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GREATEST NAVAL BATTLE THE WORLD HAS EVER KNOWN

Germans Gain Decided Advantage Over English When Many Great Battleships Were Sunk.

The greatest naval battle of modern times was fought in the North Sea Wednesday, May 31. From accounts at hand when this is written, the German fleet obtained a decided advantage in the battling, although opposed by the stronger British fleet. The naval battle took place between the Skager Rack, the arm of the North Sea jutting into the Scandinavian peninsula, and The Horn, a cape on the west coast of Denmark, about 100 miles north of the German fortress of Helgoland.

Whether the Germans met the British by design or accident is not stated, but the fact that the Germans made a stand of several hours indicates the British did not surprise the Germans. The German battle fleet undoubtedly is provided with every possible facility for scouting and communication and it is difficult to believe the Germans were not aware of the presence of the British.

If they were taken by surprise, however, the fact remains the Germans stood by their guns, for the number of destroyers and torpedo boats sunk in the engagement proves conclusively the battling was at comparatively close range and was not a running fight.

The German admiralty announces that among the British vessels sunk is the Warsprite, originally carrying fifteen-inch guns and later said to have been armed with sixteen-inch guns, but the Associated Press reports some months ago said the Germans were overhauling their capital ships in the Kiel canal and adding heavier armament.

If this is correct it is not surprising that the Germans were ready to meet the British fleet, although it included the Warsprite. With fighting at comparatively close range, as it appears to have been, some of the smaller units of the German fleet possibly could have sunk the Warsprite, if the report of its sinking is true. When this was written the British admiralty had not admitted the loss of the Warsprite.

London, June 5.—A total of 333 officers were killed in the Jutland battle, according to a list issued by the admiralty today. The list shows that practically all officers of the cruisers Queen Mary, Invincible, Indefatigable, Defense and Black Prince, and from the destroyers Tipperary, Turbulent, Ardent, Nomad, Nestor and Shark perished. All the officers except one from the cruiser Warrior were saved as were all the officers from the destroyer Sparrow Hawk. On the other the ships' 23 officers were killed and 22 wounded.

London, June 5.—British officers of the fleet which participated in the Jutland battle have returned here identifying the two German warships sunk as the Hindenburg and Lutzow. The Lutzow, a battle cruiser of 26,000 tons, was built in 1915. She was armed with eight 12-inch, twelve 6-inch and twelve 24-pounder guns, and equipped with five torpedo tubes.

PREPARATIONS FOR NORMAL COMMENCEMENT

The Week of June 18-23 Will Be Busy For the Students—Some Splendid Programs Arranged.

Definite details for the Normal School Commencement, week of June 18-23, are being arranged, with the events of greatest interest to the general public already fixed. Baccalaureate services will be held Sunday evening, June 19. Rev. Bruce E. Jackson of the Baptist church of Bismarck, will give the address. Monday afternoon at 3 o'clock the Normal School Seniors will give a performance of their play, "Lost, a Chaperone." This performance is intended for children only, with the admission placed at 25 cents. On Tuesday night, June 20, at 8:30, the final performance of the play will be given, with an admission fee of 50 cents. There will be music, vocal and instrumental, at both performances. It is a policy of the school that all proceeds from these performances exceeding expenses incurred in presentation, be expended in some public enterprise. Thus far it has been applied on a fund the classes have given toward memorials left to the school.

On Wednesday, 8:30 p. m., the Model school commencement exercises will take place. They are presenting an operetta, entitled "The Smugglers," in which about sixty seventh and eighth grade pupils take part.

On Thursday, at 8:30 p. m., the graduates will receive their diplomas. Mr. Henry Lawrence Southwick of the

Emerson School of Oratory, Boston, will give the Commencement address. On Friday the final Normal School Assembly will be held at which time the class exercises will take place, closing with inter-class contests on the athletic field. The alumni banquet and president's reception will also be given on Friday, June 23.

