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## Lord Earl Kitchener, British Minister of War Goes Down In His Majesty's Ship Hampshire en Route to Russia

### ENGLAND SUFFERS A SERIOUS BLOW IN THE DEATH OF KITCHENER WHO WAS LOST MONDAY NIGHT

While Aboard the Cruiser Hampshire En Route to Russia the War Minister of Great Britain and His Staff Went to a Watery Grave When His Majesty's Ship Struck a Mine or Was Hit By a Torpedo—England's Greatest Soldier and Man Who Raised the Huge Army From Untrained Men Lost at Sea—Only a Few Bodies and One Capsized Boat Found From the Wrecked Cruiser Hampshire.



LORD EARL KITCHENER.

London, June 6.—Earl Kitchener, British minister of war and his staff were aboard the cruiser Hampshire, which was sunk by a mine or by a torpedo off Orkney Islands last night.

It is feared that all aboard the cruiser were lost. Four boats were seen to leave the Hampshire while a heavy sea was running and only one capsized boat and some bodies have been found.

The Hampshire was on its way to Russia. Admiral Jellicoe, commander of the British Grand fleet, reports that there is little hope for any of the men aboard surviving.

#### ADMIRAL JELICOE MAKES REPORT.

London, June 6.—The names of the members of Lord Kitchener's staff cannot be learned. Sir William Robertson, chief of the Imperial staff in London, and Admiral Jellicoe has sent the following report on the sinking of the Admiralty:

"I have to report, with deep regret, that His Majesty's ship, Hampshire, with Lord Kitchener and his staff on board was sunk at 8 o'clock last night to the west of Orkney Islands, either by a mine or by a torpedo.

"Four boats were seen by observers on the shore to leave the sinking cruiser. The wind was blowing north by northwest and the sea was heavy and running high. Patrol boats and destroyers were sent immediately to the rescue of the distressed ship men and parties of watchers were established on the coast, but only a few bodies and one capsized boat have been found. While every effort is being made to find survivors little hope is felt that there will be any survivors.

"No report has been received by rescuing parties sent out. The Hampshire was on its way to Russia."

#### KITCHENER WAS ENGLAND'S GREAT ORGANIZER.

Earl Kitchener, was appointed secretary of state for war on August 8th, a few days after Great Britain declared war on Germany. He was regarded as England's greatest soldier and the government entrusted to him supreme direction of the war, this being universally approved by the people of Great Britain.

As the war progressed and Great Britain faced many deficiencies in certain directions, particularly in the shortage of ammunition, Lord Kitchener was subjected to severe criticism, the criticism being led by Lord Northcliff.

The secretary was charged with the responsibility of the failure to provide sufficient munitions of war, with having failed to foresee the great demand for shells and as a result the position of Minister of Munitions was created and Lloyd George was appointed to fill the place.

Earl Kitchener's responsibilities were further lessened by the appointment of Sir General Robertson to be Chief of the Imperial Staff in December of last year. It was reported that friction had arisen between Kitchener and Field Marshal French, in command of the British forces in France. Shortly after the appointment of Robertson, Field Marshal French retired from the command.

Notwithstanding the fact that Lord Kitchener had been severely criticized he succeeded in a great undertaking, and from England's few thousand of men, untrained soldiers, he raised a huge army and today more than five million men are enrolled for the various branches of the service.

There has been no recent report of Lord Kitchener's movements. He was last mentioned in cables of Friday when he went to Westminster to be questioned by members of the House of Commons who were not satisfied with the conduct of the war. No intimation had been given that he intended to leave England.

#### WAR BOARD MEETS HURRIEDLY.

London, June 6.—When the news of the sinking of the Hampshire with Lord Kitchener and his staff on board reached London the British War Council was immediately called. Another meeting will be held tomorrow and it is believed Sir William Robertson head of the Imperial Staff, will become head of the War Office.

#### MEMBERS OF THE STAFF.

London, June 6.—Accompanying Lord Kitchener as his staff were Hugh James O'Beirne, former counselor and British ambassador at Petrograd and former minister to Bulgaria; O. A. Fitzgerald, Kitchener's private military ambassador; Brigadier General Ellershaw and Sir Frederick Donaldson.

