

BIG NAVY PROGRAM

DAY OF LIVELY DEBATE IN SENATE CHAMBER—BILL HAS ITS OPPONENTS.

NORRIS AMENDMENT LOSER

Nebraskan Falls in Effort to Delay Construction Work on Sixteen Capital Ships—Lewis, Democrat, and Kenyon and Weeks, Republicans, Favor the Measure.

Western Newspaper Union News Service.

Washington, D. C.—Discussion of the naval building program in the senate July 17 brought out indications that the committee recommendation of the construction of sixteen capital warships within three years, eight of them in 1917, probably would be approved without material amendment.

Such opposition as developed came from both sides of the chamber. Senators Thomas and Vandaman, democrats, and Senator Weeks and Norris, republicans, leading the attack on the building program. Both democrats and republican leaders defendent it, however, and an amendment by Senator Norris to delay construction of any of the sixteen capital ships until after the close of the European war, after failure of efforts to create an international peace tribunal, was tabled 45 to 11. In support of his amendment, Senator Norris declared the bill provided for expenditure of more money for naval construction in time of peace than was ever spent by any nation in the world, despite the fact that "it is very probable that before this European war is over the United States, without the construction of a single ship, will have the greatest navy in the world."

Senators Lewis, democrat, and Borah, Weeks and Kenyon, republicans, spoke in favor of the measure.

GERMANS FORCED BACK.

Further Victories for Allies East and West.

London.—The successes of the entente allies are following each other with great rapidity. Monday brought news of further important gains for the western and eastern fronts, arousing enthusiasm among the British public hardly less than that caused by the reception of the first news of the allied offensive.

A dispatch from Gen. Sir Douglas Haig indicates that the steady pressure of the British arms is forcing an ever deepening salient into the German lines and the commander in chief for the first time produces evidence in the shape of documents captured from the Germans giving testimony as to the high price the Germans are paying in casualties. The British have improved their position along almost the whole of their line of the battle front.

Triple Drowning.

Sioux City, Ia.—Two girls and one man, all residents of Jefferson, S. D., were drowned at 10:30 o'clock Monday morning in the Big Sioux river, when the motor car in which they were riding broke through the railing on the bridge at North Riverside. The victims were: Florence Wakefield, 16 years old; Evelyn Wakefield, 15 years old, and George Fountain, 30 years old. The Wakefield girls were sisters. The car was going only eight miles an hour. A faulty steering gear caused the accident.

Governor Capper Buys News.

Sioux City, Ia.—The Daily News was sold at an auction conducted by Receiver Ralph Oliver July 17 to Gov. Arthur Capper, of Kansas. Gov. Capper is one of the west's most widely known publishers. He owns farm papers and is publisher of the Topeka Daily Capital. His bid on the News was \$18,000.

Hold Troopers in State Camps.

Washington, D. C.—Additional national guard organizations will be dispatched to the border only after they have been organized and equipped thoroughly. Department commanders are delaying transportation of incomplete units on instructions from the war department.

John Bull's War Burden Heavy.

London.—British expenditures have now reached a total of more than £6,000,000 (\$30,000,000) daily, according to a statement made by Reginald McKenna, chancellor of the exchequer.

Antiaircraft Guns Completed.

Washington, D. C.—Construction of enough high power antiaircraft guns to supply all active battleships and cruisers of the navy has been completed, it is announced by Secretary Daniels.

Wilson Notification Postponed.

Washington, D. C.—President Wilson has changed the tentative plan for holding the notification ceremonies August 5, because he desired to postpone them until after the adjournment of congress.

Dixie Floods' Toll Heavy.

Raleigh, N. C.—Thirteen persons dead, at least ten missing and property damage estimated at around \$10,000,000 is the known toll of floods in five southern states the first of this week.

BRITISH SWEEP ON

CAPTURE GERMAN SECOND LINE TRENCHES ON A FOUR-MILE FRONT.

COUNTER ONSETS REPULSED

General Towns Are Captured in Second Phase of Great Offensive of Haig's Army—Artillery Paves the Way for the Drive.

London, July 17.—Gen. Sir Douglas Haig has opened the second phase of the great offensive in the Somme region.

In a battle that exceeded in violence the first assault, thirteen days ago, the British carried the German second line of four miles, captured the villages of Bazantia le Petit, Bazantia le Grand, Longueval, and Ovillers, and carried the remaining German positions in the Trones woods. The battle began at daybreak. Only the day before the German first line, from Hardecourt to Ovillers, had been won, and the big guns had begun to pounce once more at the Teuton trenches.

All night the heavy artillery had been driven without pause at the German second line. With the approach of daybreak the bombardment was redoubled, and soon after the first of Haig's troops left their defenses to begin the charge.

