

MISS CARRIE McIVER WILKES



Miss Wilkes was sponsor for the new torpedo boat, "The Wilkes," which was launched at Philadelphia May 18. She was appointed by Secretary of the Navy Josephus Daniels to act as sponsor for the new destroyer, and to christen same as the "Wilkes," in honor of her distinguished grandfather, Rear Admiral Charles Wilkes, U. S. N.

ANS PRESS TURKS

REFUL ATTACKS
HIGH ARMY IN
OTAMIA.

urriedly Dispatched
the Turkish Center
at Erzincan.

aid, via London.—With the
of Russian forces southward
from the Urals toward Mosul,
in Assyria, on the Tigris, which
recently the occupation of
Rivadour, the Russians are bring-
ing fresh pressure of the most power-
ful sort upon the rear of the Turkish
lines in Mesopotamia.

The hope is now entertained in
Petrograd of bringing not only Bag-
dad, the Holy City of the Caliphs, but
the entire country lying between the
Tigris and the Euphrates under Rus-
sian dominion.

The only serious obstacle between
the czar's army and the Mosul is the
ancient fortified city of Jesoh-Ibn-
Omar, on an island in the Tigris, 130
miles southeast of Diarbekr. It is
believed that this city, with its anti-
quated defenses will not be able long
to delay the Russian advance. The
progress of these forces already has
broken the backbone of the Turkish
communications between Diarbekr
and Mosul.

GERMANY WARNS NEPTUNALS
SHIPS MUST OBEY ORDERS

Must Regard International Law When
Stopped by Submarines.

Washington.—Germany, in a note
presented to Secretary Lansing by
Count von Bernstorff warns neutral
governments that merchant ships fly-
ing neutral flags must obey the provi-
sions of international law in regard to
their conduct when stopped by a Ger-
man submarine and that they incur
danger should they turn their ships
in the direction of a submarine.

The text of the communication,
dated May 12, from the German em-
bassy and signed by Count von Bern-
storff follows:

"A German submarine in January
last, signalled with flags from a dis-
tance the Dutch steamer Dandoeng to
stop. Instead of immediately comply-
ing with that summons, permissible
under international law, the Dutch
steamer turned at higher speed on
the submarine, whose commander, on
the assumption, warranted by the cir-
cumstances, that he had to do with
an English ship in disguise, bent on
attacking him, then opened fire on
her.

"The steamer Dandoeng then stopped
and sent over a boat for the examina-
tion of the ship's papers. On being
asked about his captain's proceed-
ing, the Dutch officer in com-
mand of the boat explained that he
wanted to come nearer the submarine
so as to shorten the visitation for-
malities.

"The Imperial Government finds in
the incident occasion to suggest to the
neutral government that the masters of
their merchant ships be given to
understand that in the event of their
being stopped by German public ves-
sels, the provisions of international
law must be observed to the letter,
and that their special attention be
called to the dangers incurred by
turning their ships on a submarine.

"Thus alone, can incidents of the
foregoing description be avoided, the
responsibility for which would exclu-
sively lie upon the neutral shipmas-
ters."

WAR MEASURES ARE
NOW LAW IN NEW YORK

Albany, N. Y.—Five preparedness
measures became law by receiving the
signature of Governor Whitman. He
signed them after a public hearing,
at which men and women representa-
tives of peace organizations strongly
opposed much of the legislation. The
governor later is expected to sign the
appropriation of \$500,000 for the
mobilization this summer, or when-
ever an emergency exists, of all the
state troops.

HOUSE COMMITTEE
REJECTS PROGRAM

AGREES TO BILL WHICH CARRIES
\$240,000,000 FOR THIS YEAR
ONLY.

BREAKS FIVE-DAY DEADLOCK

Largest Naval Appropriation Ever Pre-
sented to Congress.—Administra-
tion 5-Year Plan Rejected.

Washington.—Administration forces
in Congress lost the first skirmish in
the naval preparedness campaign
when the House Committee broke a
five-day deadlock and completed the
naval appropriation bill without ap-
proving the five-year building program
advocated by President Wilson and
Secretary Daniels.

