The

and four lost,

Washington, July 3 .- Rev. James the southern states. of 78 years. He formerly was presi-

Plants Close Operations. Many Stop Work.

Chicago, July 2 .- Forty-three of Brooklyn has regained batting leader- Chicago's largest lumber yards and 65 ing to averages made public today, throwing out of employment several thousand men. It was announced that material until the strike of 15,000

> terial interests to continue manufac- this afternoon, Porfirio Diaz, fr., and turing operations but not to sell material placed a more optimistic aspect on the lock-out against carpenters and ments before the end, which came at other striking building trades workmen. No building material, either of brick or wood, will be permitted to reach any building contractor or manufacturer in Chicago, it is declared, however, until industrial peace is

### HARRY NOLAND, AVIATOR IS AT HOME FOR REST

Asheville Boy Has Completed Course at Thomas Bros'.

School, Ithaca, N. Y.

Completing a course in the Themas cheel of aviation at Ithaca, N. Y., will consist of a club of 18 men us Magee, the Brooklyn manager, three menths Harry Noland, son of lett. The Y. M. C. A. orchestra will 352. Then follow: Campbell of Newfor a short rest before taking up exhibition flights in the south.

The best Federal pitchers are: being built for him now at the Plank of St. Louis, nine won and three Thomas Scotory and just as seen as lest; and Allen of Pittsburgh, 11 won it is finished it will be shipped here and he expects to give his first flights n Asheville and then bogin a tour of

> With Mr. Neland at Ithaca Steve McEniry, who, entering the \$ \$250,000,000 such, class a short time after Mr. Neland, R in the shape of five the next few weeks,

Would-Be Assassin, Presumably a Crank, Wounds Financier in Home at Glen Cove, L. I.

heriff sends men TO INVESTIGATE CASE

Assailant Reported to Have Concealed Himself in Morgan Home Last Night. Official Statement.

of Sheriff Pettit of Name county at Mineola. The sheriff immediately dispatched men to Glen Cove to investi-

Details of the affair were lacking at the hour the message was received by

### GENERAL PORFIRIO DIAZ PASSES AWAY IN PARIS

Former Mexican Dictator Died Last Night-His Health Failed Rapidly.

Paris, July 3.—General Porfirio Diaz, former president of died here early last night. General Diaz's wife, Senora Carmen

Romero Rubio Diaz, and their son, Porfirlo Diaz, fr., and the latter's wife were by his side when the end came, General Diaz began to fail rapidly bout three weeks ago and while his

death was not unexpected, owing to The eleventh hour decision of the his advanced age and the recent failing health, the crisis came suddenly his wife were hastily summoned and arrived at the bedside only a few mo-7 o'clock last night,

Colonel Diaz, in announcing the death of his father, said that he was unable to state the nature of the malady, but expressed the opinion that a complication of discases due to advanced age was the cause.

### REV. E. C. GROOK WILL SPEAK AT Y. M. C. A.

Rev. E. C. Crenk, secretary of the Lutheran Layman's Missionary movement of Columbia, will be the speaker at the men's meeting at the Y. M. C. A. temerrew afternoon at 4 o'cle

Dev. Mr. Crenk wil speak on "Ged's One Purpose in Your Life." A splendid musical program has been arranged for the meeting, which