Furious fighting continued for the rest of the day and is still going on tonight. The Germans, taken unawares by the swiftness with which the attack had been renewed, were forced back easily at first. But soon re-enforcements were brought up and heavy counter-attacks begun.

Two of these thrusts were crushed by the British fire before they reached the newly won British positions. Then, in the afternoon, a third was launched at Bazantia le Petit. So fierce was this assault that Haig's troops were pushed out of the village. But fresh infantry was brought up, and the Teutons were routed once more.

In the Trones wood soldiers of the West Kent regiment had been surrounded two days ago by the Germans. They held out valiantly for 48 hours, until their comrades, forging on in the new attack, succeeded in rescuing them.

By howling, blasting, and bayonneting their way the British broke through the German second line from above Bazantia to below Trones wood. In point of area, this is much the best work done by the British since the beginning of the last fortnight. Fighting continues around Ovillers; and virtually the whole village is in British hands.

The capture of Longueval brings Haig's line five miles east of the original front and into position with the French at Hardecourt. In the wood beyond Longueval and the high points of the ridge the battle is unabated.

Slowly but steadily the British advance continues. The positions they have just won put in peril the German hold on Pozieres, on the main road from Albert to Bapaume.

NOTIFY HUGHES ON JULY 31

Roosevelt and Taft Among Invited Guests at Big Meeting to Be Held in New York.

New York, July 15.—Final arrangements were made on Thursday for the notification of Charles Evans Hughes, the Republican presidential nominee, on July 31. The meeting will be held at Carnegie hall, and will be followed by a reception to the invited guests at the Hotel Astor.

Among the invited guests are Colonel Roosevelt, ex-President William H. Taft, the members of the Republican national committee, the delegates and alternates to the national convention, the heads of the Republican organizations in the various states, the members of the Progressive national committee, the Republican governors of the various states and the Republican members of congress.

The notification speech will be made by Senator Warren C. Harding of Ohio.

BLISS WILL BE TREASURER

Named to Handle G. O. P. Funds in the Campaign, Committee Announces.

New York, July 14.—Cornelius N. Bliss will be the next treasurer of the Republican national committee. This was officially announced Wednesday at the headquarters of Charles E. Hughes.

Mr. Bliss, who is a New York dry goods commission merchant, is the son of the late Cornelius N. Bliss, who formerly was treasurer of the national committee.

Drink Pellets of Alcohol.

Oklahoma City, Okla., July 17.—Alcohol in pellet form is blamed by those interested in keeping Oklahoma dry for what is recognized as an alarming increase of drunkenness during the past six months.

Mrs. Hearst Asks U. S. Aid.

Sau Francisco, July 17.—Mrs. Phoebe A. Hearst, owner of the Babri-cora ranch, seized by Carranza, telegraphed to Robert Lansing protesting against what she declares to be an "unlawful act."

FISHERMEN'S TALES ARE SOMETIMES TRUE



VILLISTAS WIN FIGHT

CARRANZA FORCES DEFEATED BY BANDITS IN CHIHUAHUA.

General Reported to Have Imprisoned Officer Sent to Succeed Him as Commander of Troops.

El Paso, Tex., July 14.—Reports to the American military officials here indicate that Pancho Villa has completely routed the Carranzista forces in southern Chihuahua after a 12-hour fight, which ended at noon.

This information was received through reliable American mining companies who have large interests in the vicinity of Parral.

Strife within the ranks of Carranza commanders is indicated in a report received here to the effect that Gen. Jacinto B. Trevino, commander in chief of all troops in the state of Chihuahua and northern Mexico, has been deposed by order of Minister of War Alvaro Obregon, and Gen. Ignacio Enriquez, former civil governor of the state of Chihuahua, appointed in his place.

General Enriquez is now four days overdue at Chihuahua City, having started north about a week ago from Mexico City with his commission. In connection with his failure to arrive, General Trevino has given out a story to the effect that Enriquez was captured and executed by Villistas at Diaz, the first station north of Jimenez on the Mexican Central railroad. This story is disputed and an investigation is said to be under way to ascertain if Enriquez has not been placed in jail at Torreon by order of Trevino.

TWO MORE KILLED BY SHARK

Man and Boy Slain by Man-Eater While Bathing in New Jersey—Youth's Body Missing.

Matawan, N. J., July 14.—A shark darted up the narrow, shallow Matawan creek on Wednesday in the third fatal raid in less than two weeks, and darted out again, leaving death in its wake.

The shark killed a man and a boy. It mangled another boy so badly that he will lose a leg and probably will die. The latest victims of the man-eater were swimming two miles up the creek from Raritan bay when they were attacked. They are: Stanley Fisher, twenty-five years old, of Matawan, who died in the Monmouth Memorial hospital, Long Branch. The shark ripped off one of his legs.

