

GERMANS ARE DEALT CRUSHING BLOW

FIRST CLASH COMES UP IN PROHIB MEET

Effort to Inject Anti Catholic Declaration in Platform Causes Stir.

HANLY BOOSTERS SURE

Managers Predict His Nomination on First Ballot of Convention.

St. Paul, Minn., July 20.—An effort to inject an anti-Catholic declaration into the prohibition platform caused the resolutions committee to go into executive session while a bitter debate waged.

When the convention opened at 9:45 a. m. Hanly managers predicted his nomination on the first ballot this afternoon and expressed confidence in their ability to withstand Sulzer's expected effort to stampede the convention.

Efforts to effect adoption of the resolutions committee's draft of a platform without first printing and distributing copies to delegates, this noon precipitated the first lively outbreak of contention among delegates at the prohibition national convention. Advocates of immediate consideration and adoption of the proposed platform recoiled from their position under pressure of opposition from the floor.

In Uproar 10 Minutes. For 10 minutes the convention was in an uproar, delegates standing on chairs and shouting wildly while Chairman Patton vainly attempted to restore order. He never quite succeeded in doing so, as recess was taken and a hailstorm of noise and disorder from the floor. The majority of the delegates evidently desired to have deliberate discussion of the various planks in the proposed platform before taking up the question of adoption.

The much heralded appearance of former Governor Sulzer of New York before the convention did not materialize.

When interviewed Mr. Sulzer declared he did not come to St. Paul to seek the nomination, but because a group of friends in the convention begged him to come and speak "for the good of the cause."

"I am willing to lead if they want to follow me," he said, "but I am for the prohibition cause first and always."

Mr. Sulzer said he did not know whether he will speak at the convention. That was to be determined after a conference with Eugene Chaffin of Arizona, W. G. Calderwood of Minneapolis, Virgil G. Hinshaw, chairman of the national committee and others.

Nation-Wide Prohibition Favored. The proposed platform, which caused the first row of the sessions, led off with strong declarations for nationwide prohibition and woman suffrage. These planks were followed by anti-preparedness and peace planks. Reciprocal trade treaties with foreign nations and a federal trade commission of specialists were recommended.

Taking up the Mexican situation, the platform declared the "democratic party has blundered and the republican party evaded responsibility."

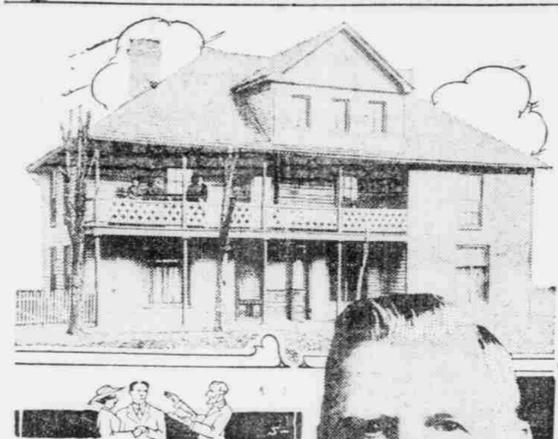
"Mexico needs not a conqueror but a good Samaritan," the platform declared. The plank on free institutions declared for "absolute separation of church and state with an absolute guarantee of full religious and civil liberty." The subjects of markets and marketing conditions was taken up in a vigorous clause in which government owned and operated terminal elevators and warehouses were urged, together with the abolishment of all boards of trade and chambers of commerce dealing in options and futures.

Slayer Taken to Princeton. Clinton, Iowa, July 20.—Prosecuting Attorney O. H. Hollerick and Sheriff Skoglund of Princeton, Ill., took Bernard Sherman back to that city with them yesterday. Their story of the tragedy coincided with that told by Sherman of the killing of Joseph Derix of La Salle at Ladd.

