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BRITISH-GERMAN NAVAL BATTLE

Kaiser's Ships Come Out Victorious in Sea Fight With British Fighting Fleet.

DECISIVE STROKE AT VERDUN IN PROGRESS

German Attacks Which Gained for Them French Trenches Was Continued Into the Night.

(By Associated Press.)
Berlin, by wireless to Sayville, N. Y., June 2.—The German admiralty announces that the German high sea fleet on May 31st encountered the British fighting fleet in an engagement which the admiralty says was favorable to the Germans. The battle continued all night.

The German admiralty announces that the large British battleship *Warrior*, the battle-ship *Conqueror*, a *Blücher* and *Indefatigable* and two *Queen Mary* class cruisers were destroyed.

It is also reported that a small French cruiser and a number of torpedo boats were sunk.

The German admiralty statement also states that by observation it was established that a large number of British battleships suffered damage from the fire of the German big guns and attacks of the torpedo boat flotilla.

The admiralty's statement also declares the British battleship *Malborough* was hit by a torpedo, this being confirmed by prisoners taken from the ship. Several German ships rescued parts of the crews of the British ships which were sunk, they including, it is said, two men from the *Indefatigable*, the only survivors from that ship.

On the German side the small cruiser *Weisbaden* was sunk by gunfire and the *Pommern* was sent to the bottom by a torpedo. The fate of the *Frauenlob* is not known and some torpedo boats did not return. The German high sea fleet, the statement adds, returned to port June 1.

The British dreadnaught *Warspite* was a sister ship of the *Queen Elizabeth*, both of which played a prominent part in an attempt to force the Dardanelles. The *Warspite* was 650 feet long and had a displacement of 27,500 tons. She was built in 1914 at an estimated cost of \$12,500,000. The *Warspite* is reported to have carried eight 16 inch guns in place of 15 inch guns carried by the *Queen Elizabeth*. Her complement was 750 men. The *Queen Mary* and *Indefatigable* were both British battle cruisers of 27,000 and 18,750 tons displacement respectively. The *Queen Mary* was 720 feet long and was completed in 1913. She carried eight 12 1/2 inch guns. The *Indefatigable* was 578 feet long and was equipped with eight 12 inch guns. The *Queen Mary* and *Indefatigable* carried a complement of between 900 and 950 men. The *Queen Mary* cost about \$10,000,000 while the *Indefatigable* cost nearly \$8,000,000.

London Reports Battle.

London, 2:05 p. m., June 2.—The British admiralty announces that a battle occurred in the North Sea between British and German fleets in the course of which a number of German warships were sunk.

With all the weight and power of its tremendous masses of men the Germans have been delivering what may prove to be the decisive stroke against the main defenses of Verdun.

The German attacks of yesterday northeast of the fortress which gained for them first line French trenches in the sector between fort Douaumont and Vaux has been followed by fighting of extreme violence.

This afternoon's official bulletin from Paris reports a continuation of the struggle through the night but failed to record the outcome, the implication being that the result was indecisive.

The Crown Prince's drive is being pressed along a front a little more than two miles in width between the Thiermont farm and Vaux. The German progress here has been slight since the early days of the fighting.

The recent pushing back of the French lines on the west bank of the Meuse is claimed to have stopped the French flanking fire from that bank and which had hitherto handicapped the German attempts to advance on the opposite side of the river.

West of the Meuse the French are endeavoring to regain some of the ground recently lost in the southward

MINISTER TO CUBA.



Minister Gonzales at Home.

Capt. William E. Gonzales, United States minister to Cuba, arrived at his home in Columbia on Monday and will be there on business a few days. He states that the conditions in the island republic are exceedingly gratifying and that peace and prosperity prevail throughout the island. Political conditions are quiet and the people have had two big years of fine crops and prosperous commercial conditions. Havana is a fine city and does a large commerce with this and other foreign countries.

MARKING THE BALLOTS

Some Information About the Voting in the Primary of Tomorrow—Attorney General Bickett Makes a Ruling on Some Points of the Law.

