

GREAT WARSHIPS MEET IN NORTH SEA

TRAIN PLUNGES TO DISASTER AS BRIDGE CAVES IN

Several People Killed in Bad Wreck on Iowa Line of Rock Island Road

ACCIDENT RESULT OF FLOOD WATERS

Wires Are Blown Down and Relief Delayed; Many Animals Drowned

Marshalltown, June 2.—A special dispatch to a local newspaper from the scene of the Chicago, Rock Island and Pacific wreck at Packard, states that possibly a score of passengers lost their lives when the passenger train plunged through the bridge. It was stated that the toll will total at least fifteen.

Packard, June 2.—Two women are dead and half a score of persons are injured as the result of the collapse of the bridge over Coldwater creek near here under northbound passenger train No. 19 on the Chicago, Rock Island and Pacific railroad. In addition to the two dead, seven persons are missing and are believed to be dead, either by drowning or as the result of their injuries. The wreck occurred at 2:50 a. m., today.

The bodies of two women were taken from the wreck at 9 o'clock. One was identified as Mrs. Emma von Vliet of Traer. The other has not been identified.

Five Known Dead. Reports from Waterloo, Greene, Cedar Rapids and Charles City, gave the following as the list of dead:

MRS. FLORA VAN VLIET, Traer. DORIS KOBER, 16, Waterloo. RUTH KOBER, 19, Waterloo. UNIDENTIFIED WOMAN. UNIDENTIFIED MAN. The following injured were brought to Green for treatment:

Mrs. Nora Logan, Geneseo, Ill. Edith Nelson, Minneapolis. Mrs. Offord, Louisville, Ky. Ben Offord, Louisville, Ky., seriously.

Mrs. Uden, Minot, N. D., and her three children, eldest 12 years.

J. F. O'Malley, Minneapolis, and his bride.

Wilmer Larsen, Wesley, seriously. A. J. Thorne, Kensett.

J. C. Leonard, Jr., Cedar Rapids. Henry Searle, Reemer, Minn. Alma Butler, Greene.

Ella Fisher, Greene. W. B. Branstreter, Greene, seriously.

Mrs. Storey, Kensett, seriously. W. F. Ford, Louisville, Ky., seriously.

Eva Malhot, Chicago. K. Malhot, Chicago.

S. L. Casey, Henry, Ill. Louis Schump, Cleveland, Ohio.

Henry Monier, Crete, Ill., seriously. According to information collected from various sources, the greatest loss of life was in the day coach, which toppled on its side under ten feet of water.

Wreckers now are attempting to raise the car and it is feared many more dead will be found inside. A list of missing has not been compiled but the conductor of the train estimated that there were fifteen persons on the train at the time of the accident who have not been heard from.

According to railroad officials the bridge supports were weakened by the high water and they collapsed under the weight of the train.

All the dead and injured were passengers. The train crew escaped injury.

The wreck was due to high water which had so undermined the bridge supports that when the train struck the bridge the entire structure collapsed. The engine plunged into the creek carrying with it the baggage car, smoker and day coach. The bodies were recovered from the day coach, and the missing were riding in the smoker, and it is feared, were drowned.

Members of the train crew escaped with minor bruises. They cooperated with citizens of this town in rescuing dazed and frantic survivors.

When the train turned over, many of the passengers succeeded in breaking the windows of the coaches and crawling onto the sides of the cars, where they remained until taken off by rescuers in boats. Several are under doctors' care, due to exposure.

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CLOUDBURST IN NORTHEAST IOWA IS REAL DISASTER

THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS WORTH OF STOCK DROWNED AND MUCH DAMAGE DONE.

McGregor, June 2.—More than \$10,000 worth of stock was lost in a storm that reached the proportions of a cloudburst here last evening. The water flooded stock pens in the railroad yards, drowning hundreds of cattle. Great damage was done in the business section of the city. Ground floors and basements of buildings were flooded. Few business houses escaped damage. The loss to James F. Lee, a Dubuque contractor, who has been working on a \$45,000 paving contract here, amounts to about \$10,000. Altogether, the storm did about \$50,000 damage here. Water was up to the tops of the tables in the dining room of the McGregor hotel.

PROPERTY LOSS HEAVY. Decorah, June 2.—About \$25,000 damage was done by a severe rain and wind storm here last night. Two bridges over the upper Iowa river in this city, two bridges near here on the Milwaukee railroad and another on the Rock Island, about two miles out of town, were washed away. Traffic over these lines, it is believed, will not be resumed for more than a week. No lives were lost.