200 Fishermen Lost in Monsoon. London, July 20.—Two hundred fishermen are believed to have lost their lives in a monsoon off the coast of Colombia, Ceylon, according to a dispatch received by the Exchange Telegraph company. A large fishing fleet was caught by the storm and more than one hundred boats have failed to return.

DAY IN CONGRESS
SENATE.
Met at 10 a. m.
Resumed discussion of naval appropriation bill.
HOUSE.
Not in session. Meets Friday.

"MARRYING PARSON" DIES AFTER UNITING THOUSANDS OF ELOPERS IN UNIQUE HOTEL



Rev. Burroughs, the "Marrying Parson" and his honeymoon hotel.

The Rev. Alfred Harrison Burroughs, famous as the "Marrying Parson," because during his lifetime he united more than 5,000 couples, died recently at Bristol, Va., at the age of eighty-three and after twenty-five years of uniting eloping couples. Rev. Burroughs' hotel, built by himself for the accommodation of young brides and grooms, was directly on the state line and admirably situated for its purpose. Rev. Burroughs resigned from the Baptist church to devote himself to soliciting.

Flood Death Toll Stands at 73 Lives

Asheville, N. C., July 20.—The list of dead from Sunday's flood in five southeastern states, which has been constantly growing as channels of communication were restored, stood at 73 today, with nine persons still reported missing. Most of the deaths have been in western North Carolina.

Property loss also has been heavy. This has been confined to a great extent to the Carolinas but adjacent portions of Tennessee, Virginia and West Virginia also suffered. It was thought Tuesday that \$15,000,000 would cover all property loss. Efforts were being continued today by relief committees to care for food sufferers. It will be weeks before all railroad traffic would be normal.

THE WAR TODAY

The French have resumed their driving offensive along the Somme in northern France, forcing back the Germans on a wide front both north and south of the river.

According to this afternoon's Paris bulletin the German first line trenches from Barleux to Soyecourt south of the Somme, a distance of five miles, fell into French hands.

North of the river the French attack pushed east from Hardecourt and carried trenches along the Comblès-Clergy railway. The operations here are close to the right flank of the British advance, Comblès itself being little more than three miles southeast of Longueval for possession of which British and Germans are still fighting.

The French push forward at Soyecourt marks the furthest southward point carried by them in their offensive. Hard fighting continues on the Austro-Italian front. Vienna reports artillery engagements at various points, increased activity extending even to the Isone front. Near Borovka pass the Austrians announce the repulse of three strong attacks, stones being rolled down the mountainside, to stop the Italians. In the Verdun region Paris reports progress west of the Thiaumont works north of the citadel and the capture of a strongly fortified German post south of Fleury.

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Around Verdun, in the region of Hill 204, the Germans are heavily bombarding French positions. Around Riga the Russians are hammering away with infantry and artillery, the forces of Field Marshal von Hindenburg, but Berlin reports that all attacks have been repulsed with heavy losses to the Russians. Farther south in Volhynia the Russians along the Stokhod river are pressing the Teutonic allies hard.

Petrograd asserts that the Russians in Galicia are advancing toward the passes of the Carpathian mountains leading to the plains of Hungary. Vienna says that southwest of Delatyn the Austrians have driven the Russians back across the river Pruth.

FIRMS UNDECIDED UPON BLACK-LIST

American Concerns Affected by British Action Are as Yet Uncertain as to Course to Pursue.

New York, July 20.—Business and banking firms here have not yet decided what they will do regarding the action of the British government in placing them upon its trade blacklist. Many have put their cases in the hands of the merchants' association and the secretary of that organization is now in Washington conferring with government officials. There was talk today of calling a meeting to discuss a plan of united action and engage joint counsel but no definite course of procedure has been agreed upon.

Some of the men in the list expressed resignation. They said they had expected this action for several months. R. L. Dunn, head of the Pan-American association, which includes several hundred concerns doing business in South America, said that an attempt had been made to keep American firms with British affiliations from having business relations with the black-listed houses. He said he had been told of the black-list more than a month ago.

