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6 GERMAN AND 2 BRITISH WARSHIPS SUNK?

UNCONFIRMED REPORTS OF A BIG NAVAL BATTLE.

The News Ticker Service Says There Are Reports of a Terrific Battle Between the German and British Squadrons in the North Sea.—The Report Says that Six Germans and Two English Ships Were Sent to the Bottom.

London, Aug. 3.—The News Ticker Service says there are unconfirmed reports of a big naval battle between the German and British squadrons in the North Sea. Six German German and two British warships were sunk, says the report.

ENGLAND CANNOT STAND ASIDE.

If German Fleet Bombarbs French Coast England Can't Keep Out.

London, Aug. 3.—Sir Edward Grey announced to the House of Commons the mobilization of the British army and navy, stating they must now consider the crisis from the view point of British honor in addition to her own interests. He says if the German fleet bombards the French coast England cannot stand aside. It is understood that Germany will not attack the Northern French coast providing England remains neutral.

Belgium telegraphs a supreme appeal to save Belgium integrity. The announcement is accepted that Premier Asquith will urge war for Parliament's decision.

Relief For Americans.
Active measures for the relief of many thousands of American in distress in Europe for lack of money or means to return home have been begun by President Wilson and Secretary Bryan.

The President and Secretary of State conferred tonight on getting money to citizens abroad.

The Administration has under consideration sending army and navy transports to carry American refugees, and a special request to Congress for an appropriation is expected to be made.

The President and Mr. Bryan discussed several plans but will not make final decision until tomorrow when they will confer again and get the opinion of bankers who usually serve the State Department abroad in normal times.

If necessary the government is prepared to send American vessels abroad with gold for the relief of Americans. Immediately after the conference with the President, Mr. Bryan cabled all consulates, legations and embassies to spare no pains in caring for Americans who remained in the war zone and giving every facility to those who wished to leave.

French Army Invades Germany.

Berlin, Aug. 1.—The war office has confirmed the report that the French army has invaded Germany near Alsace, on the French border. They were opposed by border patrols, who retired before about seventy-five thousand French with artillery.

German Fleet Steaming Through the Baltic Sea.

Copenhagen, Aug. 3.—The German fleet is steaming through the Baltic Sea headed for Russian waters. The Russian fleet is near the Gulf of Finland. The Germans are believed to have a plan to blockade the entire Russian coast.

To Avert Threatened Strike of Railroad Trainmen.

Washington, Aug. 3.—The managers of ninety eight Western railroads agree to accept the mediation proposal of the Federal Board to avert a threatened strike.

Russian Ambassador to Leave Berlin Immediately.

Berlin, Aug. 3.—The Russian ambassador is getting his passports to leave immediately.

Pope Authorizes Return of Swiss Guards.

Rome, Aug. 3.—The Pope has authorized the return of the famous Swiss guards to Switzerland.

All German Ports Mined.

Berlin, Aug. 3.—All German ports are mined. Coast warships are at their posts. Navigation lights have been extinguished.

Martial Law at Antwerp.

Antwerp, Aug. 3.—Martial law has been proclaimed here. Business is suspended and troops are mobilizing.

Servia Preparing to Invade Bosnia.

Nish, Aug. 3.—Servia has assumed the aggressive against Austria. She is preparing to invade Bosnia.

Mrs. M. L. Marsh and Miss Helen Marsh left this morning for Connally Springs to spend a week.

FRANCE DECLARED IN STATE OF SIEGE

NO FORMAL DECLARATION OF WAR, HOWEVER.

The French Republic Under Martial Law.—The Germans Fire on the French Post at Petit Croix.—A Hundred Thousand Germans, it is Reported, Are Advancing Through Luxembourg. — London Chronicle Prints an Unconfirmed Report That the Emperor of Austria Has Been Assassinated.

Paris, Aug. 3.—France has been declared in a state of siege under martial law without a formal declaration of war.

The German troops are skirmishing near Belfort, and several encounters with patrols are reported. The Germans fired on the French post at Petit Croix. A hundred thousand Germans are reported to be advancing through Luxembourg.

Has Emperor of Austria Been Assassinated?

