

## KITCHENER AND STAFF GO DOWN WITH CRUISER

## Tornado's Toll In Arkansas May Exceed Fifty

## MINE SOWN BY RAIDERS GETS SHIP

### LIST MAY GROW WITH WORD FROM ISOLATED TOWNS

Thousands of Families Homeless After Southern Storm.

MORE THAN TWENTY ARE DEAD AT HEBER SPRINGS

Part of City in Ruins and Many Rescued Alive Die Later.

LITTLE ROCK, Ark., June 6.—The death toll from tornadoes that swept Monday night through ten or more Arkansas counties may exceed fifty, it was indicated today when reports from the storm-swept district were compiled. Should the report that twenty-five were killed at Heber Springs prove correct, the known dead will total fifty-one. It is feared, however, that many small points in the tornado zone which up to today had not been heard from, will add still further to the list of casualties.

Part of City in Ruins. Telephone reports received this morning from Heber Springs say between twenty and twenty-five white persons were killed and more than fifty injured. The entire west portion of the city is in ruins and residents of the city proper are searching the ruins for more bodies. Many were taken out alive and died in the undertaking parlors. The injured are being cared for at the courthouse.

Storm Strikes Section Gang. Eight negroes are known dead at Judsonia and about fifty persons, both white and negroes, injured. Ed Jones, foreman of the Iron Mountain section gang and his twenty men were working on the track when the storm struck. The gang was composed of whites and negroes, all of whom were injured. Jones is not expected to live. The injuries of others are not serious.

Nearby Towns Send Relief. The cities near the sections where the storm passed were organizing relief parties today and getting into the tornado zone were prepared to care for those who were made homeless and injured. A special train left Little Rock last night carrying physicians and supplies.

It is impossible to give the number of families that were made homeless and suffered from a night spent in the wet fields. The path of the storm which was through the northwest and central part of the state, was one-quarter of a mile wide and there is said to be a house standing. The property loss will be enormous.

Big Damage to Crops. The storm seemed to remain in the country districts and the damage to the crops will be enormous. The relief parties are prepared to help with the work of saving the crops. All damage occurred between 7 o'clock and 7 o'clock, but a heavy wind blew during the night and considerable rain fell.

Eight Killed in Storm at Jackson. JACKSON, Miss., June 6.—Eight persons, two white and six negroes, were killed and about fifty others injured, some seriously by a tornado which swept through the western section of this city early today. Almost 350 homes were damaged, some of them being demolished.

Cairo, Ill., Storm Injuries Nine. CAIRO, Ill., June 6.—Nine persons were hurt, one possibly fatally, when a tornado struck Fayetteville, Ill., today. It is reported that the storm also struck Commerce, Mo. All wires from here are down.

GIRLS HIKE TO COAST, RETURNING TO CHICAGO. From Chicago to San Francisco and return is a rather long hike to make afoot, but two girls, Ruth Hanley and Elinor Poore of Chicago, were supremely happy in Oklahoma City this morning on their return trip to Chicago. They made the trip afoot from Chicago to San Francisco in even six months. They are correspondents of the Chicago American.

STATE'S FIRE LOSS \$134,999.25 IN MAY. Fire loss in Oklahoma during May was \$134,999.25, according to a report submitted this morning to State Insurance Commissioner Welch by State Fire Marshal Hammond. A total of 196 fires was reported to the department during the month.

## GENERAL WOOD IS T. R.'S CHOICE TO BREAK DEADLOCK

Death Comes Amid Storms of Revolt



Yuan Shi Kai.

### Great Crises All Her Life Occur June 6

Epochal Events Mark Same Day Whose Hours Are Painful to Mrs. DeGroat.

June 6 has brought much happiness and great sorrow to Mrs. Lena DeGroat of 24 West Park Place. Great crises in her life have invariably taken place on that date, and today she sat in her home in high nervous tension fearing any moment the advent of a blue-uniformed messenger for bringing word of the death of a loved one.

Following is a list of the things which make her dread this day, yet which make it one of the sweetest of the year. June 6, 1883, was married to Frank DeGroat, St. Joseph, Mo.