There are 47 candidates for graduation, 39 in the one year elementary course and 8 in the advanced course. All the commencement events will take place in the gymnasium with the exception of the banquet. The public is invited to all with the exception of the alumni banquet. There is no admission fee except to the class play.

Large Class of Elks Initiated.

The Minot B. P. O. Elks lodge held an initiation Friday that will long be remembered. Fifty-one candidates received the degrees. Work was started in the afternoon and a supper was served at the Home at 7 o'clock. The main initiatory work was given in the evening and all of the candidates declare they got their money's worth. The Minot Lodge No. 1089 now numbers nearly 700 members.

Herman Matson Precariously Ill.

Herman Matson, a prominent farmer residing about fifteen miles north-east of the city, is lying in a very critical condition in St. Joseph's hospital in Minot. He was taken ill with appendicitis and an operation was performed Saturday night. Doctors say that he cannot possibly survive.

"Dad" Green, Sawyer's candidate for county justice of the peace, was a visitor in Minot Monday, rounding up votes and looking after other business.

EARL KITCHENER COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF OF BRITISH ARMY, DROWNED AT SEA

England's Greatest Soldier Enroute to Russia Lost—Warship Torpedoed or Hit Mine.

London, June 6.—Great Britain is mourning the loss of her most noted military chieftain, Field Marshall Earl Kitchener, head of the British war office.

Kitchener, with members of his staff, was aboard the British cruiser Hampshire, which was sunk last night off the Orkney islands, and he with all others aboard the warship have been lost.

Admiral Jellicoe, reporting the sinking, says the vessel was sent to the bottom "either by a mine or torpedo." Supposedly Kitchener and his staff intended to consult the Russian military authorities regarding the Russian offensive expected to relieve the Italian pressure on Verdun and the Italian front.

When the news regarding Kitchener and his staff was received in London, a meeting of the British war council immediately was called. Sir William Robertson, chief of the imperial staff, who probably will become 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.

Kitchener, who was appointed secretary of state for war on August 8, 1914, soon after the British declaration of war on Germany, is regarded as England's greatest soldier.

Of several things that entitle 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.

He was born June 24, 1850, in County Kerry, Ireland, a fact that gave rise to a general belief that he was of Irish blood, but his parents were of French and English descent.

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.

He grimly told the British people they had a bigger war on their hands than they realized, and one that might last longer than they expected, but it was to be faced with entire confidence, and he, unsmiling, almost like a dehumanized machine, set about to make things hum.

BOY DRAGGED TO DEATH BY FRIGHTENED COLT.

Sherwood, June 5.—Fred Jesmer, aged 16, son of Dr. and Mrs. E. A. Jesmer living north of town, met a tragic death when the young lad went to get a colt that was tethered out and in some way became entangled in the rope. The colt took fright and ran around the pasture several times with the youth dragging at the end of the rope. When released by his brother and taken to the house it was found that the skull was fractured. Dr. Durin was summoned but the boy died before the doctor reached there.

Wolf Von Neida Died Suddenly.

Wolf Von Neida, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Von Neida, former residents of Minot, died at his home at Williston very suddenly from heart trouble the first of the week. He was about 26 years of age and married. He was the only son. Wolf lived in Minot for several years when a boy, attending our schools. Many friends will mourn his death.

Young Bristol in Trouble.

A young man named Bristol was arrested and brot back from Williston charged with obtaining merchandise under false pretenses. He had been employed for a few days by the Northern States Power Co. He secured a suit of clothes from the Leland Department store on the strength of his position, leaving town immediately after. It is said that he owes the Radisson hotel of Minneapolis money. His father, who lives in Minnesota is well fixed and is willing to come to his son's rescue.

MINOT WOMAN INJURED IN IOWA MAIL CRASH

Nine Bodies Recovered and Four More Are Known to be Missing— Mrs. Unzen Fatally Injured.