London, Aug. 3.—The Daily Chronicle prints an unconfirmed rumor that the Emperor of Austria has been assassinated.

FRANCE IS INVADED BY GERMAN ARMY

However, Germany has Not Declared War Against France.

London, Aug. 2.—German forces today began the invasion of France without, so far as is known, a declaration of war having been made. Two German detachments entered French territory, moving in the direction of Paris.

The German force which came into France near Cirey, which is 40 miles from Nancy, is reported to have been pushed with heavy losses but this has not yet been confirmed.

Apparently the German army is duplicating the first movement of the Franco-Prussian war. It was an August 1, 44 years ago today, that the French and Germans clashed in the first battle of that was at Saarbrücken, where the Prince Imperial under the orders of the emperor received his famous "baptism of fire."

It would appear today that Germany is taking the fullest possible advantage of her supposed superiority in rapid mobilization over France.

The plan of the German emperor, according to military observers here, is to vanquish or attempt to vanquish France in the interval before Russia can create serious trouble on her northern frontier. It is supposed "mass mobilization will take about three weeks."

FOUR GREAT POWERS OF EUROPE IN WAR

Austria-Hungary, Russia, France and Germany Engaged in Actual Warfare.

London, Aug. 2.—Four great powers of Europe, Austria-Hungary, Russia, France, and Germany, are engaged in actual warfare. Two of them, Germany and France, have not openly declared war against each other, as far as is known here, and have not even several diplomatic relations. This is despite the fact that Germany's ultimatum to France, either has been ignored or rejected.

The explanation of this would appear to be that Germany and France are each seeking the throw the onus of beginning a war that may plunge all Europe into bloodshed. In fact, while the nations of Europe are flying at each other's throats they are vying with each other in protesting their desire to maintain peace.

In this curious situation France, according to British opinion, has the strongest justification. She was the last to mobilize and seems to have taken the greatest precautions to avoid a frontier collision.

Rockwell Beats Craven.

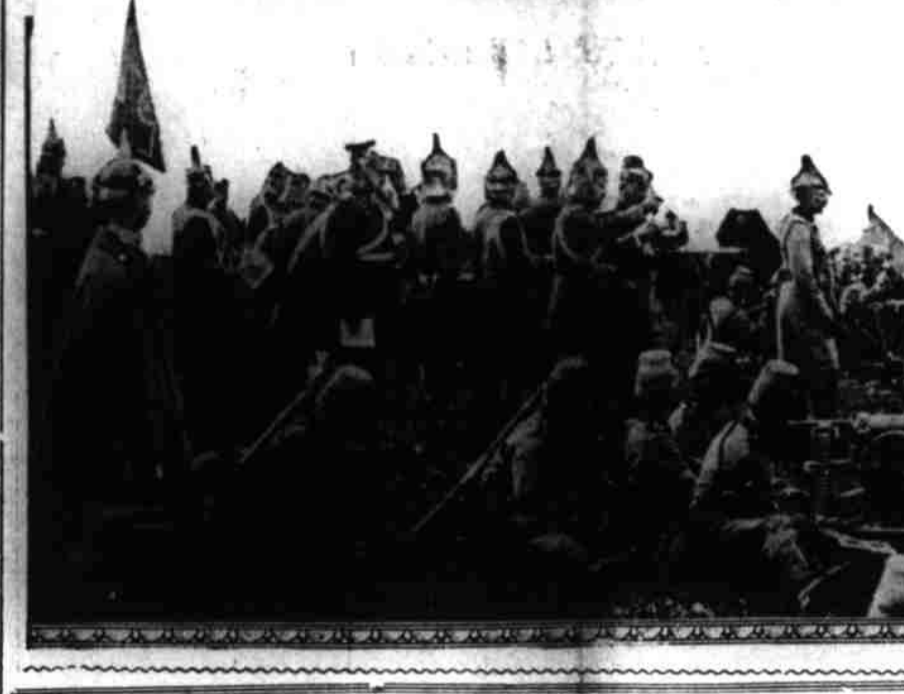
Rockwell, N. C., Aug. 3.—On last Saturday evening the two strong teams of Rockwell and Craven crossed bats on the diamond of the former. The game resulted in a score of 7 to 0 in favor of the locals. It was an exciting game from start to finish, regardless of the size of the score. The only features seemed to be the playing of the locals in order to shut the visitors out, and the playing of the visitors in trying to score. Holshouser, for the locals, pitched superb ball, while his team mates behind him put up a classy article of ball. Poole, Craven's Southpaw, was lambasted to every corner of the park, while his team mates did not support him as they should. The score shows about the difference between the playing of the two teams.

