

LORD KITCHENER BELIEVED TO HAVE BEEN KILLED WHEN CRUISER IS SUNK Progressives Are Standing Pat for Colonel Roosevelt

BRITISH MINISTER OF WAR REPORTED LOST WHEN CRUISER HAMPSHIRE IS TORPEDOED OFF THE ORKNEY ISLANDS

Hero of Khartum and Several Staff Officers on Board Craft When It Sank.

PARTY WAS BOUND FOR RUSSIA TO HOLD CONFERENCE

London, June 6.—Earl Kitchener, British minister of war and his staff were on board the British cruiser which was sunk by a mine or torpedoed off the Orkneys.

The Hampshire carried a crew of between 400 and 500 men. Admiral Jellicoe, commander of the British Grand fleet, has reported to the admiralty that the British Cruiser Hampshire, with Earl Kitchener and his staff aboard, has been lost off the West Orkneys.

Admiral Jellicoe's report to the admiralty follows:

Jellicoe's Report.
"I have to report with deep regret that His Majesty's ship, Hampshire, Captain Herbert Savill, Royal Navy, with Lord Kitchener and his staff on board, was sunk last night, at about 8:00 p. m., to the west of the Orkneys, either by a mine or torpedo."

Heavy Seas.
"Four boats were seen by observers on shore to leave the ship. The wind was north-northwest and heavy seas were running.
"Patrol vessels and destroyers at once proceeded to the spot and a party was sent along the coast to search, but only some bodies and a capsized boat has been found up to the present."

No Reports Received.
"No reports have yet been received from the search party on shore."
"H. M. S. Hampshire was on its way to Russia."

Accompanying Earl Kitchener, as his staff, were Hugh J. O'Beirne, former counselor of the British embassy at Petrograd and former minister at Sofia; O. A. Fitzgerald, Earl Kitchener's private military secretary; Brigadier General Ellershaw and Sir Frederick Donaldson.

Blow to England.
The news that Earl Kitchener and his staff, who were proceeding to Russia on the steamer, Hampshire, were lost off the Orkney Islands last night was the most stunning blow Great Britain has received since the war began. This is the second shock the country has received within a week.

King's Order.
By the King's command, the following order has been issued to the army:

"The king has learned with profound regret of the disaster whereby the secretary of state for war has lost his life while proceeding on a special mission to the emperor of Russia."
"Field Marshal Lord Kitchener gave 48 years of distinguished service to the state, and it is largely due to his administrative genius and unwearied energy that the country has been able to create the place in the field the army which today is upholding the traditional glories of our empire. Lord Kitchener will be mourned by the army as a great soldier, who under conditions of unexampled difficulties rendered supreme and devoted service to the army and state."
"His Majesty, the King, commands that the officers of the army shall wear mourning with their uniform for the period of one week. Officers are to wear crepes on the left arm of their uniform and of greatcoat."

Second Shock in Week.
This is the second shock the country has sustained within a week.
The other was when the newspapers appeared Friday evening with the first intelligence of the naval battle in the North Sea, in the form of a list of the ships lost, with virtually

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SLAVS MAKE BIG DRIVE ON EASTERN FRONT

Capture 25,000 Men and Much Material, According to Petrograd.

RUSSIANS WELL ARMED; ROADS IN FINE SHAPE

The Italians Make Slight Gains Against Austrians Between Posen and Ascioco.

London, June 6.—From the Priepet river southward to the Roumanian frontier, the Russians are said to have Petrograd, are continuing to develop successes against the Germans and Austrians. In fights along this front of some 250 miles, the Russians already have made prisoners of 480 officers and more than 25,000 men, and captured 27 guns and more than 50 machine guns.

Big Offensive Movement.
In this offensive, which is declared to be a carefully co-ordinated movement, the Russians are said to have a plentiful supply of ammunition and men, and with roads now in good condition, their maneuvers are expected to develop swiftly. The number of the Teutonic allies facing the Russians is reported to amount to about 600,000 men.

Since the repulse of the two German infantry attacks between Fort Vaux and Damloup, Monday night, the fighting in the Verdun region has again developed into artillery duels with the Fort Vaux-Damloup the center of the violence. No material gains for either side are reported.

FAILURE OF DRIVE BROUGHT CRITICISM

London, June 6.—Of several things that entitled Earl Kitchener to a place in world history, the most notable is that he organized the largest volunteer army the world has ever seen, in the greatest war of all times.
Within a year from the sudden outbreak of the European war in August, 1914, the ranks of British fighting men were quadrupled by an increase from less than one million to nearly 4,000,000.

All other Great Powers that entered the war had huge standing armies and compulsory military service. Great Britain alone faced the issue with confidence that its people would readily respond to the call of King and Country without compulsion, and the precipitous developments that led to the war found both the people and the government unanimous in the verdict that Kitchener of Khartum was the (Continued on page three.)

WORLD'S LARGEST VOLUNTEER ARMY FORMED BY EARL

Kitchener Recruited 4,000,000 Fighting Men Without Description.

GEORGE WILL AND EVARTS ARE WINNERS

Nearly 900 Voters Turn Out in Lively School Election.

