

## GIANT CUNARD LUSITANIA FALLS PREY TO GERMAN SUBMARINE OFF IRISH COAST; REPORTED TO HAVE GONE TO THE BOTTOM

Vessel Torpedoed This Afternoon at 2:33 O'clock—London Says Passengers Were Saved—Many American Citizens Aboard—Undersea Destroyer Laid In Wait For Big Ship—Blow Listed Great Hull to One Side—Much Excitement in New York

### CONFIRMATION OF SINKING

Liverpool, May 7.—The Cunard Line manager here says the Lusitania was sunk by a submarine at 2:33 o'clock (London time) this afternoon, eight miles south by west of Old Head of Kinsale.

Submarine's Responsibility Questioned.

London, May 7.—A report that the Lusitania was sunk by an infernal machine, and was not torpedoed, lacks confirmation.

(By the United Press)

New York, May 7.—The Cunard Line this afternoon reported an unconfirmed rumor that the Lusitania had been attacked.

The big Cunarder is one of the largest ships in the world, and holds the transatlantic record, made on her maiden voyage and never equalled.

If the Lusitania has happened to any considerable misfortune the greatest loss of life on the ocean this year has been made possible. There is much excitement in the offices here, where the officials are bending every effort to get the particulars of the reported attack. Whether the giant steamer was beset by men-of-war or a submarine is not known.

Submarine Off Irish Shore Was the Assailant.

New York, May 7.—The second report reaching here says the Lusitania was attacked by a submarine which laid in wait for her off the Irish coast. Confirmation is yet lacking.

Passengers Saved.

London, May 7.—It is reported that the Lusitania's passengers were saved.

Liverpool Hears Ship Went Down.

Liverpool, May 7.—The Lusitania had a heavy passenger list of Americans principally. She was torpedoed and sunk off the Irish coast. There was a decided list to the steamer when she went down. Landsend and Queenstown stations picked up wireless messages that the ship was torpedoed at 2:33 this afternoon.

LOIS CAMPBELL ENTITLED TO HALF OF BIG ESTATE.

St. Louis, May 6.—A unanimous verdict for the defendants in the Campbell will case was returned by the jury here tonight. The verdict declares Lois Campbell, now Mrs. Elsey Burkham, to be the daughter of James Campbell and therefore entitled to half of his \$16,000,000 estate, willed her by Campbell.

BISHOP HOSS TO MAKE TOUR OF HALF WORLD.

St. Louis, Mo., May 6.—Bishop E. E. Hoss of Nashville, Tenn., was assigned to conferences during the ensuing year which will take him half way around the world, at a meeting of the College of Bishops of the Methodist Church, South, here today. He will preside at conferences in China, Japan, Korea, Cuba and Australia.

MORE THAN FOUR SCORE LEPELERS IN CHICAGO

State Physician Says Many Cases Are Unreported—Patients Living Out Of Quarantine Throughout the Windy City.

(By the United Press.)

Chicago, May 7.—Chicago has 80 lepers living unquarantined, and numerous cases are unreported in various parts of the city, according to Dr. George A. Zeller of the Illinois Board of Administration.

## NOW THE FANS BLAME THE TRAINING CAMP

Attribute Giants' Poor Showing to the Place Back in the Styx Where McGraw et al Spent the Spring—Haven't Struck Stride, Possibly

By Hal Sheridan

(Written for the United Press)

New York, May 7.—New York baseball fans are indulging in heated arguments over the all important and absorbing question of whether the cause of the Giants' poor condition can be traced back to the training camp. It would seem, from appearance anyway, that this is at least a contributory cause, for while the former diamond idols of New York fandom have been limping along the baseball highway the Yankees have been within walking distance of the top of their league on quite a few occasions. The Yankees' performance indicate that their severe spring training is showing in the position they occupy in the standing of the clubs of the American League.

In all the winter league "dope" the Giants were rated as sure contenders for the big flag right from the start of the season. Then came the spring training period and from the sport scribes traveling with McGraw's men came glowing accounts of the Giants being in the pink of condition. However, when the Giants returned to their old home town the baseball fans soon saw that there wasn't even a shadow of color in the former champions playing condition.

Of course the Giants had a big bunch of hard luck at their training quarters. Wet grounds often kept them for days without regular field practice at Marlin and a warm, sunny day was a rarity. Hotel arm-chair practice don't help much in the grand old game. Of the month spent in the sometimes sunny south less than one third of this time was really baseball weather. And not even these days which could be called ideal baseball days were bunched near enough together to make them worth thinking twice about.