#### EARL KITCHENER GREAT SOLDIER.

Of several things that entitle Earl Kitchener to a place in world history, the most notable is that he organized the largest volunteer army the world has ever seen, in the greatest war of all times.

Within a year from the sudden outbreak of the European war in August 1914 the ranks of British fighting men were quadrupled by an increase from less than one million to nearly 4,000,000.

All other Great Powers that entered the war had huge standing armies and compulsory military service. Great Britain alone faced the issue with confidence that its people would readily respond to the call of King and Country without compulsion, and the precipitous developments that led to the war found both the people and the government unanimous in the verdict that Kitchener of Khartum was the man to lead in the recruiting and organization of the necessary army.

He grimly told the British people they had a bigger war on their hands than they realized, and one that might last longer than they expected but it was to be faced with entire confidence, and he, unsmiling, almost like a dehumanized machine, set about to make things hum. He had scarcely moved into Whitehall Street when he made numerous changes in the personnel of the War Office, which was said to be honey-combed with social and political favoritism.

Without his crowning achievements as the great organizer of the British campaign in the European war, Kitchener had already won wide and lasting fame by his many campaigns in Egypt, South Africa and in India.

He was born June 24, 1850, in County Kerry, Ireland, a fact that gave rise to a general belief that he was of Irish blood, but his parents were of French and English descent. His father was a soldier, but of no very high rank. He had managed to climb to the lieutenant-colonelcy of a dragoon regiment, when he retired to the estate in Ireland where Horatio Herbert Kitchener, the to-be-distinguished son, was born. Young Kitchener received his fundamental military education at Woolwich, where he displayed only ordinary brilliancy, with the exception of his liking for mathematics. On graduating he received a commission in the Royal Engineers, but when not yet 21 years of age he attached himself to a French army in the Franco-Prussian war. He had been in the service only a short time when he contracted pneumonia during a balloon flight and had such a prolonged and serious illness that he had to give up further service for France.

Kitchener's experience in European warfare—prior to his direction of the great war of 1914 therefore, had been limited only to a few balloon flights in France.

In 1910 he paid a brief visit to the United States during a trip around the world. At that time it came out in the New York papers that the great Kitchener was a "woman hater." He took occasion to deny this and said the only reason he had never married was because he believed a man could not be a good soldier and a good husband at the same time.

When a fellow feels that he is falling in love, does he look for the girl to help him out?

Popularity that is purchased is seldom a bargain.



Photo by American Press Association.

#### FORMER UNITED STATES SENATOR ELIHU ROOT.

A large number of Republican leaders are working for the nomination of Mr. Root at the Chicago convention of this week. Root is strong with the so-called "Old Liners," "Sandpatter," and though a very able

man and very distinguished diplomat, he is bitterly opposed by the progressive element of the party. He was the chairman of the convention four years ago that put the steam roller to Roosevelt and forced the nomination of Mr. Taft.

### A CONCERTED EFFORT IN CHICAGO TO ELIMINATE COLONEL ROOSEVELT

Movement on Foot in Chicago to Place Whole Field of Candidates Against the Sage of Oyster Bay—George W. Perkins, Roosevelt Leader. Gives Out a Statement—Has Hughes Been Strengthened or Weakened?

(By Associated Press.)

Chicago, June 6.—Before going into a conference with Republican leader, gave out a statement in which he declared Colonel Theodore Roosevelt had not said he would refuse to support Justice Chas. E. Hughes or any other man and assailed the Hughes supporters for attempting to make capital out of his "preparedness speech" in Washington last night.

Political Leaders Puzzled. Chicago, June 6.—Political leaders are today trying to determine whether Justice Hughes has been strengthened or weakened by the temporary concentration of all forces on him with the avowed purpose of eliminating Colonel Roosevelt as a Republican possibility.

The effect of the Hughes drive has been to place the whole field against him.

The conference between Republican and Progressive leaders yesterday lasted far into the night and was resumed early today but it is not believed it has yet proceeded far enough to clarify the situation.

Lodge May Compromise. Chicago, June 6.—The two latest elements brought into consideration today was discussion of Senator Lodge, of Massachusetts, as a compromise candidate likely to command the support of Colonel Roosevelt.

