

Kitchiner of Khartoum Was Torpedo's Victim

Lost With All His Staff In Cruiser Somewhere In Vicinity Orkney Islands

Later Report Says Mine May Have Been Responsible for Sinking of Cruiser Hampshire With Celebrated Commander and Personal Aides — Admiralty Discourages All Hope—Kitchiner Was On Way to Russia to Confer With Czar's Leaders—Four Boats Put Off Following Explosion, But None Is Believed to Have Reached the Shore—England's Greatest Personal Loss During War

(By the United Press)

London, June 6.—The loss of Earl Kitchener, Secretary of State for War, England's greatest military organizer and conqueror of the Soudan, with his entire staff, when the cruiser Hampshire was sunk off the Orkney Islands by a mine or torpedo, is officially announced by the admiralty. The news of England's greatest personal loss since the war began today stunned London. The admiralty issued the following bulletin:

Admiralty Statement.

"The admiralty reports with deep regret that the ship Hampshire, with Lord Kitchener and staff on board, was sunk last night at 8 o'clock off the Orkney Islands by a mine or torpedo. Four boats were seen from the shore to leave the ship. There were heavy seas, but patrolers and destroyers proceeded to the scene. The whole shore has been searched, but it is greatly feared there is little hope of finding survivors. No report has been received from the search party on shore."

A later announcement by the Admiralty said searching parties in boats found only bodies of drowned men and one capsized boat. There is faint hope that some may have reached shore and proceeded in a search for aid. On account of the high sea this is considered unlikely, and the admiralty discouraged all hope for survivors.

It is stated that the Hampshire was on her way to Russia, where Kitchener planned to confer with officials in Petrograd.

Herbert J. Savill and Admiral Sir John Jellicoe, commander of the home fleets, telegraphed the news of his loss.

Earlier Report.

London, June 6.—Earl Kitchener, Minister of War, with his entire staff, was lost when the cruiser Hampshire sunk off the north of Scotland, it is announced officially at the Admiralty. The statement indicates that the Hampshire was torpedoed off the Orkney Islands.

It is said there is little hope that any of the staff survived.

It is accepted as a fact that Kitchener was drowned.

Hampshire Carried 655 in Crew.

The Hampshire was 450 feet long, of 10,850 tons, carried four 7.5-inch guns, six 6-inch guns and two torpedo tubes, and a complement of 655 officers and men.

No mention is made of the Hampshire participating in a sea battle. The announcement failed to give the circumstances of the sinking.

A Real Leader.

Poratio Herbert Kitchener was England's foremost soldier. He was born in County Kerry, Ireland, in 1850. He was a son of the late Lieut.-Col. S. H. Kitchener. He was educated in the Royal Military Academy at Woolwich, distinguished himself in service in Egypt, India and South-Africa, was commander of the Khartoum expedition in '98, for which he was given the thanks of Parliament, raised to the peerage and granted 30,000 pounds. He was successively chief of staff and commander-in-chief in South Africa. He was promoted to lieutenant-general and received his viscounty. He was made Minister of War at the beginning of the war. He designated the base of the British fleet, supposed to be in the neighborhood of the Scottish Islands.

It is believed Kitchener and his staff went to the Orkney Islands to review the battle fleet after last week's fight.

SPEED KINGS LINE UP FOR CHICAGO'S DERBY

Maywood, Ill., June 6.—Entrants for the second annual Chicago Automobile Derby, to be held on the Speedway here June 10, are to hold their qualifications tests here today, tomorrow and Thursday. There are more than thirty entrants.

COLOR SCHEME OF THE BALLOTS THIS PRIMARY

Charleston, W. Va., June 6.—Green and white was the color scheme in the first test of state-wide primaries to be held in West Virginia today. The Democratic voters kept their qualifications tests here today, while the Republicans used white.

