

REGULAR BARGAIN AND SALE PLANNED BY REPUBLICANS

Southern Leaders in Old Guard Must Keep Quiet To Ob- tain Appointments

IF THEY SWALLOW BAIT, THEY GET THEIR REWARD

Linney's Confirmation Certain If Morehead Makes No Kick On Reduction of The Repre- sentation in National Con- vention of North Carolina and Other Southern States

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Washington, June 22.—Figure out how Senator Cummins of Iowa, will vote on the open secret hearings in the Linney case set for Friday, and you will then know whether the witness and speechmakers—white and black—are to have an audience outside of the three members of the judiciary sub-committee which is to sit on the case. Senator Ernst, Republican, of Kentucky, the chairman, once strong for the open session, has switched and now wants to have it behind closed doors.

Senator Overman, Democrat, of North Carolina, is for the open door, as he was in the beginning. Senator Cummins, Republican, of Iowa, who has talked in favor of the open session, says now that Ernst is chairman and that information as to the session still favors open sessions. Senator Overman said today that neither Senator Ernst nor Senator Cummins had said anything to him about it and that as it is a Republican squabble he will let them fight it out by themselves.

If Senator Cummins stands to his exposed views, then the session will be open. If he changes his mind, then it will be a closed session. Senator Ernst is banking on the hearing being behind closed doors, for today he informed a negro visitor that the sessions of the sub-committee would be executive, this meaning that only one witness at a time would be admitted.

Hearing Friday Afternoon

But open or closed, the hearing is to begin at 2:30 Friday afternoon, and there will be present big delegations of white Republicans who will be here to hear Frank Linney for district attorney of the Western district of North Carolina, while there will be equally big delegations of negroes who will protest bitterly the confirmation of Linney, for they hold that he has in mind the elimination of the negro as a factor in political affairs, and is ready to do this in violation of law. As to that there is a story in circulation that the Republican National committee is taking a hand in the nomination on the quiet. This story has it that at a recent meeting there was an understanding that if the white Republicans would make no interference with the confirmation of Linney, the negro Republicans would be confirmed, and the negro would be told to keep quiet. It appears that there was a regular "bargain sale" of the North Carolina Republicans to accept this proposition, and trade jobs with real money every month, for the elusive charms of a Republican National convention. National Committee-man Morehead was in on this understanding, so the understanding is, and agreement was reached. So white Republicans claim that they have the Linney nomination tied up safe and sound, that the only effect of the negro opposition will be to take up the time of the sub-committee with talk.

Not Candidate

Former Senator Marion Butler is an advocate of the "closed door" session, as he holds that this will be the best for Linney. He was a caller at the White House this morning and had a talk with Secretary George Christian. His attention having been called to a publication in Raleigh correspondence in a North Carolina paper in which it was stated that he had announced himself as a candidate for the United States Senate in North Carolina in the next election, he said:

"What is that? It's all news to me. I have never said anything of the kind, and have never authorized any one else to say it for me. There is no basis for such a statement, and you can say for me that it is a hoax. It's too far away to talk about being a candidate four years hence. You can say for me, if you will, that if I decide at any time to become a candidate for the Senate I will announce it in direct terms, and not leave the announcement to come by speculation."

Mr. Butler seemed very much amused at the publication, saying:

"I wonder where that writer got hold of such a story? While he may or may not have it in his mind to become a candidate, certainly he has not opened his mouth to newspaper men here about any such idea."

Former Senator Butler's call at the White House was in connection with the visit of a delegation of leading business men of Florida who reached Washington this morning to urge the withdrawal of the name of Matthew F. MacFarlane, of Tampa, as collector of the port, one of the "black and tan" outfits of that State. The "illy white" delegation found that Republican Chairman Adams and Representative Bascom Slomp, of Virginia, "illy white" advocates so reported, were out of the city and Mr. Butler was called on and went with the members to the White House. After a talk with Secretary Christian it was concluded to wait until tomorrow for the return of Adams and Slomp, and visit the President after a conference was held.

Simmons Gets Data

Senator Simmons has obtained from the Civil Service commission the infor-

New York Police Say Radicals Planned Seizure of Ships at Sea

Officials of Union of Russian Workers Said To Have Urged Members Out of Employment To Ship On American Vessels, Overpower Crews At Sea And Direct Boats To Russia.

New York, June 22.—Disappearance at sea of several American ships within the past few months was linked by the New York police tonight with plans revealed to them in a series of raids on radical headquarters a year and a half ago, for the seizure of these vessels at sea and their diversion to Russian Soviet ports.

