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WEATHER FORECAST for Kansas: Fair tonight and Saturday; rising temperature Saturday.

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STINGING BRITISH DEFEAT ON THE HIGH SEAS

Berlin Says Nine Battleships Were Sunk In Over Night Encounter—German Losses Small

TEUTON VICTORY ON SEA

Berlin Announces Sinking of Nine Battleships of England.

Germans Admit Several of Their Own Boats Were Lost.

BATTLE OF A DAY AND NIGHT

Teutons Assert English Fleet Was in Superior Force.

Crews of Sunken Vessels Were Rescued by Kaisermen.

LONDON ANNOUNCES LOSSES

Greatest Naval Engagement of the European War.

In Channel Connecting North and Baltic Seas.

Berlin, June 2.—An engagement between the German high-seas fleet and the main part of the British fighting fleet in which more than eight British vessels were destroyed and many badly damaged was announced in an admiralty statement today.

British Superior Force.

The admiralty statement under date of June 1 said: "During an enterprise directed northward, our high-seas fleet on May 31 encountered the main part of the English fighting fleet which was considerably superior to our forces."

During the afternoon, between Skagerak and Horn Riffal, news of a heavy engagement developed which was successful for us and continued also during the night.

"In this engagement, as far as known until now, we destroyed the large battleship Warspite, the battle cruisers Queen Mary and Indefatigable, two armed cruisers apparently of the Achilles type, one small cruiser, new flagship of the destroyers Turbans and Nestors and Alcester, and a number of torpedo destroyers and one submarine.

Suffered Heavy Damage.

"By observation, it is clear and is free to objection, it was stated, that a large number of British battleships suffered heavy damage from the fire of our ships and the attacks of our torpedo boat flotillas during an engagement which lasted the entire day and all night."

"Among others of the large British ships, the battleship Marlborough was hit by a torpedo. This is confirmed by prisoners.

German Losses.

"Among our losses was the small cruiser Wiesbaden, which was sunk by British gun fire during the day engagement and H. M. S. Pomern, which was sunk during the night engagement by a British torpedo boat."

"The fate of H. M. S. Frauenlob, is as yet undetermined and there is a possibility this boat has been lost together with a number of torpedo boats which have not yet reported and whose fate is not unknown.

English Admit Losses.

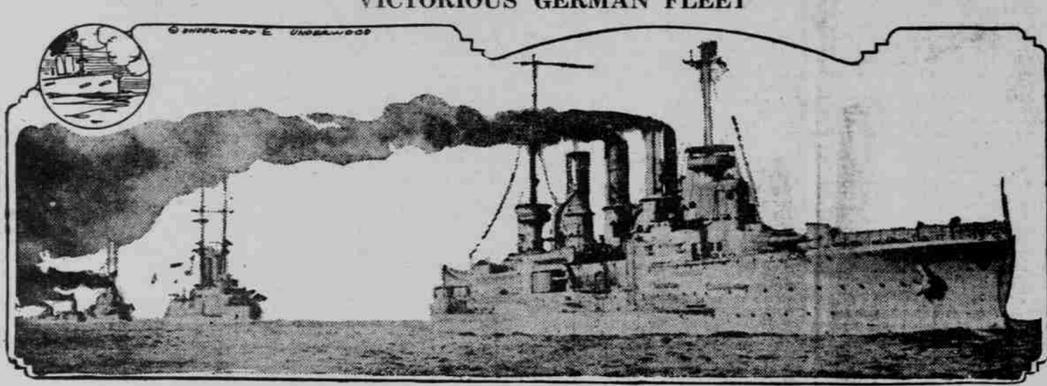
London, June 2.—The British admiralty announced today that a battle had occurred in the North sea between German and English in course of which a number of German warships were sunk.

"The British battle cruisers Queen Mary and Indefatigable and the battleship Invincible were sunk.

"The cruisers Defence and Black Prince also were sunk and the cruiser Warrior was disabled.

"The announcement says two German battle cruisers were sunk and two German light cruisers were disabled and probably sunk.

"The British destroyers Tipperary, Turbulent, Fortune, Sparrow Hawk and Ardent, were lost and six others have not yet been accounted for. The admiralty announcement says no British battleships or light cruisers were sunk."



German High Sea Fleet in Line.

G. O. P. TO SWAP?

Ready to Concede Platform to Progressives

To Win Bull Moose Approval for Candidate.