Lester Stillwell, twelve years old, of Matawan, whose body has not been recovered. The shark bit his frail body almost in half and dragged him below the surface.

Joseph Dunn, fourteen years old, of Brooklyn, who is in St. Peter's hospital, New Brunswick. The teeth of the shark slashed and mangled one leg so badly that it will have to be amputated.

The shark has killed four bathers thus far this season.

TROOPS TO QUELL RIOTING

Two Companies of Illinois Militiamen Arrive at La Salle—Governor Dunne Goes to Scene.

Springfield, Ill., July 15.—Determined to have first hand information regarding conditions at La Salle and Oglesby, Ill., where troops were sent in response to messages from Sheriff E. M. Davis and citizens of La Salle county that serious trouble was imminent in a strike of cement workers, Governor Dunne left for La Salle on Thursday night.

Upon receipt of messages stating that serious trouble threatened, Governor Dunne ordered Company A, Rock Island and Company B, Geneseo, both of the Sixth regiment, Illinois National Guard, to proceed at once to the town. The troops have arrived there and taken charge of the situation.

Deported to Germany.

Amsterdam, July 17.—Twenty thousand inhabitants of Lille, Roubaix and Turcoing have been deported to Germany by the German military authorities owing to the impossibility of feeding populous districts.

Sizzling Weather in East.

New York, July 17.—The entire Atlantic coast is suffering from the intense heat wave which has persisted for more than a week. Many deaths and prostrations are reported from eastern cities.

U. S. COLLIER SINKS

TENDER HECTOR GOES DOWN OFF CHARLESTON, S. C., DURING HURRICANE.

142 PERSONS WERE ON BOARD

Vessel Carried Sixty Marines, Crew of Seventy Men and Twelve Officers—Was on Way to Santo Domingo—Storm Causes Damage.

Charleston, S. C., July 17.—The big naval collier Hector, carrying 90 marines in addition to her crew of 70 men and 12 officers, sank off Charleston on Friday, according to a report from Captain Hunt of the tug Vigilant, which tried to go to the Hector's assistance. He was unable to say how many aboard escaped.

Officials at the navy yard here announced that the crew of the naval collier Hector, reported sunk off here, had been taken off in small boats.

The Hector left Port Royal for Santo Domingo on Thursday. It attempted to put into port here when the storm disabled it, but, according to Captain Hunt, went down about nine and one-half miles from the Charleston lightship. Captain Hunt said part of the collier's superstructure remained above water.

The lighthouse tender Cypress went out to the assistance of the Hector, but was unable to breast the heavy seas, and returned.

The Hector displaced 11,200 tons, was 384 feet long, and was built at Sharrows Point, Md., in 1908.

The hurricane which struck Charleston on Thursday abated on Friday. One life was lost here. Damage to shipping and the water front was not great, and the balance of the city did not suffer severely.

Appeals to any vessels in the vicinity to go to the aid of the Hector were broadcasted by the navy radio towers at Arlington. Wireless orders were sent to the coast guard cutter Seminole off the North Carolina coast to go to the rescue.

The Hector left Charleston Wednesday afternoon for Guantanamo and had on board, in addition to its crew, 60 marine recruits to fill up vacancies in the marine expeditions in Santo Domingo and Cuba.

Atlanta, Ga., July 17.—The hurricane which swept the South Carolina and Georgia coasts cost two lives and tied up shipping.

Tybee island, a summer resort below Savannah, was partly inundated and many persons left the island. At Charleston a government boat carried 450 persons from Sullivan's island to Charleston.

The passenger liner Lenape, which arrived at Charleston from New York, remained there rather than try to proceed to Jacksonville, while the liner Somerset was tied up at Savannah.

CLARKE NAMED NEW JUSTICE

U. S. Judge of Cleveland Succeeds Hughes—Was Appointed to Bench in 1904.

Washington, July 17.—President Wilson Friday sent to the senate the nomination of Federal Judge J. H. Clarke of Cleveland, O., to be associate justice of the United States Supreme court.

Judge John Hessin Clarke is now on the bench of the United States district court at Cleveland. He was born at Lisbon, O., on September 18, 1857. In 1914 he was appointed to the bench of the United States district court.

Judge Clarke has all his life been a Democrat in politics. He ran for the United States senate against Mark Hanna, Republican candidate, in 1903. Judge Clarke is a bachelor. Most of his leisure time has been spent in reading and in a study of naturalization and Americanization of immigrants.

SINN FEINERS RIOT AT CORK

Mob Wrecks British Recruiting Station When Rebel Prisoners Fail to Arrive.