ROOSEVELT OR THEY WON'T PLAY, SOL'MN DECLARAT'N PROG'S

Will Run Colonel Even If They Have to Do It As a Third Party Again—Perkins Says "We've No Second Choice"

By H. L. RENNICK, (United Press Staff Correspondent) Chicago, June 6.—Determined on a program for Roosevelt or nothing, radical Bull Moosers today challenged the conservatives to do their worst. The plan is to nominate Roosevelt and run as a third party if the Republicans won't accept. Perkins Issues Ultimatum. George W. Perkins in a statement issued an ultimatum that it would be Roosevelt or none so far as the Progressives are concerned. "We've no second choice," he concluded.

MANY KILLED WHEN TORNADO SWEEP TWO STATES ALONG MISS.

Forty-Nine Fatalities Reported From Arkansas and Mississippi — Large Number Injured — Five Drowned From a Vessel

(By the United Press) Memphis, June 6.—Forty-nine persons were killed in Arkansas and Mississippi by a violent tornado, say dispatches—25 at Judsonia, Ark.; six at Redford, three at Hot Springs, eight at Natchez, Miss., and two at Jackson. It is reported that five were drowned when a boat sank at Augusta, Ark.

Wire Service Hampered. Little Rock, Ark., June 6.—Reports over crippled wires today indicate a heavy loss of life in a series of cyclones over this section. Estimates place the dead at from ten to fifty, with a large number injured.

BULLETINS

(By the United Press)

ROOSEVELT WOULD BACK WOOD. New York, June 6.—Roosevelt will support General Leonard Wood for the Republican nomination if his name is seriously considered, according to Oyster Bay visitors.

FRENCH WAR STATEMENT. Paris, June 6.—German artillery is bombarding Fort Vaux with unprecedented violence, says an official communique, following failure of two infantry attacks. Unbroken machine gun and rifle fire is sweeping both lines.

PAGE SAW THE PRESIDENT. Washington, June 5.—Thomas N. Page, American ambassador to Italy, discussed with President Wilson today problems growing out of the European war. He plans to sail June 24th.

BAKER WILL SPEAK AT BIG CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR MEETING

To Make Address at Atlanta Next Month — May Have Some Political Significance — Said to Be Cabinet's Best Orator

(Special to The Free Press)

Atlanta, Ga., June 5.—Newton D. Baker, the new Secretary of War in President Wilson's cabinet, who was appointed to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Secretary Garrison, has accepted the invitation of the All-South Christian Endeavor Convention to be held in Atlanta, July 13-16, and will give the opening address of the convention.

This will be Secretary Baker's first trip to the South since entering the cabinet. He comes to address two conventions, the All-South Christian Endeavor Convention in Atlanta, July 13, and the Alabama State Bar Association at Decatur, July 14.

Coming so soon after the National Democratic Convention in St. Louis, is expected that Secretary Baker will in a sense make a speech that shall be a keynote of the presidential campaign just opening.

The Secretary of War is considered the strongest speaker in President Wilson's cabinet and he may be depended upon to deliver a great address.

Three thousand delegates are expected to attend this convention, coming from all parts of the South. The railroads have granted especially low rates and special trains will be run from many cities. It will be a great convention in every way.

Mrs. Mary Jones is visiting relatives at Grainger.

COUNTY CONTRACTS OUT SAND - CLAYING THIRTY - TWO MILES

Alabama Concern to Improve Lenoir Roads—Money to Spare for Work On Six or Eight Additional Miles, Thought

(By the United Press)

The County Commissioners Monday afternoon let the contracts for the construction of about 32 miles of sandclay road in Lenoir county to R. G. Hill & Co., of Birmingham, Ala., who bid for the work at a price of \$752.20. Their's was the low bid. Work will be commenced in a very few weeks. The county has \$30,000 of borrowed money available. The tax rate will not be increased, say officials. The money will be paid back at the rate of \$5,000 per annum. The county will have left some \$5,000 or \$6,000 with which to construct roads, without new bids, to bring the total program up to nearly 40 miles.

