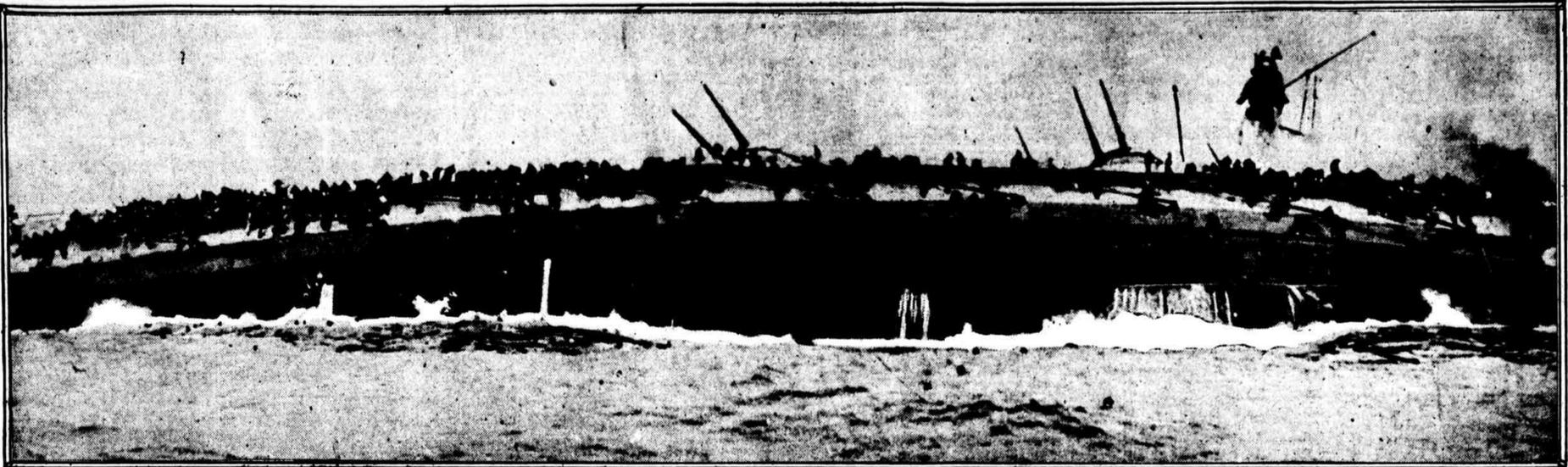


Weather Forecast:
Fair Tonight; Sunday
Partly Cloudy

Last Moments of Doomed Bluecher, Victim of War's First Dreadnaught Battle



This most remarkable photograph was made during the last moments of the doomed German cruiser Bluecher, just a few moments before she capsized and sank, following the first battle between dreadnaughts.

The photograph of the dying Bluecher was made by an officer from the deck of the Arethusa a few seconds after that vessel had discharged the fatal torpedo.

With hundreds of her heroic crew dead and wounded, while hundreds

more calmly faced death, the Bluecher, after floating for a brief time on her side, keeled over of the water, turned deliberately over. For a space of perhaps ten minutes she floated keel up, while several of her crew ran along the bottom of the vessel and then disappeared from sight.

In the photograph some of the crew may be seen walking along the slippery bottom. One man climbed down to the bilge-head, from which a cataract poured, while others were sliding into the sea. One man jumped. Others may be seen swimming, dark spots bobbing about

in the water. Many of these were rescued. Some of those in the water had either stripped off their clothes, or had their garments burned or shot away. Many of them wore swimming jackets.

The Bluecher's two funnels evidently had been shot away for they cannot be seen in the photograph. The tripod formast is seen to the right and just below to the left of it a six-inch gun is seen outlined against the sky. Aboard the second turret with its pair of 8.2-inch guns is seen another 6-inch gun.

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BATTLE ROYAL ON IN HOUSE OVER DISTRICT ORGANIC ACT

Underwood Stands Sponsor for Joint Committee of Six to Report on Tax System of Capital.

If Motion Carries, It Will Be Beginning of End of Long Standing Controversy in Congress.

With Majority Leader Underwood as sponsor for an amendment to investigate the entire controversy, the House is engaged in a spirited struggle this afternoon over the half-and-half plan, which has existed for nearly half a century, in determining the fiscal relations between the District and Federal governments.