Attorney General Bickett recently made a ruling on the law regarding the distribution of ballots by candidates and friends of candidates. Here is what the Attorney General says:

"I beg to advise that in my opinion the registrar has no right to distribute the official ballots, but must keep them in his possession, subject to his control and the control of the judges of election until the elector comes up to vote. The elector then states with which party he affiliates and is handed the ballots of that party. He can take the ballots and mark them secretly if he desires, or he can call on the judges to assist him, and there is nothing in the law that forbids his calling on any friend of his to assist him in the preparation of his ballot if he so desires."

The voter may ask the judge at the polling precinct to help him mark his ballot, or he may ask a friend. No ballots must be marked and passed around among voters, and the voter must be careful and see that no name is checked other than the ones he desires to vote for, remembering to mark only the names he desires to vote for. Under the law he must do this himself or select a friend who he wishes to so help him.

A FATAL TRAIN WRECK.

A Number of Persons Killed and Others Injured When Bridge Gives Way and Train Goes Through Near Packard, Iowa.

(By Associated Press.)
Marshalltown, Iowa, June 2.—A dispatch to a local newspaper here from the scene of the Rock Island train wreck at Packard states that possibly a score of passengers lost their lives. It is stated the dead will total at least 15.

Two Women Killed.

Packard, Iowa, June 2.—Two women were killed and ten persons injured when a bridge over a creek near here collapsed under the weight of northbound passenger train No. 18 on the Rock Island road. Several persons are missing and it is believed they are either dead by being drowned or as a result of their injuries.

The one man who is always on the job, needs no physical culture course to keep him keyed up, is the chronic kicker.

You never can't tell. April 1 sometimes marries a very tall man who still doesn't come up to her expectations.

ARE STILL ENGAGED OVER THE DETAILS

Representatives of the Trainmen and Officials of the Railroads Are Still Considering the Details Preliminary to Their Conferences Over Brotherhood Demands.

(By Associated Press.)

New York, June 2.—Preliminaries still occupy the attention of the railroad managers and the representatives of their conductors, firemen, engineers and trainmen at the today's meeting. For the first time in the history of their dealings, labor and railway leaders, are trying to settle their differences in public. Both sides have agreed that an open session of their conferences will give the public a chance to form its own opinion of the question at issue. Methods and procedure were discussed today.

Meetings will be held each morning at 10 o'clock. Some of the conferees think it will be a least two or three weeks before it is finished. The employes have no authority to call a strike. If possible they will arrange the acceptance of their demands and if they fail they will report back to their locals for instructions.

BRANDEIS WINS FIGHT FOR CONFIRMATION

Washington, June 1.—The nomination of Louis Brandeis of Boston to the Supreme Court to succeed the late Joseph Lamar was confirmed by the Senate today by a vote of 47 to 22. The vote, taken without debate, ended one of the bitterest contests ever waged against a presidential nominee. Mr. Brandeis will be the first Jew to occupy a seat on the Supreme bench.

Only one Democrat, Senator Newlands, voted against confirmation. Three Republicans, Senators LaFollette, Norris and Poindexter voted with the Democratic majority and Senators Gronna and Clapp, would have done so but paired with Senator Borah and Kenyon.

Throughout the fight President Wilson stood firmly behind his nominee, never wavering even when it seemed certain that an unfavorable report would be returned by the Senate Judiciary.

How They Voted.

The Senate today confirmed Louis D. Brandeis who was appointed by President Wilson for the Supreme Court January 28, by a vote of 47 to 22.

Forty-four Democrats and three Republicans voted for confirmation, and 21 Republicans and one Democrat against it.

Senator Newlands was the only Democrat to oppose confirmation, and Senators LaFollette, Norris and Poindexter, Republicans, voted for it.

Sensors Simmons and Overman voted for confirmation.

The vote on the nomination was by agreement, and without debate. The calling of the roll was preceded by the presentation of majority and minority reports from the Judiciary Committee on the nomination.

TIME TO REPLY TO CARRANZA.

