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Partly cloudy today, probably followed by showers tonight. Tomorrow showers, moderate, variable winds, becoming easterly. Sun rose 4.42; sets 7.31. High tide 11.42 a. m.

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DEADLOCK OVER FEVER SCARE IS UNCHANGED

Health Committee Stands
Pat While Doctors
Still Disagree

SCHOOL BOARD ACTS

Legal Action will Probably be Taken
by Theatre Managers Tonight
Unless Health Board
Changes Views

WILL REOPEN TONIGHT

The management of the Richmond and Surprise Theatres and the Opera House announced this afternoon that those places of amusement would be opened tonight.

The deadlock over the so-called scarlet fever epidemic continues unchanged. The doctors are as far apart as ever on the fever that has affected the 43 people of the city; the health board stands pat on their determination to keep the schools and theatres closed; the health officer lays all the blame on the committee and declares that the matter is out of his hands; Mayor Fisher is still investigating; the school board says that the action of the health committee was not warranted by the facts and ill advised and begs to be permitted to reopen the schools; the petition of the Alexandria Amusement Co. lays unheeded; the Retail Merchants' Association met and decided to do nothing; the storekeepers still are howling about the loss of business; school children are gathering on the vacant lots and the river side and playing together, despite the efforts of the authorities to keep them apart; and the war goes merrily along.

If the situation was not so serious to some people and was not costing a cool thousand dollars a day in loss of business to Alexandria, it would be laughable—a regular comedy of errors. As one resident of the city stated this morning "This could not happen in any place in the world except Alexandria."

While this may not be strictly true it is hard to conceive that the people of any community would stand for an illegal and illadvised, damming of the streams of commerce, a closing of the public schools at the most important period of the school year, and the blasting of the city's reputation all over the entire country, by a committee of laymen not empowered by law, right or justice to take any such action and in the face of the definite denial by the City Health Officer and the President of the State Board of Health that there was any just reason for their action.

It is hard to say what the health committee will do today. The school trustees sent them a communication this morning, a copy of which will be found in the proceedings of the school board. They may meet and taken some action or they may not. It is understood that they held a star chamber session last night, but nothing was given out for publication.

What the theatre people will do is also problematical. By night time they may decide to open their theatres and have the matter tested out in the police court tomorrow morning or they may get out an injunction against the authorities to prevent them from interfering with the opening of the theatres.

The Retail Merchants met last night and decided to take no action until the health committee had met and considered the protest of the Alexandria Amusement Co.

There were two new cases of the fever reported to the Health Office today.

Gypsy Smith, Jr., the evangelist who has been engaged to conduct the city wide evangelistic campaign to be held here in September came here last night and met the committees in charge of the meetings in Christ Church Parish Hall.

WOMEN TO FORM PARTY

Threaten Democrats and G. O. P.

With Balance of Power Chicago, June 6—The convention of the Congressional Union for Woman Suffrage, pledged to work for the Susan B. Anthony suffrage amendment to the Federal Constitution, began yesterday morning in the Blackstone Theatre. Its avowed purpose is to form a woman's party, a task to which women from the 12 "enfranchised" states will apply themselves.

Today the National American Woman Suffrage Association, a federation of state suffrage associations by states, began a two day session at the Princess Theatre.

The National Association has prepared a plank calling for equal suffrage, which will be presented to the Republican convention tomorrow, at the close of the suffrage parade, with the request that it be placed in the party's platform.

According to suffrage leaders, the women hold the balance of power, for the states in which they are allowed to vote cast one fifth of electoral vote and one-third of the votes necessary to elect a President. Their strength, they declare, will be swung to the party favoring suffrage and declaring for it.

Miss Younger delivered the keynote speech, urging the women to stand for equal suffrage and that alone in this campaign.

"With the formation of the Woman's Party," Miss Younger said, "a new force marches on the political field; a new cry rings out in the national campaign. For the first time in a Presidential election the voting women are a factor to be reckoned with."

"The Woman's Party has no candidates and but one plank, the enfranchisement of the women of America through Federal amendment. There is no higher service for which we can use our votes."

Miss Burns laid blame for the defeat of the national suffrage constitutional amendment on the Democratic party.