When The Times report closed M. Underwood had pending a motion to name a joint committee of six members of Congress to investigate and report whether it is fair that the Federal Government shall contribute one-half of the expenses of the District upkeep.

If this motion carries it will be the beginning of the end of the long-standing controversy over local taxation and the relations between the Federal and District treasuries.

INCIDENT TO REPORT.

The Underwood motion is incident to the conference report of the District appropriation bill, under consideration in the House today. A vote is expected during the afternoon. The conferees agreed on all items in the bill except the Johnson rider abrogating the half-and-half arrangement. When the Johnson motion was taken, Underwood sought to instruct the House conferees to hold out further for his amendment. The Underwood motion took precedent, and a rough and tumble debate began. Chairman Fitzgerald, of the Appropriations Committee, was one of the House leaders supporting the Underwood motion. He said he did not believe the half-and-half principle was just to the Federal treasury, but there would be controversy until an investigation was had. Fitzgerald said that he had not believed the Senate would yield at this time on the half-and-half item.

Minority Leader Fitzgerald said he feared that if the Underwood motion is not adopted there will be a disagreement on the District bill, forcing an extra session of Congress.

Fitzgerald For Probe.

Chairman Fitzgerald asserted that "I would like to see an investigation made not only as to the proper Federal contribution, but as to additional legislation needed to obtain the proper revenues from the people of the District. Why should not the people here pay an inheritance tax, for instance? But this struggle will continue until we have an inquiry. I do not believe the Federal Government can pay one-half of the expenses of this District, and I want to see something done to make possible the righting of what I believe an arrangement unjust to the Federal treasury."

Defends Plan.

With the overruling by Speaker Clark of the motion of order against the Underwood's motion to appoint a joint committee to investigate the half-and-half controversy, Mr. Underwood opened with a defense of his substitute plan. "The question in dispute," he said, "is the half-and-half principle, established some forty years ago. I think that matter should be thoroughly investigated, but if the proposition I have made should be defeated here I would vote for the motion of the gentleman from Illinois, Mr. Martin, to confer with the Senate action rather than vote for the proposal of the gentleman from Kentucky, Mr. Johnson, to further adhere to the original House proposal in this bill.

Never Claimed It Should.

"Then you agree that the whole expense ought not to go on the District," said Mr. Underwood. "I have never claimed it should," responded Mr. Johnson, tartly.

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Mrs. Stegler Asks President for Aid

Bride of Man Who Says He Was Hired as German Spy Declares She Has No One to Whom to Appeal

"My husband's friends were German, and they all have turned against him. I am a stranger here, and have no friends. The only thing I could think of was to appeal to you."

With simple directness, Mrs. Annette Pope Stegler, bride of Richard P. Stegler, who claims that his services as a spy were sought by attaches of the German embassy here, made this appeal to President Wilson in a letter received at the White House this morning. The letter will be turned over to the Department of Justice, but not until its receipt has been acknowledged by the President.

NO "GOAT" PERMITTED.

The Government will not permit anyone to be made the "goat" in the passport scandal, Assistant Attorney General Warren said today. The proposed plan to have Karl Ruedede, the alleged head and front of the false passport scheme, plead guilty to the charges to prevent the Government carrying its evidence, will not be permitted, Mr. Warren declared.

"If we have evidence implicating sixty-seven men in this matter," he said, "it is but natural to assume that we will prosecute all the offenders, and not allow one to shoulder all the responsibility to save his associates."

Mr. Warren denied receiving evidence from the district attorney's office in New York further implicating Capt. Richard Boy-Ed, the navy attaché to the German embassy, as the head of a secret service covering the United States and Canada.

"Dear Mr. Wilson: I am writing you to ask your help for my husband, Richard P. Stegler, who is now in the Tombs because he told the truth about the German spy system in this country. My husband was born in Hanover, Germany, and was a naturalized citizen. He is thirty-three years old and has been in this country four and a half years. He had taken out his first naturalization papers, intending to become an American citizen.

"When the war broke out he lost his position. His father, Friedrich Stegler, is a cigar manufacturer in Muskau, Germany. He tried to send us money to help my husband over the time until he should find employment, but the German government stopped the letter and brought Mr. Stegler into the country. He had some German money out of the country.