LARGEST VOTE EVER CAST FOR THIS OFFICE
THE RESULTS.
George Will 607
Frank H. Evarts 551
Otto Holta 280
P. H. Throdahl 210

Louis W. Hill Selected By Father's Heirs to Administer Vast Estate

St. Paul, June 6.—A petition asking the appointment of Louis W. Hill, president of the Great Northern railway company, as administrator of the estate of his father, James J. Hill, the railroad builder and financier, who county probate court here late today.
The three sons of Mr. Hill, the six daughters, and the widow, Mrs. Mary M. Hill, all signed the petition, which states that Mr. Hill left no will, and places the value of the estate at \$10,000,000. This value is given as a formality as the true value will not be known until the administrator has made a complete examination of the heirs, it was announced, desire to keep the estate intact, and this probably will be done by the administrator rather than through a trust company.

Probate Judge Edmund W. Bazile set July 3 as the date for the hearing on the petition. Any persons opposed to the appointment of Mr. Hill must appear on that day and show cause why letters of administration should not be granted.
Leading railroad officials and financiers here were not surprised at the action taken by the heirs, as it had been rumored that Mr. Hill had left no will, and that Louis W. Hill probably would take charge of the vast holdings.
The estate of Mr. Hill had been variously estimated at from \$150,000,000 to \$250,000,000.
Louis W. Hill announced that he would carry out his father's policies, "to the letter."

This Battle Makes the Donkey Laugh



HARMONY EFFORTS FAIL OF RESULTS AT BIG CONVENTION

Three Days of Conferences Do Not Clear Political Situation.

WORK BEGINS TODAY WITH ALL AT SEA

Progressive Leaders Silent in Regard to Roosevelt and Hughes.

General Olsen has been chosen national committeeman for North Dakota, and A. P. Paulson, member of committee on resolutions.

DENIES RUMOR

Oyster Bay, N. Y., June 6.—Col. Theodore Roosevelt denied positively tonight that he had telephoned to Progressive leaders at Chicago, authorizing them to nominate him for the presidency at the convention of that party, if the Republicans nominated Justice Hughes.
"I haven't sent any such message at all," Col. Roosevelt declared emphatically.
He said he had nothing whatever to say in regard to the political situation, and he declined to comment on the speech of Justice Hughes at Washington last night.

Chicago, June 6.—The Republican and Progressive national conventions both assemble tomorrow without any indication that leaders have found a common ground on which they hoped to establish unity.

Three days of conferences have failed to bring Republicans and Progressives to an agreement on a man for the presidential nomination. Half a dozen names, any one of which is acceptable to the Republicans, have been rejected by the Progressives, who have proposed practically no name but Col. Roosevelt's.

Not since the party was born has there been such lack of cohesive leadership among the Republicans and oldest convention observers declare they never have seen such a general lack of enthusiasm.

No Enthusiasm.
There never has been a convention for which so little had been arranged. They plunge into their work tomorrow with practically everything undone which hitherto has been done for them in the inner councils of the leaders.

Hughes leaders, remaining confident in their predictions that the justice will be nominated on an early ballot, were lining up their forces tonight, surveying the effect of the drive upon them by allied favorite sons and recruiting delegates from the latest arrivals.

Silent On Hughes.
Progressive leaders unwilling to say, if they could, whether the colonel would support Justice Hughes to carry on their fight for Mr. Roosevelt as their first choice. Today George B. Cortelyou, former member of the Roosevelt cabinet, arrived here and joined William Loeb, Jr., and Geo. Von L. Meyer, both former members of the colonel's official family, to comprise Roosevelt's steering committee within the Republican convention.

Nomination Saturday.
Republican managers, pressed by Progressives to hurry their nominations and disclose their candidate, if they hope to bid for Colonel Roosevelt's support and prevent the Progressive ticket from taking the field, have been given notice by Senator Smoot that they can expect no nomination in the Republican convention before Friday. Senator Penrose, addressing the Pennsylvania Republican state delegation today, declared that nominations for president will not be made before late Saturday, the most (Continued on Page Two)

STORM THAT SWEEPS OVER MISSOURI TOWN CLAIMS THIRTY LIVES

DEATH TOLL OF ARKANSAS TORNADO GROWS HOURLY AS COMPLETE REPORTS COME IN FROM THE STRICKEN DISTRICTS.

BULLETIN.
Total dead in storm's wake reported and confirmed, 126. Exclusive of this number, 40 are reported to have lost their lives in the tornado which destroyed Cato, Ark. Wires are down and communication is impossible.

Poplar Bluffs, Mo., June 6.—Thirty or more persons were killed, and at least 75 were injured in a storm that swept this section today. The damage to crops and buildings is estimated at hundreds of thousands of dollars.

TOLL OF STORM GROWS HOURLY
Kansas City, Mo., June 6.—The death list in the storm swept sections of Arkansas, Missouri and Illinois grew hourly tonight, as belated reports were received from communities which suffered from the storm. Late tonight the death of 107 persons had been reported, a number of other persons were accounted for and believed dead, and several injured, of whom some will die. Accurate estimates of property damage were not available, but all figures ventured by property owners in the stricken communities ran into the hundreds of thousands.

The deaths: Arkansas, 57; Missouri, 30; possibly more. Mississippi, 15; Illinois, 1; Tennessee, with a score missing in the overturning of the Mississippi packet, Eleanor.
Scarcely a county in Arkansas escaped the path of the storm, which traversed the entire state. Jackson and Vicksburg suffered from the storm in Mississippi. Many of the casualties in Arkansas and Mississippi were negroes. In Missouri, the Poplar Bluffs section was well nigh devastated.

SOME OF THE "BIG NOISES" TO BE SEEN AT REPUBLICAN NATIONAL CONVENTION