As finally agreed to the bill author-
izes the construction in 1917 of five
battle cruisers, as against two dread-
naughts and two battle cruisers recom-
mended by Secretary Daniels, four
scout cruisers, an increase of one over
the Department's program, 10 destroy-
ers as against 15 recommended; 20
submarines, three to be 800-ton boats,
compared with five fleet and 25 coast
defense submarines recommended;
one hospital ship, one oil fuel ship and
one ammunition ship. The gunboat
recommended was stricken out and the
fuel and ammunition ships were added
from Secretary Daniels' program for
the second year.

The total amount carried by the bill
is \$240,000,000; the largest naval ap-
propriation ever presented to congress.

While the appropriation is, if any-
thing, an increase over the Depart-
ment's plans, failure of the five-year
program and the fact that no dread-
naughts were provided for, make the
bill unsatisfactory to Administration
officials. Secretary Daniels said he
never lost hope of getting what he
asked for until Congress adjourned.

It was clearly indicated that the
Senate, which has not yet taken up
consideration of the naval bill even
in committee was relied upon to re-
store the battleships. The Senate has
never failed to increase the program
for the Navy mapped out by the
House, and Navy officials are confident
that the final bill will provide
for at least two battleships and four
battle cruisers.

FIRE IN NAVY YARD
AT NORFOLK, VIRGINIA.

Flames Spread Rapidly—Soon Beyond
Control.—Stubborn Fight.

Norfolk, Va.—The ship-fitters shop,
known as building No. 24, and all of
the equipment, consisting of valuable
woodworking machinery, at the Nor-
folk Navy Yard, were destroyed by
fire. The boiler-makers shop and the
plumbers shop, adjoining buildings in
the group, were slightly damaged.

The fire originated in the ship-fit-
ters shop from some unknown cause
shortly after 6 o'clock. The flames
spread rapidly and were quickly be-
yond the control of the navy yard fire-
fighting force. The entire Portsmouth
fire department was called to the
scene. A stubborn two-hours' fight
confined the fire to the buildings men-
tioned and at 9 o'clock all danger of a
general conflagration had passed.

SOLUTION OF REVENUE
PROBLEM PLEASES KITCHEN.

Washington.—Secretary McAdoo
submitted to Chairman Kitchen of the
House Ways and Means Committee
and Chairman Simmons of the Senate
Finance Committee revised estimates
of the Government's receipts and ex-
penditures for the remainder of the
current fiscal year and the fiscal year
ending June 30, 1917, tending to show
that much less new revenue will have
to be raised to meet the bill for pre-
paredness and other large contem-
plated expenditures than had been sup-
posed.

Only about \$150,000,000 in addition
revenue will have to be provided
during the coming year, Mr. McAdoo
said. This is less by \$75,000,000 than
the most conservative members of
Congress calculated at the outset.

Italians Hold Back Austrians.

The Italians in southern Tyrol now
are tenaciously holding back the
Austrians from further inroads into
their positions. In the Ledro Valley,
southwest of Trent, and in the Laga-
rina Valley, to the south of the city,
the Austrians, after heavy artillery
preparation, threw vicious attacks
against the Italian lines but all of
them were repulsed with heavy casu-
alties, according to Rome. Five at-
tacks were made on Zegnortorta, and
all of them were stopped with san-
guinary losses.

Test Navy Yard Shell Shops.

Norfolk, Va.—As a preparedness
test and in order to demonstrate the
facilities and capacity of the Navy
Yard shell shops, rush orders have
been received for 10,000 six-inch and
10,000 five-inch naval shells. Castings
are being transferred as rapidly as
possible to shops, where they are be-
ing machined, finished and sent to St.
Julien's magazine for loading. Cap-
acity forces are being operated in
order to establish a record time for
the production of the finished shells.
Other orders are expected to follow.

MAJ. GEN. JAS. I. METTS



Major-General Metts is commander of
the North Carolina Division United
Confederate Veterans. He is in
charge of his division at the Bir-
mingham meeting. Major Gen.
Metts expects a great crowd at the
state Reunion at Wilmington this
summer.

