

Admiral Charles Dwight Sigsbee Dies at New York

As Captain He Commanded Ill Fated Maine at Time It Sank in Havana Harbor

New York, July 19 (AP)—Rear Admiral Charles Sigsbee, retired, captain of the ill-fated battleship Maine died suddenly at his home here today.

Rear Admiral Charles Dwight Sigsbee rose to fame through one of the greatest naval disasters in American history—the "blowing up of the Maine." He was 52 years old at that time; a captain a veteran of the Civil War, and an inventor of deep-sea exploring and sounding apparatus.

Captain Sigsbee, commander of the Maine, was ordered to Havana harbor to protect American lives and property during the crisis of the Cuban rebellion against Spain in 1898. As the vessel was on a friendly mission she was received with the customary courtesies from the forts and Spanish war ships, and the usual official visits. She was assigned to a special anchorage and placed there by the proper agents of the Spanish government.

On the evening of February 15 the big white battleship had been riding quietly at anchor for more than two weeks. Captain Sigsbee went to his cabin shortly after 8 o'clock and wrote a long letter to his wife. By the time he had finished many of the 328 men and 26 officers were asleep. The Captain had just enclosed the letter in an envelope and started to seal it when a deafening roar sounded through the ship. The great vessel began to list. Groping his way through the dark, Sigsbee reached the deck. A scene of horror greeted him. The Maine was sinking.

"None can ever know," he said later, "the awful scenes of consternation, despair and suffering down in the swirling water or confined in a closed compartment slowly filling with water. It is comforting to believe, and it is probably true, also, that most of those who were lost were killed instantly."

The tragedy cost the lives of 264 sailors. The news spread over the world in a few hours but not before the entire American nation was aroused to a pitch of frenzy, believing the Maine had been blown up by hostile Spaniards.

"Suspend judgment," urged Sigsbee in his first report. His calm wisdom did much to prevent the United States from rushing into war immediately. He accompanied the court of inquiry in its investigation of the wreck, and his expert knowledge helped it to arrive at a decision as to the cause of the disaster.

"The question has been asked many times," said the Admiral years after the tragedy, "whether I believed then that the Maine was blown up from the outside. My answer has been that my first order on reaching the deck was to post sentries to repel boarders."

Admiral Sigsbee added fresh laurels to his fame in the war that soon followed the disaster. As commander of the St. Paul, a trans-Atlantic liner converted into an auxiliary cruiser, he captured the Spanish collier Restormel, carrying coal to Cervera, and thus sealed the fate of the Spanish fleet at Santiago. The cruiser Isabella 11 and the destroyer Terror both hauled down their flags and surrendered to him.

Admiral Sigsbee was born January 10th, 1845.

SOCIAL and PERSONAL

MISS RUTH FARRELL

Mrs. Scott Hunter, leader of the girls work of the Draper Y, returned to Draper yesterday from her two weeks vacation.

Prof. and Mrs. J. E. Holmes and children returned to Leaksville after spending several weeks with relatives near Buffalo Lithia springs.

Miss Bowe Penn of Martinsville was in Leaksville yesterday. Miss Henriette Reid returned to Martinsville with her to spend several days.

Mrs. S. L. Martin, Mrs. W. O. Jenkins, Mrs. S. L. Martin, Jr., Mrs. J. B. Ray are spending the day in Danville, shopping.

Mrs. A. D. Ivie is spending the day in Greensboro.

Mesdames A. W. Dunn, Lawson Ivie, Elliot Ivie, Ben F. Ivie, W. O. Jenkins and Miss Mary Wilson motored to Reidsville yesterday afternoon on a shopping trip.

Miss Annie Hundley of Mt. Hermon was visiting friends in Leaksville yesterday.

Mr. and Mrs. James Hairston, a recent bride and groom, have returned from their wedding trip and are making their home at the Carolina home.

Mrs. N. B. Austin is very much indisposed this week.

Mrs. L. W. Clark and Miss Mary Ann Abel are spending the afternoon in Madison and both will lecture to The Woman's Club of Madison. Mrs. Clark's subject will be on her trip abroad and Miss Abel's will be on her preparations for the Rockingham county pageant.

The Blue Bird Circle of the Leaksville Baptist church met Wednesday afternoon with Miss Louise Jones in the Highlands. The meeting was presided over by the president, Miss Evelyn Barker. A most interesting program had been arranged, readings by members of the Society. Miss Evelyn Barker played a piano solo. Mrs. Beeker read a most interesting paper—"Manuel from Mexico" at the close of the meeting the hostess assisted by Melba O'Brien served delicious fruit punch, cake and bonbons.

The Reading circle of the Girls' Auxiliary of Leaksville Baptist church will meet with Mrs. Ida Jones Friday afternoon at 3 o'clock at her home in Oakland Heights.