Washington, June 2.—A week or more will be taken by administration officials to frame a reply to the note from General Carranza threatening war on the United States if the American troops are not withdrawn from Mexico.

President Wilson is out of the city and no active preparation of the note will be begun pending his return. The usual cabinet meeting for today was cancelled as the President will not return until late in the day.

Washington, June 2.—General Funston reported today that about 20,000 Carranza troops were mobilized in the vicinity of Chihuahua and were being disposed apparently for an active campaign against bandits over a territory 50 miles from Matamoros to Ojiza. He feels no uneasiness over the movement Secretary Baker said.

PRESIDENT DELIVERS DIPLOMAS TO GRADUATES

Secretary of the Navy Josephus Daniels Addresses the Class at Annapolis and Tells Them They Are Coming Into Navy at Time of Highest Efficiency.

(By Associated Press.)

Annapolis, June 2.—President Wilson arrived here this morning to deliver the diplomas to the graduating class at the Naval Academy.

Daniels to the Class.
Annapolis, June 2.—Secretary of the Navy Josephus Daniels today welcomed the graduating class into actual service in the United States navy with an address which counseled them to continue to train themselves and to study under the order just as they have been doing at the Academy, in order that they might be prepared at all times for what comes up.

He told the graduates they were coming into the navy at the period of its largest expansion and highest efficiency and when the lessons from Europe pointed directly to the need of trained men in war if human life is to be spared from the killing of men unprepared and unskilled in science and militarism.

SPENCER ALDERMEN TRANSACT BUSINESS.

Sewerage Connection Question Taken Up—Salaries of Officials Fixed—Scholarship Awards Are Announced.

Spencer, June 2.—Four graduates of the Spencer High School have just been awarded scholarships to the following State Institutions by Prof. M. L. Barnes, superintendent of the schools here:

To Elon College, Miss Alma Sweetwood.

To Trinity College, Mr. William Powell.

To Davidson, Mr. Frank Falls.

To Wake Forest, Mr. Melvin Bunch.

All the scholarships are to be accepted and used by the winners who made high records during the past year in the schools here.

Of the twenty Rowan county citizens who are candidates for commissioners in the county and who go before the primaries tomorrow, a large percentage of them have declared themselves favorable to a free bridge over the Yadkin river near Spencer. The answers were brought out by a letter sent by Mayor Burton of Spencer, who is working for a free bridge and who is endeavoring to secure a board of commissioners favorable to the measure. The answers were posted on a bulletin board in front of the mayor's office and will have an effect on the vote at the polls Saturday. Mr. H. C. Trot, who is now chairman of the present board and a big stockholder in the toll bridge now in use, favors a vote by the people of the county on the measure.

The initial step looking to a big Labor Day Celebration in Spencer will be taken Monday night when the general committee is to meet at the Y. M. C. A. It is likely that the committee will take some steps to cooperate with the Salisbury Fourth of July Committee in Salisbury, as it is the purpose of the Labor Day officials to help in every way possible in this celebration also.

The Spencer shops, according to a bulletin posted this week, will work six days and eight hours during June. Work is said to be heavier at the shops now than for many months, and all departments are working full time.

The Board of Aldermen met Friday night with Mayor W. H. Burton presiding and the following members of the board present: S. A. Huffines, C. L. Bunch, B. F. Vancannon, M. L. Kizer, H. C. Wilson and J. E. Connell.

A motion was made by Alderman Huffines, seconded by Alderman Wilson that the members of the Civic League be thanked for the interest they had taken in the way of beautifying the park.

The matter of forcing the owners of property to connect with sewer, where same was accessible, was brought up and thoroughly discussed and it was shown that this should be done in order to secure better sanitary condition, and it was shown that different boards had been very lenient with the people along this line, but it had come to a place now that action must be taken, so the matter

CATAWBA TO HOLD A COUNTY FAIR.

(By Associated Press.)
Hickory, June 2.—Progress is being made in raising funds to finance a Catawba county fair here this fall. The people of the county are rallying to the proposition splendidly and already six of the ten thousand dollars wanted are in sight. The fair is now assured.

