

Titanic Fight Furiously Raged in North Sea

GERMAN FLEET HAS BEATEN THE BRITISH

Clash in North Sea Results In Heavy Losses to the British in Both Ships and Men

BIG ENGLISH BATTLESHIPS, CRUISERS AND OTHER BOATS ARE SENT DOWN

Germans Appear to Have Suffered Comparatively Small Losses, Though London Contends Enemy's Loss Is Serious--Sister Ship to Queen Elizabeth Was One of the Victims.

(By Associated Press.)

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 June 1st is as follows:

"During an enterprise directed northward our high sea 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 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 it was stated that a large number of English battleships suffered damage from our ships and the attack of our torpedo boat flotilla throughout the night.

"Among other large battleships the Marlborough was hit 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 Indefatigable, 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 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 battleships 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.

LITTLE REPORTED RUNNING BIG IN THE DISTRICT

Advices From Robeson and Columbus Indicate He Is Strong.

RACE FOR OTHER OFFICES THERE

Haywood Clark Going to Get a Big Vote—Contest For Governor is Uncertain.

Reports received by The Dispatch this afternoon from different places in the Sixth Congressional district 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 vote, while Haywood Clark, of New Hanover, candidate for Secretary of State, appears a big favorite. The race between Bickett and Daughtridge is reported to be close and difficult to forecast, though Bickett seems to have a good lead in Robeson.

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

Whiteville, N. C., June 2.—Everything points to an exciting primary in Columbus. While Joseph A. Brown, of Chabourn, is leading in the Congressional race, this being his home county, Major Joseph W. Little, of Wilmington, is not only a strong second choice, but is going to roll up a big vote in the first primary. He is the second choice of practically the entire county. Little has been gaining steadily for over a week. Haywood Clark is going to poll a big vote for Secretary of State, leading all other candidates for this office. Indications are that the race is close between Bickett and Daughtridge 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.)

Red Springs, N. C., June 2.—Joseph W. Little, of New Hanover, is going to carry Red Springs in the Congressional race. Predictions are freely made by conservative people that he will get 50 or 60 per cent. of this township. He is running strong in the county of Robeson. It is hard to make a prediction as to the Secretary of State, but A. J. McKinnon will carry this county with a whoop for Secretary to Agriculture. Bickett is unquestionably in the lead for the gubernatorial nomination.

Deeds Filed.

The following deeds were filed for record yesterday afternoon and today: W. V. Herring and wife to George W. Godwin and wife, lot in Eastern line of Second St., 40 ft. South of Meares, 36x99 ft, \$100, etc. Thomas C. Campbell et al to Clayton Williams and wife, 10 acres of land near Whiskey Creek, \$10 etc.

VIRGINIA DEMOCRATS IN CONVENTION.

(By Associated Press.) Roanoke, Va., June 2.—Virginia Democrats met in State convention here today, with the selection of 24 delegates to the National convention and a National committeeman as the chief business before them.

The selection of Representative Carter Glass as National committeeman, the endorsement of the National administration and instructions to the Virginia delegates to vote for Woodrow Wilson's renomination were forecast.

PUBLIC TO HAVE CHANCE TO KNOW

Railway Officials and Men Holding Open Convention at Conference.

(By Associated Press.) New York, June 2.—Preliminaries still occupied the attention of the railroad managers with their conductors, engineers, firemen and trainmen at today's meeting. For the first time in the history of labor controversies the railroad leaders and their men are trying to settle a dispute in public. By agreeing to an open convention they will give the public a chance to form their own opinion of the questions under consideration. Methods of procedure were discussed today.

Meetings will be held each morning at 10 o'clock. Some of the conferees believe that they will not finish their work for two or three weeks. The employees' delegates have no power to call a strike. They will report back to the locals for further instruction.

STILL NO JURY IN THE ORPET CASE

(By Associated Press.) Waukegan, Ill., June 2.—The opening of court today found the jury in the trial of W. H. Orpet for murder no nearer complete than it was at the end of last week, when eight jurors had been sworn for service. The trial has been in progress for sixteen days, during which time more than 800 prospective jurors have been examined.

HOOD LEAVES FOR HOME TO CAST BALLOT

(By George H. Manning.) Washington, D. C., June 2.—Congressman Hood will leave Washington late this afternoon for the State to vote in the primaries tomorrow. He will deliver an address at Goldsboro Sunday under the auspices of the Woodmen of the World. Representative Hood has recommended the appointment of Henry Johnson rural carrier at Willard, Pender county.

MAY BE MAKING THEIR FINAL STROKE AT VERDUN

JAMES MAY BE THE CHAIRMAN

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 conference between President Wilson and 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 decide upon the permanent chairman.

Senator James, of Kentucky, is said to be the most prominently considered for permanent chairman. Senator Kern, of Indiana, and Senator Stone, of Missouri, are other names under consideration.

If Senator James, who presided at Baltimore four years ago, is chosen many Democratic leaders are urging that Senator Stone be chosen as chairman of the resolutions or platform drafting committee.

The general belief in Democratic circles is that Fred B. Lynch is slated to succeed Chairman McCombs, of the National committee, and will direct the campaign for the re-election of Wilson.

FIRST HUCKLEBERRIES ON WARSAW MARKET

(Special to The Dispatch.) Warsaw, June 1.—The first huckleberries were sold in town last Saturday, retailing on the local market for fifteen cents. Messrs L. P. Best and Co., made a shipment, but have not heard what the price on the Northern 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

(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 to rush from the House chamber immediately after the balloting this afternoon and catch trains to Chicago.

Germans Hurling Great Mass of Men Against The French Positions.

INVADERS GAINED FIRST TRENCHES YESTERDAY

And Furious Struggle Continued All During the Night—Present Move Looked Upon as Perhaps The Decisive One of the Verdun Campaign.

(By Associated Press.)

With all the weight and power of tremendous masses of men the Germans have been delivering what may prove to be their decisive stroke against the main defenses of Verdun.

The German attack of yesterday, northeast of the fort, which gained them the first line French trenches in the sector between Fort Douaumont and Vaux, has been followed by fighting of extreme violence. This afternoon's official bulletin from Paris reports a continuance of the struggle throughout the night, but fails to record the outcome, the implication being that the result so far is indecisive. The Crown Prince's drive is being pressed along a front a little more than two miles wide between Thirau Farm and Vaux. The German progress here has been slight since the early days of the fighting. The center failed to push back the French line west of the Meuse, but, however, 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 made progress last night in the vicinity of Cumieres.

A WEEK OR MORE BEFORE REPLY

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 in Mexico, it was said today.

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 the Naval Academy.

American officials today looked for a report from General Pershing on the conference yesterday at Colonia Dublin with General Gavia, Carranza's military commander in Northern Chihuahua. The meeting was brief, the sole question only of the cooperation in the troops movement being discussed. General Pershing reported the conference as "very satisfactory," according to unofficial reports. The War Department reports General Pershing's columns in Mexico unchanged.

ONE SALE YOU CAN'T AFFORD TO MISS

MUNICIPAL BARGAINS. JUNE 3 Special for To Day FREE FACTORY - SITES - EXTENDED WATER MAINS MORE FIRE APPARATUS. ALL FOR 10¢ ADDITIONAL TAX. ROTARY CLUB

HUGHES HAS NO REPRESENTATIVE. (By Associated Press.) Washington, June 2.—When inquiry was made of Justice Hughes today whether Frank Hitchcock was representing him at Chicago the Justice's secretary made the following authorized statement: "It is perfectly well understood that Justice Hughes has no representative."

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