The police said they were informed "through certain confidential sources" that officials of the union of Russian workers of the United States and Canada, an organization since broken up, had urged its members who were out of employment, especially those with a knowledge of the sea, to seek employment on American ships, over-power the other members of the crew and direct the vessels to Russia.

The identity of these "confidential sources" was not revealed by the police. All the information which came into their possession, with the enormous amount of literature and documents seized, they said, was turned over to the Department of Justice.

So far as known these plans were never put into execution prior to the raids, but police said they formed the chief subject of discussion at several secret meetings of the Russian organization.

The organization, police declared, was composed largely of Russian anarchists who used the labor union movement as a camouflage. Their headquarters were repeatedly raided by the police during 1919 and 1920 and many arrests were made. Eventually the majority of those arrested were deported to Russia, most of them aboard the United States army transport Buford.

WASHINGTON OFFICIALS WILL JOIN IN INVESTIGATION

Washington, June 22.—Department of Justice officials said tonight they would communicate with their New York office and with Detective Sergeant J. J. Egan chief of the bomb squad, to obtain all available information on the reported seizure more than a year ago from United Russian workers of the United States and Canada of documents containing plans for capture of American ships and their diversion to Russian ports.

Raids upon communistic organizations in November, 1919, and in May, 1920, officials said, had netted tons of documents revealing many radical plans but there were no schemes for the seizure of American ships so far as they could recall.

SIX VESSELS DISAPPEAR FROM NEWPORT NEWS, VA.

Newport News, Va., June 22.—Six vessels, three barks and three steamers, bound to or from this port have disappeared during the past twelve months, according to marine men here.

They are Norwegian barks Skansen L. Steinsund, the Swartskog and the Fionora, the British steamer Esperanza de Larrings, another British steamer and a Brazilian steamer, the names of the last two of which are not obtainable at this time.

The three steamers all left Hampton Roads in February. Merchants have kept a sharp lookout for them and for the other missing ships but have located no trace of any thus far.

FLORIDA EDITOR HEADS PUBLISHERS

Southern Newspaper Publishers' Association Elects New Officers For Year

Asheville, June 22.—With the election of officers, W. A. Elliott, of Jacksonville, being named president, the Southern Newspaper Publishers' Association adjourned here this afternoon. Asheville will again be the meeting place next year. Charles I. Stewart, publisher of the Lexington, Ky., Herald, was elected first vice-president and Arthur G. Newmyer, associate publisher of the New Orleans Item, was chosen for the office of second vice-president. W. C. Johnson, secretary and treasurer, will retain his position for the ensuing year. Mrs. E. V. Susong, of the Greenville, Tenn., Democrat-Sun, a new member of the association, was elected to the board of directors to represent the State of Tennessee. Other directors elected are: Alabama, Frank H. Miller, Montgomery Journal; Florida, E. Taylor, Miami Herald; Arkansas, J. N. Heiskell, Little Rock Gazette; Georgia, Charles Atkinson, Atlanta Journal; Kentucky, Urey Woodson, Owensboro Messenger; Louisiana, Robert Ewing, New Orleans Daily States; Mississippi, T. M. Hedermau, Jackson Clarion; North Carolina, A. W. Burch, Charlotte Observer; Oklahoma, E. K. Gaylord, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma; South Carolina, Robert Lathan, Charleston News and Courier; Texas, Marcellus Foster, Houston Chronicle; Virginia, C. P. Hasbrook, Richmond Times-Dispatch.

At the morning session of the convention, Dr. L. B. Morse, president of the Chimney Rock Company appeared in company with Secretary N. Buckner, of the board of trade, and extended an address to the convention.

NO DEMONSTRATION IN NEW YORK FOR ADMIRAL

Sims Returns To Washington and Will Meet Secretary of Navy Denby Today

Washington, June 22.—Rear Admiral Sims arrived in Washington late today from London to report to Secretary Denby for questioning regarding this recent speech in which he was quoted as attacking sympathizers in this country of the Irish republic. He was accompanied by Mrs. Sims and was met by a few friends. There was no demonstration and only the usual incoming and outgoing crowds were at the station. Admiral Sims probably will see Secretary Denby tomorrow.

New York, June 22.—Rear Admiral Sims returned home today to explain to Secretary Denby remarks attributed to him in his recent London speech on Irish-Americans.