BUILDING FALLS; 9 KILLED

NINE PERSONS ARE KILLED AND
TWENTY ARE INJURED AT
AKRON, O.

Militia Called Out to Restrain the
10,000 Persons Who Gather
Around the Wreckage.

Akron, O.—Nine persons were killed
and a score injured when the old Bea-
con Journal building, occupied by the
Crystal Restaurant, collapsed as a re-
sult of a blast of dynamite in an ad-
joining evacuation.

Seven identified bodies have been re-
covered and two unidentified have
been recovered and two persons, now
missing, are thought to be in the
ruins.

Battery B, Ohio National Guard
Field Artillery, was called out to aid
the police in restraining a crowd of
more than 10,000 persons who packed
the streets where the accident occur-
ed.

A tremendous roar, echoing the
screams of dying people, brought
thousands to the scene, in the heart
of Akron's business district. Instan-
ly the entire city, rallying under the
shock, plunged to the work of rescue.
A great pile of ruins, broken timbers,
twisted steel and tons of brick and
mortar buried the victims, who a
moment before were dining in the
restaurant.

U. S. TROOPS ARE SENT
TO GUARD BORDER BRIDGES.

Along Southern Pacific Between El
Paso and San Antonio.

San Antonio, Texas.—The safe-
guarding of the Southern Pacific Rail-
way from here to El Paso, was decid-
ed upon and troops are being sent to
every bridge along the line. In the
event of military operations on a big
scale the use of the railroad would be
imperative. For a great part of the
distance the line parallels the Rio
Grande and unless guarded the cut-
ting would be comparatively simple,
it is declared.

Major General Funston and his staff
worked out many details of the plan
of re-organization of the border pat-
rol. Reports from General Pershing
showed his troops have been drawn
closer together and gave no sign that
early resumption of the chase of Fran-
cisco Villa was contemplated. Col-
onel Sibley in the Big Bend section is
driving his little command of cavalry
some 60 miles south of Boquillas but
at headquarters there is displayed
little hope that he will capture the
bandits who attacked Monquillas and
Glenn Springs, or rescue Jesse Deem-
er, and American carried away by them.

SENATE REJECTS RUBLEE
AFTER BITTER EXCHANGE.

Washington.—The nomination of
George Rublee of New Hampshire as a
member of the Federal Trade Com-
mission was rejected by the senate.
Senator Gallinger, the Republican
leader, had opposed the nomination
for 15 months on the ground that he
was "personally obnoxious" to him
and the power of the senatorial court-
esy tradition was so great that he
won his point by a vote of 42 to 36 in
spite of a vigorous and insistent fight.

ENGINEER TANKERSLEY GETS
FOUR MONTHS; APPEALS

Salisbury, N. C.—A Tankersley, en-
gineer of the Southern Railway's New
York-New Orleans Limited, which on
November 24, 1915, in the yard here
crashed into the rear of a special
train killing two and injuring 22 pas-
sengers, was sentenced in Superior
Court to serve four months in the
county jail. Tankersley was found
guilty of manslaughter, the jury rec-
ommending leniency. Tankersley is at
liberty on bail, pending an appeal.

U. C. V. MEETS NEXT
IN NATION'S CAPITAL

GEN. GEO. P. HARRISON IS ELECT-
ED COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF TO
SUCCEED YOUNG.

CONTEST OVER CONVENTION

Reunion Closes at Birmingham.—Tat-
tered Flag of Morgan's Raiders
Presented to Gen. Young.

Birmingham, Ala.—Washington won
the honor of entertaining the United
Confederate Veterans in 1917 by a
close vote at the closing business ses-
sion here.

General George P. Harrison of Ala-
bama was elected commander-in-
chief to succeed Gen. Bennett Young
of Kentucky.

The desire of the old Confederate
soldiers to parade down Pennsylvania
avenue and be reviewed by the Presi-
dent of the United States led them to
choose Washington, D. C., for the
1917 reunion city, at the closing busi-
ness session of their reunion. Tulsa,
Okla., and Memphis received the next
highest votes in the order named.

