



KITCHENER OF KHARTOUM LOST ON BRITISH CRUISER

STAFF GOES DOWN WITH WAR SECRETARY BOUND ON MISSION TO THE CZAR

Admiralty Announces Destruction of Hampshire With All on Board Off Orkneys—War Council Meets. Britain Mourns Loss

Gloom in England at Loss of Supreme Chieftain Following Close on Terrible Casualties in Battle of Jutland—Lloyd-George Suggested to Take Portfolio

LONDON, June 6.

Earl Kitchener, Minister of War, with his entire staff, was lost when the cruiser Hampshire was sunk north of Scotland and west of the Orkneys at 8 o'clock last night. The announcement of the loss of Marshal Kitchener and his staff was made officially by the Admiralty today. Lord Kitchener and his staff were on their way to Russia on the Hampshire when it was sunk by a mine or a German submarine. It was stated that Lord Kitchener's trip to Petrograd was a "special mission." It is believed to have related to the Russian offensive on the east front as an offset to the pressure being exerted by the Teutons against the Italians and against the French at Verdun. Hope that Lord Kitchener escaped death was virtually abandoned this evening. Search has been made along the Scottish coast ever since the Hampshire was destroyed, but no trace of Lord Kitchener was found.

REPORT OF THE ADMIRALTY

Official announcement of the destruction of the Hampshire was made by the British Admiralty, as follows: "The Admiralty reports with deep regret that the ship Hampshire with Lord Kitchener and his staff aboard was sunk last night about 8 o'clock off the Orkney Islands either by a mine or a torpedo. "Four boats were seen by observers on the shore to leave the ship. "Heavy seas were running, but patrol vessels and destroyers at once proceeded to the scene. "At the same time a party was sent along the shores to search for bodies. Only a capsized boat had been found up to the time of the issuance of the report. "The whole shore has been searched from the seaward, but it is greatly feared there is little hope for any survivors. No report has yet been received from the search party on shore. The Hampshire was proceeding to Russia."

OFFICIAL REPORT FOLLOWS RUMOR

The report to the Admiralty of the loss of the Hampshire was made to the Admiralty by Admiral Sir John Jellicoe, commander of the British grand fleet. Early in the day it was rumored that the War Secretary and his staff were lost on one of the ships that went down in the naval battle of Jutland last Wednesday. The Admiralty report dispelled this rumor. The main base of the British high seas fleet is supposed to be in the neighborhood of the islands north of Scotland. For this reason, it was believed Lord Kitchener, with his staff, went to the Orkney Islands for the purpose of reviewing the battle fleet after the Jutland engagement. It was also considered probable that he was engaged in conference with other high officials regarding the program to be followed to meet any new move from Germany. As Minister of War, Kitchener was responsible for the defense of England in the event of any attempt at invasion. Despite his years, three score and more, Lord Kitchener was in the prime of his vigor and was a tower of strength in the grand war councils that were held in Paris.

CROWDS SURROUND WAR OFFICE; LLOYD-GEORGE MAY GET PORTFOLIO

LONDON, June 6.—Public consternation and amazement today followed the announcement that Lord Kitchener and his staff were lost on the Hampshire. Crowds gathered in Whitehall, following the formal announcement of the loss of "K. of K." The flag on the War Office was at half-mast and the blinds of the office were drawn. The crowd received no further information, and the air of the officials indicated clearly that they held no hope that Kitchener might have escaped.

Speculation as to the War Secretary's successor is already heard on the street and in the lobbies of Parliament. The name of David Lloyd-George, wartime Chancellor of the Exchequer, later Minister of Munitions and recently officially designated as successor of Ireland, is most prominently mentioned in connection with the vacant portfolio. Surprise was expressed that a cruiser, bearing the Minister of War, could have been destroyed by a mine or a torpedo. It is probable that the question whether the cruiser had an escort and whether she was provided with any protection against submarines, will be put directly to the Government.

Many comments were heard in the crowd about the War Office. Many remarked that it "was lucky it didn't happen before conscription became effective." They referred to the great power of Kitchener's name in stimulating voluntary recruiting.

LONDON, June 6.—The British cruiser Hampshire, which was sunk while proceeding from England to Russia with Lord Kitchener, the War Secretary, and his staff on board, carried a complement of 531 men, not counting her distinguished passengers. It is not known whether she was sunk by a mine or a torpedo, but she was destroyed while near the Orkney Islands, at the extreme northern end of Scotland, indicates that she was attacked by a German submarine, unless

OKUMA, JAPAN'S PREMIER, REPORTED ASSASSINATED

SHANGHAI, June 6.—Premier Okuma of Japan is reported to have been assassinated.

Should the report of the assassination of Count Okuma prove true, the Mikado's empire will have lost one of the most remarkable men of that line of statesmen who did so much for the development of their country.

Count Shigenobu Okuma became Prime Minister in the spring of 1914, shortly after the resignation of Count Yamamoto's Cabinet, following the notorious naval graft scandal of that year.