Refusing to be taken ashore by a cutter, he came up the bay aboard the liner Olympic to meet friends or foes who might be awaiting him near the pier.

Everything was peaceful when the veteran seadog landed. A thousand bluecoats were massed on the dock to preserve order. Indeed, they were so numerous that, with wharf workers and passengers, it would have been difficult for many other persons to have found foothold on the pier.

Police lines were drawn several blocks north and south of the pier entrance. Not even when Woodrow Wilson returned from the Peace Conference were more thorough preparations made.

The Admiral was the first person to step ashore. He entered an elevator a few feet from the end of the gang-plank and descended to the main floor of the pier, where he stepped into an automobile with Rear Admiral House, commandant of the third naval district.

There were scarcely anyone on the pier. From the handful of persons who had gathered there came neither cheers nor insults. Among those who met the admiral was his brother.

MERCHANTS BUSY IN TALKING SHOP

State Association Complains of "Propaganda" Carried In Newspapers

Greensboro, June 22.—North Carolina merchants gathered here for the annual convention of the State Association experienced a busy time as the second day of the convention passed today.

Three sessions of the convention were held and each of the sessions was featured by address by one or more speakers of national repute, each of whom made a great hit with North Carolina merchants, according to those in attendance.

In addition to the three sessions of the convention the members and visitors at the convention were treated to an old fashioned basket picnic at historic Guilford Battleground this afternoon.

Several Prominent Speakers

The speakers of the day were Andreas Burkhardt, of Cincinnati, president of the National Association of Retail Clothiers; Fred Harris, New York City, representative of the National Retail Dry Goods Association, the former speaking at the morning session of the convention and the latter at the afternoon gathering.

Tonight the speakers were Ernest C. Hastings, of New York, managing editor of the Dry Goods Economist, who had as his subject "Store Management and Salesmanship," together with Clement S. Ucker, of Baltimore, an official in one of the large business concerns in the Maryland metropolis.

Each session of the convention moved off without a single hitch. The attendance was good and an especially large number heard the reports of a number of the local associations rendered this afternoon. All of the reports rendered showed remarkable gains in strength by their organizations.

Complain of Propaganda

This afternoon the convention adopted a resolution calling upon the newspapers of North Carolina and of the South to cease publication of a great amount of propaganda against the merchants of the country, and ordered the resolution sent to the convention of the Southern Newspaper Publishers' Association, now in session at Asheville.

The merchants feel that in many instances they have been done great injury by reports published in newspapers and which upon closer investigation were proven without foundation in fact.

All of the speakers of today, while not over optimistic, believe that there are better things in store not only for the merchants of the country, but for the people at large.

They all joined in urging the closest of co-operation between the merchant and his customers and also neighbors in all other lines of business.

Plead for Co-operation

Mr. Hastings, who spoke tonight, talked for some length and his talk was apparently greatly appreciated by those in attendance. Having been a successful store manager himself, he was quite familiar with the conditions that often confront other managers and his advice was conceded by all to be very inspiring and helpful.

Mr. Harris, who spoke this afternoon, made a general talk, but stressed the need for co-operation and a closer organization among the merchants.

He also believed in the closest co-operation with the newspapers of the country. He is of the opinion that the newspapers are the greatest friends that the merchants have.

The other speeches were greatly enjoyed as well as those mentioned above.

The associations reporting here this afternoon were: Asheville, Charlotte, Concord, Durham, Elkin, Burlington, Goldsboro Greensboro, Greenville, Kingston, Maxton, Ayden, Rocky Mount, Scotland Neck, Statesville, and Tarboro.

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BROOKS PRESENTS STRONG APPEAL IN COURT ARGUMENT

Greensboro Attorney Makes Notable Speech In Behalf of Home Company

ADDRESS BACKED UP BY MANY CITATIONS

Lawyer For North Carolina Public Service Company Holds Himself In Hand and Never Wanders Beyond His Depth In Showing Inconsistency of Southern Power Co.

Greensboro, June 22.—The outstanding feature of the trial of the case of the North Carolina Public Service Company against the Southern Power Co., before Judge James E. Boyd, in Federal court today was the powerful speech for the plaintiff made by A. L. Brooks this afternoon. Mr. Brooks spoke for over two hours and tomorrow morning will conclude his argument with an additional half hour address.

Following Mr. Brooks, E. T. Casler will deliver the concluding argument, asking Judge Boyd to render a judgment declaring that the Southern Power Company is not to be compelled to furnish the North Carolina Public Service Company current for distribution in Greensboro and High Point.

