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EARL KITCHENER, BRITISH WAR MINISTER AND HIS STAFF LOST

BRITISH CRUISER HAMPSHIRE CONVEYING KITCHENER AND HIS STAFF TO RUSSIA SUNK OFF COAST OF SCOTLAND.

Vessel Either Struck Mine or was Torpedoed and it is Believed that all on Board Were Lost—Official Report from Admiral Jellicoe Brings News to London—Observers on Shore Say Four Boats Left the Hampshire, But the Sea was Heavy and it is Believed that All of them were Capsized—Patrol Vessels Along Shore Failed to See Scene But Only a Few Bodies and Some Wreckage Was Found—Public Had Not Been Advised that Kitchener Had Left London and News of His Death Created Pained and Sorrow Throughout the British Empire—Accident Occurred West of the Orkneys, North of Scotland, about Eight o'clock Last Night.

London, June 6.—Earl Kitchener, British minister of war and his staff were on board the British cruiser Hampshire which struck a mine or was torpedoed west of the Orkneys, and sunk, according to a statement from Admiral Jellicoe to the admiralty. It is feared that all on board were lost.

Four boats were seen to leave the Hampshire, but a heavy sea was running. Only a capsized boat and some bodies have been found.

Admiral Jellicoe reports that there is little hope for any survivors.

Lord Kitchener was en route to Russia. No intimation had been published that Kitchener intended to leave England. It was officially announced by the Admiralty that Kitchener and his staff were en route to Russia on the Hampshire, taking the northern route west of the Orkneys, where the ship was sunk off the north coast of Scotland.

Admiral Jellicoe's official report to the admiralty said the ship was sunk by either a mine or torpedo about eight o'clock last night.

Observers on shore saw four boats leave the ship, but heavy seas were running and the boats were capsized. Patrol vessels along the coast at once proceeded to the spot but only a few bodies and some wreckage was found.

"The whole shore is being searched," the admiral said in his report. "I greatly fear there is little hope of there being any survivors."

No report has yet been received from the searching party on shore.

The names of Kitchener's staff have not been learned. Sir William Robertson, chief of the imperial staff, however, is in London.

The Hampshire was built in 1903, normally carried 600 men, displaced 10,000 tons, and was 450 feet long.

Accompanying Kitchener and his staff were Hugh James O'Beirne, former counsellor of the British embassy to Petrograd; O. A. Fitzgerald, Kitchener's private military secretary; General Eilershaw and Sir Frederick Donaldson.

When the news of the sinking of the Hampshire was received here, a meeting of the British war council was immediately called. Sir William Robertson, chief of the imperial staff, who probably will be the new head of the war office, Foreign Affairs Secretary Edward Gray, Chancellor of the Exchequer McKenna, and Minister of Munitions Lloyd George attended the conference.

Miss Katherine Masters, daughter of Rev. F. M. Masters, president of the Oklahoma Baptist university, is here from Shawnee visiting with Miss Lee Cathey.

WEATHER FORECAST
New Orleans, La., June 6.—The weather forecast for Oklahoma for tonight and Wednesday is generally fair.

LORD KITCHENER NOTABLE FIGURE

ORGANIZED LARGEST VOLUNTEER ARMY THE WORLD HAS EVER KNOWN.

WAS BRITISH HERO

Kitchener, While Criticized on Many Sides, Retained Popularity and the Government and People Realized His Efficiency.

London, June 6.—Earl Kitchener, the British war minister who lost his life when the cruiser Hampshire which was conveying him and his staff struck a mine and sunk west of Orkney Islands, was entitled to a place in the world's history for many things, but the most notable is that he organized the largest volunteer army the world has ever seen during the greatest war of all time.

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 Khartoum was the man to lead in the recruiting and organization of the necessary army.

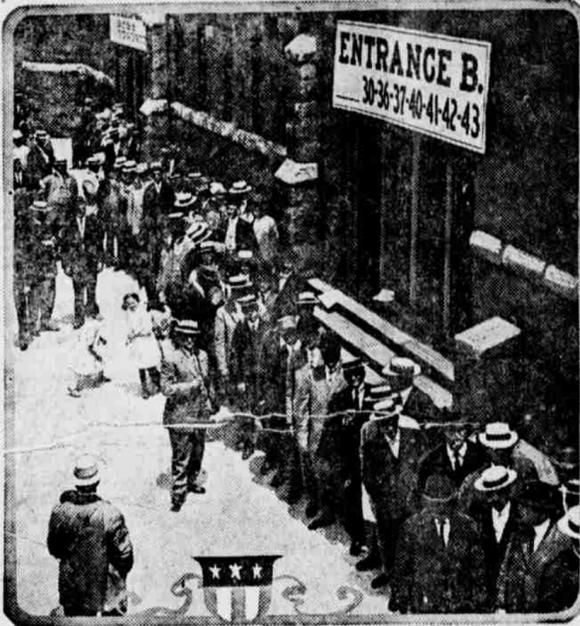
It was not a sentimental clamor, for though Kitchener was a proven hero of many occasions, his personality was as impenetrable as hardened steel, and he was not a hero that could be loved; even the war office had no pronounced liking for him, but on all sides there was profound respect for his military efficiency and for all he had done to extend the domain of the British empire.