June 6, 1887, a brother-in-law, Frank Claire, died in Kansas City. June 6, 1891, her father, John Arthur, St. Joseph, Mo., died after a lingering illness.

June 6, 1904, her mother, Mrs. John Arthur, was stricken with paralysis from which she suffered for six weeks. June 6, 1906, her mother died, as a result of a second paralytic stroke. June 6, 1915, her sister, Mrs. Aggie Dalton, died in Council Bluffs, Iowa.

Continued Cool Is Prediction. LOCAL FORECAST—Generally fair tonight and Wednesday with not much change in temperature. Maximum yesterday, 75; minimum, 64.

TEXAS—Partly cloudy. ARKANSAS—Generally fair. KANSAS—Fair; warmer Wednesday.

Hourly Temperature. 10 a. m. 62 11 p. m. 61 12 midnight 61 1 p. m. 60 2 a. m. 59 3 a. m. 59 4 a. m. 59 5 a. m. 58 6 a. m. 58 7 a. m. 58 8 a. m. 58 9 a. m. 58 10 a. m. 58 11 a. m. 58 12 noon 57 1 p. m. 57 2 p. m. 57 3 p. m. 57



"Zimmie"

### YUAN SHI KAI, PRESIDENT OF CHINA, IS DEAD

Nervous Breakdown Follows Illness of Several Days.

LI YUAN HUNG TAKES OFFICE AS SUCCESSOR

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### Trail of Dead Toll of Storm

JACKSON, Miss.—Two white, six negroes killed, fifty injured. Heber Springs, Ark.—Between twenty and twenty-five white persons killed, more than fifty injured. Cabot, Ark.—Three dead, a dozen injured. Garmantown, Ark.—One negro killed. Judsonia, Ark.—Eight negroes killed, fifty whites and negroes injured. Greenland, Ark.—One dead, six injured. Goldsby, Ark.—Five killed, all white. Hot Springs, Ark.—Four killed, eight injured, reported last night. Morrilton, Ark.—Two negroes killed, one negro, brown away and one white woman and several children injured. Vicksburg, Miss.—Three dead, all white.

### CLUB APPLAUDS WHEN BOARD IS ASKED TO QUIT

Rotarians Hear Resolution on School Muddle and Properly Refer It.

COGNIZANCE of The Times demand that the entire personnel of the Oklahoma City board of education resign and allow the city commissioners of Oklahoma City to elect successors has already been taken by three civic organizations—the Oklahoma City Rotary club, the Oklahoma City Y. M. C. A. and the Oklahoma City City Club.

The Times in demanding the resignation of the board of education, is in the same effect offered at today's meeting.

Prolonged applause greeted Leonard Bailey, secretary of the Oklahoma City Rotary club, when he announced at that organization's weekly meeting today in the Skirvin hotel that next Tuesday he would propose a resolution requesting the resignation of the entire Oklahoma City board of education.

Whereas, it is the sense of the membership of this club, representing as it does, every line of business activity in the city, and reflecting every shade of political thought.

Resolved, that the present personnel of the Oklahoma City school board cease to exist in its present form and personnel, at the earliest possible date, this action of the Rotary club being taken in defense of the vital interests of our children, at present seriously menaced.

Yuan Shi Kai was born in 1858 in the Chinese province, Honan. His unusual ability early attracted the attention of the great vicary, Li Hung Chang.

He held various offices until, in 1906, he was confirmed as governor of the province of Shantung, and during the boxer troubles, Yuan succeeded in protecting the life of every foreigner in that province. By this, he made himself unpopular with the Empress Dowager, and with the "mob." His life was repeatedly threatened.

Successor of Sun Yat Sen. He was promoted time after time by the Empress Dowager who recognized his worth and readily forgave him for his help in the suppression of the boxers. Finally he was made grand councillor of the empire.

When the republicans demanded a new form of government, Yuan influenced the Manchurians to abdicate. Sun Yat Sen, who had been elected president of the new republic, resigned, and Yuan was unanimously elected by the national assembly at Nanking.