William Schall, Jr., of the banking and shipping house of Muller, Schall and company said that last winter after assuring the British embassy in Washington that members of his firm, with one exception are citizens of the United States, he was told that the name of the company might be removed from the secret black-list if a guarantee were given that no business would be done with Germany. Mr. Schall refused. His firm was among those on the official public black-list.

THREE KILLED IN AN IOWA STORM

Lightning Takes Toll of Lives in Eastern Part of State—Heavy Property Damage.

Muscatine, Iowa, July 20.—The toll of the storm which swept this section of the state late yesterday is three dead, and one injured. The property loss is small. While a terrific wind accompanied the storm, lightning was responsible for the deaths.

The dead are: REV. J. W. JEFFERSON, pastor Presbyterian church, Brighton. PROFESSOR C. D. SWANEY, principal public schools, Brighton. ABE BRENNAN, farmer, residing near Wellman.

The Brighton men were standing beneath a tree at the chautauqua grounds there when they were instantly killed. Brennan was struck by lightning while working on his farm.

A near tornado swept Geneva is a pleasure resort near here, blowing down several of the buildings.

BELGIAN REFUGEES COMING TO AMERICA

Rotterdam, July 20.—The Holland-American line steamship Noordam sailed for New York at 5:30 o'clock this morning. On board are about fifty Belgian women and children who are being sent to join relatives and friends in the United States and Canada under the arrangement made by the Rev. John B. Deville of Chicago. Father Deville returned to Belgium today for more refugees.

TEUTON SUB READY TO GO; TIME SECRET

Screen of Tugs Is Drawn About Deutschland Preparatory to Leaving.

DEPARTURE GUARDED

Captain Mum About When He Will Sail—Has Passengers and Crew Aboard.

Baltimore, July 20.—Prepared to leave port any moment, Captain Paul Koenig, commander of the Deutschland, put on his uniform today for the first time since he landed here 11 days ago and for several hours this morning studied the charts of the Patuxent river and Chesapeake bay with Captain Frederick Hansch, commander of the North German Lloyd liner Neckar.

When Captain Koenig went back aboard the undersea liner he took with him a duplicate manifest of the ship's cargo.

Captain Koenig said he would not leave his ship again and indicated an early departure but would not say just when.

It was understood the Deutschland's machinery had been finally tested and placed in order for the trip.

Baltimore, Md., July 20.—At dawn today the screen of tugs and barges was drawn about the submarine merchant Deutschland, indicating that she would not leave here for several hours at least. To all appearances she was ready to start on her return voyage to Germany last night. This morning just before she was hidden to view it was observed that she was submerged about the same depth as when she came into this port with a full cargo.

All night the tug Timmons played its searchlight over land and water covering approaches to the pier where the Deutschland is berthed.

Toward midnight the vigilance of the German guards about the pier tightened. Several launches were kept hovering about the waters near the submarine and, while the Timmons threw its searchlight beams upon the strange craft, the night superintendent of the Eastern Forwarding company, local agents of the submarine's owners, jumped into a motor boat and made a long tour of the waters about the pier to inspect the mysterious visitors.

POSTMEN ELECT THEIR OFFICERS

Colin M. Selph of St. Louis Honored With Presidency at National Meet of Postmasters.

Washington, July 20.—Election of officers and adoption of a constitution today practically concluded business of the national association of postmasters' 19th annual convention. President Wilson and several cabinet officers will attend a banquet tonight.

Colin M. Selph of St. Louis, president; Eugene S. Shannon of Nashville, Tenn., secretary; and Frank Stites of Harrisburg, Pa., treasurer, all were re-elected.

A new name for the organization—the National Association of Presidential Postmasters of the United States, was provided in the new constitution adopted.

Fred Leroy of Streator, Ill., was one of the ten vice presidents elected.