Gen. George P. Harrison, command-
er of the Alabama division of the
United Confederate Veterans, was
elected commander-in-chief of the
veterans, succeeding Gen. Bennett
Young of Louisville, who refused to
permit his name to be presented as a
candidate for re-election. Other offi-
cers named were:

Commander department army of
Virginia, Gen. John Thompson Brown,
Virginia.

Commander the department of army
of Tennessee, Gen. John P. Hickman
of Tennessee.

The recommendations of the reso-
lutions committee, with the exception
of one favoring a reduction in the sal-
ary of the Adjutant General from
\$1,800 to \$1,500 annually, and another
favoring the consolidation of the veter-
ans and sons of veterans organiza-
tions were referred to the command-
ing general and the heads of the
three departments.

The effort to reduce the adjutant
general's salary failed when it was
learned that the constitution leaves
that matter in the hands of the ex-
ecutive council and commander-in-
chief.

According to the report of the com-
mittee on the Jefferson Davis Home
Association, presented by John S.
Leathers of Kentucky, showed there
were no debts against the organiza-
tion and they had a balance in the
bank of more than \$600.

Ernest G. Baldwin of Roanoke, Va.,
was elected commander of the Sons
of Veterans over Garland P. Peed of
Norfolk.

New officers for the Sons of Veter-
ans elected in addition to the com-
mander-in-chief were:

Commander Department Army of
Northern Virginia, Dr. J. Garrett
King, Fredericksburg, Va.

Commander Department Army of
Tennessee, Thomas B. Hooker of
Memphis, Tenn.

Commander Army of Trans-Mis-
sissippi, Merritt J. Glass, Tulsa, Okla.

Executive council, A. J. Wilson, Lit-
tle Rock, Ark.; Adolph D. Bloch, Mo-
bile, Ala.; Garland P. Peed, Norfolk,
Va.; Seymour Stewart, St. Louis.

Historian-in-chief, Dr. T. M. Owen
Montgomery, Ala.

SENATE AGREES TO ARMY
REORGANIZATION BILL

Upper House Passes Conference Re-
port Without Roll Call.

Washington.—The senate after an
all-day debate agreed to the conference
report of the army reorganization bill
without a roll call. The house is
expected to approve the report with-
in a day or two and send the first of
the big national defense measures to
the president.

The bill provides for a regular
army of 211,000 officers and men at
peace strength, and approximately
260,000 at war strength, and for a
Federalized National Guard of 457,000
officers and men at maximum strength.

Senator Lodge criticized the house
for not accepting the larger. Chair-
man Stone said he was so anxious to
see the nitrate provision enacted that
he would be almost willing to agree
to any size army necessary, but in-
sisted there was no need of an in-
creased army. Senator Brandegee,
author of the amendment for a regu-
lar standing army of 250,000 men at
peace strength, declared the English
language was inadequate to express
his disgust at the conference action
and said he hoped "the good Lord
who guards the drunkard and the fool
will save the nation."

THE DEMOCRATIC PLATFORM
TO BE BASED ON RECORD

Washington.—President Wilson,
talking with congressional callers in-
dicated his gratification at the pro-
gress being made on legislation sup-
ported by the administration and ex-
pressed hope that congress would be
able to adjourn early in the summer.
It is the hope of the president to see
most of the administration program
completed before the political conven-
tions which meet in Chicago and St.
Louis in June.

PYTHIANS TO GATHER SOON

Grand Lodge Will Hold Annual Meet-
ing in State Capital City May
23 and 24.

Columbia.—The four lodges in the
capital city are in flourishing con-
dition and are busy preparing for the
convention of the grand lodge, which
meets May 23 and 24 and promises to
be largely attended. The hotel where
the sessions are to be held and where
most of the delegates will stop while
in the city, reports that a large num-
ber of reservations are made for the
occasion. Altogether there will be
several hundred members in attend-
ance.

A matter of importance to be pas-
sed upon by the grand lodge is the
proposed establishment by the su-
preme lodge of a sanatorium for tu-
berculosis somewhere in the South-
west. A special committee was ap-
pointed last year to report on the
question this year. Another matter
that probably will come up is the se-
lection of a permanent meeting place
for the grand lodge. This question
has been discussed for a number of
years, but no action has ever been
taken. It is said the grand lodge is
a business convention and has grown
to be such a large body that it should
have a central meeting place, where
the knights may gather every year.