Battery: Locals, Holshouser and Fesperman; Visitors, Poole and Eller.

Attendance 350. Time 1:30. Umpire Mr. Hellig.

The Theatrical has a big Mutual feature today.

EMPEROR OF GERMANY WITH HIS TROOPS



DEMOCRATIC PRIMARIES.

Boger Leads for Sheriff and Widenhouse for House.—Vote for Cotton Weigher Close.—No Contests for Other Places.

The Democratic primaries for the purpose of selecting candidates for the Democratic ticket to be nominated at the county convention next Saturday was held Saturday afternoon in the various precincts in the county. The principal contests were for sheriff and cotton weigher. W. B. Boger, H. A. Graeber, C. A. Robinson and A. M. Brown were the contestants for sheriff. The returns show Boger leading with Brown second and Robinson third. Mr. Brown was a dark horse in the primary, his name being entered by friends and no previous announcement of his candidacy was made.

The returns insure the nominations of W. L. Morris for the Senate; M. L. Widenhouse, clerk of court; S. E. Sloan, register of deeds and C. W. Swink, treasurer. P. F. Widenhouse has a long lead over J. W. Van Hoy for the legislature and his nomination is practically assured.

The vote for cotton weigher between J. M. W. White and William G. Townsend is close and it will be necessary to decide the contest at the convention.

No. 1 Township.
Representative—P. F. Widenhouse, 12; J. W. Van Hoy, 12.
Cotton Weigher—Townsend, 8; White, 16.

W. L. Morris for the senate; W. B. Boger, sheriff; S. E. Sloan, register of deeds; C. W. Swink, treasurer; M. L. Widenhouse, clerk of court; M. F. Ritchie, coroner, and R. W. Bizzers, county commissioner, were unanimously endorsed.

No. 2, Box 1.
Sheriff—Robinson, 5; Boger, 5; Brown, 8.
Cotton Weigher—Townsend, 18; Morris and Widenhouse were unanimously endorsed for the senate and House respectively, as were Swink for Treasurer, Sloan for Register of Deeds and Widenhouse for clerk Superior Court.

Commissioners—Lee Smith, W. D. Harry, J. W. Cress, C. W. West and John W. Probst.

No. 2, Box 2.
Morris, P. F. Widenhouse, M. L. Widenhouse, Townsend and C. W. Swink were unanimously endorsed.
Sheriff—Boger, 3; Robinson, 1; Graeber, 2.

Register of Deeds—M. I. Winesoff, 6; Brown, 8.
No. 4, Box 1.
Sheriff—Robinson, 5; Boger, 9; Senate—P. F. Widenhouse, 14.
House—W. D. Harry, 14.
Cotton Weigher—Townsend, 14; White, 2.

Commissioner—A. L. W. Earnhardt.
No. 4, Box 2.
Uninstructed except for Sloan for Register of Deeds and C. E. Lowe for commissioner.

Delegates county convention—A. J. Demarus, D. A. Sides, W. J. Miller, R. C. Probst, Carl Moore, J. G. Lowe and W. H. Lowe.

No. 6 Township.
Coroner—Clife, 25; Eddleman, 5.
Cotton Weigher—Townsend, 27; White, 5.
Senate—Morris, 19; J. L. D. Barziner, 12.

House—P. F. Widenhouse, 24; Van Hoy, 8.
Sheriff—Brown, 18; Robinson, 5; Boger, 13.

Treasurer—Swink, 2; Hendrix, 1; Wagoner, 30.
Delegates—W. F. Goodman, J. A. Suther, A. Crowell, A. D. Wilson, W. B. Ritchie, C. H. Walker, J. W. Barrie, M. W. Allman.

No. 8 Township.
Sheriff—Brown, 21; Boger, 3; Robinson, 7.
Cotton Weigher—Townsend, 30; White, 10.