Chicago, June 2.—Ready to swap a platform for a candidate, the old guard of the G. O. P. today trained its attention on the planks of the Republican convention. The old guard is ready to concede practically any old plank to win its purpose.

The platform will contain practically every Bull Moose plank in the hope of winning the Progressive support right off the reel.

Under plans tentatively outlined by leaders today, it is stated the platform, roughly summarized, will read something like this:

Tough Draft of Platform.

First, a plank for Americanism, parading spectrally the views of the Republicans that the American flag should be "restored to its place of honor."

Second, a plank of preparedness, "not half-hearted preparedness but actual preparation for war," with probably a clause favoring universal opportunity for service.

Third, the tariff plank. As the progressives are believed to favor a higher tariff than in previous years, this plank, it is said, will come out for the "practically life-long principle of Republicans—a high protective tariff based on schedules similar to those in force before the Underwood tariff bill passed."

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FLIERS KILL 18

French Aviators Pursue Raiders, Felling 2 Machines.

German Planes Drop Bomb on Bar Leeduc, France.

Paris, June 2.—A squadron of French aeroplanes pursuing a group of German machines which had just bombed Bar Leeduc, brought down two machines, one of which was a Ploker.

The raid referred to probably is the one mentioned in last night's French official statement which said that 18 civilians in Bar Leeduc were killed by German bombs. The night statement recorded the bringing down of only one German aeroplane.

TO SHIFT BLAME

Defense Would Prove Another Committed the Crime.

Archie Sweet Bared Life History to the Jury.

Syracuse, Kan., June 2.—One of the outstanding features in the trial here of Archie Sweet, charged with the murder last October of Miss Nellie Byers, a young school teacher, was presented yesterday by the defense when Sweet took the stand in his own behalf and bared his life history in an attempt to clear himself of the charge. The incident brought forth a packed court room.

It was not expected the defense would again place Sweet on the stand but would introduce other witnesses to support their case. Several attempts have been made by the defense, both in direct testimony and cross examination, to shift the blame of the killing but so far all has been established in all cases.

Sweet made the denial that the bed was his upon which the bloodhounds jumped after following the trail from the murder scene to the Henson dug-out, where he lived, and asserted it was used by another member of the family.

A complete account of his criminal record was given by Sweet, who informed the jury his real name was Archibald Alford. He said he had served one term in the Kansas penitentiary under the name of John Flushing. Sweet testified he was in the Kansas reformatory at the age of 17, charged with attacking a girl. Another term in the Kansas prison was for breaking jail, while held on a burglary charge, of which he was acquitted.

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RULE IS CHANGED FOR ARMOR PLATE

Eleven Millions Voted in House for Preparedness.

Final Voting on Naval Bill on This Afternoon.

Washington, June 2.—Final voting on the naval bill began today in the house with the adoption by a vote of 235 to 136 of an amendment proposition in committee of the whole to appropriate \$11,000,000 for a government armor plate plant.

The committee yesterday decided the contest for seats as delegates at large which were believed to have governed the 12 district contests as well. The rules of the committee, however, declare that each district contest shall be considered on its individual merits.

The first contest taken up was the first congressional, in which E. W. Daniels, one of the Jackson delegates, is opposed by Solon Johnson of the Blum faction.

In the Georgia district the Jackson faction delegate was seated by a vote of 25 to 15.

Contest Lasts Nine Hours. Chicago, June 2.—Consideration of claims of contesting delegations to the Republican national convention was resumed today by the national committee, which opened its deliberations here yesterday in a continuous session lasting more than nine hours.

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In the Louisiana delegation today will again be between the so-called "Lily Whites" and the faction including negroes, as has been the case at former committee meetings preceding national conventions. The contesting delegations were chosen at separate meetings in Louisiana, the "Lily Whites" holding their meeting at a hotel in New Orleans, where colored people were not allowed entrance. The delegation consequently was composed exclusively of whites, the colored population being given no representation.

Seven Protestants. The seven protestants in Alabama were settled by the seating of six regular delegates at large and a protesting delegate from the Ninth congressional district.

Recommendation from Chairman Hill. A recommendation from Chairman Hill that a subcommittee be appointed to hear the evidence in several of the contests and report to the full committee was defeated. The committee also voted to place the delegates from Porto Rico, Hawaii and the Philippines upon the temporary roll call with the recommendation that they be given votes.