When the pitchers needed warmth and sunshine at Marlin the weather man served cooling breezes and cloudy skies. The pitchers did not have enough good days to get their arms in any kind of shape and the games since the opening of the season show the result. Hot weather is what the Giant pitchers thrive on.

But admirers of the Giants say the McGraw men have not yet struck their stride. And when they do, look out for their dust. The McGraw machine, 1915 model, has less working parts than the old champion style machine, thanks to the National Commission, but followers of the Giants will not admit fewer men have weakened the team. On May 1, McGraw trimmed his team right down to the bone, letting five promising recruits loose on that date. And what remains of the Giants force is all meat—there's no excess baggage to be pulled half across the continent.

The argument is frequently heard that the Giants need reinforcements and not reductions of their playing talent, but this is beside the point. None of the men who were divorced from the Giant squad this year, because of the limited player rule, could have aided the team to any material extent this season. Probably not a single one would have ever batted a ball in a regular game.

They showed a flash of brilliant form at the opening. Since then they have coasted. But New York fandom is not discouraged. The Giants, after all, are New York's baseball idols and the man in the street never loses faith in the gods.

## CHINA-JAPAN FIGHT AVERTED BY ACTION OF TOKIO GOVERNMENT

Victory Rests With Dove of Peace at the Height of the Crisis

ADJUSTMENT UNDOUBTED

Japan Said to Have Withdrawn Her Contention Under Article IV, Which Was the Unsatisfactory Phase of Demands

(By the United Press.)

London, May 7.—Special dispatches from Peking say China has yielded to practically all the Japanese demands. Only the details now remain to be worked out. The reports say this action will surely prevent war.

Yuan Shi Kai Spent Entire Night With Council.

Peking, May 7.—The Chinese government has sent a new reply to Japan, which is expected to avert a serious crisis. It is believed that the note is an acceptance under protest of the Japanese demands. The note was sent after an all night conference between President Yuan Shi Kai and his advisers.

Japan Withdrawn Alleged Unreasonable Article 4.

Tokio, May 7.—Peace between Japan and China was assured today when Article 4 of the Japanese demands, the one most obnoxious to China and other powers, was officially withdrawn.

## MRS. PANKHURST WILL URGE MEN TO ENLIST

Suffragettes' Leader to Use Efforts to Incite Britishers to Serve Their Country—Makes Address This Evening.

(By the United Press)

London, May 7.—Mrs. Emmeline Pankhurst, the noted militant suffragette, will make a recruiting speech tonight at the invitation of the war office in the biggest theater in North London. She will be received at the entrance by the mayor and corporation officials.

## BULLETINS

(By the United Press)

BRITISH STEAMER TORPEDOED.

London, May 7.—The British steamer Centurion, of 6,000 tons, has been torpedoed and sunk by a German submarine. The crew is reported to be safe.

DUTCH HAVE RECOVERED MANY DRIFTING MINES.

The Hague, May 7.—It is officially announced that Dutch mine sweepers which have gathered mines on the coast since the war began have recovered 291 British, 54 French, 32 German and 145 unidentified mines.

CENTURIAN'S SISTER SHIP REPORTED SUNK.

Liverpool, May 7.—The Charcoal Liner Candidate has been torpedoed off Waterford, Ireland, by a German submarine. The crew was saved and taken to Milford Haven. The vessel was a sister ship to the Centurion.

ONLY TWO SAVED FROM ILL-FATED TRAWLER.

Grimaby, Eng., May 7.—The trawler which struck a mine in the North Sea today was completely destroyed. Only the skipper and a deckhand were saved.

PANAMA FAIR ATHLETIC MEET

San Francisco, May 7.—Track teams from all the leading Pacific coast colleges hold their track meet for the championship at the Fair

## SMASHED BY THE AUSTRIAN SHELLS



View of the army museum in Belgrade, Serbia, after its destruction by Austrian shells.

### NOT AWARE THAT HIS NAME WAS BEING USED IN CONNECTION

#### Hon. N. J. Rouse would Make No Further Comment on Story of His Probable Candidacy for Attorney General

(Daily Free Press, May 7)

"Collector J. W. Bailey must beat former Lieut.-Gov. Doughton, N. J. Rouse of Kinston, R. O. Everett of Durham, and yet other strong ones, according to the belief of Western North Carolina lawyers who have been here this week," is stated in a newspaper report emanating from Raleigh. The report states that Doughton's strength in the West "is not to be discounted," but "it appears to be quite true that Bailey's friends have worked while Doughton talked, and that Bailey has a long lead over the man from the West." Judge Frank Carter has not announced his purpose, though Asheville's offering a few days ago appeared to have the sanction of the near-authentic. The splitting of the West between Carter and Doughton would work in favor of the other possibilities.