Cork, Ireland, July 17.—Chagrined by the nonarrival of prisoners on Friday who recently were released, after undergoing imprisonment since the Dublin rebellion, and who were expected here, 1,000 Sinn Feiners wrecked the recruiting office, hissed the military pickets and sang republican songs.

DEAD OF CARRIZAL BURIED

Bodies of Six Negro Troopers Killed in Fight Are Placed in Arlington.

Washington, July 15.—The bodies of six negro troopers killed at Carrizal were buried in Arlington cemetery with full military honors. None had been identified.

To Call on Progressives.

New Orleans, July 17.—In a statement, John M. Parker, Progressive vice-presidential nominee, calls upon Progressives to call another convention at Chicago on August 5 to nominate a president and vice-president.

Shoot into Train.

Monroeville, O., July 17.—Passengers on a Pennsylvania train passed through a thrilling adventure near here, in which a charge of buckshot was fired into the observation platform, wounding four.

GOSSIP FROM STATE HOUSE

Citizens of Denison, Tex., declare the Nebraska boys were the most orderly, obedient and manly soldiers that have passed through that place.

A proposition to be submitted at the fall election to make the food commissioner's office an appointive one with a six-year term has been filed with the secretary of state.

It is asserted on the authority of a member of the staff of Adjutant General Hall that a troop of cavalry is being organized to be sent to the border under his command.

The Fourth regiment arrived at Llano Grande, Tex., July 12, and immediately pitched camp, that place having been selected instead of Mercedes, owing to the lack of room at the latter.

One of the most interested spectators at the entrainment of the Fifth Infantry and field hospital corps was Adjutant General Hall, who followed with particular interest the movement of Company H, Fairfield, the company without a captain.

Nebraska national guardsmen were the first to reach the Mexican border in tip-top full peace strength. This, too, in spite of handicaps met on account of the delay in receiving equipment from the federal authorities.

Lincoln merchants contributed an immense quantity of cigars, cigarettes, smoking tobacco, chewing tobacco, cash, handkerchiefs, playing cards, pipe cleaners, talcum powder and shoe strings to the boys at Camp Morehead before their departure for the border.

C. A. Sorenson, a graduate of the university law college, has been appointed assistant director and legal advisor of the legislative reference bureau, taking the place made vacant by the resignation of Thorne Browne, who has been appointed secretary of the state railway commission.

About fifty disappointed men, who had gathered from all parts of the state to enlist in the aviation corps, have returned to their homes following a telegram received from the government, virtually discharging the entire corps. The message was a bolt from the clear sky to officers and men.

The last quota of Nebraska men to respond to Uncle Sam's call, left Sunday for the Mexican border. In all there were 945 men. From Colonel Herbert Paul to the newest recruit, all were anxious to serve their country and were jubilant at embarking for the south land.

For the very splendid health which was manifest since the men began to gather at the state fair grounds, General Hall passed lavish comment upon Lieutenant Phil Bartholomew of Blue Hill. The latter was one of the leading medical officers in charge of daily inspection of all parts of the camp and grounds generally.

Former Lieutenant Edgar W. Bagnell, of Lincoln, who has just completed an aviation course at Newport News, given by the government, has been promoted to a captaincy, according to a telegram received by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. I. N. Bagnell. Captain Bagnell also stated that he expected to be mustered into the federal aviation corps at once.

State game and fish commissioners will not interfere with people along the Platte river who capture and use fish stranded there by the unusual drying up of the river in many places, according to the statement of Commissioner Gust Rutenbeck. Where fishing is persisted in in the main channels of the stream, however, prosecutions will be carried on as in the past.

The state banking board has appealed to the state supreme court from a Lancaster county district court decision denying the right of that body to withhold bank charters on the ground that communities are already sufficiently served with such institutions. The state board intends to fight the matter out to a conclusion as all three members, Governor Morehead, Attorney General Reed and Auditor Smith, believe thoroughly in the principle.

The Fifth Nebraska was held up for several hours at Muskogee, Okla., on account of a freight wreck near Hoffman in that state. Railroad officials are inclined to the belief that the wreck was an act of deliberation by parties unknown.

General Hall's final words to his boys as they pulled out for the border were: "I'll bet I'm with you before you get back; just see if I ain't." A war department ruling kept him from accompanying them when they left.

Appointment of Father Michael Grupa as chaplain of the Fourth regiment, Nebraska national guard, has been announced, and as soon as the troops are located on the border, he will give up his parish at St. Paul, Nebr., to join the fighting cornhuskers. Refusal of the banking board to further consider the application of the Central State bank of Omaha for a charter to do business in that city will be followed in the supreme court by a thorough airing of the case, involving the board's right to take that action.