The picture of health—An "after taking" advertisement.

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OSCAR H. PHILLIPS.



Mr. Oscar H. Phillips, well known young farmer of Rowan, who is a candidate for the Democratic nomination for the House of Representatives in the primaries of tomorrow.

PRIMARIES WILL BE HELD IN THE STATE TOMORROW

All Candidates and their Friends Working Hard on the Home Stretch and All Are Certain of Nomination—Claims of Big Majorities.

This is the last day intervening before the primaries, tomorrow at sundown it will all be over, so far as nominations go, and then "just how come" will be in order. At present, if you talk to the various candidates for any one office, you will find that there is to be several nominations for the same office for every candidate is claiming a victory. One candidate on the Democratic ticket was heard last night to make the assertion that he would beat his opponent anywhere from five to ten to one votes, and that particular opponent is just as certain of beating that man.

There appears and in fact is more rivalry among the Democrats for the nominations for county offices than there is among the Republicans. This is probably due to the fact that the Democratic candidate for nomination considers a nomination equivalent to election. But, on the other hand, the Republicans are saying they are going to break solid old Rowan this fall.

Those who are taking an active part in the campaign for the nomination of Democratic State officers are also making some big claims for their favorites. There will be some hard licks put in tonight and tomorrow and not until the votes have been counted will the outcome be known for a certainty.

The polls will open at the various voting precincts at sunrise Saturday morning and remain open continuously until sunset, the same as in a general election.

Voting Places Salisbury Township.

The following are the voting places in Salisbury township:
North Ward—Old court house annex.
East Ward—Lively stable opposite court house.
South Ward—City Hall.
West Ward—Water Works office.
Spencer—Mayor's Office.
East Spencer—Pesperman's store.
Registrars and Judges.

North Ward—M. A. Shank, registrar; T. H. Vanderford, Jr., C. F. Hartley, judges.
East Ward—H. E. Ruffy, registrar; W. T. R. Jenkins, W. M. Daniels, judges.
South Ward—N. B. McCasless, registrar; Chas. S. Miller, J. M. Revis, judges.
West Ward—T. J. Rabe, registrar; Kerr Craigie, Frank Sowers, judges.
Spencer—Paul Nussman, registrar; W. H. Burton, J. S. McNeil, judges.
East Spencer—T. M. Earnhardt, registrar; C. A. Sides, Ernest Staton, judges.

PENTACOSTAL FEAST TO BE CELEBRATED

Thursday, June 7th, to be Observed By Jewish World and is Known as Pentecost or Feast of Weeks—Originally Agricultural in Character.

The Jewish Pentecost or Feast of Weeks (Shebuoth) will be celebrated on the 7th of June. Its name is derived from the fact that it is celebrated seven weeks after the second day of Passover. All the biblical injunctions as to be observed indicate that it was originally agricultural in character. It was in reality a season of thanksgiving for the harvest of the barley harvest during the Passover to the wheat harvest at the beginning of the summer. The ceremonial offerings prescribed were in keeping with the God-given gifts of the soil that had been gathered.

In past-biblical times this Feast was observed as the anniversary of the birth of Judaism with the promulgation of the divine law at Sinai. On this "Day of the Giving of the Law," as it was called by the Rabbis, the Ten Commandments constitute part of the Scripture readings in the Synagogue. It is this historical aspect of the Feast that has been emphasized in the non-agricultural life, which the Jews were compelled to live for centuries.

When the Reform Synagog introduced the rite of Confirmation for the Jewish youth, the Pentecost, by virtue of its traditional association with the ancient revelation, was the day most naturally selected for charging the young boys and girls through an impressive public ceremony, with the meaning of the Jewish faith and with the duty of leading a high and religious and moral life.

The agricultural side of the Feast, however, was not lost sight of, in that it was customary to decorate home and synagog with plants and flowers in season. In addition to a portion from the Pentateuch, the charming story of Ruth was prescribed in the Synagog because the idyllic scene of harvesting which it contains was in keeping with the celebration of the Harvest Feast. Those observing customs that originated in post-biblical times add a second day to that enjoined in the Bible.