"In the East," it is declared, "is N. J. Rouse, the big figure of the Carter-Abernethy case. Then, with Everett and Bailey in the center, the pawing-up process would be complete."

"Only Everett and Carter would be worried as to the senatorial side. Doughton and Rouse were as good Simmons men as Bailey, and all would enter the fight without handicap. Everett and Carter are put down with the anti-Simmons men."

"In all this political excitement it is notable that no man has definitely

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### WHERE THEIR SHIPS WERE NOT TO COVER THEM, ALLIES LOST

#### Claim of the Turkish War Office — Constantinople Reports Gains of the Ottoman Troops on the Gallipoli Peninsula

(By the United Press)

Constantinople, May 7.—Ten machine guns, much ammunition and many prisoners have been captured by the Turkish forces operating on the Gallipoli peninsula, said the war office today. It is claimed that all success rests with Turkey except where the allied forces were covered by their ship's guns. In the fighting near Arriburnu an entire battalion of the enemy was annihilated.

#### FORCED TO SIGN PAPER AT POINT OF PISTOL.

Asheville, May 6.—That Will Winfrey of Cherokee county, was forced at the point of a pistol to sign an agreement whereby he promised not to testify against Ed. White in a distilling case at the present term of the United States District Court for the trial of criminal cases, was a startling development of yesterday's session of that tribunal. As a result of the revelation, the defendant, his father, W. T. White, and Mims Taylor are in jail.

#### SUFFRAGE LEADERS TO PLAN CONGRESSIONAL CAMPAIGN

New York, May 6.—The National Board of the National Woman Suffrage Association issued a call today for a conference of suffrage leaders in Chicago June 6 to 9, to discuss steps for a suffrage campaign before the sixty-fourth Congress.

## EVANGELIST CROSS WILL PREACH SERMON OF MUCH INTEREST TO BUSINESS MEN TONIGHT

(Daily Free Press, May 7)

There were but two excuses worthy of any consideration whatsoever, and no reasons for men and women not becoming Christians, said Evangelist Percy Cross in his sermon on "Some Kinston Excuses for not Becoming a Christian," Thursday night. The two excuses were divisions and hypocrisy. In discussing the first one, Mr. Cross said the divided condition of Christendom was responsible for many not coming to Christ. They were simply bewildered in a maze of theories and isms and because they did not know which way to turn to best enter the Kingdom they very naturally stayed out. Families were divided because of sectarianism, said he, and there were many instances where on Sunday morning the various members of the family took opposite directions, going to different places of worship, while those who were not Christians went to their clubs, offices or remained at home. Mr. Cross pleaded for a return of God's people to the simple New Testament teachings, laying aside all

human additions, which have served as fences to keep the divisions. The second excuse, hypocrisy of the members, was rapped severely. While he did not think that because one man or woman was not leading the life they ought to lead, was any reason for others staying out of the Kingdom, the responsibility of the church member to lead a correct life and set the proper example was no less on that account.

Ten responded to the Gospel invitation at the conclusion of the sermon. One of these was an eight-year-old boy, who Pastor Bernard Smith had wanted to take the step for several days.

Thursday afternoon there was a baptismal service held at the river by Pastor Smith and Evangelist Cross. Seven men, who had expressed a preference for the river, were baptized.

Tonight Mr. Cross will speak on "Does It Pay to Be a Christian." He promises to discuss the matter from a standpoint, which will be of interest to business men.

## WARN ITALY AS SHE TAKES FINAL STEPS TO STRIKE AUSTRIA

Dual Monarchy's Cause Germany's, Threat of the Kaiser

WILHELM AN OPTIMIST

British Troops Useless in the West; Russians Lolling Out, He Declares—Troop Trains Over All in Italy.

(By the United Press)

Rome, May 7.—The railway administration has announced the suspension of forty passenger trains on the main lines. It is understood this action was taken to facilitate the movement of troops and munitions of war to concentration bases. Italy has been officially warned by the direction of the Kaiser to keep out of the war on the side of the Allies. The warning said that Germany would make Austria's cause her's and send a great army against Italy. The Kaiser notified Prince Von Buelow at Rome, after returning from an inspection tour to both battle fronts that the English troops in the west are useless, and that within a fortnight the Russians will be driven out of Galicia. Austria is rushing war preparations.

Berlin Admits Gravity of Situation.

Berlin, May 7.—German officials today still refuse to abandon hope for a peaceful settlement of the Austro-Italian crisis. Not an attempt is made to disguise the seriousness of the situation. German successes on both fronts, it is believed, will help the situation as to holding Italy off.