The home of Louis Stokops was in the path of a torrent of water that rushed through the city. It was carried a distance of three blocks, with the terrified members of the family remaining in the building as it was carried along. The house remained upright and no one was hurt.

Hundreds of hogs and chickens were drowned. The carcasses were strewn about today.

PENSION RIGHTS ABUSED

Army Officers Take Steps to Guard Against Frauds Such as Have Been Practiced in the Past.

Washington, D. C., June 2.—Steps were taken by army officers today to guard against pension claims for disabilities not incident to military service. Army medical officers were instructed through a bulletin issued by the chief of staff to examine recruits with special care, even though they are enlisted from state militia organizations whose medical standards are equal to those of the United States army.

The circular cites the fact that thousands of claims for pensions based on physical defects possessed at the time of enlistment have been filed in past years, because careful physical reports on recruits were not kept.

TRAINING COSTS BORNE BY FRUIT CO.

New York, June 2.—The United Fruit Co., its employees learned today, has offered to grant any man in its service who wishes to attend a military training camp this summer not only four weeks' vacation with full pay but an expense allowance of \$75. More than 800 corporations have granted their employees four weeks' leave on full pay if they wish to attend the training camp but the United Fruit Co., so far as known, is the first that has promised to pay expenses as well. The expenses of the recruits are estimated at about \$60.

The Military Training Camps association made public today a telegram sent to President Wilson asking his assistance in urging the passage of that section of the new army bill authorizing the appropriation of funds to meet the expenses of training camp recruits who will accept government assistance. The association said it feared congress may delay passage of the necessary appropriation for another six weeks. The total enrollment for the Plattsburg camp today reached 10,727.

WAGE QUESTION TO BE THRESHED OUT

New York, June 2.—Preliminaries occupied the attention of the railroad managers and the representatives of their conductors, engineers, firemen and trainmen at today's meeting. For the first time in the history of their labor controversies, the railroad leaders and their men are trying to settle their disputes in public. Both sides have agreed that an open conference will give the public a chance to form its own opinion of the merits of the questions under consideration.

GERMAN FLEET WINS A VICTORY

Official Report From the Berlin Office Tells of Sea Engagement

SEVERAL SHIPS OF BRITONS DESTROYED

Battle Around Verdun Still Raging With Greatest Fury Claims Paris

Berlin, June 2.—Germany's high sea fleet met the main part of the British fleet in battle in the northeastern section of the North sea on May 31. In the heavy engagement which followed the German fleet, according to a report issued by the German admiralty, sank the British battleship Warspite, the British battle cruisers Queen Mary and Indefatigable, two armored cruisers, believed to be of the Achilles type, and a large number of warships of small tonnage. Several other British battleships are reported to have been damaged, including the battleship Marlborough, which was struck by a torpedo.

The German losses are announced as the battleship Pommern, sunk by a torpedo, the cruiser Wiesbaden, sent to the bottom by gunfire, the protected cruiser Frauenlob, reported missing, and several torpedo boats which did not return to port.

London, June 2.—The British admiralty announced today that a battle had occurred in North sea between the British and German fleets in the course of which a number of German warships were sunk.

The British battle cruisers Queen Mary and Indefatigable and the battleship Invincible were sunk. The cruisers Defence and Black Prince were sent to the bottom by gunfire, the cruiser Warrior was disabled. The German losses are described as serious.

The announcement says two German battle cruisers were sunk and two German light cruisers were disabled and probably sunk.

The battle occurred off the coast of Jutland. The admiralty announcement says the German fleet avoided the main British forces and returned to port severely damaged.

The British destroyers Tipperary, Turbulent, Fortune, Sparrow, Hawk and Ardent were lost and six others have not yet been accounted for. The admiralty announcement says no British battleships or light cruisers were sunk.

Berlin, June 2.—The German admiralty announced today that the German high sea fleet on May 31, had encountered a British fighting fleet. The engagement which developed, the admiralty says, was favorable to the Germans. The battle continued all night. The admiralty announces that the large British battleship Warspite, the battle cruisers Queen Mary and Indefatigable and two armored cruisers were destroyed.

It is also reported that a small British cruiser, a number of torpedo boat destroyers and torpedo boats were sunk.

The German admiralty statement adds that by observation it was established that a large number of British battleships suffered damage from the fire of the German big ships and the attacks of the torpedo boat fleet.