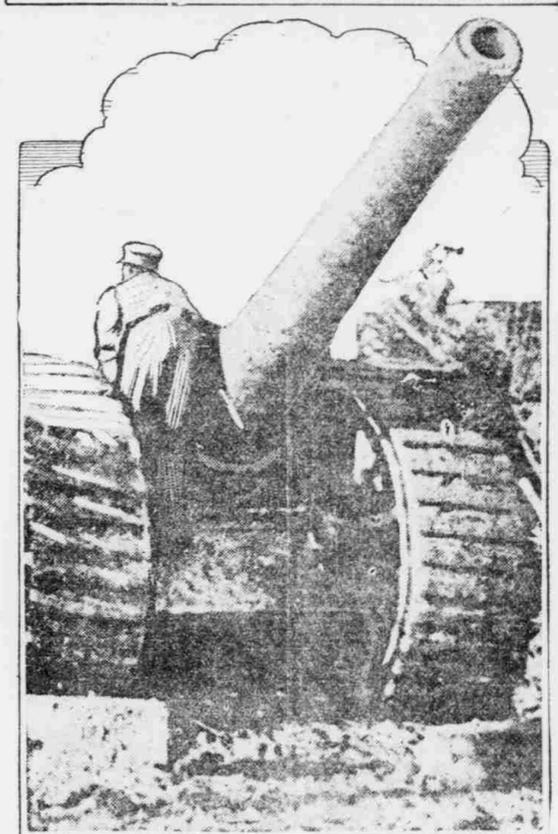
ELLIS ISLAND TO BE INVESTIGATED

Charges of Immorality and Mismanagement Are Cause of Inquiry Started by Burnett.

New York, July 20.—Representative Isaac Zeigle of New York has been requested by Chairman Burnett of the immigration committee of the house of representatives to find whether the conditions alleged by Representative William S. Bennett to exist at federal immigration station at Ellis island warranted a congressional investigation.

Mr. Bennett's charges of immorality and mismanagement on Ellis island were denied today by Frederick C. Howe, commissioner of immigration. "The trouble with Ellis island," said Mr. Howe, "began when I requested the department of labor to take over the private contract for the feeding of immigrants. I wanted the government to do it right and take the element of profit out of it."

BRITISH "LONG TOMS" TAKE BIG PART IN PRESENT HUGE ALLIED OFFENSIVE



A British "Long Tom" in position.

The British "Long Tom" is one of the most effective weapons now being used by the allies in their great offensive on the western front.

RAILROADS NEED MORE CARS, CLAIM

To Increase Rapidity of Troop Movements 6,750 Coaches Should be Added Experts Attest.

Chicago, July 20.—In order to move the maximum number of troops on short notice, the railroads of the country must have 6,750 more cars permanently at the call of the war department, according to W. J. Black, passenger traffic manager of the Atchafalaya, Topeka and Santa Fe railroad in a statement here today. Such an increase, he said, would allow the movement of 1,750,000 troops within 48 hours.

The railroads, Mr. Black says, now have a surplus of about 8,000 passenger cars. With 50 men to a car these would accommodate 400,000. Including 2,500 sleeping cars of all kinds, \$7,500 additional, or a total of 487,500 men could be transported a long time without disturbing commercial business. Mr. Black declares that while if all passenger and sleeping cars in the United States were used at once 1,750,000 troops could be transported, it would be impracticable to abandon all commercial trains even in time of war. At least 50 per cent of the normal traffic would have to be maintained. On that basis, he says, available equipment would enable American railroads to move only 500,000 troops in 48 hours.

TRIES TO MURDER HERTWO CHILDREN

Clinton Woman Crazed With Heat and Worry Attempts to Take Lives of Offspring and Self.

Clinton, Iowa, July 20.—Crazed by heat and heart trouble, Mrs. Henry Greenwalt of this city attempted to murder her two children, aged two and four years, and to kill herself by administering carbolic acid. The younger child is not expected to live, but the mother and the older child will probably survive.