One of our readers has requested that we publish, for the benefit of the rising generation and a few of the older people, too, the following verse:

Early to bed,
Early to rise,
Makes a man healthy, wealthy and wise.

MRS CLARK ENTERTAINS

Mrs. L. W. Clark was hostess to the Border Book Club on Wednesday at 4 p. m. The program in charge of Miss Merriweather had for its topic "Stained Glass Windows of America."

Mrs. J. B. Ray read a most interesting paper on stained glass windows. Miss Jones gave a most instructive talk on Tiffany Windows. She had visited the Tiffany studio in New York and was familiar with the Tiffany Mosaic work.

Mrs. P. P. Scales read of the Washington Memorial Chapel and its wonderful windows at Valley Forge. Mrs. Lbberton of Madison gave several humorous readings.

General Wood's Trouble Must Await Harding

Washington July 19 (AP)—Final action in connection with the incident in Manila which resulted in the resignation of the Philippines cabinet and the council of state, in protest against the policies of Governor General Wood will await the return of President Harding from his Alaskan trip.

Reports reached Secretary Weeks from Wood and Manuel Quezon, setting forth both sides of the controversy.

At any rate we hope that the westerners will have more success than the "Buy-a-Bale" movement brought to the South.—Greensboro Daily News.

Miss French, the president, presided. Twelve members were present and thirteen guests.

Delicious refreshments, consisting of Ice cream in cantaloupes and angel food cake were served.

Mesdames Van Noppen, Lebberton and Myseek from Madison, Keezee, Martin Simmons and Glenn from Martinsville, Lee Martin, Jr., Miss Meyers from Washington, Miss Aycock, Miss Scales from Raleigh, Miss Jones and Miss French were the invited guests.

Girl Beats Step-mother Over Head With A Club

Wausau, Wis., July 19 (AP)—Mary Laando who was found in a swamp near here yesterday after a 8-day search, confessed to Sheriff Arthur Stewart that she attacked her step-mother on the night of July 10th, beating her over the head with a club. The girl, according to the sheriff said she had trouble with the woman.

UTAH COAL MINERS LIVE IN GOOD HOMES

Washington July 19 (AP)—Discouraging news for city dwellers who pay from fifty to seventy-five dollars a month for rent comes from a report filed with the United States Coal Commission which shows that miners at Hiawatha and Mohrland in Utah are able to obtain modern stone or stucco houses at a rental of from \$2 to \$3 per room which would figure from \$12 to \$18 a month for a six room home.

The information filed by Col. Henry L. Stimson and Goldwaite H. Dorr of counsel for the Bituminous Operators' Committee, which is cooperating with the government fact-find commission, gives an interesting slant on the living conditions of the modern soft coal miner in Utah as brought about by his employer.

"Living conditions in most of the mining communities is excellent the report reads. "The entire coal field is of quite modern development and a great part of the construction is modern.

"For example, 41 per cent of the houses at the mines at Hiawatha, Hener and Mohrland of the United States Fuel Company, the second largest operator in the State, are modern houses. They are either built of stone or stucco. They have modern bathrooms and are equipped with running water and electric light, both furnished free. These houses rent at an average of from \$2 to \$3 per room per month. Each mining community is laid out with wide streets and sidewalks. Each house has a garden, which is fenced by the company if the occupants so desire. In each community there is an am-

SCHOOL TEACHERS PUBLISH THE HICKERSONIAN WEEKLY

The teachers attending the summer school at Wentworth, are creating considerable interest at the county seat. One thing in particular has caused more favorable comment than most anything else that has happened of late.

The teachers are publishing a weekly newspaper, which they call "The Hickersonian" in honor of the County Superintendent, a copy of the first edition being posted on the bulletin board at the Court House. Mrs. Dan Taylor is the editor, and Miss Kathleen Ivie, assistant editor.

The Hickersonian is true to its colors. It voices the sentiment of the thirty-two teachers in attendance in no uncertain terms, and pays a tribute to Prof. Hickerson which he will remember all the days of his life. This deserving tribute reads:

To you, our faithful Supt! To you whose sincerity and interested effort to be a helpmeet in all that concerns your teachers, to you who have made us feel your friendship, to you whose optimistic spirit is inspirational; to you to whom no eulogy is needed for your good work will stand as a memorial to your untiring efforts for the uplift of old Rockingham, to you, Mr. Hickerson.

Crap Shooters Will Eat Their Meals Standing Up

Dice Game Sent Dozen Negroes to Hospital Badly Burned

Stuebenville, Ohio, July 19 (AP)—Twelve of the thirteen negroes who participated in a dice game at the Labelle iron works here, are in the mill hospital suffering from burns. The dozen were ranged along one side of the table, while the thirteenth wielded the spotted ivory gallopers from the other side. One of the 12 grabbed the pot in the center of the table. Number thirteen reached for his pistol. As it flashed, the dozen sat on a red hot fuel pipe.

