THE EVENING DISPATCH WEATHER FORECAST, Generally Fair Tonight and Satur-Moderate East to South Winds. LARGEST CIRCULATION IN WILMINGTON VOLUME TWENTY-TWO WILMINGTON, NORTH CAROLINA, FRIDAY, JUNE 2, 1916. Titanic Fight Furiously Raged in North Sea REPORTED VIRGINIA DEMOCRATS IN CONVENTION.

# GERMAN FLEET HAS BEATEN THE BRITISH

Clash in North Sea Results In Heavy Loss-RACE FOR OTHER es to the British in Both Ships and Men Haywood Clark Going to Get a

## **BIG ENGLISH BATTLESHIPS, CRUISERS** AND OTHER BOATS ARE SENT DOWN

Germans Appear to Have Suffered Comparatively Small out the county and will carry a big Losses, Though London Contends Enemy's Loss Is state, appears a big favorite. Serious---Sister Ship to Queen Elizabeth Was One Daughtridge is reported to be close still occupied the attention of the senator James, of Rentury, is said in the sector between Fort Douaumont of the and difficult to forecast, though railroad managers with their conduction of the most prominently consid- and Vaux, has been followed by fightof the Victims.

indicate a close race for Congress and hard runs in the other fields. Major Joseph W. Little, of New Hanover, is reported as running strong throughout the county and will carry a big Hanover, candidate for Secretary of The race between Bickett

New York, June 2 .- Preliminaries cide upon the permanent chairman. and

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Advices From Robeson and

Columbus Indicate He Is

Strong.

Big Vote-Contest For

Governor is Uncertain.

Reports received by The Dispatch.

this afternoon from different places

in the Sixth Congressional district

**OFFICES THERE** 

(By Associated Press.) Roanoke, Va., June 2 .--- Virginia Democrats met in State con-✤ vention here today, with the se-♣ lection of 24 delegates to the Na- + + tional convention and a National + + committeeman as the chief busi- + ness before them. The selection of Representative + Carter Glass as National commit- +

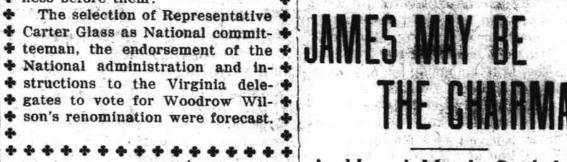
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Holding Open Convention

at Conference.

(By Associated Press.)

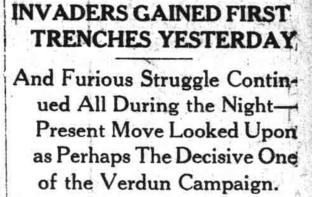
CHANCE



And Lynch May be Settled On to Succeed McCombs For Democrats.

(By Associated Press.) Washington, June 2 .- Selection of the permanent chairman of the Democratic National committee at St. Louis is expected late today at a confer-Railway Officials and Men Fred B. Lynch , chairman of the executive committee of the National organization. Mr. Lynch arrived today to discuss the campaign plans with the President and especially de-

against the main defenses of Verdun. The German attack of yesterday, northeast of the fort, which gained



(By Associated Press.)

With all the weight and power of

remendous masses of men the Ger-

mans have been delivering what may

prove to be their decisive stroke

Germans Hurling Great Mass

of Men Against The French

Positions.

PRICE FIVE CENTS.

#### (By Associated Press.)

DANIELS HEARD Berlin, June 2. (By Wireless to Sayville)-The German high sea fleet met the main part of the British fleet in a battle in the northeast section of the North Sea May 31. In the heavy engagement which followed the German fleet, according to a report issued by the German Admiralty, sunk the battle cruiser, Warspite, the British cruisers, Queen Mary and Indefatigable, two armored cruisers, believed to be of the Achilles type, and a large number of warships of smaller tonnage. Several other British battleships were reported to have been damaged, including the Marlborough, which was struck by a torpedo.

The German losses are announced as the battleship, Pommern, sunk by a torpedo; the cruiser, Wiesbaden, sent to the bottom by gunfire; the protected cruiser, Fraunlob, reported missing, and several torpedo boats, which did not return to port.