By mere luck Kitchener happened to be in England on one of the comparatively rare visits that he had paid to London during his long career abroad, when the European war broke out. He had just come home from service as British agent in Egypt had accepted an earldom from King George, and was being talked of as viceroy to India. Within a few hours after England's declaration of war, Kitchener was appointed secretary of state for war and immediately took full charge at the war office where he worked day and night to overcome the handicap which the central powers had over England in the matter of fighting strength.

After dispatching a few hundred thousand regulars to France and Belgium to help check the onrushing Germans, the war secretary began recruiting and organizing his army of millions. The British Isles were cov-

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GETTING CONVENTION TICKETS, CHICAGO



MASS MEETING IS CALLED FOR THURSDAY P. M.

QUESTION OF PURCHASING LOT WHERE TABERNACLE STANDS WILL BE PUT UP TO CITIZENS THURSDAY.

The secretary of the Chamber of Commerce has issued a call for a mass meeting to be held at the tabernacle Thursday night, at which time the question of purchasing the lot by the Chamber of Commerce will be considered.

The purpose of purchasing this property is to erect a municipal auditorium in which large gatherings can be had, and those who contribute the money at this time will only retain title to the property until the city is financially able to reimburse them and take it over.

Mr. Jones, the owner of the property, has placed a price on it, and it is confidently believed that the money for its purchase can be raised easily.

The meeting is called for eight o'clock and the secretary hopes that every member of the Chamber of Commerce will be present, as well as any business man who is interested in the future of Ardmore.

Negro Boy Killed.

Two negro boys who live seven miles northwest of the city by the name of Davidson and Oregon, while playing with a Winchester gun the weapon was accidentally discharged and the Oregon boy was instantly killed.

COURT MARTIAL AWAITS ARRIVAL OF ACCUSED

TRIAL OF TEXAS MILITIAMEN SET FOR TODAY BUT WAS DELAYED BY FAILURE OF ACCUSED TO APPEAR.

San Antonio, Texas, June 6.—Although the court martial opened today, the trial of the Texas militiamen who refused to enter the federal service, was delayed by the non-appearance of all of the accused.

It is impossible to say when the court martial will actually start.

Nearly everybody reads The Ardmoreite. Do you?

MUST BEGIN WORK ON FAIR BUILDINGS

FUNDS MUST BE RAISED AND A GREAT DEAL OF WORK DONE BEFORE THE OPENING DATE — BUSINESS MEN WILL HELP.

"The time is rapidly approaching when the business men of the city will be called upon to contribute toward erecting suitable buildings for the county fair, to be held here in September.

Under the law the city in the county where the fair is held must erect permanent buildings, and the time is not too long to get the necessary funds raised and the buildings finished in time for the opening date."

The above was a statement of one of the officials of the county fair association this morning and is but a forerunner of what the business men will hear until the fund is raised.

The Chamber of Commerce has held two carnivals this season and has made several hundred dollars by this method that is now on deposit in the bank, but the secretary states that it is not nearly enough, and the balance will have to be raised by popular subscription.

The track at the fair ground has been maintained in good condition by a few local horse fanciers, but the grandstand and stables must be built before racing can be indulged in.

The Chamber of Commerce and Business Men's association will have charge of raising this fund, which, as stated above, must be done quickly in order to have a creditable fair this fall.

SUFFRAGE MAY BRING BATTLE AT ST. LOUIS

FINEST DRAWN FIGHT OF THE DEMOCRATIC CONVENTION IS LIKELY TO BE OVER WOMAN SUFFRAGE QUESTION.

St. Louis, Mo., June 6.—Probably the finest drawn fight, according to visible signs today, in the democratic national convention will be over the question of national woman suffrage.

Political leaders said that no suffrage plank would be in the platform, although both sides will be given equal opportunity to express themselves before the resolutions committee.

REPUBLICANS WANT TO NAME MAN WHO WILL REUNITE THE PARTY

POLITICAL LEADERS TODAY TRYING TO DETERMINE WHETHER HUGHES' SPEECH OF YESTERDAY HAS STRENGTHENED OR WEAKENED HIM.