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NINE MAY BE DEAD

Rock Island Train Fell Thru Trestle at Packard.

Two Known Dead and Seven More Are Missing.

Packard, Iowa, June 2.—Two women are dead and ten persons are injured as the result of the collapse of the bridge over Cold Water creek near here under north bound passenger train No. 19 on the Chicago, Rock Island and Pacific railroad early today.

In addition to the two dead, seven persons are missing and are believed to be dead.

The bodies of two women have been taken from the wreck. One was identified as Mrs. Emma von Vliet of Traver, Iowa.

The engine, baggage car, smoker and day coach plunged into the creek. The bodies were recovered from the wreckage, and the engine was raised.

Many of the passengers broke the windows of the coaches and crawled onto the sides of the cars, where they remained until taken off by rescuers in boats.

The storm, which reached the proportion of a cloudburst, nearly paralyzed wire communications. Train No. 19 is the Chicago, Rock Island and Pacific fast night train between Chicago and Minneapolis. It was due at Minneapolis at 5 o'clock this morning.

Three Dead Says Railroad. Chicago, June 2.—At the general offices of the Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific railroad this afternoon casualties of the wreck of Chicago-Minneapolis passenger train No. 19 which plunged through a bridge near Packard, Ia., early today were placed at three dead, seven missing, 15 injured, only two of whom were seriously hurt.

One Fatally Hurt. Bloomington, Ill., June 2.—Twenty persons were reported injured, one of whom physicians say will die, when the Wabash, Chicago, St. Louis fast main train No. 17, was blown from the tracks one mile south of Saunemin, at 2 o'clock this morning by one of the most severe wind storms that has visited Central Illinois in years. The accident occurred in a deep cut which kept the cars from overturning and prevented a heavy loss of life.

The combination baggage and smoking car and four coaches were blown from the track. A Pullman sleeper crumpled through the smoking car literally tearing it to pieces. It was in the smoking car that most of the injured passengers occurred. The other Pullmans passed over the track.

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GAVIRA IS WARNED TO KEEP HIS MEN AWAY

Carranza Troops Must Not Menace U. S. Bases.

Pershing Orders Massing of Forces Stopped at Once.

NO MINCING OF WORDS

Mexican General Told How He Can Co-Operate.

Authorities To Be Held Responsible for Hostile Acts.

El Paso, Texas, June 2.—Gen. J. J. Pershing has warned Gen. Gabriel Gavira, the Carranza border commander, at Colonia Dublin, according to official messengers relayed here, that he must keep Mexican soldiers "a safe distance" from American bases.

Any concentration of large forces of armed Mexicans within shooting range of the American column, General Pershing further made plain to General Gavira, would be construed as an act approaching hostility and met by the American column accordingly.

It was the plainest talk any Carranza commander or official had heard from an American in authority for many a day, all information coming from Colonia Dublin indicated.

NO MINCING OF WORDS

All diplomatic pow-wowing was waived at once by General Pershing. The menace constituted by the massing of Carranza forces on the flank of the punitive expedition was presented to Gavira with blunt disregard for everything except facts.

General Pershing called Gavira's attention to the frequent stoning of truck trains by Casas Grandes soldiers and civilians and informed him the responsibility for these hostile acts must be placed on the garrison officers and, in turn, on their superiors. Gavira was told to do what he could to prevent such acts.

The failure of the Carranzista forces in Chihuahua to co-operate with the American soldiers in the pursuit of bandits was another subject of General Pershing's plain talk to Gavira.

How to Co-Operate.

The Carranza commander was told that he could most effectively demonstrate his professed willingness to co-operate with the American punitive expedition by taking personal command of the unruly hordes of Carranzistas roaming along the flank of the American army.

All reports from Colonia Dublin indicated that the conference between the two generals would be longer than had been generally expected. Apparently the delivery and publication of the Carranza note to President Wilson will not affect the discussion of plans by Generals Pershing and Gavira.

Brief dispatches from General Gavira to his headquarters in Juarez stated that he would not return until Friday or Saturday.

General Funston's straightforward-shoulder denial of Carranza's charges that he acted in bad faith with General Obregon has made him the hero of the hour on this part of the border.

All Truck Trains Armed.