YOU wouldn't have known there was a murder trial on down at Wevoka, where the preliminary hearing of Gus Jones, charged with the murder of his niece, Rattie Jones, was held yesterday, unless you had been a subscriber to The Oklahoma City Times.

We carried the story exclusively in our home edition. "All the News First" That's The Times Motto

### HUGHES DRIVE PITS JUSTICE AGAINST FIELD

Many Politicians Think Boom is Proving a Boomerang.

PROGRESSIVES WILL NAME ROOSEVELT

Third-Party Convention Sitting Wednesday Cannot Be Restrained, Report.

CHICAGO, June 6.—Chicago received word today that the nomination of General Leonard Wood for the presidency would be "acceptable" to Edward Tamm, donor Roosevelt as a solution of the situation at Chicago, according to two visitors who called today upon the former president at Oyster Bay.

They asserted that General Wood would be the most acceptable to him and that he would "throw his hat in the ring and go out and work for him" as a candidate who was "thoroughly United States" and whose election would mean the return of the true spirit of Americanism.

Political leaders who profess to be willing to accept any man for the presidential nomination who is able to command the support of both republicans and progressives were today looking to determine whether Justice Hughes has been strengthened or weakened by the temporary concentration of all forces upon him with the avowed purpose of eliminating Roosevelt as a republican possibility.

The effect of the Hughes drive has been to place the whole field of candidates against him, according to some.

Convicted that Roosevelt cannot be nominated by the republican convention the defensive combination of favorite candidates which is said to control about 250 votes today expected its full influence to eliminate Hughes. In this effort they received the enthusiastic and united support of all elements of the progressive party leaders.

This is a curious day for state delegations and the favorite state managers are busy trying their men with iron-fisted pledges to stick to the combination until the break comes in accordance with some plan to be decided upon later.

While the old organization leaders are certain they have control of the convention, they admit that the situation is pregnant with uncertainty at present. They hope that with Roosevelt's aid they may be able to agree on a candidate acceptable to a majority of the progressive and present a third ticket being put in the field.

The plan of the organization is to have the nominating speeches Friday take two ballots and adjourn in the hope of effecting a compromise on some one agreeable to the Roosevelt forces.

Conferences held today between republican and progressive leaders, which lasted far into the night, were terminated early today, but it was not believed that any of them had proceeded far enough to clarify the situation.

The two latest elements to be brought into consideration today were Justice-Hughes' speech in Washington yesterday touching upon Americanism and discussion of Senator Lodge of Massachusetts.

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### Man Who Made British Army



Earl Kitchener.

### Uncle Offered Farmer \$50 to Wed His Niece

Doctors Accuse Gus Jones of Trying to Secure Criminal Aid.

WENOKA, Okla., June 6.—(Special) George Truitt, a young farmer, testified at the preliminary hearing of Gus Jones today, that Jones had offered him \$50 to wed his niece, who is now some weeks pregnant, and take her out of the country.

Truitt's story was the climax of a day of sensational testimony in the case of Eddie Jones, who is accused of murdering his niece Rattie Jones, and of trying to get her married to a young man named Phillip Jones and take her out of the country.

After six members of the Jones family had testified as to the disappearance of the girl, the case was made for her and the discovery of her body.

The state called Dr. W. B. Phillips of Maud to Phillips testified that a few weeks before the disappearance of the school girl her uncle came to his office at Maud and told him that he was in trouble and asked the doctor's assistance.

When being refused help, Jones asked Phillips for a drug, which Phillips also refused to give him, and the doctor, Jones next asked for the name of some other physician who might help him and Phillips told him that he might find some such physician in Shawnee or Oklahoma City, said the witness. In Phillips said he advised Jones to take a road to the west and to look for a doctor where he and the child would be taken care of.

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### Only Capsized Boat and Some Bodies Found at Scene of Tragedy.

LITTLE HOPE THAT ANY SURVIVE, SAYS JELlicoe

Hero of Khartoum, in Charge of Army, Regarded as England's Greatest Soldier.

LONDON, June 6.—Earl Kitchener, British minister of war, and his staff were on board the British cruiser Hampshire which was sunk by a mine or torpedo off the Orkneys. It is feared that all are lost.