"If as great a percentage of Democrats as of Republicans had voted for suffrage, a two-thirds majority for it in the House would have been secured," she said. "But more than two-thirds of the Democrats voted against suffrage reducing the vote to such a point that the amendment could not have secured a two-thirds, even if every member of the other parties had been present and voting 'yes.'"

Mrs. Blatch carried "the appeal of the East to the West."

"The women of the Western states, she said "are divided into political parties and it needs but a fraction of these women of any one party to force that party to accept its responsibility in Congress toward the woman suffrage amendment, or to face defeat. A fraction of the women who are active in the Republican or Democratic parties, by making it known that they place above party allegiance their devotion to the disfranchised women of this country, can achieve the acceptance of their political views."

Mrs. Mackrille discussed "Party Government and Responsibility."

WILL OF R. D. BRUMBACK.

The will of R. D. Brumback, was probated in the circuit court in vacation yesterday. E. G. Brumback, of Luray, Va., was named as executor, and is left \$1,500 to be invested and the proceeds used for the education of Benton Brumback, a nephew of the deceased. Five hundred is left to his mother and the remainder of the estate is to be divided among his brothers and sisters. W. C. Foster, Robert H. Cox and D. C. Grayson were named as appraisers.

Funeral services for Miss Sally Thompson Humphreys, who died yesterday at her home near Franconia, Fairfax county, will take place tomorrow morning at 11 o'clock from Mount Olive Chapel and will be conducted by the Rev. S. A. Wallis, D. D., of the Theological Seminary.

A charter has been granted the Leadbeater Drug Corporation of this city by the state corporation commission. The maximum capital is \$10,000 and the minimum \$7,500. The officers are E. S. Leadbeater, president, and John Leadbeater, secretary-treasurer.

VIRGINIA'S CLAIM FOR \$13,000,000

Wants Supreme Court to
Levy On West Virginia
For Amount

RIGHT IS QUESTIONED

Powers of Highest Tribunal at Issue
In Dispute Over Debt of Younger
to Older State

Washington, June 6.—Drastic steps to compel the State of West Virginia to pay the \$13,000,000 judgment rendered against it in the final adjudication of the 50-year-old Virginia debt controversy were taken yesterday when Attorney-General John Garland Pollard, representing the Old Dominion Commonwealth, asked the Supreme Court of the United States to issue a writ of execution, directing its officers to levy on all property of the younger state in order to collect enough money to satisfy the claim.

Stripped of its legal terms, Virginia's action means she wants the Supreme Court to seize and sell on the auction block the property holdings of West Virginia until enough funds are raised to satisfy the judgment.

No sooner had Virginia presented her request than Assistant Attorney-General Lively, of West Virginia, filed another petition, virtually challenging the power of the Supreme Court to force one state to pay pecuniary judgment to another state. He therefore asked that the Virginia petition be dismissed. The action taken by Virginia, which was followed by West Virginia's counter-move, caused surprise in Washington, as it was not anticipated that Virginia would seek a compulsory collection of the money nor would West Virginia assert that the Supreme Court lacks authority to compel her to pay. The Supreme Court in June, 1915, handed down a decree holding that West Virginia should pay its share of the old Virginia debt. It held that approximately \$13,000,000 was the amount.

In asking the court to resort to compulsory methods for the collection of the judgment, Attorney-General Pollard, in his petition, told the court that Virginia has exhausted all peaceful means looking to mutual satisfaction of the claim. He sets forth that West Virginia has practically ignored all efforts to adjust the judgment outside the court, and that Governor Hatfield, of the younger state, has refused to have any further correspondence with the Virginia debt commission, thus compelling Virginia to appeal to the court for an order to enforce its decree that West Virginia shall pay its share of the state debt.

West Virginia, in asking the dismissal of Virginia's petition, presents three reasons. It first declares that West Virginia "has no power to pay the judgment except through the legislative department of her government, and she should be given an opportunity to accept and abide by the decision of the court, and in due and ordinary course to make provision for its satisfaction before any steps looking to her compulsion are taken, and to issue an execution at this time would deprive her of such opportunity, because her Legislature has not met since the rendition of said judgment and will not again meet in regular session until the second Wednesday in January, 1917."