Conferences Between the Republican and Progressive Leaders of Last Night Were Resumed this Morning, but the Result is Not Announced. Republicans Said to be Waiting to See What Progressives Will Do at Opening of Convention Tomorrow. Tremendous Roosevelt Demonstration Expected at that Time—Senator Lodge Being Discussed as a Compromise Candidate for the Republican Nomination, Who Would Likely be Able to Obtain Roosevelt's Support—Friends of Hughes Point to His Speech as a Substantial Declaration of the Question of Americanism and Insist that it Clears the Only Issue on Which He Had Not Previously Announced his Attitude.

FORTY-NINE ARE DEAD IN STORM

WHICH SWEEP NORTHWESTERN ARKANSAS LATE YESTERDAY — HOT SPRINGS IN PATH.

COMMUNICATION CUT

Wires Are Down All Through the Storm District — Tornado at Jackson, Miss., Early Today, Killed Two Whites and Six Negroes.

Little Rock, Ark., June 6.—A telephone message from Heber Springs said that between twenty and twenty-five white persons were killed and more than fifty injured in that town during yesterday's tornado.

Little Rock, Ark., June 6.—Forty-nine persons are known to have been killed by the tornadoes which swept northwestern Arkansas late yesterday and last night, according to the best estimates today.

The town of Judsonia is reported the worst hit, while eighteen are reported dead from Heber Springs. Lack of wire communication makes it impossible to obtain a correct toll of the storm.

Eight Killed at Jackson.
Jackson, Miss., June 6.—Two whites and six negroes were killed while fifty others were injured, some of them seriously, by a tornado which swept through the western section of this city early today. Two hundred and fifty homes were damaged.

Four Killed in Hot Springs.
Hot Springs, Ark., June 6.—Four persons were killed and heavy property damage was done by a tornado that swept Hot Springs yesterday afternoon. The city was last night without light or power.

POSSE AFTER ASSAULTER OF CHILD AT GAINESVILLE

Gainesville, Tex., June 5.—Posses from here tonight are scouring the countryside in search of a white man described as of medium build, wearing a light brown suit and a straw hat, who assaulted a 6-year-old daughter of F. Trimmer, a local barber. The little girl, going to her father's shop to accompany him home, was lured to an empty house with a promise of some candy. Intense feeling has been aroused and summary action may follow should the man be captured.

FORMER AUDITOR RETURNS

Muskogee, Okla., June 5.—Clay Stinnett, former city auditor, who two months ago, it was charged, absconded with \$5,000 of the city's funds, returned home last night, surrendered to the sheriff and today entered a plea of guilty before Judge DeGraffenreid and was sentenced to one year in the state prison at McAlester. He left on a noon train and began his sentence this afternoon. Stinnett has been traveling over five states.

Chicago, Ill., June 6.—The political leaders are today looking for any man to reunite the republican party and are trying to determine whether Hughes has been strengthened or weakened by the temporary concentration of all forces on him with the purpose of eliminating Roosevelt.

The conference between republican and progressive leaders continued last night and were resumed again this morning but without any announced result.

The republican leaders are now watching to see what the progressives will do when the convention opens tomorrow, when they expect a tremendous Roosevelt demonstration.

The two elements to be brought into consideration today were Justice Hughes' speech in Washington yesterday, touching on Americanism, and the discussion of senator Lodge of Massachusetts as a compromise candidate for the republican nomination, who is likely to command Roosevelt's support.

Hughes' supporters pointed to his speech as a substantial declaration of the question of Americanism and contended that it cleared up the only issue on which he had not previously announced his attitude. Others said it was a speech such as any scholarly man might make on such an occasion.

Teddy Favors Leonard Wood

Oyster Bay, June 6.—Roosevelt told visitors today that he favored the nomination of General Leonard Wood as a solution of the Chicago situation, that he would work for him as he was a candidate who is "thoroughly United States."

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS ARE STILL IN SESSION

At the meeting of the Board of County Commissioners yesterday, considerable routine business was disposed of and several special matters considered. Among the latter was the resignation of W. T. Wiseman, who has been justice of the peace of Hewitt township since statehood. After his resignation had been presented he reconsidered the proposition and withdrew it, stating that, notwithstanding the fact that he was a candidate, he would not be a quitter, and would stick it out to the end.

The question of dipping tanks was considered but on account of funds not being available the matter was deferred until the next regular meeting. The same condition applies to the county demonstration agent, which was put over until the next meeting. Chairman Tallaferra stated this morning that the county would have a demonstration agent just as soon as the funds were available.

Some good roads matters will come before the board at its meeting today.

Here from Post, Texas.

C. R. Beaty has arrived here from Post, Texas, and has accepted a position with the Hudson-Houston Lumber company at Ringling. Mr. Beaty is a brother-in-law of Mrs. W. A. Tewksbury of this city and his little daughter has been visiting here for the past two months.