"My husband tried to get work, but it is hard for a foreigner to get work now in New York. So he went to Captain Boy-Ed, who offered to help him if he would be willing to go abroad, and my husband said yes. If he could take me, we had only been married a month, and I was a stranger in the city—my folks live in Atlanta, Ga., and my father is James B. Ford, an officer of Fulton county, Ga.

"He said Boy-Ed had promised to pay over to me \$150 a month all the time my husband was away, and that if anything happened to him Boy-Ed would pay me \$15,000 cash and \$150 a month all the rest of my life.

"I told him the money didn't make any difference. He had married me and was going to be an American, and he could be an American, and he could be a spy for Germany. So my husband gave up the plan right away and told Boy-Ed he wouldn't go. He put the passport away instead of returning them to Boy-Ed. My husband said maybe the United

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Seaman's Measure Passed by Senate

Solons Agree to Conference Report After Hot Fight; Refusing to Reconsider.

After a hot fight today, the Senate agreed to the conference report on the seamen's bill and tabled, by a vote of 39 to 33, a motion by Senator Smith of Georgia to reconsider. This action passes the bill. The House has adopted the conference report. The bill goes to the President for signature.

The seamen have been fighting for years, led by Andrew Furuseth, of the Seamen's Union.

WILSON MEMORIAL TO BE MODEL HOME

Sanitary Building in District, Costing \$348,000, Planned to House 1,000 Persons.

A proposed memorial to Mrs. Woodrow Wilson in the form of a building to house 1,000 persons in a way to insure sanitation, with the apartments ranging from \$1 to \$15 a month, was described by Mrs. Archibald Hopkins at the Public Library today at a meeting held under auspices of the District Federation of Women's Clubs.

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GARRISON APPROVES RAISING OF TRACKS

Railway Company Ordered to Fix Grade at Approaches to Tidal Basin Bridge.

Secretary of War Garrison today backed the action of the Public Utilities Commission in ordering the Washington Utilities Company to raise the grade of its tracks at the approaches of the bridge crossing the tidal basin outlet and to make certain paving repairs.

The utilities company had refused to obey the order of the Utilities Commission on the ground that the War Department and not the District Commissioners had jurisdiction over Potomac park.

Secretary Garrison waived the question of jurisdiction, but settled it so far as the present case is concerned by issuing an order that is a duplicate of that made by the Utilities Commission.

'INSULTING,' SPEYER SAYS OF QUESTIONS PUT TO HIM BY FOLK

Ogden Mills, Rock Island Director, Admits He Has Benefited From the Inquiry.

"As a director of the Rock Island, you have learned more of its affairs from this investigation than you knew before, have you not?"

"I have as to certain things." The question was put by Joseph W. Folk, counsel for the Interstate Commerce Commission, and answered by Ogden Mills, a Rock Island director since 1897, and a director in many of the country's largest corporations.

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In reply to Folk's queries, he admitted complete ignorance concerning many important events in Rock Island history following the Reid and Leeds control.

James Speyer, head of Speyer & Co., New York bankers, while being examined by Mr. Folk, referred to the questioning as "insulting."

Received No Gift Stock.

Mr. Mills was not present at the meeting when 8,000 shares of stock were presented to officials, and got none of the stock, he said. He had no knowledge of the \$50,000 gift to C. H. Warren, the \$100,000 gift to R. A. Jackson, the gift of stock to Robert Mather, and the settlement with the suddenly-retired president, L. F. Loree, by giving him \$450,000 of bonds.

In all cases, he said, he was not present at the board meeting, and the matter was not discussed with him.

Regarding Loree's "resignation," he said the former Baltimore and Ohio

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Eight Americans Reported Missing

Latest Official Cable from American Minister at The Hague Aggravates Situation.

Eight more American lives are reported in official dispatches to the State Department to have been sacrificed to the mine and submarine warfare now being waged by Great Britain and Germany in the North Sea.

Official advice from Henry van Dyke, United States minister to the Netherlands, who yesterday reported as safe the entire crew of the American steamer Evelyn, today declared that, according to rumors which have reached the minister, eight men of the ship were lost. It is understood all were Americans.