MRS. HATTIE POWERS DEAD.

Native of Salisbury and Resident of Spencer Dies in Charlotte Where She Was on a Visit to Her Daughter.

The many Salisbury and Spencer friends of Mrs. Hattie C. Powers, for a long time a resident of Salisbury, but who has for a number of years been living in Spencer, will be pained to learn of her death, which occurred this week in Charlotte, where she was visiting her daughter. Mrs. Powers was a relative of the late John H. Verble and spent the greater part of her life at the old Verble home just across the Western railroad on what is now North Main street. The Charlotte News says of her death:

Mrs. Hattie C. Powers, of Spencer, died Monday afternoon at 5:50 o'clock at the home of her daughter, Mrs. H. C. Franks, No. 415 West Third street, after a period of ill health extending over a long period. She came from her home in Spencer to visit her daughter here two months ago in the hope that a change of environment would benefit her. Her condition did not improve, however, and she continued to grow worse until the end came at the time mentioned above.

Mrs. Powers was born and reared at Salisbury and was 56 years of age. She leaves one daughter, Mrs. Franks and one son, Mr. John H. Powers, who is a conductor on the Southern Railway. The funeral services were held Tuesday afternoon at Cavalry Methodist church and were conducted by the pastor, Rev. A. R. Surratt. Interment was in Elmwood cemetery. Mrs. Powers was a woman of many lovable traits of character and was held in esteem by a wide circle of friends, who mourn her death.

ARRANGING FOR BIG CONVENTION

SubCommittee of Democratic National Committee Meeting in St. Louis.

STONE AND GLYNN ARE BEING CONSIDERED

When Democrats Meet in City June 14th the Coliseum Will Hold Its First Convention.

St. Louis, June 2.—The subcommittee of the National Democratic Committee met here today to name a temporary chairman and to consider the apportionment of seats to delegates.

Martin Glynn, former Governor of New York, and Senator Stone, of Missouri, are said to be considered in connection with the temporary chairmanship. The report of the committees on tickets, delegates and entertainment will report to the subcommittee which will be in almost continuous session up until the day for the convention to meet, the 14th of June.

No meeting of the Committee proper will not be held until the 12th when the matter of contests will be taken up. The only contests come from the Hawaiian islands, Porto Rico and the District of Columbia. Coliseum's First Political Convention.

St. Louis, Mo., June 2.—The Democratic National Convention which assembles here on June 14 will be the first political convention to be held in the St. Louis Coliseum. The first public meeting in this building was in the presidential campaign of 1908 when William H. Taft, Republican nominee, spoke there. At that time the Coliseum was not completed, fifteen thousand persons crowded into the structure for this occasion.

The Coliseum was built in 1907-08 at a cost of \$336,000. As arranged for the Democratic National Convention it will seat approximately 10,000 persons. This seating capacity is obtained as follows:

On the platform are 512 seats. In the section for daily newspaper correspondents and press associations are 472 seats.

Sections set apart for the editors of Democratic weekly papers in Missouri and Illinois will accommodate 238 more persons.

Seats will be provided for 7,078 delegates and the same number of alternates, though there may be slight change in these figures in case some states send extra delegates with a fractional vote.

In the boxes are seating accommodations for 546, in the arena balcony 2,194 and in the balcony 35,400. This makes a total of 9,818. Extra seats placed wherever possible throughout the building bring the total seating capacity to about 10,000.

The building is so designed that there is room on the arena floor only for the delegates, alternates and the daily and weekly newspaper men.

Permanent Chairman Late Today.

Washington, June 2.—The selection of a permanent chairman of the Democratic National convention at St. Louis is expected late today at a conference between President Wilson and Fred B. Lynch, chairman of the executive committee of the national organization.

Mr. Lynch arrived here today to discuss campaign plans with President Wilson and especially to decide on a permanent chairman.

There was only one case in the county court this morning, a young fellow for the larceny of a bicycle and who was caught in Charlotte. He was given six months in jail with privilege to the county commissioners to hire him out.