

MAY BE NAVAL FRAY OFF VIRGINIA WHEN THE BREMEN COMES

Two Big Submarine Fighters Said to Be Convoying the Freighter

INTERESTING SITUATION

Allied Warships Patrolling Beyond 8-Mile Limit Would Like to Meet Submersibles If They Would Show Themselves

By CARL GROAT, (United Press Staff Correspondent)

Baltimore, July 22.—A naval battle at the very doors of America is possible as the result of the coming of two giant armed submarines, reported to be convoying the Bremen, the Deutschland's sister ship, to the Virginia capes. These probably also will convoy the Deutschland out.

A naval expert told the United Press today that these submarines may plan to torpedo the British patrol which waits just outside the 3-mile limit. The latter ships are believed to welcome the opportunity of a clash, if they can see the submarines. Whatever the result of such a battle, the Deutschland would probably escape in the confusion, it is thought.

DEUTSCHLAND COULD RIDE UNDER STORM BUT DOES NOT MOVE

By CARL GROAT,

Baltimore, July 22.—Despite a terrible storm, the Deutschland stays at her dock, it is thought, awaiting the coming of the Bremen, expected Monday. The latter is said to be escorted by fighting submarines.

CORPORATION COM'N WINS IN FERTILIZER FREIGHT RATE CASE

Royster Company Asks to Be Allowed to Withdraw Complaint Before I. C. C. Examiner at Norfolk On Friday

(Special to The Free Press)

Norfolk, July 22.—The Royster Guano company in a rehearing before an Interstate Commerce Commission examiner here today of what is known as the Royster fertilizer rate case, involving freight rates from Norfolk to Carolina points, asked permission to withdraw its complaint and end the fight. The action was a decided victory for the North Carolina Corporation Commission in its controversies with the Virginia cities on the rates question. As a result intrastate rates on fertilizer will remain as they are under the Justice act in North Carolina.

GOLDSBORO MAN THE NEW HEAD LA GRANGE SCHOOLS

LaGrange, July 22.—D. W. Arnold of Goldsboro has been elected superintendent of the local public schools, which begin the scholastic year on September 4, and the following teachers have been appointed: Miss Richardson, Miss Fulcher of Atlantic, Miss Ruth Burke of LaGrange, Miss Jefferys of Kinston, Miss Perry of Kinston, Miss Britt of LaGrange, Mrs. Glenn Mowbray of LaGrange and Miss Lela Whitfield of LaGrange.

BRITISH OUST THE STUBBORN TEUTONS FROM FOREST POSTS

Leave Little But Stumps and Holes Where Were German Positions In Delville Wood—French Are Gaining

(By the United Press)

London, July 22.—The British are driving the Germans from Delville forest, where natural fortifications are held with great tenacity. Little is left of the Teuton positions but stumps and shell holes. The British, however, are now hitting the third line trenches, which have concrete and steel reinforcements.

The German Verdun pressure has been lessened and the French have gained around Peronne.

RALEIGH ROTARIANS POSTPONE TRIP TO KINSTON FEW WEEKS

Not Right Time for Businessmen to Get Away From Capital City—Will Come Next Month, Maybe, on Two-Day Trip

Secretary F. I. Sutton of the Chamber of Commerce is in receipt of intelligence from Raleigh to the effect that the Rotarians who were to have come here on the 25th for an all-night stay in Kinston, had had to postpone their two-day sociability tour because of circumstances unforeseen. Reservations in hotels were cancelled.

The visit will be made at a time more propitious for the Raleigh boosters, probably during August. The date will be announced later.

AMERICA WEARYING OF WAITING ON THE ALLIES FOR REPLY

(By the United Press)

Washington, July 22.—The State Department is restive over the Allies' long delay in answering the protest over mails seizure. Reports that Britain intends only to discuss specific cases and not principles in the coming note, are received with disfavor.

CASEMENT'S SISTER SEES SENATE TURN DOWN MARTINE AG'N

(By the United Press)

Washington, July 22.—As Mrs. Agnes Newman, sister of Sir Roger Casement, sat in the gallery, the Senate again today blocked Martine's effort for action on a resolution requesting clemency. Chairman Stone of the Foreign Committee, said such a "reflection" on the trial would be a "national blunder," and "offensive" to England.