CZAR DRIVING BACK GERMAN IN POLAND

Fresh Forces of Russians Begin Successful Offensive Against Von Hindenburg.

PETROGRAD, Feb. 27.—The war office claims a decisive victory over the Germans at Prasznya, the Russians having cut through the enemy's front.

Military experts predict that a general retreat of the German armies is imminent.

BERLIN (via wireless to London), Feb. 27.—New Russian forces have appeared along the Prasznya-Lomza-Augustow battle front in Poland, and have begun a general offensive movement against General von Hindenburg's armies. It was officially admitted today.

Northwest of Lomsa, the Russians in great numbers have begun a series of violent attacks on the village of Skoda, south of Kolno. The Germans have repulsed several of these onslaughts, and have taken 1,100 prisoners, but the enemy continues desperate charges against the German entrenchments around the town.

Northwest of Grodno, another large body of Russians is battling with the Germans in the swamps ten miles east of Augustow. The enemy is also on the offensive in the Prasznya region. Dispatches from the front expressed the belief that the series of attacks by the Russians will result in a halt further advances by the Germans rather than a serious attempt to press von Hindenburg back to the frontier.

In the western battle theater, the fighting around Verdun and near Perthes continues. For the seventh successive day the French have assaulted the German positions near Perthes. The crown prince's army is assaulting the French position north of Verdun.

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Before opening his attack General Gonzales demanded the surrender of General Angeles Villalita, but the demand was rejected.

Czar's Ships Move On Constantinople

Russian Fleet Trying to Force Bosphorus, and May Reach Capital Before Allies—Thirty Anglo-French Warships Fourteen Miles Inside Dardanelles.

PARIS, Feb. 27.—The Anglo-French fleet has penetrated the Dardanelles to a point opposite the ruins of Dardanus, fourteen miles from the entrance, according to a dispatch to the Matin. The forts made a feeble effort to drive off the ships, but failed.

Three trains are being held under steam in Constantinople to convey the Sultan and members of the government into Asia Minor.

ATHENS, Feb. 27.—The Russian Black Sea fleet is reported in advices received here to be trying to force the Bosphorus and approach Constantinople from the east.

A bombardment of the forts of the Asiatic side is said to have opened at noon yesterday.

As the Bosphorus is only eighteen miles long, the Russian warships may reach Constantinople before the Anglo-French fleet.

Two Turkish forts inside the Dardanelles are being heavily shelled by Vice Admiral Carden's fleet and part of one of the land batteries has been destroyed, according to dispatches received here today.

Thirty big men-of-war are hurrying to the Dardanelles to meet the Turkish fleet, and so terrific is the cannonade that the thunder of the guns can be heard at the island of Tenedos, thirty miles south of the western entrance of the waterway.

Several Allied Ships Suffer.

Several vessels in the allied fleet have suffered slight damage. The Turkish shells, however, are badly aimed, and, despite the short range at which the engagement is occurring, the forts have been unable to force the warships to retire.

The latest dispatches received here said that the cannonading continued and was growing more violent. The two forts under fire are the first Turkish defenses inside the strait, the outer forts having been demolished. The people of Constantinople know nothing of the attempt to force the Dardanelles.

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PLAYGROUND SEASON TO OPEN ON MONDAY

Eleven Parks to Be Thrown Open to Juvenile Population at Noon.

The playground season will begin Monday.

Promptly at noon, eleven playgrounds will be thrown open to the juvenile population of Washington. The season, according to E. S. Martin, superintendent of playgrounds, promises to be the most successful in the history of the playgrounds department.

The total attendance last year numbered 865,010. This year, with additional playgrounds and athletic fields, it is hoped to reach the million mark.

Two new playgrounds are included in the list, one on the site formerly occupied by Willow Tree alley, between Third and Fourth and a-half and B and C streets southwest, for colored children, and the other in Zoological park.

Suffragette Battalions Are Landed in France

BERLIN (via wireless to Sayville, L. I., Feb. 27.—Two battalions of English suffragettes have been landed in France, according to the official press bureau. The press bureau asserted that the suffragettes will drive motor cars, and will be relieving male drivers, who will be sent to the battle front.