The text of the German Admiralty's report, which is dated une 1st is as follows:

fleet May 31 encountered the main part of the English fleet, which was considerably superior to our forces.

"During the afternoon, between Skagerak and Horn Riff, a heavy engagement developed, which was successful for us and which continued during the night.

"In this engagement, so far as known up to the present, there were destroyed by us the British battle cruiser, Warspite, the battleships, Queen Mary and Indefatigable, two armored cruisers, apparently of the Achilles type, one small cruiser, a militarism. new flagship of destroyers, the Turbanant, Nestore and Alcaster and a large number of destroyers and one submarine.

"By observation which was free and clear of obstruction hand-in-hand with the building of record yesterday afternoon and today: yote in the primgaries tomorrow. He It was stated that a large number of English battleships suffered battle cruisers and other naval craft W. V. Herring and wife to George will deliver an address at Goldsboro damage from our ships and the attack of our torpedo boat and in securing trained officers and W. Godwin and wife, lot in Eastern Sunday under the auspices of the flotilla throughout the night.

"Among other large battleships the Marlborough was hit mobilize the resources and convert Campbell et al to Clayton Williams and mended the appointment of Henry by a torpedo. This was confirmed by prisoners. Several of our ships rescued parts of the crews of the English ships, among them being the only two survivors of the Indefatigable.'

#### The British Announcement.

London, June 2.- The British Admiralty announced today that a battle had occurred in the North Sea between the British and German fleet, in the course of which a number of German warships were sunk.

The British cruisers, Queen Mary and Indafatigable, were sunk, and the battleship Invincible was sunk.

The cruisers, Defense and Black Prince, also were sunk, and the cruiser Warrior was disabled.

The German losses are described as serious. The announcement says that two German battle cruisers were sunk Bickett seems to have a good lead in tors, engineers, firemen and train- ered for permanent chairman. Sen-

Columbus Heard From. (By Long-Distance Phone.)

Whiteville, N. C., June 2.- Every-1'men are trying to settle a dispute in thing points to an exciting primary public. By agreeing to an open conin Columbus. While Joseph A. Brown, vention they will give the public a of Chadbourn, is leading in the Con- chance to form their own opinion of that Senator Stone be chosen as The Crown Prince's drive is being gressional race, this being his home the questions under consideration. county, Major Joseph W. Little, of Methods of procedure were dis-

Wilmington, is not only a strong seccussed today. ond choice, but is going to roll up a big vote in the first primary. He is ing at 10 o'clock. Some of the con-i ed to succeed Chairman McCombs, the early days of the fighting. The the second choice of practically the entire county. Little has been gain.

The employes' delegates have no tion of Wilson. ing sleadily for over a week. Haywood Clark is going to poll a power to call a strike. big vote for Secretary of State, leading all other candidates for this office. for further instruction.

Indications are that the race is STILL NO JURY IN Annapolis, Md., June 2 .- Secretary close between Bickett and Daught-Daniels today welcomed the gradu- ridge for Governor. The latter has,

made big gains of late. There is not very much interest in the other candidacies.

> Red Springs For Little. (By Long-Distance Phone.)

> > Deeds Filed.

Red Springs, N. C., June 2.-Joseph the trial of W. H. Orpet for murder ies begun at Annapolis in order 'to be "During an enterprise directed northward our high sea dependent on knowledge for effi-1W. Little, of New Hanover, is going no nearer complete than it was at ciency, expansion and that they might to carry Red Springs in the Congres- the end of last week, when eight jurremain equipped and prepared always sional race. Predictions are freely ors had been sworn for service. The for any emergency. The secretary made by conservative people that he trial has been in progress for sixteen told the graduating class they were will get 50 or 60 per cent. of this days, during which time more than 800 coming into the navy at a period township. He is running strong in prospective jurors have been examin-

largest in highest efficiency and the county of Robeson. when lessons from the European wary' It is hard to make a prediction as

pointed direct to the need of trained ito the Secretary of State, but A. J. men in war if human life would be McKinnon will carry this county with spared from killing of men unpre- a whoop for Secretary fo Agriculture. pared and unskilled in the science of Bickett is unquestionably in the lead for the gubernatorial nomination.