Brooks Outstanding Speaker

Preceding Mr. Brooks, W. S. O'R. Robinson delivered a strong argument for the defendant company at the opening of the court this morning and was followed by R. R. King, who spoke for the North Carolina Public Service Company.

Both men made strong talks and had much law at their command, but Mr. Brooks' powerful appeal this afternoon stood alone among the happenings in the court today and has been approached by no speaker with the possible exception of that delivered by Judge W. P. Byrum yesterday morning as he made the opening arguments for the defense.

Mr. Brooks took the stand that the laws of North Carolina and those of the United States will force the Southern Power Company to continue furnishing the North Carolina Public Service Company with power and current to distribute in Greensboro and High Point, so long as the Southern Power Company furnishes current and power for distribution to the Southern Public Utilities Company, and several other public utilities and public service companies in North Carolina.

He quoted court opinion after court opinion to prove his contention and at all times absolutely "had himself in hand and at no time wandered beyond his depth as one or two of the speakers who have already addressed the Court apparently have done.

Brooks Gives the Law

He quoted opinions from every court in the country, ranging from the Supreme court of the State of North Carolina to the Supreme court of the United States. Mr. Brooks has made a study of the power company cases for some time and the study stood him in good stead this afternoon, as before he began his oration the title of battle seemed to be going against his cause.

He appealed to the court in many ways. He denied that his company is a competitor of the Southern Power Company, declaring that the Southern Power Company owns all of the current that is delivered here, and that the North Carolina Public Service Company has no other place at which to get its current except from the defendant company.

The North Carolina Public Service Company will be wiped from the face of the earth if the court allows the Southern Power Company to pick and choose just who it will serve, he declared.

Mr. Brooks announced at the time that the court adjourned this afternoon that he wanted to speak for a short time tomorrow morning and the court consented. He will speak for one-half an hour, after which E. T. Casler will deliver the final address in the case.

Casler Preparing Himself

Mr. Casler is preparing himself for a great speech, and it is expected that the speaking tomorrow morning will be equally as compelling as that of this afternoon.

The battle will be over after Mr. Casler has delivered his address to the court. It will then rest in Judge Boyd's hands.

Just what he will do is entirely problematical, but it is thought he will reserve his opinion for several days in order to study closely the evidence introduced during the trial. Both sides had agreed to make three speeches and the Southern Power Company won the right to open and close, so that they have the last chance tomorrow morning.

HIGH POINT MAN SAID TO HAVE BEEN BADLY BEATEN

High Point, June 22.—While returning to his home in this city late last night George Burns, white, is reported to have been seized by a party of men who took him in an automobile to an unknown place where he is said to have been badly beaten. Two arrests have been made as a result of the incident, but tonight the police refused to disclose the names of the men arrested.

It was impossible to obtain any authentic information concerning the attack which has put High Pointers in talking. Rumors were thick and fast here tonight. Persons residing in the section where the seizure was made were alarmed by the cries of Burns and a great crowd gathered on the scene. When help arrived the man had been hurried away in an automobile. He was later returned, it was said.

LABOR STRONG FOR LEGISLATION TO REGULATE ROADS

Resolutions Adopted By American Federation Declare For Democratic Operation

WANT GOVERNMENT TO TAKE OVER RAILROADS

Stormy Debate Attends Adoption of Declaration of Principles By Convention; John L. Lewis Defeated In Effort To Declare For Ownership of Basic Industries

Denver, Col., June 22.—Reaffirming its stand for government ownership with democratic operation of the railroads, the convention of the American Federation of Labor today directed its executive council to draw up proposed legislation designed to give the workers through government regulation equal rights and privileges with capital in organized enterprises.

The convention sustained the action of the resolutions committee in striking out of the resolution a phrase that would have put organized labor on record as declaring for government control and democratic operation of "all industries organized under corporate grants and privileges." In authorizing the legislative program the convention overthrew the majority report of the resolutions committee which provided only aid for the railroad unions in their fight for government ownership of the railroads.

Debate Long and Stormy

The debate was long and stormy. Opponents of the minority report declared its declarations were "socialistic and red" and were designed to extend government ownership to all basic industries of the country, including the mines, textile, iron and steel, newspaper and book industries. They were answered with the argument that the declarations set forth "a sane and constructive policy for organized labor," and there was no socialism, bolshevism, communism nor anarchism in it.