Uninstructed for House and Senate.
Commissioner—L. S. Shirley.
No. 9 Township.
House and Senate—Widenhouse and Morris.

Sheriff—Boger, 33; Graeber, 1; Robinson, 3; Brown, 2.
Sam Black and J. L. D. Earnhardt

were endorsed for commissioners. Chairman commissioners—J. A. Kennett, 23; J. P. Allison, 13. Pitts, J. L. Miller, J. P. Cook.

No. 10 Township.
Incomplete returns from No. 10 gave Morris and Widenhouse the unanimous vote for the Senate and House and Boger for sheriff. For cotton weigher White received 30 votes and Aownsend 4.

Owing to unsatisfactory telephone service the votes from townships 3, 5 and 7 have not been received.

No. 11, Box 1.
House and Senate—uninstructed.
Sheriff—Graeber, 3; Boger 13; Robinson, 4.
Cotton Weigher—White, 20.

No. 11, Box 2.
J. M. W. White, W. L. Morris and J. W. Van Hoy were unanimously endorsed for Cotton Weigher, Senate, and House, respectively.

Sheriff—Boger, 4; Robinson, 2; Graeber, 1.
Commissioners—W. F. Goodman, W. D. Harry, J. W. Cress, L. S. Shirley, R. W. Bizzers.

Ward 1, Box 1.
Senate—W. L. Morris, 8; W. G. Means, 15.
House—Paul Widenhouse, 30; J. W. Van Hoy, 1.
Clerk—Unanimous.

Sheriff—A. M. Brown, 5; W. B. Boger, 12; H. A. Graeber, 2; C. A. Robinson, 13.
Register of Deeds—S. E. Sloan, unanimous.

Treasurer—Swink, unanimous.
Cotton Weigher—J. M. W. White, 27; Townsend, 6.
Coroner—J. O. Moose, 17; C. A. Isonhour, 11.

Surveyor—Reeve I. Long, unanimous.
Commissioner—W. F. Goodman, unanimous.

M. H. Caldwell moved that the vote in county convention be given each, according to his strength in the primary. Carried.

The following were elected delegates to the county convention:
G. E. Crowell, L. T. Hartsell, J. P. Allison, W. T. Goodman, W. V. Berryhill, W. M. Fisher, J. F. Cannon, John Sharp, N. A. Archibald, Jno. K. Patterson, J. H. Ritchie, L. O. Robers, M. H. Caldwell, D. H. Corzine, John Ratledge, Sam Erwin, E. F. White, H. S. Puryear, W. W. Flowe, Maurey Richmond, Geo. Richmond, R. C. Benfield, P. B. Felzer, J. B. Sherrill, S. J. Lowe.

Ward 2.
House—P. F. Widenhouse, 21; Van Hoy, 2.
Sheriff—Robinson, 6; Brown, 9; Graeber, 2; Boger, 9.
Cotton Weigher—White, 16; Townsend, 5.

Morris, Sloan, Swink and Widenhouse were unanimously endorsed. Uninstructed for other offices.

Delegates county convention—A. T. Bruton, C. J. Harris, W. A. Foil, J. F. Harris, J. L. McEachern, W. A. Stone, C. A. Isenber, D. M. Furr, E. C. Barnhardt, D. G. Caldwell, J. S. Goldston, J. C. Cook, C. W. Sides, A. T. Howell, Lewis Shore, M. L. Furr, A. B. Cleaver, B. E. Harris, J. C. Wadsworth, J. A. Probst, G. W. Petrea, W. D. Pemberton, J. M. Oglesby.

Ward 3.
Sheriff—Robinson, 9; Boger, 5; Cotton Weigher—Townsend, 6; White, 9.
Other candidates unanimous.

Ward 4.
Sheriff—Robinson, 16; Boger, 9; Graeber, 3.
Cotton Weigher—White, 13; Townsend, 15.

P. F. Widenhouse, M. L. Widenhouse, Swink, Morris and Sloan were endorsed.

Commissioners—C. F. Ritchie, J. A. Rankin, J. W. Cress, W. D. Harry, R. W. Bizzers.