Count Okuma was born in 1838. He was Finance Minister from 1869 to 1881, Foreign Minister from 1888 to 1889, Minister of Agriculture and Commerce from 1896 to 1897 and Prime Minister and Foreign Minister for the first time in 1898.

Okuma was the founder and former leader of the Progressive party in Japan, a man of great wealth and financial backer of Waseda University.

Count Okuma was spoken of as the "Alexander Hamilton of Japan." He was regarded as a warm friend of the United States.

The Count was a cripple, having lost a leg in an attempt to assassinate him 25 years ago.



COUNT OKUMA

YUAN SHI-KAI DIES; CHINA'S PRESIDENT PARALYSIS VICTIM

Known as One of the Strongest Figures in the Nation's History

AT THE HELM SINCE 1913



YUAN SHI-KAI

WASHINGTON, June 6.—Paul S. Reisch, American Minister to China, today officially reported to the State Department that President Yuan Shi-kai of China was dead. This came in a long code dispatch not yet decoded, but which is believed to contain a complete account of the Chinese ruler's death. The Chinese legation has received no official word concerning the death.

SHANGHAI, June 6.—Yuan Shi-kai, President of the republic of China, died in Peking Monday. He had been executive head of the

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BRUMBAUGH MEN'S CHICAGO CAUCUS CALLED "FIASCO"

Only 20 of the 76 Delegates to the Convention Were Present

EFFORT FOR SOLID VOTE

By EDMUND C. TAYLOR

Evening Ledger Staff Correspondent CHICAGO, June 6.—The tumultuous situation existing in the Pennsylvania delegation to the Republican National Convention reflects the spirit that is hanging over the entire pre-convention gathering of delegates from all of the other states, with few exceptions. Jockeying and maneuvering among the Keystone State delegates is being watched closely by the leaders of the score of factions which are striving to get the upper hand, as they regard the situation in the Pennsylvania delegation as a weather vane that points to the final solution of the tremendous problem that confronts both the Old Guard Republican leaders and the Progressives.

Developments of last night show that the Pennsylvania delegation is split wide open. Strenuous efforts to cement the Penrose-McNichol and the Brumbaugh-Vare-Magee factions are scheduled for today, as a last-hour effort to line up a solid delegation of 76 votes that will give Pennsylvania an important place in the final maneuvers that will precede the naming of a Republican candidate for President.

PENROSE FORCES GAIN. It is admitted on all sides today that the caucus of Brumbaugh delegates held last night at the Auditorium Hotel was a fiasco. It showed Governor Brumbaugh's actual strength, but at the same time the Penrose forces gained a decided advantage through the fact that only 20 of the 76 delegates attended. At the headquarters of the numerous presidential candidates there was a lengthy statement setting out what the Pennsylvania delegation will do if the fight really does narrow down in the center to a contest between Theodore Roosevelt and Justice Hughes for the nomination.

Senator Oliver declared that Pennsylvania would give 50 votes to Hughes. He registered as an "what" ballot, however, and in making the statement he did not "cover up" on the previous announcement made at Penrose headquarters that the senator would vote for Philander C. Knox on the first ballot.

OLIVER'S STATEMENT. Senator Oliver's statement was given out after a day of conferring by both factions in the delegation. He said: "I think just as Hughes will undoubtedly have a majority of the Pennsylvania delegates. The question agitated

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QUICK NEWS

BRITISH DENY LOSS OF SUBMARINE IN BATTLE

LONDON, June 6.—The British Admiralty this evening officially denied the German claim that a British submarine was sunk in the Skagerrak sea battle of Wednesday.

CROWDS RUSH FOR CONVENTION TICKETS

CHICAGO, June 6.—Crowds that took many policemen to control surged the offices of Sergeant-at-Arms William Stone at the Coliseum trying to get convention tickets. The demand for tickets has driven many a National Committeeman into hiding to avoid "folks from home."

BELMONT RACING RESULTS

First race, 3-year-olds, \$600 added, 6 furlongs—White Hackle, 115, J. McTaggart, 4 to 5, 1 to 3 and out, won; Miss Puzzle, 110, McDermott, 4 to 2, even and 9 to 20, second; Marse Henry, 120, Garner, 5 to 1, 7 to 2 and 3 to 5, third. Time, 1:12 3-5.

MONTREAL RACING RESULTS

First race purse \$500, 3-year-olds and up, selling, foaled in Canada—7 furlongs—Ravenscourt, 100, Farrington, \$8.40, \$4.10 and \$3.20, won; Old Pop, 96, Forehand, \$10.10 and \$5.20, second; Red Post, 104, Ward, \$8.20, third. Time, 1:30 1-5.

HUGHES BOOM SHOWS SIGNS OF COLLAPSE

Fairbanks, Burton and Harding Loom Strong, Says Samuel G. Blythe

LEADERS IN GOOD MOOD

Desire to Reach Rational and Sincere Solution of Presidency Puzzle

2 to 1 Against Roosevelt; Betting Takes Big Slump

NEW YORK, June 6.—There was a sensational slump in Roosevelt odds in Wall street yesterday. John M. Shaw, a member of the Stock Exchange, said that he knew a Wall street man who is willing to bet \$25,000 to \$12,500 that T. R. would not be nominated. The bet was not covered.