"Another lesson of the war and one needed in America," he continued, "is -

men. Most of the big nations dimly line of Second St., 40 ft. South of Woodmen of the world.

Secretary of Navy Addresses

Graduates at Annapolis

Today.

(By Associated Press.)

ating class at the Naval Academy

into actual naval service with an ad-

dress counseling steady continuance

on their part of the training and stud-

understood that ability to quickly Meares, 36x99 ft, \$100, etc. Thomas C.

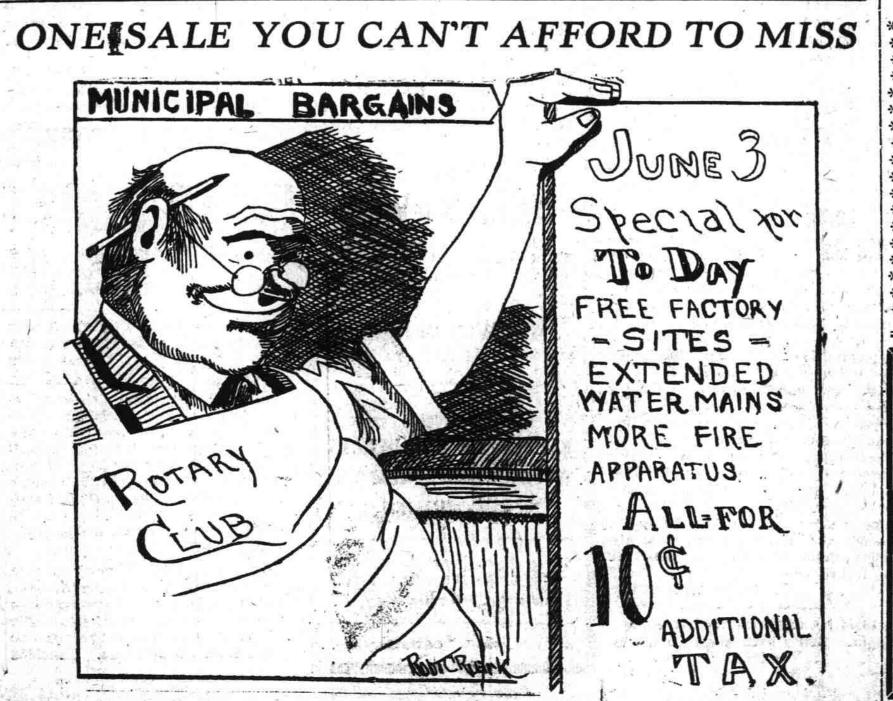
industrial plants into munition plants wife, 10 acres of land near Whiskey Johnson rural carrier at Willard. Penwas as important as to mobilize men." Creek, \$10 etc.

HOME-TO CAST BALLOT (By George H. Manning.)

HOOD LEAVES FOR

gressman Hood will leave Washingthat industrial preparation must go The following deeds were filed for ton late this afternoon for the State to

> Representative Hood has recomder county.



men at today's meeting. For the first ator Kern, of Indiana, and Senator ing of extreme violence. This aftertime in the history of labor controunder consideration. versies the railroad leaders and their

Baltimore four years ago, is chosen cord the outcome, the implication bemany Democratic leaders are urging ing that the result so far is indecisive. chairman of the resolutions or plat- pressed along a front a little more form drafting committee.

Meetings will be held each morn- councils is tha Fred B. Lynch is slat- progress here has been slight since ferees believe that they will not fin- of the National committee, and will center failed to push back the French ish their work for two or three weeks, direct the campaign for the re-elec- line west of the Meuse, but, hewever,

They will report back to the locals FIRST HUCKLEBERRIES ON WARSAW MARKET

(Special to The Dispatch.) Warsaw, June 1 .- The first huckle-

day, retailing on the local market for of Cumieres. Waukegan, Ill, June 2 .- The openfifteen cents. Messrs L. P. Best and ing of court today found the jury in Co., made a shipment, but have not heard what the price on the Northeri market was.

