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THREE TORPEDO BOATS ARE SUNK

BRITISH ADMIRALTY ANNOUNCED GERMANS LOST TWO AND BRITISH ONE IN FIGHT.

MANY LIVES ARE LOST

German Submarines Have Renewed Their Activity and Several Other Merchant Ships Sent Down.

London.—The British admiralty announced that two German torpedo boats had been sunk in the North Sea. The British torpedo boat destroyer Recruit also was sunk.

The text of the statement follows: "A series of small affairs took place in the neighborhood of the Galloper and Northlander lightships.

"During the forenoon H. M. destroyer Recruit was sunk by a submarine, four officers and 21 men being saved by the trawler Daisy.

"At 3 p. m. the trawler Colombia was attacked by two German torpedo boats, who approached her from the westward and commenced an action without hoisting their colors. The Colombia was sunk by a torpedo, only one deck hand being saved by the other trawlers.

"A division of British destroyers, comprising the Laforey, Leonidas, Lawford and Lark, chased the two German vessels and after a brief running fight of about one hour sank them both.

"The British destroyers sustained no casualties.

"Two German officers and 44 men were rescued from the sea and made prisoners of war."

The destroyer Recruit was on patrol duty when the submarine sank her. According to details received here, the Recruit when struck signaled for assistance and her call was answered by the trawler Daisy and 20 men out of her complement of 45 were saved.

It is stated that a torpedo was fired at the Daisy, which was forced to leave one of her rescue boats behind, and that the submarine chased this boat and fired her gun at it, wounding four men.

British torpedo boat destroyers, sighting in the distance two German torpedo boats which had sunk the trawler Colombia and apparently were supporting a submarine, engaged the Germans at long range in the vicinity of the North Hinder light. The Germans endeavored to run away, but the British boats pressed them hard and shortly afterward sank them. The British boats rescued some of the crews of the Germans and landed them.

Enormous Waste of War.
Philadelphia.—Simon N. Patten, Ph. D., before the American Academy of Political and Social Science here, estimated that one year of the war will mean the destruction of \$30,000,000 worth of property and a reduction of the value of the world's capital by \$60,000,000,000.

No Summer Office.
Washington.—President Wilson plans not to establish an office at the summer White House at Cornish, N. H., but to spend most of his time in Washington. He will make several brief trips to Cornish to visit his family and short cruises on the yacht Mayflower.

To Hold German Raiders.
Norfolk.—Secretary of the Navy Daniels, after a conference here with Rear Admiral Beatty, commandant of the Norfolk Navy Yard, announced that the interned German-converted cruisers Prinz Eitel Friedrich and ronprinz Wilhelm will be held at the navy yard at Portsmouth until the end of the European war.

Income Tax Is Growing.
Washington.—Complete preliminary estimates from all internal revenue collection districts received at the Treasury Department indicate that the individual and corporation income tax this year probably will exceed the original estimates of \$80,000,000.

Frye Settlement Near.
Washington.—A second note from the United States government to Germany concerning the sinking of the American ship William P. Frye by the commerce raider Prinz Eitel Friedrich, was dispatched to Berlin. It is said to accept the German proposition to compensate the owners of the Frye under the terms of the old Prussian-American treaties of 1799 and 1828, regardless of any prize court decision.



MARSHAL VON DER GOLTZ
The German military commander at Constantinople.

FRENCH CRUISER IS SUNK BY SUBMARINE

LEON GAMBETTA SENT TO BOTTOM IN THE STRAIT OF OTRANTO—SANK IN 10 MINUTES.

Brindisi, Italy.—The French cruiser Leon Gambetta has been torpedoed by the Austrian submarine U-6 in the Strait of Otranto, the waterway leading to the Adriatic Sea.

The first report of the destruction of this cruiser came from the men on duty at the semaphore station of Santa Maria Lucea. Vessels were sent out at once to the aid of the Leon Gambetta from Brindisi, Taranto, Otranto and Bari. The men at the station also went out in their own boat and were the first to reach the scene.

It has not been ascertained yet if the attack on the French cruiser occurred within the territorial waters of Italy.

The Austrian submarine U-6 is the same craft that a few days ago boarded the Italian steamer Jolanda.