The admiralty statement also declares that the British battleship Marlborough was hit by a torpedo, this being confirmed by the prisoners rescued. Several of the German ships rescued parts of the crews of the British ships which were sunk, they including, it is said, two men from the

Senate Confirms Nomination of Boston Lawyer



LOUIS D. BRANDEIS.

Washington, D. C., June 2.—Louis D. Brandeis, Boston lawyer, will be sworn in as a member of the supreme court probably June 12. The senate yesterday confirmed Mr. Brandeis' nomination by a vote of 47 to 22. With one exception senate democrats voted solidly for confirmation. The exception was Senator Newlands of Nevada, who in a formal statement said his action was based on the ground that he did not regard Mr. Brandeis as a man of "judicial temperament." Three republicans—LaFollette, Norris and Poindexter—voted for confirmation.

Mr. Brandeis is the first Jew to be elevated to the highest tribunal in the land. He succeeds the late Associate Justice Lamar of Georgia. The fight over his confirmation was one of the bitterest in the senate's history.

Indefatigable, the only survivors from that ship.

On the German side the small cruiser Wiesbaden was sunk by gunfire and the Pommern was sent to the bottom by a torpedo. The fate of the Frauenlob is not known and some torpedo boats did not return. The German high sea fleet, the statement adds, returned to port June 1.

The British dreadnaught Warspite, reported destroyed in the North Sea engagement, was a sister ship of the Queen Elizabeth, both of which played a prominent part in the attempt of the British Mediterranean fleet to force the Dardanelles.

The Warspite carried eight sixteen inch guns and twelve or sixteen six inch guns, twelve four inch guns, four three pounders and four twenty-one inch torpedo tubes.

The Queen Mary carried eight 13.5 inch guns, sixteen four inch guns and was equipped with three twenty-one inch torpedo tubes.

The Indefatigable was equipped with eight twelve inch guns, sixteen four inch guns and had three twenty-one inch torpedo tubes.

The Queen Mary and the Indefatigable carried complements of between 900 and 950. The Queen Mary cost about \$10,000,000 while the Indefatigable cost nearly \$8,000,000.

KITCHENER HECKLED.

London, June 2.—Earl Kitchener had today what was for him the unique experience of being heckled by parliamentary critics of the war office. Complimenting with the promise made on his behalf in the house of commons by the parliamentary undersecretary for war, Harold J. Tennant, in response to complaints of members that they had not had opportunity to question the secretary of war, the famous general went to one of the committee rooms of the house, prepared to make a statement on the conduct of the war and reply to questions.

The war secretary was accompanied by several members of his staff and the political heads of the war office. He faced some 200 members, including what are known as the "ginger groups," composed of men who demand more vigorous prosecution of the war. The public was excluded rigorously. Indeed, the whole of Westminster palace was shut off to avoid leakage of any secret information which might be elicited.

GERMANS TAKE TRENCH.

Berlin, June 2.—The capture of Caillotte wood, south of Ft. Douaumont on the Verdun front, and of adjoining trenches was announced today by the war office. A counter attack by the French southwest of Vaux wood was a failure although made in strong force, the statement adds.

FRENCH REPORT PROGRESS.

Paris, June 2.—In heavy fighting on the Verdun front, which continued through the night, the French progressed slightly south of Caurettes wood, the war office announces. The struggle between Thiancourt wood and Vaux, east of the Meuse, was extremely violent.

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TO SPEND WEEK FRAMING REPLY

No Immediate Answer to Be Sent to Latest Letter From Mexico City

CARRANZA THREAT NOT BEING HEEDDED

Army Officers Awaiting a Report From Pershing of Recent Meeting

Washington, D. C., June 2.—A week or more will be taken by administration officials to frame a reply to Gen. Carranza's last note threatening war if American troops are retained in Mexico, it was said today. President Wilson was out of the city and no active preparations were being made to draw an answer. The usual cabinet meeting was cancelled, since the president was not to return until late today from Annapolis, where he went to attend commencement exercises at the naval academy.

Army officers today looked for a report from Gen. Pershing on his conference yesterday at Colonia Dublan with Gen. Gaviira, Carranza military commander in northern Chihuahua. The meeting was brief and it is assumed only questions of cooperation in troops movements were discussed. Gen. Pershing described the conference as "very satisfactory," according to unofficial reports.