Twelve pairs of trousers were ruined and the owners will take their meals standing for some days to come.

STATE BANKERS AND FARMERS HOLD CONFERENCE

Raleigh, July 19—The two-day conference of bankers and farmers from the fifth Federal Reserve District closed yesterday at State College with a discussion by members of the College teaching staff on service and experiment station workers of the problem of how the bankers may cooperate in making farming more profitable.

The conference, which was presided over by J. Elwood Cox, of High Point, on Tuesday adopted resolutions looking towards the encouragement of loans by bankers to bright and deserving young men and young women who wish to go to college to study agriculture and home economics; to promote in a rational and conservative way the economic increase of the productiveness of the soils of the district and the encouragement of a proper system of diversified farming. In carrying out this program it was urged that a banker-farmer conference be called early in the fall to meet at the agricultural college of each state in the district.

"A more personal contact is needed between the banker and the farmer," Dr. W. B. Kilgore stated at Tuesday's session. "The farmer can usually secure all the credit he needs but it is the cost of such credit that is ruinous. A recent survey of 800 North Carolina farms showed that more than one half of the credit obtained by the farmers was secured by advances from stores. When farmers borrowed directly from banks the interest on the whole transaction amounted to only 6.3 per cent, but the rate on advances from stores ran up to 26.6 per cent."

"Banks usually have been more than willing to finance the farmer, but the difficulty has been in persuading him away from the traditional method of securing his credit in the costly time merchant way."

LT. RUSSEL MAUGHAN ON COAST TO COAST FLIGHT

Mitchel Field N. Y., July 19.—Lt Russel Maughan took off at 4:08 o'clock this morning, eastern standard time, on his second attempt to fly from coast to coast between dawn and dusk.

Reaches Dayton at 8:35

Dayton, July 19 (AP)—Maughan arrived at McCook field at 8:35 eastern standard time, on the first leg of his New York to San Francisco, dawn to dusk flight.

Saint Joseph Mo., July 19 (AP)—Lt. Maughan landed here at 11:25 central standard time, thus completing the second leg of his transcontinental flight. He departed at 12:03.

HAPPENINGS AT THE COUNTY PLAYGROUND

The Kirchie Orchestra from Spray rendered a delightful program in the Y. M. C. A. hut Sunday afternoon. Mr Kirchie and his talented family are extremely generous in responding to the need of music at the Play Ground and every one appreciates their kindness.

Among the interesting parties spending the day with us on Sunday was one made up for the most part of people from Henry county, Va. Included in the party were Misses Sady and Grace Perry, Irene and Elsie Doyle, Florene Elliot and Ora Smith; Messrs Emmet Grogan, William Doyle, Thomas Clark, Clyde Smith, Frank Perry, and Walter Payner.

Other Sunday visitors were Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Morton and family from Burlington, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Morton and son, and Mr and Mrs. L. T. Barnwell from Elon College.

Mr. W. B. Weaver had as his guests for the week end Miss Jackson and Miss Phippen from Chapel Hill and Mr. Frank Sheffield from Spray.

The Co-op Picnic on Saturday was a distinct success in spite of work and weather. We were glad to have them with us, and met many friends from different parts of the county during the day.

Beginning Wednesday, July 17, Miss Simpson, the county nurse, will hold a well babies conference in the Red Cross hut at 3 p. m. each Wednesday.

This is done in response to the call from the State and nation for a reduction in our excessively high infant death rate. Few people realize that all but two of the so-called civilized nations have a lower infant death rate than does the United States. Eighteen nations are taking better care of their babies than we are.

From twelve to twenty of every one hundred babies born in the United States die during the first year of their lives. Many of these deaths are the result of ignorance on the part of mothers and those who have the care of babies and of contaminated milk.

Now that Rockingham county cows are being tuberculin tested it is hoped that an effort to have cleaner milk will also be made, and that mothers will realize their responsibility in caring for their babies and so give Rockingham county a healthier citizenship.

Immediately after the better babies hour, there will be an hour of games, stories and readings for older children. Different people have offered to assist in this work and we hope to make it interesting. If you can tell a story, give a reading, or lead in games come and help us.

OVER THREE MILLION TONS COTTON SEED

Slight Increase In Seed Crushed Over Last Year

Washington, JJuly 19 (AP)—Cotton seed crushed in the eleven month period ending June 30, totalled 3,226,915 tons compared with 2,983,272 in the same period one year ago and cottonseed on hand at the mills amounted to 13,768 tons compared with 19,767 the census bureau announced today.

The weather seems to be heating up a trifle in Manila as well as elsewhere. Greensboro Daily News.