Since the beginning of the Anglo-French operations against the Dardanelles, French warships in the Adriatic have limited their activities to watching in the Strait of Otranto with the idea of preventing any Austrian submarine escaping from the Adriatic, at the head of which is Pola, the Austrian naval base, and reaching the coast of Turkey. This patrol duty was particularly to protect the vessels of the allies operating against the Dardanelles. It is well known that Austria possesses several submarines whose cruising range is sufficient to permit them to travel from Pola to the Dardanelles without replenishing their fuel supply.

Greeks Split Over War.
London.—Greece is considering terms from the allies and Athens is torn by divided opinion, and adherents of ex-Premier Venizelos demanding immediate intervention and the government supporters insisting that the integrity of the country must be guaranteed before Greece takes up arms.

Is Now Gaillard Cut.
Washington.—President Wilson signed an executive order changing the name of Culebra Cut in the Panama Canal to Gaillard Cut, in honor of the late Col. D. D. Gaillard, who died from disease contracted while a member of the isthmian canal commission.

Massacres Reported.
Washington.—The State Department made representations to Turkey regarding reported massacres of Armenians, and urged steps for prevention of further outrages. Secretary Bryan acted on request of the Russian government, submitted through Ambassador Bakmetiff.

Execution Rumor False.
El Paso.—Phil E. McClure, American correspondent and newspaper man, reported under sentence of execution at Vera Cruz, sailed from Vera Cruz three days ago, according to a telegram to relatives here.

Greece Negotiates Loan.
London.—The Exchange Telegraph dispatch quotes Athens newspapers as saying Greece has negotiated with American capitalists for a loan of \$7,000,000.

ATTACK ON GOV. HALL NOT JUSTIFIED

OUACHITA SOLON SAYS HE WAS MISLED BY ARTICLES PUBLISHED IN PAPERS.

APPEARS BEFORE THE BOARD

Mr. Bryant Agreed in Most Instances That 1914 Assessment Was High Enough.

Baton Rouge.—Representative J. T. Bryant of Ouachita admitted during a hearing held by the board of appraisers that his attack on the board, contained in a letter to Gov. Hall which was printed in a New Orleans newspaper during the week, was unjustified.

Mr. Bryant appeared before the board in answer to an insistent invitation which its members extended him to appear before them and give facts and figures to substantiate this charge that railroads of the state were under assessed and that this was due to "pull" which corporation attorneys had with the board. Mr. Bryant was accompanied by Joe Hanna, assessor of Ouachita.

M. H. Carver, ex-officio chairman, conducted the hearing for the board. He reviewed the board's 1914 assessments of the Vicksburg, Shreveport and Pacific and the Iron Mountain properties in Monroe and asked Mr. Bryant his opinion of their propriety. Mr. Bryant agreed in most instances that the 1914 assessments were high enough.

Mr. Bryant pointed out that the Vicksburg, Shreveport and Pacific owned a square of valuable ground in the town which had not been assessed by the board. The board members state that the road had made no return on the property to them and they were under the impression that it was not used for railroad purposes. In such a case, the property would be assessed by the parish assessor, they said. The board promised to take up the matter and get it properly adjusted.

"I was misled by the newspapers," was the explanation offered by the representative for his scathing letter. Mr. Bryant further explained that he had no idea the letter would be published.

Both Mr. Carver and Paul Caple, chairman of the board, mildly reproached the representative at the close of the examination. At the same time, they thanked him for appearing before them and assisting the board in its work.

TOLD IN A FEW LINES.

The "Prosperity Campaigners" of the Southwest Louisiana Development Bureau met an enthusiastic reception on the occasion of their visit when over 500 citizens of St. Martinville gathered about the stand in Evangeline Park to hear them tell of the benefits of co-operation for the betterment of business and agricultural condition.

A former Spanish cruiser which fell a prize to the victorious Admiral Dewey in Manila Bay in 1898 has been purchased by a New Orleans man, who plans to use it in conquering the trade of Latin America for this port.

The delegates attending the convention of the Woman Suffrage party of Louisiana expressed themselves delighted with the interest taken in their meeting by the men and women of Baton Rouge.

There is lively movement in Acadia having for its object the placing of the parish under a commission form of government as permitted by act of the general assembly of 1914.

In four weeks the largest class in the history of the Amite High School will graduate. For the first time, too, in the history of the school, a majority of boys compose the class.

President Boyd of Louisiana State University of Baton Rouge announced that the summer session of the university will open Monday, June 7, for the registration of students.

Awards of merit have been received by the Eunice high school for distribution to eleven pupils for making a 100 per cent record in the recent state spelling test.

Following the first beneficial rain in over six weeks crops at near Plancherelle are showing marked improvement.