NEGRO FISHERMAN DROWNED IN NEUSE

"Katter" Jones, a negro, entangled in a seine near New Bern, was dragged into deep water by a strong current in Neuse river and drowned. The body had not been recovered as the last report.

KINSTON CO. WINNER SPANNELL WAS NOT JUSTIFIED KILLING WIFE AND OFFICER

Caswell Firemen Again Star In Tournament At Raleigh

TIED AND LOST RUN-OFF

Morehead City No. 1 Took First Money In Interstate Contest—Chapel Hill Hand Reel Team Takes Two Prizes

(Special to The Free Press)

Raleigh, July 22.—The annual State Firemen's convention and tournament came to a close with a firemen's ball Friday night. Many local citizens joined in the dancing.

The last day of the tournament was given up to the interstate contests. In the interstate horse hose wagon race teams from Caswell No. 1 of Kinston and Morehead City No. 1 tied for first place in 28 seconds. These teams and the East Kinston company's squad had also tied in the state hose wagon race, splitting the prize money. In the run-off between the two in the interstate event Morehead City repeated its run in 28 seconds, beating Caswell by 4-5 of a second. Morehead City was given the first prize of \$150 and Caswell second money, \$75. Other companies competing were from New Bern, East Spencer, Mooresville, Statesville and Morehead City.

In a consolation hose wagon race Atlantic No. 2, New Bern, and a Burlington team tied for the first place in 29 seconds.

The interstate hand reel and "grab reel" races were both won by a Chapel Hill team, taking \$200 prize money.

The Caswell and Morehead City No. 1 proved easily the fastest teams in the tournament all the way through with the East Kinston team also in the best class.

WILL TELL ABOUT NEW ARMY OF THE MELTING POT LAND

(By the United Press)

The Free Press will on Monday print the first of a series of articles by William G. Shepherd, a famous war correspondent of the United Press, comparing the American National Guard with the armies of Europe.

These feature stories will be of rare interest. Every reader of this paper who will remember to look for Monday's article will find it worth while and be eager for the next of the series.

The conglomerated Allied armies of Europe look like blood brothers compared with some American militiamen. It is a tip that Shepherd sends The Free Press and other United Press papers from the Mexican border. He means that the melting pot of nations has many nationalities represented in its new army. The only real American regiment from one region—the Middle West—is a colored outfit, for instance.

OCRACOKE SAFE NEWS THAT RELIEVED EAST CAROLINA THIS P. M.

(Special to The Free Press)

Washington, N. C., July 22.—Ocracoke passed through Thursday's gale nicely. A mail boat arriving today brought the news.

The low, ocean and sand-bordered island experienced high tides and hurricane winds, but the latter were not from the right direction to cause much danger. Six hundred and odd people there are endangered by every very severe storm.

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Is General Opinion, According to Texas National Guard Colonel

ARMY IS INVESTIGATING

If Slain Butler Had 'Gentleman's Right' With the Woman His Widow Will Get Pension—Slayer Is Spirited Off

(By the United Press)

San Antonio, July 22.—Col. J. A. Gaston has been ordered by the Southern Department headquarters to investigate at Alpine the shooting of Lieut.-Col. Butler, to determine if Butler had a "gentleman's right" to be with Mrs. Spannell. If so Mrs. Butler is entitled to a pension.

Jealousy Unfounded, Thought.

Col. J. E. Muchert of the Fourth Texas infantry today reported that there was no witness to the actual shooting. "Spannell drove to the Holland Hotel, asked Butler to take an auto ride and put him in the seat with Mrs. Spannell. They had frequently rode together. Spannell is said to have been extremely jealous of his beautiful wife. The general opinion is that the jealousy was baseless, and that Col. Butler and Mrs. Spannell were innocent."

Spannell Threatened With Mob Violence.