It is also contended that the State of West Virginia "does not own any property except what is devoted to public use, and none of the property so devoted may be levied upon or sold under such execution."

In its third contention West Virginia expresses doubt as to the jurisdiction of the Supreme Court to force payment. It contends that the Virginia petition should be dismissed "because Section 2, of Article III, of the Federal Constitution, conferring jurisdiction upon this court to determine controversies between two or more States," simply referred to the judiciary the settlement of the

question of law, and fact involved in such controversies and the determination of the form of judgment, with the implication that the defeated commonwealth would in good faith accept and abide by the judgment so rendered and voluntarily provide for its satisfaction, and does not make such judgment compulsory but only persuasive where they are for money, without collateral security, because they are not enforceable by execution against public property or by mandamus infringing the taxing power of the states reserved by the constitution."

This last contention is regarded as a direct challenge to the power of the Supreme Court to enforce its decree against West Virginia, and it involves an interesting question as to whether the Supreme Court can enforce a pecuniary judgment against one state in favor of another.

KILLED IN AUTO'S PLUNGE.

Owner's Guest Pinned Under Car as
It Rolls Down Embankment.

Pittsburgh, June 5.—John M. Irwin, aged 45, a business man of Brookline, was killed almost instantly, and Edward J. House, a real estate dealer, of Beechwood boulevard was injured seriously, yesterday evening, when the automobile in which they were taking a pleasure trip along the Ohio River, dashed over an embankment in Coraopolis Heights.

House, owner of the car, was driving. He lost control on a steep hill, and the machine, veering from the road, crashed over the hillside, carrying both men with it.

As the large touring car rolled over the embankment, Irwin was hurled out and pinned beneath the body of the car. He was dead when picked up by spectators. House had managed to crawl, from beneath the steering gear, suffering injuries about the body. The automobile was partly demolished against the trunk of a large tree.

REPUBLICAN CONVENTION

Justice Hughes Boom Continues to
Grow Overshadowing all Others

Chicago, June 6—Practically all the delegates to the Republican Convention are here. Stragglers from one or two states are coming in, but the Republican Convention is in Chicago unofficially selecting its candidate. The indications are that the proceedings in the Coliseum on Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and perhaps Saturday will be mere formal ratifications of what the delegates have already decided upon. As they congregated in the hotel lobbies or at their respective headquarters they find the sentiment for Justice Hughes overpowering all other booms.

The opposition to Justice Hughes, which early yesterday morning was strengthened by the announcement from Washington that Mr. Hughes had again refused to define his position, was dismayed when it was learned that Mr. Hitchcock, who is in charge of the Hughes movement, had stated that there was no doubt of Mr. Hughes' position. Mr. Hitchcock, it is affirmed, stated that when Governor Whitman, of New York, places the name of Justice Hughes in nomination before the convention he will tell the Republicans in the convention just what Mr. Hughes stands for and will define his position on all the important issues now confronting the country.

LOCAL BREVITIES

Frederick P. Russell, an attorney of this city, was admitted to practice before the Supreme Court of the United States yesterday.

The funeral of Mrs. Jane E. Rorick, who died in Washington, Saturday, was held this afternoon from Wheatley's undertaking chapel. Burial was in Bethel Cemetery.

DANCE By the Young Men's Sodality Lyceum

In
ODD FELLOW'S HALL
N. Columbus Street
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 7th
Dancing at 8:30.

GERMANS MOWED DOWN IN MASSES

Attacks on Vaux Causes
Most Terrible Slaughter
of War

LIQUID FIRE FAILS

Proves to be Useless to Burn Way
into Fort in Hand-to-Hand Fight-
ing Under its Walls

London, June 6—Torrential rains yesterday brought to a temporary halt the German attack against Fort Vaux, a German stronghold against which the Germans have been hammering with dogged determination for the last few days. Although the big pots continue their terrible exchange of shells, no infantry actions were fought during the day, according to the French official statement received last night.