In response to a telegram sent the secretary of the department of agriculture, the Association of Commerce is in receipt of a reply from Secretary Houston, stating that the department will have a representative familiar with harvesting, stacking, threshing and storing grain visit Louisiana. While in the state the expert will be upon me by demonstration agents and state committees, cooperating with the Association of Commerce before the marketing of the crop actually begins.

A conference is to be called at an early date to perfect co-operation among all the associations, boards of trade, agricultural societies and those interested in increasing the grain crops. The date and place for this meeting will be set later.

The request to the department of agriculture was as follows:

"The farmers of Louisiana have gone seriously into diversification this year. They have planted and are planting more oats, hay and corn than ever before. However, they are largely uninformed as to the best methods of harvesting and marketing. This association believes it can render a service to the state by assisting this movement in a definite, practical way. Can you send a man or men, from the department of markets or otherwise as you see best, to travel state under our auspices to get knowledge of the best methods down to the farmers themselves. Oats are to be harvested in six weeks, hence telegraphic inquiry."

This project is the first step in the program of co-operation among all the agencies in Louisiana to stimulate rural progress, devise more efficient methods of harvesting and marketing, and to quicken the inflow of desirable immigration. The visit of experts was arranged following the conference of the Land and Immigration Bureau of the Association of Commerce before which appeared Senator Randall with an explanation of the new work proposed by the federal department of markets.

R. de le Bertonne, a native Orleanian long distance walker who is under contract with a Chicago shoe house to walk 25,000 miles in shoes and neither "bes, borrows nor steal," reached Cavington, La., to walk to Slidell and New Orleans from here. The trip is from Pittsburgh to San Francisco through a great portion of the South and was started January 1, 1914, and up to the present time he has worn out eight pairs of shoes and has walked 17,421 miles. He is to receive \$20,000 as a prize for a successful completion of the trip.

Over tea carloads of strawberries were shipped this week by the two Amite associations at prices maintained at \$2.00 and up. For the first time the returns fell a little below the \$400 mark. The fruit is reported to be standing the drought remarkably well, the plants are refreshed daily by heavy dews.

An interesting aftermath of the school tax election was the donation of \$2 by Kung Sing, former proprietor of the Chinese restaurant at Eunice, to the Eunice High School. Sing could not cast a vote in favor of the tax, and said, as he wished to help the children in some way, he wrote out his check for \$25.

An appropriation was made by the police jury for the completion of the public road at East Mandeville. The new public road from Covington to Slidell is in course of construction. The road runs through Helenburg, Chinola, Mandeville, Lacombe and Bonfaca and will be shelled.

The Sicily Island Gas and Oil Company are to begin boring within a few days. The members of the company were a Sicily Island to locate the well. It will be 600 yards north of the second well, on F. O. Denham's tract.

Parisan spirit is running high in Thibodaux as a result of the recent municipal election in which six Progressives, including the mayor and chief of police were elected against one independent who was chosen for alderman.

The Presbyterian board of foreign missions started last year \$292,000 in debt, and two months ago feared it would end this year at least \$300,000 behind. Instead, it has just closed its year \$300,000 ahead, and wiped out all of last year's debt save \$102,000.

With every prospect of a record-breaking crowd, gathered from all sections of Louisiana and Mississippi, and with arrangements including some of the biggest things in the festival line ever attempted in New Orleans, the United Ancient Order of Druids are looking forward to a great success on Sunday, May 16 at the Fair Ground.

MEXICO FACTIONS MUST FIGHT IT OUT

CONSTITUTION OF COMMERCE INTENDS TO BRING ABOUT RECOGNITION BEFORE RECOGNITION.

CARRANZA PUT OUT FEELER

Views of the First Chief Submitted Unofficially to the State Department.

Washington.—Recognition of any of the Mexican factions during the present uncertain state of affairs is not contemplated by the United States, according to expressions by high officials.

Secretary Bryan told inquirers that the subject of recognition had not reached the point of formal consideration. Persons close to the White House said President Wilson intended to study the question carefully before committing the American government to recognition and that he did not propose to take any action until the military situation in Mexico clarified itself.

Published reports that a statement to be issued by Gen. Carranza covering his intentions and program had been drafted on suggestions from the Washington administration and was now before Secretary Bryan and President Wilson were met with the explanation that what purported to be the views of the first chief had been presented unofficially to the State Department, but had not been submitted for an expression of opinion or with any view toward recognition.