Russian Offensive Entirely Killed, Says Berlin.

Berlin, May 7.—Official statements by both the Vienna and Berlin war offices agree that the Russian offensive in the Carpathians has been completely smashed. The German war office said the Dukla Pass approaches were all held by Austro-German forces. Vienna announced that Tarnow has been captured, and the resistance of the Russians along the Donajec broken. German aviators have bombarded Grodno, causing much damage.

Many More Guns Being Brought Up By Germans.

Paris, May 7.—The Germans are bringing up an enormous amount of additional artillery and putting it into action at every point on the battle line. The Germans apparently are trying to blow the British out of Ypres. They continue the use of asphyxiating gas.

An Athens dispatch to the Matin today said a Russian aviator had flown over the suburbs of Constantinople and dropped bombs, doing considerable damage. The Russians use seaplanes, ascending from the Black Sea fleet, in operating against the forts on the left bank of the Bosphorus.

## PENNSY. OPPOSED TO UNION INSTITUTIONS

The Open Shop and Sympathetic Strike Not Welcomed by the System, Supt. Crighton Tells Industrial Commission.

(By the United Press.)

Washington, May 7.—General Superintendent Crighton of the Pennsylvania Railroad today told the industrial relations commission that his road opposes the closed shop and sympathetic strike.

## MODIFIED DRINK LAW FOR ENGLAND ASSURED

(By the United Press)

London, May 7.—It is officially announced that an agreement has been reached between the leaders of the political parties and a modified drink bill will be introduced and passed.

## MAYOR AND BOARD ALDERMEN FOR TERM BEGINNING MAY 10

Took Oath of Office Thursday Night and Elected Subordinates

SALARIES OF POLICE CUT

Two of Old Force Dropped. Assistant Chief Elected—Douglas Mayor Pro Tem, and Col. W. D. Pollock Assistant Recorder

(By the United Press)

Magistrate D. Ostinger swore in Fred I. Sutton as Mayor of Kinston for the second term Thursday evening between 8:30 and 9 o'clock. Immediately afterwards the Mayor administered the oath of office to Aldermen E. V. Webb, W. B. Douglas, M. M. Happer, L. P. Tapp, E. R. Rouse and H. P. Fort. The Council went into executive session to elect officers, and held forth, entertaining no company, for more than three hours. There were exactly eight persons present, including Clerk W. B. Coleman.

The appointments of lower officers were announced at the close of the meeting, which was devoted almost exclusively to that business. Commissionerships were divided among the aldermen as follows:

- Street, Webb (reappointment).
- Treasurer; Fire and Police, Happer.
- Water and Light, Rouse, (reappointment).
- Sanitary, Fort (reappointment).
- Cemetery, Tapp.
- Finance, Douglas.

The billeting of Mr. Douglas of the First Ward to the Finance Commissionership put that gentleman in the most important position on the board. It carries with it from custom, the honor of Mayor pro tem, and Mr. Douglas becomes the second official of the city in rank.

Messrs. Webb, Tapp and Douglas were named the Committee on Ordinances.

Police appointments were as follows: Chief, J. C. Heath, second term; Assistant Chief, from patrolman, J. F. Skinner; Patrolmen Geo. Rouse, James E. Dupres, C. W. Sumrell and Lonnie Buck, the first two for second terms. The only chopping off of heads was in this department, Sumrell and Buck succeeding Richard Stroud and Floyd Kennedy. Salaries were reduced nearly all around. Heath's from \$100 to \$90, and the patrolmen's from \$75 to \$65. Assistant Chief Skinner was given \$6 per month more, making his remuneration now \$80. There were more than a score of applicants for election to the force, and the Council had no trouble in securing what they considered good material for this department.

Col. W. D. Pollock was elected Assistant Recorder, to sit in the Municipal Court when, for any reason, Recorder Wooten is unable to be on his job.

Tom V. Moseley was re-elected as Chief of the Fire Department, and D. F. Wooten, Assistant Chief. City Physician George E. Kornegay was re-elected, John G. Dawson was returned as City Attorney, John E. Weyher was re-elected Superintendent of the Water and Light Department, and Clerk W. B. Coleman was again put in charge of the city's business office. All the banks in the city were favored in the agreement to deposit the municipality's funds as nearly as possible equally between them.

The new officers will take office on Monday, although the administration is now completely organized and in charge of affairs. Three of the Board of Aldermen are new members: Mayor pro tem, Douglas and Aldermen Tapp and Happer, the first from the first ward and the latter two from the Second. Mr. Douglas' colleagues, Aldermen Webb, and Messrs. Fort and Rouse, are beginning their second terms.