On Saturday Chester Thompson, the curb betting commissioner, reported that he had placed \$5000 at even money that Roosevelt would be nominated. Saturday night, however, the odds slumped to 5 to 4 against the Colonel.

There was some Hughes money placed in Wall street early in the day at 2 1/2 to 1. Odds on Root were quoted at 3 to 1 and 6 to 1. There was not very much money actually placed, however.

By SAMUEL G. BLYTHE

Copyright, 1916, by the Central Press Assn. CHICAGO, June 6.—Diplomatic negotiations continue unceasingly between the representatives of the Old Guard of the Republican party and the representatives of the New Guard of the Progressive party, having a slant toward, but not much of a bearing on, the final action of the convention that begins tomorrow.

They are perfectly corking negotiations, as the Colonel himself would say, but they have a certain lack of finality that might be useful if it could be imparted. As negotiations are successful, being held in good temper in earnest spirit, and without any greater supply of ulterior motive than the occasion demands.

The only difficulty about them is this: The Progressive negotiations cannot deliver their convention against Colonel Roosevelt. Otherwise the negotiations are all that could be desired.

Meantime the Hughes boom deflated as rapidly as it inflated yesterday. Not that the escape of the sustaining substance—it were cruel to call it gas—has left that boom in smaller rotundity than it was before the inflation of Monday came, but that the Hughes movement is again normal, which means that the Hughes movement is not moving forward much this morning.

Yesterday there came a large arrival of delegates, and with them came some Hughes shouters—a good many in fact. These shouters and their tales of the wide demand for Hughes back home had their effect on the easily awayed patriots in Chicago, and Hughes seemed to attain a lead again. It was more apparent than real. In fact, when the day of checking up was over by those in a position to act intelligently as checkers, the fact was discovered that Hughes, instead of gaining strength, had lost.

Two delegations that have "favorite son" obligations met and decided not to go to Hughes after they had solemnly fulfilled their scant obligations to their "favorite sons" by the nomination of similar action to be taken care into the inner circle of the Republican management. Today that inner circle was reasonable certain that, when the time comes, Mr. Justice Hughes, through the medium of his friends, will cease to be a factor. They admit there is still a chance for the nomination of the Justice, but they consider that chance a very faint one.

PLAN TO CHECK WILSON. Moreover, and here is the most significant thing, there is a man in Chicago representing Justice Hughes with plenary powers, and if the situation continues as it now seems likely to continue, there will not be much left of the Hughes movement by the time the third ballot is taken in for this. One important one is that the real Progressive leaders, and especially one very real one, are against Hughes. They do not want him, and they think it likely that their convention will endorse him.

Another important one is that the re-

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THE WEATHER

War clouds are lowering over a new sector today. It isn't in Volhynia or along the Strips; nor in Bessarabia; nor on the banks of the Dnieper; nor in Dublin; nor along the Monte Marone front; nor in any other foreign quarter. It's right here at home, along the Virginia-West Virginia front. The Old Dominion asserts that it has exhausted "peaceful means" to compel the Pan Handle State to pay that \$13,000,000 debt as ordered by the Supreme Court three years ago. May we not now look for Governor Hatfield to call for volunteers to repel the invasion? We say: "This again, we say!" At any rate, it's warm enough to drag out your Palm Beach uniform.

FORECAST

For Philadelphia and vicinity: Probably showers and thunderstorms to night and Wednesday; not much change in temperature; fresh east and south-east winds.

LOST AND FOUND

POCKETBOOK—Lost, Sunday morning, near the University City Hotel, a black leather pocketbook containing cash, papers, etc. Finder, please return to 1234 Market St. Reward \$5.00.

Evening Ledger Circulation (For Six Months) Daily Average for December . . . 96,785 Daily Average for January . . . 99,214 Daily Average for February, 104,115 Daily Average for March, 110,721 Daily Average for April, 117,310 Daily Average for May, 122,011 The foregoing figures represent actual net paid circulation of this newspaper, eliminating all returned and free copies.

BELGIAN FORCES ADVANCE IN GERMAN EAST AFRICA

LONDON, June 6.—The following official statement was issued last night by the Belgian War Office at Havre: "The situation in East Africa at the end of May was that our left wing was on the River Kagera and our centre had crossed the river at Akakuru. East of Iruvera our right wing is approaching Usumbara. The enemy is retiring in a demoralized condition." The Belgian force is advancing into northwest German East Africa.

BREAD "RATIONING SYSTEM" ADOPTED BY HOLLAND

WASHINGTON, June 6.—The Government of Holland, says a report to the Department of Commerce, has been forced to adopt a "rationing system" for the control of consumption of breadstuffs in order to conserve the supply of flour and wheat in that country.

SUFFRAGE DEFEAT IN IOWA ELECTION INDICATED

DES MOINES, Iowa, June 6.—Returns early today from the counties of eastern Iowa in yesterday's special State-wide election, at which an amendment giving the ballot to women was voted upon, indicate that suffrage has been beaten.