"We haven't been asked," said Mr. Bryan, "to take the matter up, and we have nothing before us that we would regard as sufficient to raise the subject of recognition."

The American government has unofficially indicated to the various factions in Mexico the general principles which would guide it in considering recognition. It has been said there would be no recognition until Mexico had been internally pacified by complete military domination by one faction or a peaceful agreement among the more important elements.

Warn Young Diplomats.

Washington.—President Wilson took another step in rejuvenating the diplomatic service by signing an executive order which will bar men more than 35 years old from the so-called "civil service" portion of the corps, which includes secretaries and clerks. The age limit has been 50. Ambassadors and ministers will not be affected.

For Retired Ministers.

Chicago.—The 4,395,000 children claimed by the Methodist Episcopal Church can be made a source of contributions for the campaign to raise \$10,000,000 for retired ministers and their widows and orphans, the Rev. Frederick T. Keeney of Syracuse, N. Y., told the convention of conference claimants.

Tulsa's Rapid Growth.

Washington.—A special census of Tulsa, Okla., taken by order of the president at the request of the citizens on April 15 last, shows a total population of 28,240, not including 1,985 persons living on Indian lands or adjacent to the city. This is an increase of 55 per cent in five years.

General Murray Is 64.

Washington.—Major General Arthur Murray, commanding the Western department of the army, attained the retirement age of 64, but by order of Secretary Garrison, will be retained in his command on the active list until the end of the Panama-Pacific Exposition.

Woman For Woman Problems.

Washington.—Woman labor problems as they arise in the immigration service are to be worked out by a woman. President Wilson waived the civil service requirements and appointed Mrs. Lucy Jones Harris of Morzandfield, Ky., to take up the work in the labor distribution branch of the service in New York.

Millions in War Horses.

Washington.—Because of the great demand for American horses and mules by the fighting forces in Europe, miscellaneous reports last month reached a total of \$9,763,190 as against \$561,888 in March the preceding year.

Exports From Galveston.

Galveston.—Exports of cotton from Galveston during April amounted to 137,660 bales, an increase of 12,495 over April last year. Great Britain was the principal taker.



LADY RALPH PAGET

Lady Ralph Paget, who was mistakenly reported to have died of typhus while working with the Red Cross in Serbia, is a granddaughter of the late Paron Stevens of New York. Her husband was formerly British minister to Serbia.

PRINZ WILHELM DECIDES TO INTERN

SECOND GERMAN SEA RAIDER WILL REMAIN AT NEWPORT NEWS—60 OF CREW ILL.

Newport News.—The German commerce destroyer Kronprinz Wilhelm will be interned for the war in American waters at the request of her commander, Lieut. Capt. Thierfelder. Notice of his intentions were given by the German officer to Collector of Customs Hamilton in this message:

"Herewith I have to officially inform you that I intern."

Commander Thierfelder later amplified verbally this message by saying it had been his intention to attempt the dash for sea past the allied warships off the Virginia Capes, but the continued illness of more than 60 members of his crew would make that move impossible before the expiration of the time limit set for his departure from this neutral haven.

The commander told the collector that his surgeons had informed him there was no prospect for the early recovery of the sailors, who are suffering with beri-beri, and added that his ship could not be properly manned with so many of her crew incapacitated.

The United States government will maintain a naval and military patrol around the Wilhelm until she is taken to the Norfolk navy yard, there to be paid up near the Prinz Eitel Friedrich, another German sea raider, which was interned nearly a month ago.

Wilson to Review Warships.

Washington.—With May 17 selected as the date for the review of the Atlantic fleet in New York harbor by President Wilson, navy department officials were working out the details of the review and events to follow ashore. These include a water carnival on the night of May 17 and a land parade the next day by bluejackets and marines from the fleet, Federal troops and other military organizations.

Little Hope For Potash.

Washington.—Officials here see little encouragement in Berlin reports that negotiations for raising the export embargo on potash indicate a favorable conclusion. The negotiations are predicated on an exchange of American cotton for potash, and the British order in council excludes cotton from Germany.

For Immune Mexico.

Washington.—Vaccine and other medical supplies to combat smallpox and prevent spread of the disease in Mexico City is to be forwarded from Vera Cruz by special train.

Election Fraud Charged.

San Francisco.—Evidence concerning alleged extensive election frauds in Alameda County (Oakland) has been laid before the attorney-general at Washington, United States District Attorney Preston announced here.

C P Thornhill