The British and Germans were recognized to be fighting hard in the region of Ypres, where last Saturday the British in hand-to-hand encounters and with the aid of bombs recaptured most of the trenches the Germans had previously taken from them in sector from the Ypres-Cambrin Canal to Hooge Point. In the face of repeated attacks the British have been unable to retain the bulk of the recaptured ground, but are still fighting strenuously to keep what they have and to recapture what they have lost.

In their repeated attacks on Fort Vaux, the Paris report says, the Germans are hurling forward their infantry in masses so compact that the first ranks are obliged to advance to certain death. The assaulting column debouch from the village of Dambloup below the fort and separated from it by a ravine which they are obliged to cross to attain the slopes near the fort. For three days this spot has been the scene of carnage which has saturated the ground with blood.

One German column advanced no farther than the bottom of the ravine. The front ranks, pushed on by those behind, fell as fast as they reached the dead line swept by the French quickfiring. As they toppled over others came on to take their places and fall in turn.

French officers who have returned from the Verdun front, although hardened to the worst sights of war, declare the butchery there surpasses imagination.

According to the Berlin official report yesterday repeated attacks by masses of French infantry against German positions on the Verdun front east of the Meuse broke down with heavy losses.

CAR HITS AUTO; FIVE HURT

Wife of Driver is in Critical Condition

Huntington, W. Va., June 6—Five members of the family of John T. Hinton, Jr., were injured, one probably fatally, yesterday when the Hinton automobile was struck by an interurban car in the western section of the city. Mrs. Hinton is in the hospital and physicians say she will die. Others injured were: John T. Hinton, two Hinton children and Miss Edna Murphy, a domestic.

The two children were hurled 20 feet and were bruised and cut. Mrs. Hinton was rendered unconscious and physician say she has concussion of the brain. Her husband received four broken ribs and a deep gash on the head. Miss Murphy's left leg was broken.

Mr. Hinton was driving the car and says he did not see the street car until his machine was struck. The family lived at Paris, Ky.

THE JUNE BALL OF

B. P. O. ELKS No. 758
THURSDAY, JUNE 8th
HAS BEEN POSTPONED

SECOND DYING IN TRAGEDY

Father of Woman Shot By Admirer
Not Expected to Live

Allentown, Pa., June 5—William H. Mullane, shot Saturday by Lewis B. Mosher, of Jacksonville, Fla., after the latter had attempted to murder Mullane's daughter, Mrs. Clinton R. Schultz, and had himself taken a fatal dose of poison, is sinking in Allentown Hospital and Chief Surgeon Schaeffer stated that there is very little hope.

Mrs. Schultz is improving steadily and her recovery is looked for. The body of Mosher, who ended his life with a dose of cyanide of potassium, was claimed by relatives at Canandaigua, N. Y.

BRITAIN LOST 333 OFFICERS

Warships Hindenburg and Lutzow Added
to German Losses By London

London, June 6—British officers of the fleet which participated in the Jutland battle, who have returned here, identified two of the big German warships sunk as the Hindenburg and the Lutzow.

The Admiralty has made public an additional list of casualties among petty officers and men in the naval battle off Jutland as reported from ships other than those sunk. The list shows 116 killed and 233 wounded.

A total of 333 officers were killed in the Jutland battle, according to a list issued by the Admiralty. This list shows that practically all the officers of the cruiser Queen Mary, Invincible, Indefatigable, Defense and Black Prince, and from the destroyers Tipperary, Turbulent, Fortune, Ardent, Nomad, Nester and Shark perished. All the officers except one from the cruiser Warrior were saved and all the officers from the Destroyer Sparrow Hawk. On the other ships 23 officers were killed and 22 wounded.

The British destroyer Acasta, which the Germans claimed to have sunk, has arrived at a northeast coast port under tow of another destroyer. The shell which put her out of action, after she had been in the thick of the fight for 40 minutes, exploded in the engine room, killing five men.

BRYAN MAY SPEAK.

Speculation as to Whether He Will
Address Democratic Convention.

J. Bruce Kremer, secretary of the Democratic National Committee, announced this afternoon that business reasons would prevent his being a candidate for re-election. No names have been suggested for Mr. Kremer's successor.