Green, Iowa, June 3.—Rescue work at the Packard wreck has resulted in the finding of nine bodies, eight of which have been identified. Four are known to be missing.

The bodies of Mrs. Wescot, Mr. Lap and Alvin Thoen were found this afternoon down stream from where the wreck occurred Friday morning, seven miles south of Green, when a bridge over Flood creek gave way and let the day coach fall into the creek. It is believed that all but Mrs. Van Vliete drowned, she having been injured internally.

Searchers are devoting all of their time in dragging the creek and searching along the banks. They believe that no more bodies will be found in the partly submerged coach. Many injured persons are being given treatment in local hospitals, three of whom are believed to be fatally injured.

These are Mrs. M. E. Thoen of Kensett, Iowa; S. L. Case, Henry Ill., and Mrs. Henry Unzen, Minot, N. D.

Railway officials state that they hope to have the bridge so train service can be resumed Tuesday.

The Minot woman, Mrs. Henry Unzen, who is said to have been fatally injured, left this city not long ago accompanied by her husband for a visit with relatives in Iowa. Two of the Unzen children are still in Minot. The above is the only word that has been received concerning the accident.

Good Piece of Business.

It cost Ward county \$455.93 for electric lighting during the year just ended, the electricity being furnished by the Consumers Power Co. The year before, when the county manufactured its own electricity, the cost amounted to \$2175, not figuring the depreciation and interest on the \$4200 plant, and with the increased cost of gasoline, the price would run still higher. This is a good piece of business on the part of the commissioners, who adopted the present plan suggested by Peter Vandenoever, commissioner from the First district.

Must Build New School House.

The Supreme court has decided the school board in Norway school district must build a new school house about three miles east of Minot, sustaining the decision of Judge Leighton in an action brot by J. C. Johnson ex rel, against Thorwald Mostad, D. J. Mahoney and Oliver Saugstad, members of the board. The school board claimed that they did not have to measure the distance around by road if there was a section line, regardless of the fact that the line has a coulee and is impassible. W. H. Sibbald was attorney for the petitioners.

Atty. Lesk in Auto Accident.

Atty. Lesk was thrown out of an auto in Riverside park Monday evening when the machine skidded on the slippery driveway, striking a tree. A large piece of bark was torn off the tree and the auto damaged. Mr. Lesk was not badly injured.

LOUIS W. HILL WILL ADMINISTER HILL ESTATE

Widow and Children Petition for His Appointment, Following Desire of the Deceased.

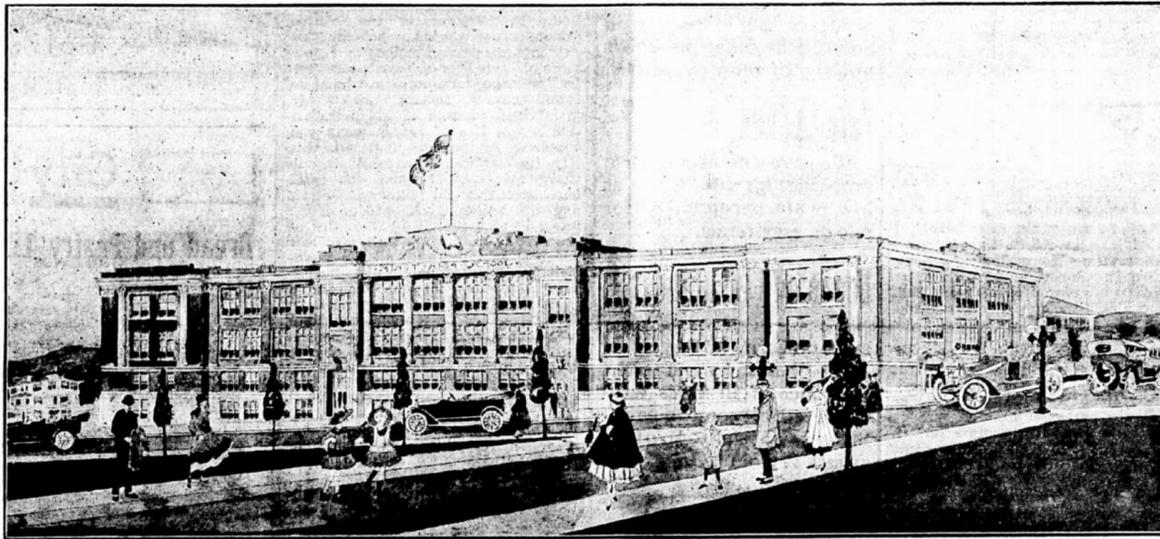
St. Paul, Minn., June 6.—Mrs. Jas. J. Hill, widow of the late railroad builder, filed a petition in the probate court of Ramsey county this afternoon, signed by herself and eight children, asking for the appointment of Louis W. Hill, as administrator of his father's vast estate. Mr. Hill left no will. It is declared the heirs followed the desire of the deceased in naming Louis.