The following stretches, mostly on the south side of Neuse river, will be improved:

About two miles on the La-Grange-Seven Springs road; about two miles on the Whitehall road; about nine miles on the road from Graham's Fork to Jones county via Kelly's Mill; a strip on the Grifton road beyond Grainger, about three miles, and from Parrott's Fork to Noble's Mill by Woodington, about thirteen miles.

MAY CONTINUE BUILD LEVEES.

Washington, June 5.—Another attempt by land owners along the Mississippi to proceed against the government on account of floods alleged to have been caused by levee building, failed today before the Supreme Court.

LENOIR COUNTY

Economic and Social

Home County Study at the University of North Carolina.

(By E. J. Perry and R. T. Allen, Lenoir County.)

I.—Facts About the Folks.

In the census year Lenoir with 234,080 acres of land was 62nd in size in North Carolina, 40th in population with 22,769 inhabitants; 50th in density of rural population with 39.7 people to the square mile. Lenoir ranked 56th in rural population increase during the census period, with 8.5 per cent. The negroes in Lenoir numbered 10,225 in 1910; the whites 12,547. The negroes are an increasing ratio of population in Lenoir, the ten-year increase being 1.7 per cent.

Rank in Important Particulars.

Rank indicates the number of counties that make a better showing. 48th in native white illiterates, 10 years old and over, per cent., 11.7. White illiterates, 1,067. State average 12.3 per cent.; U. S. average, 3 per cent. 63rd in native white illiterate voters, 482 in number, per cent., 15.7. State average, 14 per cent.; U. S. average, 4.2 per cent. 65th in white school attendance, 6 to 14 years of age, per cent., 74.1. White children of these ages not in school, 1,293. State average 75.7 per cent. 22nd in negro school attendance, 6 to 14 years of age, per cent., 69.3. Negro children of these ages not in school, 743. State average, 64 per cent.

56th in average salary paid white country teachers, 1914, \$228. State average, \$235. 43rd in average salary paid negro country teachers, 1914, \$128. State average, \$128. 65th in school expenditures per \$1,000 worth of property, 1913, \$7.22.

McDowell averages \$20.85; State averages \$26.85; State average, \$8.63. Room for better salaries and better schools.

41st per capita investment in white school property, 1913-14, \$5.08. A \$15,000 white graded school building was built since these figures.

3rd in marriage rate per 1,000 population, 15 years old and over, 1914, 20. State average, 10.1 per cent.; Pasquotank, 23.6. Marriages in Lenoir, 347.

32nd in death rate per 1,000 population, 1914, 9.7; U. S. rate, 15 in 1913; N. C. rate, 12.4 in 1914.

91st in birth rate per 1,000 inhabitants in 1913, 21.9. Average for U. S., 26.6 in 1913; N. C. average, 31.2 in 1914.

60th in church membership, per cent., 1906, 41. 7,488 people, 10 years old and over outside church; 49 per cent. of them all. State average of church membership, 40 per cent.

62nd in homicides average annual rate per million inhabitants, 1910-14, 110. State average, 95; U. S. average, 72.

II. Facts About Wealth and Taxation. 33rd in total farm wealth, 1910 census, \$6,096,451.

42nd in farm wealth increase, 1900-1910, per cent., 132.4. State increase, 130 per cent.

51st in increase in value of domestic animals, 1900-10, per cent., 108. State average increase, 109 per cent.; Robeson, 200 per cent.

35th in total taxable property in 1913, \$7,763,178. Increase in taxable property, 1903-1913, was 67 per cent. State increase, 81 per cent. State average increase, white, 69 per cent.; negro, 137 per cent.

8th in per capita country wealth, \$386. Alleghany, \$560; State, \$322.

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YUAN SHI KAI, PRESIDENT OF CHINA, WHO WOULD HAVE BEEN EMPEROR, DEAD, THE STATE DEP'TM'NT OFFICIALLY INFORMED

(By the United Press)

Washington, June 6.—The State Department has received official notification of the death of Yuan Shi Kai, president of China, in a dispatch from the minister at Peking.