Several committeemen have made inquiry as to what part, if any, William J. Bryan will play in the coming convention. It was officially stated that inasmuch as Mr. Bryan was not elected as a delegate nor as an alternate he could only speak to the convention with unanimous consent of the 1,094 delegates. Under convention rules Mr. Bryan "can obtain a proxy only by the withdrawal of a delegate and his alternate."

Thursday will be general speech-making day and the committeemen here now say that Mr. Bryan will probably be asked to speak on Democracy.

DEATH OF THOS. L. FINKS

Thomas Luther Finks, a well known locomotive engineer, employed by the Southern Railway Co., died at his home, 1305 King street, last night after a long illness. He is survived by his wife, a son and a daughter, and two brothers, W. L. Finks and Lee S. Finks. He was a member of Alexandria-Washington Lodge of Masons, Potomac Lodge of Odd Fellows, and the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers.

DEATH NOTICE

HAROLD T. NORRIS, husband of Nannie Norris, died at his home 519 Queen Street, Monday morning. His funeral will take place Wednesday morning from St. Mary's Church at 9 o'clock. Funeral private.

DIED—On Monday morning, June 5, 1916, at his residence, 312 Princess street, after a long illness HOWARD REDICKS, aged 21 years. The funeral will take place tomorrow (Wednesday) afternoon at 3 o'clock.

LORD KITCHENER DIES ON CRUISER

British Ship, Hampshire
Torpedoed on Coast of
Scotland

HIS STAFF PERISHES

More Gloom Cast Over London as
News of Second Naval Mishap
Reaches English Capital

London, June 6.—Lord Kitchener, with his entire staff, was lost when the British cruiser Hampshire was torpedoed in the waters north of Scotland.

The announcement of the loss of Kitchener and his staff was officially made by the admiralty today.

The admiralty's statement indicated that the Hampshire was torpedoed off the Orkney Islands.

The admiralty stated that there is little hope than any of the members of Kitchener's staff survived. It was accepted as a fact that Kitchener himself was drowned.

The Hampshire was a British cruiser of the Argyll type. Her complement was 655 officers and men. She was 450 feet long and displaced 10,850 tons. Her armament was four 7.5-inch guns, six 6-inch guns and two torpedo tubes.

The news of England's greatest personal loss since the war, which has stunned London, already hardened to shocks, was issued in the following formal bulletin:

"The admiralty reports with deep regret that the ship Hampshire, with Lord Kitchener and his staff on board was sunk last night about 8 o'clock off the Orkney Islands by a mine or a torpedo.

Four boats were seen by observers on the shore to leave the ship. Heavy seas and destroyers at once proceeded to the scene.

The whole shore has been searched from seaward, but it is greatly feared that there is little hope for any survivors. No report has yet been received from the search party on shore.

RUSSIANS STRIKE AUSTRIANS

Make Sudden Offensive Over 300-
Mile Line and Take 13,000
Prisoners

Petrograd, June 6.—In a sudden smashing offensive over a line of more than 300 miles, the Russian army has taken 13,000 prisoners and has administered a powerful blow to the Austro-Hungarians.

Supported by their heaviest artillery, the Czar's forces were launched at the Austrian line from Pripet River to the Roumanian border. The first assaults were made on Sunday after a tremendous battle. Many Austrian positions were shattered, and the fighting has developed into a general action which is hailed as the opening of the long awaited drive. The Russian commanders, it is believed, took advantage of the gaps created in the Austrian ranks by the heavy drafts sent to the Italian front. The announcement of the success won came as a distinct surprise to the capital, where it has aroused intense enthusiasm.

Vienna, June 6.—Austrian headquarters announced last night that a great battle is in progress on the Russian front. The Czar army is delivering particularly heavy attacks between the Pruth and the River Styr, in the Pripet marsh region, and in the Tarnopol section west of the Strypa, in Galicia.

Official statements admit the Austrian line near Tarnopol has been pierced, but assert the positions temporarily lost have been recaptured.

YUAN SHI KAI DEAD.

Washington, June 6.—The State Department today received official notification that Yuan Shi Kai, President of China, is dead.

The Willard W. C. T. U. will observe "Flower Day" tomorrow and all ladies are requested to meet tomorrow at 10:30 o'clock at 713 Cameron Street.