The war department's plans for maintaining Gen. Pershing's column in Mexico were unchanged.

SHOPS ON WHEELS.

Columbus, N. M., June 2.—The quartermaster's department here unloaded today two four wheel driven motor trucks of special design for field work. Each truck is a complete machine shop on wheels, possessing all the necessary appliances of a modern machine shop and garage. Some of the noteworthy features of these vehicles are lathes, drills, forges, anvils and an acetylene welding outfit. These especially constructed trucks will ply between Palomas and Gen. Pershing's advance base, thus obviating the necessity for broken down trucks to be dragged to Columbus for repairs.

Efforts are being made to dispatch a great quantity of reserve sustenance supplies and forage to the expeditionary column before the rainy season sets in. Big motor supply tractors with caterpillar wheels are now being tested out here at the base to decide their availability for use during the rainy season. Reports are current here that a mutiny of Carranza troops at Villa Ahumada, 100 miles south of Juarez, took place last evening, during which looting figured.

ILLINOIS MAN IS EASY FOR CROOKS

Chicago, June 2.—Police today are looking for a man known as H. Davis and are holding in custody Henry E. Smith, an insurance agent, who was arrested yesterday for attempting to aid Davis in cashing a draft for \$10,000 drawn by W. H. Matteson of Morris, Ill.

According to the story, Matteson told the police he met Davis in Florida last winter, where Davis was said to have posed as a real estate broker. Matteson said that he was allowed to bet on a horse race without putting up any money and was told that he had won \$40,000. Davis then undertook to get the money for him, he said, but he was required to advance \$10,000 to show evidence of good faith. Davis was given a check for that amount by Matteson and they came to Chicago and cashed it. Later, Davis wanted some more of Matteson's money and went to Morris to get it. He told Matteson that it was necessary to put up \$10,000 more to get his winnings and Matteson gave him a draft for the amount. It was while Davis and Smith were trying to cash this draft yesterday that the police were called in and Smith was arrested. Davis escaped.

YOUNG MEN MAY GO TO CEDAR FALLS

If there are two young men who would like scholarships for a year at the state teachers' college in Cedar Falls, they may have them by applying at the county superintendent's office at the court house. The officers at the Cedar Falls school are offering a free scholarship to two men from each county in the state and the superintendent has the full information on the matter.

SIXTEEN HUGHES DELEGATES LOSE FIGHT FOR SEATS

COMMITTEE VOTES TO SEAT CONTESTING DELEGATIONS FROM STATE OF GEORGIA.

Chicago, June 2.—Consideration of claims of contesting delegations to the republican national convention was resumed this morning by the republican national committee, which opened its deliberations here yesterday in a continuous session lasting more than nine hours.

The Louisiana contest involving twelve delegates was the first taken up at today's session. It will be followed by the contests in Mississippi, Missouri and North Carolina, in the order named.

The fight in the Louisiana delegation today will again be between the so-called "illy whites" and the "black and tans" as has been the case at former committee meetings preceding national conventions. The contesting delegations were chosen at separate meetings in Louisiana, the "illy whites" holding their meeting at a hotel in New Orleans where colored people were not allowed entrance. The delegation was consequently composed exclusively of whites, the colored population being given no representation. The other delegation is composed of an equal number of whites and colored people. Neither side is committed to any delegate and the fight for convention seats is in reality a fight for control of local politics in Louisiana.

As the result of the committee's deliberations yesterday, sixteen votes which were considered as certain to be cast for Justice Charles E. Hughes were lost to that candidate when the committee voted to seat the Henry S. Jackson delegation from Georgia. The delegates who were awarded the seats are said to be favorable to the candidacy of Senator Root, with John W. Weeks as a second choice. The seven protests in Alabama were settled by the seating of six regular delegates at large and a protesting delegate from the ninth congressional district. A recommendation by Chairman Hilles that a small committee be appointed to hear the evidence in several of the contests and report the gist of it to the full committee was defeated. The committee also voted to place the delegates from Porto Rico, Hawaii and the Philippines on the temporary roll call with the recommendation that they be given votes.

HEADQUARTERS TO OPEN.

Chicago, June 2.—A majority of the states of the union will have headquarters here during the week of the convention of the republican party with most of them located in the Congress hotel. California, Maine, Colorado, Connecticut, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Idaho, Kentucky, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, Montana, Missouri, New York, New Jersey, Nebraska, New Mexico, Ohio, Oklahoma, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Tennessee, Virginia and West Virginia will have rooms at the Congress. South Dakota will be situated at the Palmer hotel, Kansas and Utah at the Auditorium, Wisconsin and Delaware at the Kaiserhof, Maryland and New Hampshire at the LaSalle, Louisiana at the Stratford, North Carolina at the Lexington and Florida at the Grand Pacific.