Alpine, Texas, July 22.—Harry J. Spannell, who killed his wife and Lt.-Col. Butler, has been spirited away, probably to Marfa, against possible mob violence. Spannell continued his silence. Mrs. Spannell's funeral was held today.

Spannell Not at Marfa.

Marfa, Texas, July 22.—Harry J. Spannell, reported to have been brought here to escape mob violence, is not here, the local authorities say.

MORE BODIES BRIDGE VICTIMS RECOVERED

(By the United Press)

Charlotte, N. C., July 21.—The body of C. S. Barbee, section foreman of Charlotte was recovered from the Catawba river, below Belmont late this afternoon and brought to Charlotte tonight, being the fourth found of those drowned by the collapse of the Southern Railway Eolmont bridge Sunday afternoon. Earlier today the body of Sloan Adams, a negro laborer also of Charlotte, had been found near Fork Mills, S. C., one white man and five negroes still being unaccounted for.

PROHIBS NAME HANLY AND DR. LANDRITH TO LEAD NATIONAL TICKET

(By the United Press)

St. Paul, Minn., July 21.—The Prohibition national convention which has been in session here since Wednesday morning adjourned sine die at 3:30 today after nominating Frank Hanly, former Governor of Indiana as candidate for President of the United States and Dr. Ira L. Landrith of Nashville, candidate for vice-president. Dr. Landrith's nomination was made unanimous after the other vice-presidential candidates had withdrawn.

Mr. Hanly's nomination came on the first ballot and followed a number of hurried conferences between advocates of the candidacy of William Sulzer, former Governor of New York, and several brief demonstrations in the latter's behalf, which, however, were offset by the outburst of enthusiasm that followed every mention of Mr. Hanly's name.

CAROLINIANS RALLY TO RELIEF OF WEST SECTION SUFFERERS

Money and Supplies Being Poured Into the Upstate Flood Country

CONDITIONS IMPROVE

Manufacturing Plants Resume—Federal Aid Solicited—Some Near to Actual Starvation—Deaths About 80

(By the United Press)

Raleigh, July 22.—People in all parts of the state are rallying to the relief of the flood sufferers in West Carolina. Nearly a dozen cities today sent supplies and money. Representatives Webb and Page have asked the war department to investigate conditions in the flood zone with a view to a congressional appropriation for the sufferers. Relief committees have been organized in a number of places.

Many persons are actually facing starvation, it is reported. Only two additional bodies have been reported. It is believed the death list will not go above the four score mark.

In the Asheville section hundreds of the homeless are being provided with clothing, food and shelter. Manufacturing is being resumed and industrial conditions are today rapidly approaching normal.

SOLD HER LIFE TO MAN FOR A PAIR OF SHOES

(By the United Press)

Winnipeg, Man., July 22.—Wasyllna Vensysek, young and fair, sold her life to Steve Baryek for a pair of shoes, it is said. They were pretty shoes, with high French heels and anything French in Canada today is sure to attract attention. She promised to marry Steve and live with him for life if he would buy the shoes, Steve says. He did. The contract was brought into court today for a test of its validity.

AGED INDIAN FIGHTERS IN PARADE AT TRISCO

(By the United Press)

San Francisco, July 22.—Veterans of the Civil War, Spanish War Veterans and aged men who participated in the Indian campaigns in the early days in California were the most prominent figures in San Francisco's preparedness parade here today. It was estimated when the parade began that between 15,000 and 20,000 men would have marched past the reviewing stand before the demonstration was finished. All the fraternal organizations of the city were represented, each marching as an individual unit.

MANY FACE STARVATION IN WESTERN CAROLINA

(By the United Press)

Greensboro, July 21.—Word reached here today from North Wilkesboro that many people in Wilkes, Ashe and Watauga county were destitute and facing starvation as a result of the flood and appeals were made for outside help. In North Wilkesboro a relief committee has been appointed by Mayor Spainhour and this committee is sending out a formal appeal for aid.

BULLETINS

(By the United Press)

TRAWLERS SUBMARINED. Berlin, July 22.—The Admiralty today announced that submarines sank six British trawlers in the English Channel on July 17.

GERMANS CLAIM TO BE CHECKING SLAVS.