The value of the estate is placed at builder, filed a petition in the probate merely is a formal proceeding. The true value will be learned after the examination of securities and holdings.

Memorial Services for Engineers.

The Engineers' Memorial Services will be held at the Presbyterian church Sunday evening, the sermon to be preached by the pastor, Rev. P. W. Erickson. The members of the B. of L. E. and their families will meet at the Sons of Norway hall and go to church in a body. The public is invited to the services.

Prof. George St. John Perrott, member of the University of North Dakota faculty for twenty-five years, died Sunday. The funeral was held today. He was born in England 69 years ago and was an Oxford student.



MINOT'S NEW \$85,000 HIGH SCHOOL BUILDING.
The \$30,000 bond issue and the additional 10 mill tax levy carried by a big majority Tuesday. Work on the excavation for this structure will start within a very short time and it is hoped that the building will be completed during the present year. This is the picture from the revised drawing of the building, as it will appear when completed.

COMMENCEMENT WEEK AT SURREY

Bright Students Complete Course in One of Our Best Schools—Inter- esting Exercises.

This is commencement week at the Surrey schools. The following program was rendered at the class night exercises Wednesday evening:

- Orchestra—Selected.
- Class Prophecy, Salutatory—Marie Niedermeier.
- "The Lost Word," Henry Van Dyke—Verna A. Frank.
- Instrumental Duet—Mrs. Larsen and Evelyn Fox.
- "The New South," Henry W. Grady—Enid C. Young.
- Class Poem—John W. Withers.
- Vocal Solo—Theodore Huston.
- Class Oration, "Politics"—Allen Dewey Smith.
- Class History, Valedictory—Mathilda Niedermeier.
- Class Song, Verna Frank—Graduates.

Orchestra—Selected.
The Eighth Grade Class Night exercises will be held this evening, the program to be as follows:

- Music—Selected.
 - Class History—Alma Schrader.
 - Reading—Bernice Hunsley.
 - Class Poem—Henrietta Shorb.
 - Music—Selected.
 - Class Oration—Marvin Burns.
 - Reading—Harry Burns.
 - Class Prophecy—Gertrude Stake.
 - Solo—Bernice Hunsley.
 - Class Play—"My Wife's Relations."
 - Music—Selected.
 - Class Song, Etc.
 - Class Enrollment—Gertrude Stake, Henrietta Shorb, Orville Eaton, Leo Timroth, Alma Schrader, Helen Woodiwiss, Marvin Burns, Harry Burns, Gladys Wolf, Edith Yoder, Edna Yoder, John Foster, Bernice Hunsley.
- The following is the program for the commencement exercises Friday evening:
- Orchestra—Selected.

Address—Rev. Dr. W. H. Elfring.
Violin Solo—Mrs. Baker.
"Progress"—D. J. Shorb.
Presentation of Diplomas—W. S. Young, President.
Orchestra—Selected.
The high school graduates are Marie Niedermeier, Verna A. Frank, Enid C. Young, John W. Withers, Allen Dewey Smith and Mathilda Niedermeier.