Columbus, N. M., June 2.—A significant activity prevails at base headquarters of the punitive expedition. A big shipment of Benet-Mercier machine guns arrived at noon Thursday. They were at once sent south on truck trains. Hereafter all truck trains will be armed with machine guns so arranged that they can pivot in a complete circle.

STILL ABOVE NORMAL

A Fall of 28 Degrees in Temperature During the Night.

Hourly temperature readings furnished by the weather bureau: 7 o'clock, 62; 11 o'clock, 63; 1 o'clock, 64; 5 o'clock, 61; 9 o'clock, 51; 1 o'clock, 48; 5 o'clock, 44; 9 o'clock, 41.

Temperatures today averaged 4 degrees below normal. The wind blew the rate of 12 miles an hour from the northwest. The sky has cleared and there is now no chance for rain.

Cool weather was one handed this morning following a day of oppressive heat and humidity. The wind shifted to the north at about midnight and the mercury did not rise rapidly to normal. During the early hours of the morning the temperature took a drop and was down to 62 degrees at 9 o'clock. This reading was the minimum for the day and occurred at 6 o'clock as well as at the later hour.

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IS CONFIDENT PARTIES WILL GET TOGETHER

Belief Growing G. O. P. and Progressives Will Agree.

Perkins Banking on 500 Uninstructed Delegates.

60 PA. DELEGATES FOR T. R.

Republican Leaders Arriving From All States.

Finish Fight Between Hughes and Roosevelt.

Chicago, June 2.—Confidence that the Republican and Progressive conventions would speedily agree on a presidential candidate grew by leaps and bounds at Roosevelt headquarters today.

George W. Perkins, Bull Moose chief, declared frankly that the Progressive committee's plan all along has been to wait for the Republicans to nominate a president before taking any action on nominees themselves.

"We are preparing," Perkins said, "to present to the Republican convention the candidacy of Colonel Roosevelt. We will present our arguments for the colonel."

"I believe these arguments will convince the more than 500 uninstructed delegates and these with the avowed Roosevelt delegates will name the colonel."

Noncommittal on Hughes. Perkins again today refused to comment on the approaches of the Progressives of Justice Charles Hughes. Republican leaders from all parts of the country are arriving by every train and the crowds of politicians at the hotels are increasing proportionately as the time for the Republican state convention approaches.

While the managers of the different "favorite son" presidential candidates insist that if they are able to keep their delegations together they will win, they are beginning to admit that the final contest may develop into a fight to the finish between Roosevelt and Hughes on the floor of the convention.

An informal poll of a number of the state which have so far indicated that, after the first few ballots have been taken and the "favorite sons" begin to drop out of the contest, most of the instructed delegates will go to Roosevelt or Hughes as their second choice.

Senators Boies Penrose of Pennsylvania, who arrived today, said: "Brumbaugh for Teddy."

Three-quarters of the 76 delegates from Pennsylvania are uninstructed. The instruction is about the same as in the past. The claim made by friends of Governor Brumbaugh that they will have half of the Pennsylvania vote is based on the opinion of Henry G. Wasson, national committeeman from Pennsylvania and one of the leaders of the Brumbaugh faction, today expressed the opinion that:

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BASEBALL TODAY!

Savages Open At-Home Stand With Soo Indians.

Ladies' Day; the Game Starts at 3 O'clock Sharp.

Today's Lineup.

Topeka—Cochran, 3b; Adler, 1b; Goodwin, ss; Schweitzer, cf; Kruger, rf; Lattimore, 2b; Tydemann, rf; Monroe, c; West, p.

Sioux City—Gilmore, 1b; Cooney, 2b; Callahan, ss; LeCune, cf; Metz, 1b; Connelly, 3b; Crosby, c; Gaskill, p.

Everything was set this morning for the beginning of the first long at-home stand of the Savages, and, according to Manager Lattimore for the climb that the team expects to make to get back into the winning Manager Casper and his Sioux City Indians came in at 10 o'clock Thursday night, and after a good rest said that they expected to play fast ball today.

Soo Roster Short. The Sioux City team has only thirteen men on its roster, but Secretary Hunter said that Pitchers Jack Pfeister and Schardt were expected to join the club before Manager Casper, who has never lost a game to Topeka, stated that he probably would pitch tomorrow's battle. "Bugs" Grover, Pepper Clarke, LeJourd, Cooney and all of the old timers on the Soo club expressed confidence that they would take the series, and Watson even