Delegates—A. F. Hartsell, J. F. Dayvaunt, John M. Cook, T. J. Hendrix, L. J. Host, G. T. Crowell, J. L. Brown, J. I. Freeze, C. V. Klutz, J. M. Gray, A. H. Wheeler, M. Luther Post, A. S. Webb, A. B. Pounds, C. A.

German Ship Seized in Russian Port.
Tokio, Aug. 3.—The German steamship Vladivostok has been seized by Russian port officials.

FAMINE HOVERS AS EUROPEANS DON WAR ARMOR

Food Prices Already Soar Far Beyond the Purse of the Poor.—Exportation Stopped.

London, Aug. 3.—The pressure of famine is already evident throughout all Europe.

Prices of foodstuffs have soared beyond the purses of the poor. England alone has taken no steps to prohibit the exportation of food or war supplies. It has none to export, however, and within the borders, is not much more than a month's supply.

Dealers everywhere have trebled prices. But their stocks cannot last long and commerce is already seriously hampered. The problem of feeding the people is dividing attention with the war plans in the minds of the Ministers. Legitimate as well as speculative business is interfered with. Everyone is hoarding resources.

Even the countries not affected by the war preparations are suffering. Holland, Denmark, Norway, Sweden and even Switzerland are feeling the pressure. All must live on the supplies within their own borders from the moment hostilities open. Stoppage of transcontinental express and the holding at their docks of the commercial lines' steamers prevent the farmers and the wholesalers sending one the usual supplies.

The suffering of the noncombatants will be intense. The fighting nations will care for their troops in the field. But the women and children—the stay-at-homes—will feel the pressure almost from the start.

STANLY REPUBLICANS GET TOGETHER.
Refuse Name of Regulars and Progressives and Unite for Ticket.

Albemarle, Aug. 2.—The old-line Republican and Progressives came together Saturday at 1 o'clock a regular "convention assembled," hurried the hatchet, agreed to wipe out all Taftism and Rooseveltism and join in one long, strong and altogether pull to wipe out the rule of Democracy in Stanly county. They refused the name of regular Republicans and progressives Republicans, or any other name save the old-time name of Republican party.

The ticket nominated is as follows: State Senate, D. S. Tolbert; House, John M. Morton; clerk Superior Court, R. G. Mabry; sheriff, W. A. Tuckler; register of deeds, John D. Earnhardt; treasurer, S. R. Green; county commissioners, J. F. Lambert, W. A. Howard and J. Ben Thomas.

FIRST AIR BATTLE IN WORLD'S HISTORY
Frenchman Rammed a Dirigible and Both Plunged to Death.

London, Aug. 3.—Enormous crowds are around Buckingham Palace and Parliament.

The first air battle in the world's history has just been fought between a French aeroplane and a Zeppelin dirigible at Longwy. The Frenchman fired over the dirigible, then rammed her and both plunged to their deaths.

Many French aeroplanes have been sighted over the Rhine provinces. A French aviator dropped bombs in Luxembourg.

War Overshadows Everything.
European war developments overshadow all other matters interesting Congress this week. Every effort is being made to keep a quorum of both houses in Washington in readiness to meet any contingencies growing out of the situation abroad. All talk of adjournment of Congress has suspended while the administration and the party leaders watch the moves of the foreign governments and their effect on commerce and finance in this country.

French Aviator Demolishes Armored Train.
Paris, Aug. 3.—A French aviator at Longwy dropped bombs in the German lines, demolishing an armored train.

HAS ENGLAND DECLARED WAR?

ENGLAND'S POSITION TO BE ANNOUNCED THIS AFTERNOON.

It is Believed to Be Certain That It Will Be a Declaration of War.—Some Officials State That There Has Already Been a Declaration of War.

London, Aug. 3.—The cabinet is in session. It is expected that Premier Asquith will announce England's position in the House of Commons this afternoon. It is believed that it is certain to be a declaration of war. Martial law has been proclaimed in Malta. Some officials state that England has already declared war on Germany.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION.

No. 12 Township Sunday School Convention Held at the Court House Yesterday.