Admiral Jellicoe, commander of the British grand fleet, has reported to the admiralty the loss of the Hampshire with Earl Kitchener and his staff aboard.

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

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

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Sunk by Mine or Torpedo. Admiral Jellicoe's report to the admiralty follows: "I have to report with deep regret that His Majesty's Ship Hampshire, Captain Herbert J. Savelle, R. N., with Lord Kitchener and his staff on board, was sunk last night at about 8 p. m. to the west of the Orkneys, either by a mine or a torpedo.

Four boats were seen by observers on shore to leave the ship. The wind was northwesterly and heavy seas running. Patrol vessels and destroyers at once proceeded to the spot and a party was sent alongside the coast to search but only some bodies and a capsized boat have been found up to the present. As the whole shore has been searched from the seaward I greatly fear that there is little hope of there being any survivors.

No report has yet been received from the search party on shore. "H. M. S. Hampshire was on her way to Russia."

And now the tide of the Jutland naval battle swings again to Germany. Heavily loaded merchant ships may have sunk more ships of the line than did Admiral Jellicoe, but the mines sown by the British submarine force found the Hampshire and robbed Great Britain of her man of blood and steel, Kitchener. More disadvantages are building at Portsmouth and on the Tyne, but where is the cold, calculating brain that will pick up the loose strands of the ponderous armor that Kitchener has beaten into shape and drive it through to victory? That is the question every Briton is asking today.

War Council Meets. When the news was received in London a meeting of the British war council was immediately called. Sir William Robertson, chief of the imperial staff, who probably will become the head of the war office, Sir Edward Grey, secretary for foreign affairs; Reginald McKenna, chancellor of the exchequer, and David Lloyd-George, minister of munitions, were present at the council. Accompanying Earl Kitchener as his staff were: Hugh James O'Brien, former commander of the British embassy at Petrograd, and former minister at Sofia. A. Fitzgerald, Earl Kitchener's private military secretary. Brigadier General Ellershaw. Sir Frederick Douchman.

On Way into Atlantic. The rocky islands, off which the Hampshire went down, are off the North coast of Scotland. The Hampshire was on her way into the Atlantic and around the northern end of the Scandinavian peninsula into the White Sea. Earl Kitchener probably intended to debark at Archangel.

Several officers think the Hampshire struck a mine because the cruiser was a fast one and the sea was rough, when would have made it difficult for a submarine mine to torpedo her.

England's Greatest Soldier. Earl Kitchener was appointed secretary of state for war on August 5, 1914, a few days after Great Britain's declaration of war on Germany. He was regarded as England's greatest soldier and the decision of the government to

### RUSSIANS CAPTURE 25,000 PRISONERS

PETROGRAD, June 6.—The Russians continue to develop the success won by their newly inaugurated offensive. It is reported that up to the present time they have captured 480 officers, 25,000 men, seventeen cannon and fifteen machine guns.

### TEXAS MINISTER COMMITS SUICIDE

DALLAS, Texas, June 6.—Rev. Otis Hawkins, 62 years old, pastor of the Central Christian church here, shot and killed himself at his home today during a fit of despondency. Before coming to Dallas, he lived in New Orleans. He was a native of Norfolk, Va.

### Kitchener's Life Related Briefly

BORN June 24, 1850, in County Kerry, Ireland, of French and English stock. Joined French army in Franco-Prussian war when not 21 years old. Attached to intelligence department of British army in Egypt in 1882. Made governor of Red Sea territories in 1888. Appointed stir of Egyptian army in 1890. Commanded Khartoum expedition, 1898. Commander-in-chief in South Africa 1900-1902 and in India 1902-1905. Member of committee of Imperial Defense, 1910. Made secretary of war at outbreak of great war.

### Trial Postponed; Offenders Absent

SAN ANTONIO, Texas, June 6.—The absence of all the accused caused a postponement today of the trial by court martial of those members of the Texas militia who failed to prevent themselves for muster in the federal service. The original number of those who failed to respond has been greatly reduced from 116 to those who struggled in from time to time and signed the muster roll.