This phase of the situation almost overshadows the maneuvering among Republicans today regarding the question of what the Progressives will do when their convention assembles tomorrow.

ADDRESS TONIGHT. The commencement exercises of the Salisbury Normal and Industrial Institute will be held at the Community Building this evening at 8:30 o'clock. The commencement address will be delivered by Rev. Geo. H. Atkinson. Subject, "The Relation of the Salisbury Normal Industrial Institute to the Times."

### CANVASS OF VOTE OVER STATE IS DELAYED

Failure of Some Counties to Get Returns to Raleigh Causes Result to Be Withheld for Several Days.

(By Associated Press.) Raleigh, June 6.—The State Board of Elections met today to canvass the vote polled in Saturday's primaries. Because of the length of the ballot and the delay in canvassing the vote in many counties the board does not expect to complete its work before Thursday or Friday.

Late reports indicate little change in the result from that unofficially reported yesterday with the exception that it will possibly be unnecessary to hold a second primary to name a candidate for Attorney General, James Manning apparently had a majority on unofficial figures but it will necessitate the official count to decide the question.

Tact is very often the art of seeming to be interested in other people's troubles.

Immediate action not later than Thursday.

The movement for the immediate nomination of Colonel Roosevelt began to show itself early today.

The progressives have opened headquarters in the Congress hotel, from which place the Roosevelt fight was directed four years ago and before the delegates had breakfast Roosevelt boosters were abroad, cheering, shouting and stirring up a demonstration for the Colonel.

### A KANSAS TORNADO KILLS MANY PEOPLE

Several Towns Destroyed and Much Property Damage Results Cyclone Sweeps Over.

#### BOSTON AMERICANS' GROUND SWEEP CLEAN

Churches, Private Homes and Other Buildings Blown Down and Entirely Destroyed.

Jackson, Miss., June 6.—Eight persons, two white and six colored, were killed while fifty others were injured seriously by a tornado which swept through here early today. About 259 homes were damaged, some of them completely demolished.

#### Portion of Town in Ruins.

Little Rock, Ark., June 6.—Telephone reports from Heber Springs, Arkansas, today are that between 20 and 25 white people were killed and more than 50 were injured in the tornado which passed through that town Monday afternoon. The storm entered from the west and left a portion of the town in ruins.

Little Rock, Ark., June 5.—Fifty-nine persons are reported to have been killed and more than a hundred injured in a tornado which swept through central and northern Arkansas late today.

North Arkansas appears to have suffered most severely although the storm was general throughout the state.

At Judsonia one-third of the town was said to have been swept away. The tornado swept clean an area four blocks wide and 12 blocks long. Twenty-five bodies and 50 injured already had been taken from the ruins at 10 o'clock, reports said.

#### Hot Springs in Darkness.

Hot Springs, Ark., June 5.—Seven persons were killed, several were more or less seriously injured in a tornado which swept across Garland county and cut a path through the southwestern portion of Hot Springs late today. The dead are two farmers, a timber man and a negro.

The electric light and power plant was incapacitated and the city is temporarily without traffic service or lights. A church also was blown down and many frame buildings destroyed. Majestic park, the spring training grounds of the Boston Americans, was swept clean.

Only messenger reports have been received from outlying sections.

#### Bald Knob Suffers.

Memphis, Tenn., June 5.—A dispatch to the Iron Mountain railroad office here from Bald Knob, Ark., reported several persons killed and considerable property damage in White county by the tornado which swept through that county of Arkansas today. The town of Judsonia is reported badly damaged.

#### Murphy a Candidate for Speaker.

Washington, June 4.—Walter Murphy will be a candidate for Speaker of the House in the next North Carolina Legislature. Mr. Murphy came to Washington immediately after learning the results of Saturday's primary, in which he was nominated for the Legislature from Rowan county by a large majority. He is happy over the large vote he received.

Mr. Murphy expects to be in St. Louis for the Democratic convention. He looks for quick work there; expecting the Democrats to finish their business without trouble of any sort. He believes President Wilson will have little trouble in being elected in November.

(Any chauffeur will tell you that a thorn in the flesh is worth two punctures in the tire.)

The office that seeks the man seems to be about it in a blind-man's-buff sort of way.