Because of objections of international seamen's union and teamsters' union delegates to government control of their industry, the convention amended the declaration so that it would apply only to the railroad systems.

One of the chief supporters of the report involving the application of the principles of government ownership to all basic industries was President John L. Lewis, of the United Mine Workers who is a candidate for the Presidency of the Federation.

Mr. Lewis said the miners still had under consideration the problem of nationalization of the mines and he declared for "government" control of those basic industries where the workers felt such policy was essential and desired.

Equal Rights For All

"The American Federation of Labor," said the approved declaration, "herely declares its purpose to secure a return to those principles upon which our government was instituted in order that we may better secure the blessings of liberty and to that end we reaffirm our united support of legislation that will bring about the public ownership and democratic operation of the railways of the United States as being in strict conformity with those principles upon which the government is instituted.

"We declare for the recognition and restoration of these fundamental principles so that those men who contribute their effort to the industry shall enjoy the rights, privileges and immunities granted to those men who contribute capital, in proportion to the value which each contributes in order that the government shall be instituted for the common good and not for the profit of a class and in order that all men may enjoy the gains of their own industry."

In order to put the declarations into effect, the convention directed the executive council to "devise and publish the necessary legislative program designed to make effective the principles of the government set forth."

The council also was directed to "assist the recognized railroad labor organization by every effort within their power."

STRANGER FOUND DEAD IN WINSTON-SALEM HOTEL

Morphine and Other Narcotics Found In His Room

Winston-Salem, June 22.—A man who registered at the Zinzendorf hotel yesterday afternoon as S. M. Smith, Winston, Route 1, was found dead in his room this morning. His lifeless body was stretched across the room and on the window sill were found two bottles of morphine, one of liquid and one of tablets, while on a piece of paper was a small quantity of powder, supposed to be morphine. A hypodermic instrument had a number of needles were found in the room. Mutilated letters found in the waste basket indicated that the man had been around Greensboro and Charlotte.

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A citizen, after viewing the dead body, stated that Smith a few years ago was a well known practicing physician at Rilex City.

The coroner's jury rendered a verdict that Smith's death was caused by heart trouble and an overdose of morphine.

Wilton Smith, a son, who lives in Charlotte, arrived here tonight to arrange for his father's burial.

LEXINGTON YOUNG MAN DROWNS AT MORGANTON

Fall Cast Over Epworth League Conference By Death of One of Its Members

Morganton, June 22.—A tragedy which has cast a gloom over Morganton and brought grief to the entire Methodist Epworth League Conference in session here was the drowning late this afternoon of young Hoy Crouse, of Lexington, one of the delegates from the Lexington league. The young man and a number of companions had gone to Asbury's lake, about four miles from Morganton, to go in swimming. Just how Crouse was drowned will probably never be known but since he could swim and had swam across the lake, once with the other boys, the most plausible theory advanced is that he had a heart attack while in the water.

When the others were attracted by his apparent struggles he was going down for the last time. The body was recovered in a short time but all efforts at resuscitation proved futile. The body was brought to Morganton and prepared for burial. Disposition awaits advice from his relatives in Lexington but it is presumed that the remains will be sent home tomorrow.

MOUNTAIN FOLKS STRONG FOR ROADS

Use High Pressure On Commissioner John McBee To Secure Desired Road

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(By Staff Correspondent)

Marion, June 22.—Five hundred mountaineers carried their enthusiasm for good roads almost to the point of using force on State Highway Commissioner John McBee as the most feasible way of getting what they want at Spruce Pine yesterday afternoon.

The presence of five hundred McBee supporters, the untrifled defiance of McBee himself and the good sense of the commission prevented any show of violence.

Spruce Pine is a village perched precariously on the far rim of the Blue Ridge. Half the citizenry of that region want the State road to go to Bakersville, where McBee lives. The other half want it to run by Toccoa. McBee had ordered it by Bakersville and it leads through his farm. The commissioner with six members present, heard both sides, and will make up its mind about it later.

No member of the Commission, save perchance McBee himself, had ever witnessed such a scene as Spruce Pine presented when the road builders arrived in the village at 2 o'clock yesterday after blazing a two-hundred mile trail through Western Carolina. A thousand mountaineers had come from the hills and valleys of the Toccoa and Cato rivers. They were stern looking, rough, sturdy, powerful, and grim faced citizens of this rough and stern country.