No. 12 township Sunday School convention was held at the court house yesterday afternoon and evening. The first meeting was held in the afternoon at 3 o'clock and was attended by a large audience. Mr. D. A. Caldwell, president of the association, presided and music was furnished by several choirs.

The meeting consisted of addresses by several Sunday School workers from the various Sunday Schools. Messrs. Frank Petrea, H. S. Williams, and W. G. Caswell spoke on the young man and the Sunday School. Rev. G. V. Tilley spoke on the pastor and the Sunday School and Mr. G. Ed. Kestler on the layman and the Sunday School.

In the evening at 8 o'clock another large audience attended the convention, the seats on the lawn being hardly sufficient to accommodate the crowd. President Caldwell presided over a Rev. C. P. MacLaughlin introduced the speaker of the evening, Dr. J. W. Harper, president of Elon College.

Dr. Harper spoke on the teacher training. He is one of the leading Sunday School workers in the State, having been president of the State Sunday School Association and is now a member of the executive committee. Dr. Harper's address was thoughtful and able and his presentation of the needs of training teachers in the Sunday School was most impressive. He closed his address by advocating teachers' taking the teachers' training courses that are now offered to all Sunday School teachers.

Following Doctor Harper's address the nominating committee reported the following officers, who were unanimously elected:
President—A. S. Webb.
Vice-President—H. S. Williams.
Secretary and treasurer—Ran McKinley.
Executive Committee—C. S. Smart, J. C. Fink, A. F. Hartsell, Merle Crooks, H. C. Herring, D. C. Caldwell and Clyde Herring.

The meeting was disturbed at various intervals by seats breaking down. The new seats which were recently added were not securely braced and several gave way while the meeting was in progress. Fortunately no one was injured.

Report That Emperor of Austria Has Been Assassinated.

London, Aug. 3.—The Daily Chronicle publishes a rumor that Emperor Francis Joseph of Austria has been assassinated. This has not been confirmed.

For Rent—The R. A. Brown home place.

Apply at Edrd's. 3-6t.

RUSSIAN TROOPS CROSS INTO GERMANY

GRAND DUKE NICHOLAS NAMED COMMANDING GENERAL.

The Russian Troops are Reported to Be Invading Austria at Lemberg Without Serious Resistance.—Germans Made First Capture of Prisoners.—Russian Naval Base on Baltic in Flames.—Fifty Cossacks Overwhelmed by German Frontier Guards.

St. Petersburg, Aug. 3.—Russian troops crossed into Germany. At several points the Cossacks were routed by Germans from Eythkubnen. There is much skirmishing. The Grand Duke Nicholas is named as commanding general. Russian troops are reported to be invading Austria at Lemberg without serious resistance.

American Refugee Trains Leaving for Switzerland.

Italy, Spain and Belgium.—French Score First Decided Victory.

Paris, Aug. 3.—American refugee trains are leaving for Switzerland, Italy, Spain and Belgium. The French scored the first decisive victory in a bloody engagement at Petit Croix. A corps of Uplands attacked the French entrenchments. The machine guns mowed down the Germans advance guards. The Uplands charged several times and finally retired in disorder, leaving their dead.

Statement From Mr. Brown.
Mr. A. M. Brown stated to Chairman Widenhouse this morning that he felt very grateful to his friends for their support, but that under no circumstances could he be a candidate, or accept the nomination if it were offered him.

Mr. Brown never announced that he was a candidate for the place. On the other hand, he repeatedly declined to be a candidate. His friends, however, put his name before the voters in various voting places and he received a flattering vote.

To Use Certificates Instead of Currency.

New York, Aug. 3.—The Clearing House Association decided to conduct business with certificates temporarily instead of currency. Savings banks will invoke the sixty days notice of the clause of withdrawal.

Dr. J. A. Hartsell has arrived from Philadelphia and will spend several weeks with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Hartsell. Dr. Hartsell has been an interne at the Episcopal Hospital in Philadelphia for two years. He has not decided where he will locate for the practice of his profession.

A Cadillac machine driven by Mr. Phillips and occupied by several of his friends from Lexington, turned turtle on the hill this side of Coddle Creek Saturday afternoon. The machine was badly damaged and several of the occupants sustained bruises.

TRADE IN CONCORD.