The first berries are never as fine as the later crop, and hence do not sell as well when shipped. It is feared that there will not be as full crop as usual, owing to cold weather in the early spring.

### FINAL VOTE ON THE NAVY BILL TODAY

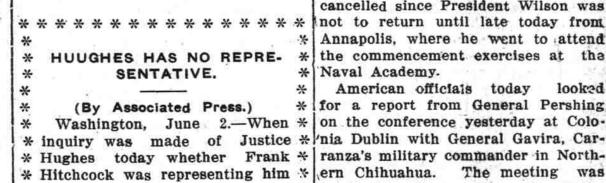
Washington, D. C., June 2 .- Con-

THE ORPET CASE

(By Associated Press.)

(By Associated Press.) Washington, June 2 .- Final vote on the naval appropriation bill was the only business before the House today at its last session before the Republican convention.

Many minority members are ready in Mexico, it was said today. to rush from the House chamber immediately after the balloting this afternoon and catch trains to Chicago.



\* Hughes today whether Frank \* ranza's military commander in North-\* Hitchcock was representing him \* ern Chihuahua. The meeting was \* at Chicago the Justice's secre- \* brief, the sole question only of the \* tary made the following author- \* cooperation in the troops movement \* being discussed. General Pershing \* ized statement: \* "It is perfectly well under- \* reported the conference as "very sat-\* stood that Justice Hughes has \* isfactory," according to unofficial re-\* ports. The War Department reports \*.no representative."

Stone, of Missouri, are other names noon's official bulletin from Paris reports a continuance of the struggle If Senator James, who presided at throughout the night, but fails to rethan two miles wide between Thirau-The general belief in Democratic mont Farm and Vaux. The German

> the attack is claimed to have stopped the French flanking fire from that bank, which hitherto had handicapped the German attempt to advance on that side of the river.

West of the Meuse the French have been endeavoring to gain some of the ground lost in the southern drive of the Germans there and claim to have berries were sold in town last Satur- made progress last night in the vicinity



Administration Waiting to Hear From Latest Border Conference.

#### (By Associated Press.)

Washington, June 2.- A week or more will be taken by administration officials to formulate a reply to General Carranza's last note threatening war if American troops are retained

President Wilson was out of the city and no active preparation is being made to draw an answer.

The usual cabinet meeting was cancelled since President Wilson was not to return until late today from Annapolis, where he went to attend the commencement exercises at tha Naval Academy.

looked

American officials today

and German light cruisers disabled and probably sunk.

The British dreadnought, Warspite, was a sister ship to the Queen Elizabeth, both of which played a prominent part in the attempt to force the Dardanelles. The Warspite was 650 feet long and had a displacement of 27,500 tons. She was built in 1914 at an estimated cost of \$12,500,000. The Warspite is reported to have carried eight 16-inch guns in the place of 12-inch guns as carried by the Queen Elizabeth. Her complement was 750 men.

The Queen Mary and Indefatigable were both British batleships of 27,000 and 18;750 tons, respectively. The Queen Mary was 750 feet long and she was completed in 1913. She carried eight 13-inch guns.

The Indefatigable was 578 feet long and was equipped with eight 12-inch guns. The Queen Mary and Indefatigable Carried complements of between 900 and 950 men. The Queen Mary cost about \$10,000,000, while the Indefatigable cost nearly \$8,000,000.

\* General Pershing's columns in Mexlico unchanged. We Have With Us Today The local Stores, listed below, which appeal to men, women and children, advertise in The Evening Dispatch because they want to "tell the story" of their merchandise to you as one of the great family if Evening Dispatch readers. Look to our advertisers first to fill your wants. Belk-Williams Co. Geo. S. Nevens & Son. N. Jacobi Hardware Co. The Payne Drug Co. Elvington's Pharmacy. Hall & Ross. C. W. Yates Company. Thomas Grocery Co. J. M. Solky. J. Frank Jarman. C. D. Kenny Co. Peterson & Rulfs. Charles Finklestein. A. D. Brown.