Word had been sent ahead of the Commissioners that a hearing would be given to both sides. There were too many to be accommodated in any building within the county, and Chairman Page directed the assembly to gather at the fair grounds. They gathered, and for nearly two hours there was a word battle between counsel that both sides had retained. And then the mountaineers got in a few words, and the end McBee went to the bat and hurled defiance at his enemies concluding with the declaration that the men who had threatened him were worse than skunks, because a skunk did have a white stripe up its back.

Three members of the Commission and Governor Morrison arrived in Marion today and headed back toward the lower regions of the State, where arguments and roads are less rough. Commissioners McBee, Doughton and Cox, went back over part of the trail already laid out to explore the land as for as the Tennessee line and through the province of Ashe and Tam Bowles. Governor Morrison left at noon for Charlotte. Commissioners Page and Williamson and Hart left in the afternoon for the east.

On its pilgrimage through the Blue Ridge, much of it over the roughest trails of roads, the commission inspected routes that will turn the mountain counties away from insecure connections with Tennessee to the cities of Piedmont Carolina. Several toll roads that have been built for the tourist were inspected with a view to taking them over as part of the State system. The Blowing Rock Lenoir road, which drops down 3,000 feet to Lenoir from the resort, was gone over; the Yonahouse road, built by Hugh McKee to Linville; and the Clarkston turnpike near Little Switzerland. Final action will be taken on these projects in Raleigh July 6th.

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TWO AVIATORS IN BOMBING TESTS OF ARMY ARE KILLED

Two Airplanes Collide In Air in Course of Raid On Battleship Hulk

Washington, June 22.—Two of the leading fliers of the army air service, Captain Howard T. Douglas and Lieut. Maril J. Plumb, were drowned in Chesapeake Bay today after a collision of their planes in the course of a bombing raid directed at the hulk of the old battleship San Marcos off Tangier Island.

Reports received by the War Department from Langley Field, Va., said the accident was one of the most peculiar on record. Lieut. Plumb, flying a fast single-seat plane, was dropping bombs and Capt. Douglas, in a similar machine, was observing the raid from above. Plumb's plane had just dropped a bomb and was climbing upward as the other struck Captain Douglas' machine, cutting off its tail.

Both planes fell into the bay and disappeared with their pilots, whose bodies had not been recovered tonight although sought by a number of army and navy craft ordered to the scene after the accident.

Langley Field officials reported that soon after the planes fell another of the bombing planes dropped a bomb containing three hundred pounds of T. N. T. and that it fell near where the machines went down. It was evident, it was said, that the pilot of this machine one of many participating in the attack on the San Marcos had not seen the planes fall. The terrific explosion of this bomb aviation officers said, probably would make more difficult the recovery of the bodies of the officers or the planes.

Captain Douglas, whose home was in Covina, Cal., was one of the best known army fliers. He was attached to air service headquarters here and went by rail ahead of the army aviators on their recent flight to Alaska to select landing fields and make all arrangements for them.

Lieutenant Plumb, whose home was in Fond du Lac, Wis., was recognized, officers here said, as one of the army's expert fliers. When ordered to Langley Field to participate in the joint army and navy bombing tests, he flew from San Antonio in a big Caproni machine.

DESTROYERS EVEN SCORE AT AIRCRAFT FORCES

On board U. S. S. Henderson, off Cape Charles, Va., June 22.—(By the Associated Press)—Destroyers of the Atlantic fleet today evened the score with the air force, which yesterday sank the former German submarine U-117 to the bottom by a deluge of aerial bombs, by sinking the U-140 and the U-148 by gunfire at a range of 3,000 yards. Both submarines were riddled with explosive shells from the four inch guns of the destroyers.

Today's performance was less spectacular but just as effective as the aircraft attack yesterday. The exterior damage to the submarines from the gunfire was not as great as that caused by the bombs but the result was the same.

The U-140 was the first vessel attacked. The attacking force consisted of a division of five destroyers of the most modern type, headed by the Dickerson, commanded by Commander C. B. Mayo. In the attack on the U-140 only the Dickerson fired, 39 shots being hurled at the former U-boat which was anchored in 79 fathoms of water with deck almost awash.

Being by the submarine at a speed of 25 knots the Dickerson poured shells into the U-140 in four minutes and 40 seconds. The first salvo went over the target but the range was instantly corrected and shot after shot was pumped into the rusty hull, each hit sending a cloud of dust and smoke into the air.

At the conclusion of the firing an inspection of the U-140 showed 19 clean hits, with a possibility of others too far below the water-line of the sinking submarine to be noticeable.

Although the former U-boat was mortally wounded early in