Headquarters for the following candidates for the presidential nomination will be located at the Congress: Sherman, Fairbanks, Weeks, Burton, Root and Cummins. Brumbaugh headquarters will be at the Auditorium and Roosevelt will be represented at several locations. The Roosevelt republican committee will be at the Congress; the Roosevelt progressive committee at the Auditorium and the Roosevelt nonpartisan league at the Windsor-Clifton. Not all of the headquarters are as yet occupied but all will be by Sunday, it is stated.

SOLONS READY FOR RUSH TO CHICAGO

Washington, D. C., June 2.—Final vote on the naval appropriation bill was the only business before the house today at its last session with a general attendance before the republican convention. Many minority members were ready to rush from the house chamber immediately after the balloting this afternoon and catch trains for Chicago.

The house yesterday retained that section of the bill authorizing the United States government to participate in establishment of an international court for maintenance of peace. It also voted an amendment providing not more than \$6,000,000 for enlarging navy yards at Boston, Portsmouth, New Hampshire, Charleston, Philadelphia, Norfolk, New Orleans and Puget Sound.

HIGHEST TYPE OF FIRST AID WORK IS GIVEN

Demonstration Which Will Be Held Here June 10 Is High Class

TO PROVIDE FINE ENTERTAINMENT

First Cavalry Band Will Play and Quartets Are to Be Heard

Local workers are confident that the first aid demonstration, to be given here on June 10, will eclipse any similar venture made in Iowa.

Ottumwa's meeting is the third annual affair of this kind and more teams, to take part in the work, more outsiders to help with it and more spectators to be interested in it will be here than at the first one held two years ago in Albia and the second one in Des Moines last year.

The Commercial club has taken hold of the proposition and it is doing all it can to help make it a big thing for Ottumwa and this part of the state. There will be visitors and demonstrators here from all parts of Iowa, and R. T. Rhys, state mine inspector, who lives here and W. H. Rodgers, of Albia, president of district No. 13, U. M. W. A., are largely responsible for the securing of the meet for Ottumwa.

Assurances were definitely received today that United States bureau of mines car No. 4 will be here with two or three men in charge of the equipment and their work will be a part of the demonstration.

The First Cavalry band and several quartets will sing during the afternoon and a feature program has been arranged for the entertainment of the large crowd from Ottumwa and all of southeastern Iowa which is expected. The exercises will be held in the Myrtle street ball park and will be free to everyone.

NAVAL ACADEMY GRADUATES CLASS

Annapolis, Md., June 2.—Secretary Daniels today welcomed the graduating class at the naval academy into actual naval service with an address counselling a steady continuance on their part of the training and studies begun at Annapolis, in order that the navy, dependent upon their knowledge for efficient expansion and keeping, might remain prepared always for any emergency.

The secretary told the graduates they were coming into the navy at the period of its largest expansion, its highest efficiency and when lessons from Europe point directly to the need of trained men in war if human life is to be spared from the killing of men unprepared and unskilled in the science of militarism.

"A lesson of the war and one needed in America," Secretary Daniels said "is that industrial preparedness must go hand in hand with building battle cruisers and other naval craft and securing more trained officers and men. Most of the great nations had but dimly understood that ability to quickly mobilize the resources and convert industrial plants into munition factories was as important as to mobilize men."

"I counsel you to ally yourself early with a special branch of the service, for an ounce of expert knowledge in the days that are before you will be worth a pound of general information. The man who is to win the highest place in the navy of the future will be looked up to because he has made himself a master of his specialty. The time will come when expert knowledge will be the chief demand upon you."

CENTERVILLE HAS SHOOTING AFFRAY

Centerville, June 2.—Pearl Traxler, a Cincinnati liverman, was shot through the heart last night by a man thought to be Frank Dandelow, while returning from a dance with the latter's sweetheart, Minnie Hinkle.

ARMOR PLANT ASSURED.

Washington, D. C., June 2.—Final voting on the naval bill began today in the house with the adoption by a vote of 235 to 136 of an amendment proposed in committee of the whole to appropriate \$11,000,000 for a government armor plate plant.