Berlin, July 22.—Von Hindenburg reports that the Russian attacks are feeble near Riga. Gen. Linsinger is further south and claims a Slav repulse.

SENATE PASSES THE NAVAL APPROPRT'N BILL BIG MAJORITY

Provides for Construction of 157 New Ships in 36 Months—Only Two Democrats and Six Republicans Voted No

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Not Probable That He Has Eighteen Thousand Soldiers, It's Said

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THE BANG-UP BANGS FAMILY CELEBRATING

(By the United Press)

Chicago, July 22.—A hundred odd descendants of Edward Bang of England who planked his foot down on Plymouth Rock in 1624, took a good slant at the Massachusetts shore and picked the country as a pretty good place to live, barring the Indians, gathered here today to celebrate the 292nd anniversary of his arrival.

The fifth annual reunion of Bangs' descendants brought to Chicago very prominent men and women from all parts of the country. Among the descendants are J. Kendrick Bangs, humorist, ex-Governor Eugene H. Foss of Massachusetts and his brother, Congressman George E. Foss of Illinois.

LOCAL MAN SAW THE ELECTROCUTION OF WILL BLACK FRIDAY

(By the United Press)

Mr. J. C. Dail of this city saw Will Black, youthful negro assailant of 6-year-old Mattie Tyson in Greene county, electrocuted in the state's prison at Raleigh Friday.

The death chamber was partly filled with witnesses, says Mr. Dail. The negro entered in the company of two colored men, one of them a preacher. Black casually glanced at the spectators, took his seat and was bound in by four men, who made a speedy job of it. It seemed to Mr. Dail that within thirty seconds the body was rigid with the electricity that was shot into it. Three times the current was turned on before the physician said the heart had stopped. Black had not spoken a word.

One strap on a leg became too hot and burned the leg. There was nothing so depressing about the spectacle says Mr. Dail. The occasion had been stripped of everything savoring of the emotional and the executioners worked as if they were in a hurry to get rid of a bad job.

BEAUFORT TO PROTECT WATERFRONT PROPERTY WITH A BIG SEAWALL

(By the United Press)

The Beaufort town officials have decided to sell bonds to pay for the construction of a seawall, opposite the town in the harbor. The seawall will be a breakwater against storm tides and prevent the washing away of waterfront property. The construction will cost several thousand dollars, just how much has not been definitely estimated.

MAJ. D. C. WADDELL DIES AT GREENSBORO

(By the United Press)

Greensboro, July 21.—Major Duncan Cameron Waddell died here today from cancer after an illness of several weeks. The funeral will be held from the home tomorrow afternoon. He is survived by his widow and two daughters. He was a native of Hillsboro and a grandson of General Francis Nash and Justice Alfred Moore of the Supreme Court and a brother of the late A. M. and Hugh Waddell of Wilmington. He was a Civil War veteran and after that practiced law at Hendersonville.

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WITHDRAWAL QUESTION

If Bandit Should Have Such a Following Recall of the Troops Would Become Academic Question, It's Stated

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WOMEN OF ENGLAND HOLD PREPAREDNESS PARADE IN LONDON

Suffragettes In Line—Plea for More Munition Makers—Fair Marchers Wear Overalls in the Long Procession

(By the United Press)

London, July 22.—Picturesquely attired in workmen's overalls, the thousands of women today marched in a procession to urge greater participation in the war by women. The marchers included many militant suffragettes. Today they were greeted and guarded by instead of being pinched by the police.

Many banners carried a plea for more women munition workers. Another inscription was, "they also serve who stay at home and work."

GIGANTIC SUM FOR THE SMALL STAND'G ARMY THIS COUNTRY

Compared With Peace Appropriations of Other Powers—Biggest Ever Save One

(By the United Press)

Washington, July 22.—For the smallest standing army of any of the great powers, the United States faces the likelihood of appropriating the largest military budget, in peace time, of any country save one. Russia's \$390,000,000 budget is the only one which has ever exceeded the \$320,000,000 bill for 5,000,000 men, the United States is for 175,000 regulars and part payment of about 150,000 militiamen.