The report of the grand keeper of
records and seal, C. D. Brown of Ab-
beville, will show the order to be in
a healthy state. During the year 554
new members have been initiated, 525
suspended members have been rein-
stated and 384 admitted by card, a
total of 1,463 additional members.
One hundred and eighteen members
died during the year. New lodges
were organized at Smoaks, Elliott and
Hallsville with a total membership
of 64.

Elks Met Next in Columbia.

Spartanburg.—Selecting Columbia
as the place of meeting for the next
fifth annual meeting of the South
Carolina State Association of B. P. O.
Elks was concluded. The 1917 con-
vention will be held in Columbia next
spring with the largest lodge in
South Carolina as host. An unprece-
dented volume of business was dis-
posed of at this meeting. The body
found so much to occupy it that a re-
cess was necessary for lunch, a prac-
tice heretofore unknown.

Ralph J. Ramer, of Anderson, was
elected president. Other officers
elected: A. J. Turner, Spartanburg,
flat vice-president; A. Harry Fisher,
Charleston, second vice president;
John B. Marshall, Greenville, third
vice president; J. Arthur Smith, Co-
lumbia, secretary and treasurer; W.
M. Floyd, Spartanburg, marshal;
George R. Koester, Greenville, door
keeper; C. C. Robbins, Gaffney, inner
guard; T. W. Passalague, Charle-
ston, George R. Koester, Greenville,
Arthur J. Ham, Florence, trustees.

Great Music Festival.

Spartanburg.—The greatest audi-
ence ever assembled in the Converse
College auditorium heard the child-
ren's chorus of 500 voices at the con-
cert of the Spartanburg Music Festi-
val this afternoon, and Anna Case de-
lighted the throng of festival visitors.
Miss Lula Page of North Carolina
who has trained the children's chorus
for the last two years, directed the
orchestra and chorus during the sing-
ing of the first number, the Bridal
Church from the "Rose Maiden,"
turning the baton over to Walter
Damosch for the other numbers.

The children sang "The Lost
Chord," by Sullivan; Waltz and The
Star Spangled Banner. The great
audience rose and joined in the sing-
ing of the National anthem. Mrs.
Merle Tollson Alcock was the solo-
ist for the concert. The Converse
Choral Society sustained its splendid
stand at the evening concert.

Re-elect Wilburn Mayor of York.

York.—In the municipal election
held in York J. C. Wilburn was re-
elected mayor for the two years and
the following were chosen as alder-
men: J. E. Johnson, T. W. Speck,
Arthur T. Hart, J. S. Sandifer, W. S.
Willis, J. G. Dickson.

Plant Cotton Again.

Gaffney.—Farmers in different por-
tions of Cherokee county are planting
over their cotton, saying that the ex-
tended dry spell has had the effect of
destroying the seed germs and that
they will not germinate.

SOUTH CAROLINA NEWS ITEMS.

Governor Manning and his staff at-
tended the celebration at Charlotte
last Saturday.

Gov. Manning delivered the com-
mencement address at Jonesville
Union county, last week.

The 126th annual council of the
Episcopal diocese of South Carolina
came to an end at Columbia after it
had been decided to hold the next
council in St. David's church in
Cheraw, of which the Rev. A. S.
Thomas is rector.

Methodists at Landrum will erect a
new brick church in the near future.

Two school districts in Lexington
county have just voted a school tax.
Plans are being perfected for the
annual spring meeting of the home
and farm demonstration clubs of
Clerendon county to be held in Man-
ning on Saturday, May 27. It is the
purpose to have an elaborate auto
mobile parade at 11 o'clock, including
a number of cars appropriately dec-
orated to represent the various clubs of
the county, the canning, bread, pou-
ltry, pig, corn and each of the eight
home demonstration clubs.

S. C. DEMOCRATS
FIRM FOR WILSON

CONVENTION MEETING IN CO-
LUMBIA REITERATES FAITH IN
NATION'S CHIEF.