THE WEATHER

Forecast Till 7 P. M. Tomorrow, for Rock Island, Davenport, Moline and vicinity.
Fair tonight and Friday; not much warmer Friday.
Temperature at 7 a. m., 74. Highest yesterday, 98; lowest last night 72; at 1 today, 86.
Velocity of wind at 7 a. m., four miles per hour.
Precipitation, none.
Relative humidity at 7 p. m., 76; at 7 a. m., 90; at 1 p. m. today, 57.
Stage of water, 8 feet, no change in last 24 hours.
J. M. SHERMAN, Local Forecaster.

FRENCH TAKE 5 MILE FRONT NEAR SOMME

Kaiser's Forces Are Routed in Terrific Assault Made by the Enemy.

MANY ARE CAPTURED

During Attack, Paris Says, Four Hundred Teutons Taken Prisoners.

London, July 20.—Heavy fighting continues on the Somme front. The war office announced today that the British had gained ground in Delville wood and Longueval. North of the Longueval-Bezin position the British pushed forward their line. East of the Lelepic redoubt bombing parties made a substantial advance during the night.

Paris, July 20. (noon).—French attacks in the Somme region were delivered last night on both sides of the river. On the north bank trenches in the Hardecourt sector were taken, while south of the river all the German front line trenches between Barleux and Soyecourt, a distance of five miles, fell into French hands.

French Report. Announcement of the French successes is made in this afternoon's war office bulletin.

The trenches captured on the north bank run from Hardecourt-Hamelon to the east of Hardecourt along the railway from Comblès to Clercy. Four hundred prisoners were captured in this operation.

In the Verdun region there was a continuous bombardment of the Avocourt and Chattancourt sectors on the left bank of the Meuse, with a general engagement to the northeast of Hill 304.

On the east bank of the Meuse the French progressed west of the Thiaumont earthwork, while to the south of Fleury they took a strongly fortified German post, together with 150 prisoners.

A German aeroplane was brought down in the Somme region east of Peronne.

German War Report. Berlin, July 20 (via London, 6:40 p. m.).—Repeated French attacks south of the Somme were repulsed by the Germans, the war office announced today. The French and British artillery fires developed to a pitch of great intensity on both sides of the Somme.

The announcement also says that a strong British attack north and west of Fromelles were repulsed, the British being ejected by counter assaults wherever they succeeded in entering the German trenches.

Russians Capture Kugl. Petrograd, July 20. (via London, 4:06 p. m.).—The war office announced today that Kugl, an important point in the Caucasus, was occupied by the Russians on Tuesday.

Kugl is a junction point to the high roads in the Erzerum district.

London, July 20. (3:40 p. m.).—A Rome dispatch says that a great battle is developing at Jablonitz, the results of which thus far have been favorable to the Russians. In addition to the heavy fighting in the Carpathians, the dispatch says, the Russian offensive has been resumed before Kovel and Vladimir-Volynsk and in the Riga area. Jablonitz is in the Carpathians south of Kolomea, near the northern end of one of the mountain passes leading to Hungary.

British Report. London, July 20. (1:50 p. m.).—The following official report from the British expeditionary force in Mesopotamia was given out today:

"Since the last communique of the 13th nothing interesting has been reported. The heat has been excessive. For some days the temperature in the shade has been over 120 degrees."

VILLA'S CAPTURE EXPECTED HOURLY

Galveston, Texas, July 20.—The capture of Francisco Villa by cavalry of the de facto government is momentarily expected, according to a cablegram received by Juan A. Mateos, Mexican consul here. This messenger was captured by Carranza troops. The messenger is said to have told where Villa was located and a force has been sent to capture him. The messenger reported that Villa was ill and seeking medical aid.

Galveston, Texas, July 20.—Villa's whereabouts is understood to be in the state of Chihuahua not far from Chihuahua City.

Strike Settlement More Remote. Ottawa, Ill., July 20.—Prospects for settlement of the cement strike were not considered as bright as reported when the peace conference was about to gather for its third meeting today.