F. A. WEATHERWAX.



The above is the likeness of Fred A. Weatherwax, the logical candidate for Ward County Treasurer.

If the voters consider courtesy and efficiency, proven by nine years experience as Deputy County Treasurer, as they should, Mr. Weatherwax will roll up a handsome majority at the primaries. (Pol. Advt.)

Should he be elected, the work of this important office will be in the hands of one thoroughly qualified and one whose integrity has never been questioned.

cure information and assistance with his car when it may seem to need attention. When one considers that the majority of automobile owners are new beginners and can hardly be expected to know for a certainty whether or not their cars are running right, and if not, what steps should be taken to remedy the trouble, one will appreciate the great advantage there is in being able to secure advice and actual mechanical assistance, if it is required, without cost.

The Overland factory today, is manufacturing one thousand of the celebrated Model 75 \$615.00 Overland automobiles every day and we are informed that the production of this one model for the 1917 season is scheduled at more than 200,000 cars.

Two Daily Papers at New Rockford.

Two new papers have appeared at New Rockford. The New Rockford State Center was issued Monday evening. J. N. Southard, formerly with the Fargo Forum, is the general manager, and J. H. Worst, formerly president of the state agricultural college, is the managing editor. The Daily Center has installed a fine equipment consisting of two linograph machines and a Goss press. Editor Olson has started a daily which he calls The Daily Capital, the name that the other paper intended to use.

Socialists Win School Election.

At the Rolling Green No. 129 school election held at the Tucker school house Tuesday, the following were elected: M. S. Williams, 3 years; Theo. O. Mork, 2 years; R. S. Wagoner, treasurer. There were 34 Socialist ballots cast. J. E. Goulden, the clerk, who was the only democrat present, did not vote. Not a republican voted, as it was known that they were whipped before the polls opened.

Boden Babe Passed Away.

Russell, the fourteen-months-old son of Mr. and Mrs. S. S. Boden, died Friday afternoon at 5:30 o'clock after a short illness from spinal meningitis. The funeral was held from the home Sunday afternoon at one o'clock, interment being made in Rose Hill cemetery. The funeral was conducted by Rev. A. L. Shute, pastor of the M. E. church. Mr. and Mrs. Boden and family have the sympathy of many friends over the death of their babe.

PLAN FOURTH OF JULY CELEBRATION

Committee Working on Plans for the Greatest Time Minot Has Ever Seen—Riverside Park Secured.

The Fourth of July Executive Committee met Tuesday evening and started the ball rolling for a big celebration which bids fair to be just as good as the one last year, if not better.

The park board has given the merchants the use of Riverside Park for the celebration. The independent cannot give many of the details in this issue, but our readers can expect more next week. There will be amusements of various kinds, ball games, band concerts, athletic events, boat and swimming races, fire works, red lemonade and everything that goes to make up a first class Fourth of July celebration.

The executive committee consists of D. W. Bowker, Eldon White, A. B. Dill, J. C. Smallwood and Otto Ellison. Other committees have been appointed and are now working.

The idea is to give a great many free entertainments and to invite our friends from many miles around to join us in celebrating the day.

At the celebration a year ago it is estimated that 20,000 people enjoyed the festivities and with weather permitting, we can expect fully as large a crowd, or larger, at this one.

Watch Deering Grow.

Editor F. Roble of Deering motored to this city Monday. He reports brisk building activities at Deering. F. L. Calkins is building an addition to their hardware store 26x60. The Western Building Co. has about completed the new block for the Security State bank. Warchow & Koch, Mr. Bowman and Mr. LaGrange are building garages. Among the farmers of that vicinity erecting large barns are A. F. Thomas, W. C. Stebbins, M. Snowberg, Robt. Johnson and C. J. Pirrung.