CONTINUE COUNTY CANVASS

Manning, Tillman, Smith, Evans, Jen-
nings, Pollock, Clinkscales and
Hyde Are Delegates.

Columbia.—The State Democratic
convention in Columbia adopted a pro-
gressive platform, indorsed the admin-
istration of President Wilson, refused
to abolish the county-to-county politi-
cal campaign, received petitions from
the State Equal Suffrage league, de-
clined to allow John L. McLaurin to
enter the primary as warehouse com-
missioner to defend the system and
discussed many problems of impor-
tance to the party.

Eight delegates at large to the na-
tional Democratic convention at St.
Louis with one-half vote each were
elected by the State convention as
follows:

Gov. Richard I. Manning, United
States Senators B. R. Tillman and E.
D. Smith, John Gary Evans, L. D.
Jennings, W. P. Pollock, John G.
Clinkscales and T. T. Hyde.

It was decided also not to elect
alternates to the delegates at large
but that the delegation as a whole
select the alternates from the 14 dis-
trict alternates. The state delega-
tions was instructed to vote as a unit
on all questions.

John H. Clifton moved that the
convention elect eight delegates at
large with one-half vote each instead
of four delegates at large. The mo-
tion was carried.

David R. Coker nominated Gov.
Richard I. Manning, which was fol-
lowed by applause. Others nominated
were: B. R. Tillman, T. T. Hyde,
Charles Carroll Simms, John G.
Clinkscales, E. D. Smith, T. C. Dun-
can, John G. Richards, John Gary
Evans, L. D. Jennings, W. P. Pollock.

On motion of Mr. Blakeney the
nominations were closed.

The number of votes each nominee
received follows:

Manning, 310; Tillman, 274; Smith,
277; Evans, 273; Clinkscales, 284;
Hyde, 276; Pollock, 252; Jennings,
254; Simms, 61; Richards, 62; Dun-
can, 55. The first eight named were
declared elected.

The submission to the people of the
question of woman suffrage by proper
act or resolution was recommended.

An inheritance tax was recommend-
ed to meet the deficiency in funds in-
cident to the reduction of the tariff.

The currency law, enacted under
the guiding hand of the Wilson ad-
ministration, was heartily commend-
ed.

Legislation to protect the shipper
against the exorbitant rates on the
high sea was commended to the ef-
forts of the national congress.

Rural credits legislation now in
process of passage was also indorsed.

The South Carolina delegation will
go to the national Democratic con-
vention at St. Louis instructed to work
for the re-election of Woodrow Wilson

In the resolution, accepted by the
state convention and written into the
platform of the party, the policies both
foreign and domestic of the president
were commended and the delegation
from South Carolina was committed
to work for the renomination of both
President Wilson and Vice President
Marshall.

Officials in South Carolina who
have labored for a stricter enforce-
ment of the law, as evidenced by
courts and county officials, were com-
mended for their faithful efforts, and
the sustention of jury verdicts was
urged. The party was pledged to a
continuance of a strict enforcement of
the law.

Acts of the recent legislature in the
textile plants, in the weekly pay roll
act, the 60 hour per week regulation,
child labor regulations, the creation
of a board of conciliation and other
labor legislation were heartily ap-
proved.

The convention went on record as
approving plans of adequate prepara-
edness, but expressed itself as dis-
approving the creation of an armed
force that would imperil the superior-
ity of civil authority.

A judicial tribunal or conciliation
commission, to preserve peace upon
the cessation of hostilities, was urged
upon the national convention.

The convention recommended to the
legislature for its earnest considera-
tion the question of equal suffrage for
women and requested that the matter
be submitted to the people by proper
act or resolution for their decision.

Lexington Rebuilds Rapidly.

Lexington.—Fifteen buildings of
brick and fire-proof are going up in
Lexington, following the big fire
which swept the town several weeks
ago. This gives employment to about
150 hands, including those who are
using their teams hauling material.
The 15 buildings now being construct-
ed include the following: Edwin G.
reher, clother, two large department
buildings; R. L. Connelley, two; W.
W. Barre, two; Dr. J. P. Derrick, one
two-story structure; Scott Hendrix,
two; Samuel B. George, three.