Early Tokio dispatches said his condition was grave. He had been ill for several days.

The President was born 1859. He tried to ascend the throne as emperor when the present revolt broke out.

POOLROOMS MUST BE CLOSED UP BY LAST DAY OF THIS MONTH

Council, at Demand of Many Petitioners, Refuses to Grant New Licenses

END TO THE PAVING SOON

Not Likely More Petitions Will Be Received After 19th June —Department Head Gets Salary Raise. Would Open Street

City Council Monday night put the licensed pool-rooms in Kinston out of business at the behest of more than 1,400 citizens. Every member voted to refuse to grant any licenses for the coming fiscal year, which begins July 1. The petitioners were persuaded to their action directly as the result of a short, snappy campaign, culminating Sunday. The demand was too imperative for Council to give it anything but serious attention, although it had been suspected for a long time that a majority of the councilmen held no particular affection for the gaming places. Women and Sunday school children were in the majority among the petitioners.

The action of Council gives the places now doing business less than four weeks in which to clear out. Council granted petitions for the paving of nine more blocks with asphalt: Six blocks on East Caswell street from East street to the end; two blocks on East Peyton avenue from McLewean to East, and one block on East Washington from McLewean to Independent.

Every good thing nearly has its culmination, and Council virtually decided to bring the extra paving program to an end as soon as practicable. It is probable that no more paving petitions will be considered after June. The aldermen believe it is about time that they should total up the bills for the paving and find out just what the whole program is going to cost in order that the bonds may be issued in the next few months.

Another meeting will be held on June 19 to receive further petitions. It is not likely that any will be received after then.

Council was informed that a shed house owned by the city, in which is stored the Fire Department's hook and ladder truck, should be removed from its present location in front of the county jail. The county owns the property, and wants to build thereon an annex to the prison. It was decided to accept a proposition by the Imperial Tobacco Company for a fountain on Heritage street at the company's plant, the latter to have an artesian well bored.

The salary of Supt. John Weyher of the Water and Light Department was raised to \$150 a month. He had been getting \$140. A committee was

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MAY TAKE A SECOND PRIMARY TO SELECT FIFTH MAN FOR BO'D

Whitfield and Howard Tied for Commissionership; Brothers Safe

COUNTY PRIMARY TOTALS

Kitchin and Pollock Got Biggest Votes of Opposed Candidates—Sheriff Taylor Given Largest Number of Ballots

The following men comprise the new Board of County Commissioners as the result of Saturday's primary: Churchill, incumbent, who received 791 votes; Wood, incumbent, 725; Dawson, 679, and Sutton, 677, and either D. A. Whitfield, incumbent, or Parker Howard, both the latter having received 672 ballots. A new primary is expected to be held to choose between them.

As stated in The Free Press Monday, Henry Brothers' majority over Fred I. Sutton for the nomination for representative was 19, the men getting 679 and 660 votes respectively.

The Board of Elections completed its canvass late in the afternoon Monday, presenting the following results in addition to the above:

For Congress—Kitchin, 1,152; Mitchell, 109.

For Governor—Daughtridge, 650; Bickett, 569.

For Secretary of State—Grimes, 967; Clark, 146; Hartness, 128.

For State Treasurer—Lacy, 1,020; Mann, 184.

For Insurance Commissioner—Young, 1,055; McClenaghan, 160.

For State Senator—Pollock, 1,144; Brock, 397; Webb, 341; Wooten, 355; Newborn, 255.

For Sheriff—Taylor, 1,343.

For Register of Deeds—Pridgen, 1,320.

For Coroner—Wood, 1,252.

For Treasurer—Dawson, 1,320.

NOTHING DOING ON COTTON EXCHANGE. No cotton was sold here today. New York futures quotations were: Open Close January... 13.00 13.08 March... 13.12 13.23 July... 12.67 12.71 October... 13.80 12.83 December... 12.92 12.99