

An Authority on Parliamentary Law May Be Listed as One We Don't Care to Hear From Except to Prove Something We Know Isn't So

BRITISH LOSE TWO LIGHT CRUISERS IN NORTH SEA

Encountered German Submarines While on Search Duty

ONE UNDERSEA BOAT SUNK

London Reports German High Sea Fleet Was Observed But Avoided a Battle.

London, Aug. 21.—Two British light cruisers, the Nottingham and Falmouth, were sunk Saturday in the North sea by German submarines while the vessels were searching for the German high seas fleet, according to an official announcement issued by the admiralty shortly before midnight last night.

The German high seas fleet came out, but, learning from their scouts that the British forces were in considerable strength, the enemy avoided an engagement and returned to port.

"In searching for the enemy we lost two cruisers by submarine attacks, H. M. S. Nottingham, Capt. C. B. Miller, and H. M. S. Falmouth, Capt. John Edwards.

"All the officers of the former were saved, but 38 of the crew are missing. All the officers and men of the Falmouth were saved, but one leading stoker, Norman Fry, died of injuries.

"An enemy submarine was destroyed and another rammed and possibly sunk.

"There is no truth in the German statement that a British destroyer was sunk and a British battleship damaged."

CHILDREN IN HENCOOP

Confined While Mother Worked in Pittsfield Shop

Pittsfield, Aug. 20.—Charged with neglecting their children and of locking them up in their house from early morning until late at night, Lorenzo Zucconi and his wife, Clara, were in district court yesterday on complaint of Frederick L. Greene, state officer of the S. P. C. C. The complaint stated the poultry house in which the two daughters, eleven and thirteen years old, were locked was three by five feet in size, with a small window in it. When the children disobeyed, according to the complaint they were locked in this house.

The parents then went to work at the General Electric plant and left the children cooped up. Yesterday Patrolman Jedediah Shepardson went to the home, broke open the hen coop door and found the older of the girls inside. The mother told Judge Hibbard she took this method of punishing the children who refused to obey, because she understood corporal punishment was against the law. She said she was the mother of six children and Judge Hibbard told her, her place was in the home.

She said she was able to earn from \$10 to \$12 a week at the General Electric plant making war munitions. She agreed to give up her factory job and not to use the hen coop form of punishment any more. The cases were continued generally.

GIVE NEGRO TO LYNCHERS

Blacks Surrender Alleged Slayer to Men Who Killed Five

Gainesville, Fla., Aug. 20.—Two negro farmers today turned over to a constable, to the white posse which lynched five negroes at Newberry yesterday, charging that they were hiding the fugitive.

Long was taken when he stopped at the farm house and asked for food. He was put in jail here today, but later was removed by the authorities to a secret place of detention for safe keeping.

COMMISSIONER'S NOTICE

Estate of EDWARD W. BRADFORD. The undersigned, having been appointed by the Honorable Probate Court for the District of Bennington, COMMISSIONER, to receive, examine, and adjust the claims and demands of all persons against the estate of Edward W. Bradford late of Bennington, in said District, deceased, and all claims exhibited in offset thereon, hereby give notice that we will meet for the purpose aforesaid, at the office of H. E. Bradford & Co. in the Village of Bennington, in said District, on the 18th day of Sept., 1916, and sixth day of February, 1917 next, from 10 o'clock p. m. until 4 o'clock p. m. on each of said days and that six months from the 2nd day of August, A. D. 1916, is the time limited by said Court for said creditors to present their claims to us for examination and allowance. Dated at Bennington, Vt., this 2nd day of August A. D. 1916. WILLIAM A. ROOT, COMMISSIONER.

WILSON IN SESSION WITH R.R. HEADS THIS AFTERNOON

President Declares He is in Favor of Arbitration

STRENGTHENED BY HIS PLAN

Declares Means Must Be Found to Prevent Re-Occurrence of Present Situation.

Washington, Aug. 21.—Acceptance of the 8-hour days and the reference of all other differences to a commission is understood to be President Wilson's position on the adjustment of the threatened railroad strike.

The president of the different railroads have been arriving in the city all day and a meeting at the White House was arranged for 2.30 this afternoon.

Washington, Aug. 21.—President Wilson's week of conferences with ranking officers of the railroads and leaders of their employes threatening a nation-wide strike is believed by all parties to the controversy to have brought the situation to a point where decisive developments may be expected within a few days.

While the negotiations took no actual forward step yesterday, the president replied indirectly to contentions of the road officials that the principle of arbitration would be endangered by his plan in putting the eight hour basis day into effect while a committee would investigate its practicability and pass on other points at issue.

In a telegram made public at the White House, the president declared he held firmly to arbitration, as a principle and that his plan strengthened it rather than weakened it. He also said that some means must be found to prevent the existing situation from ever arising again.

Meanwhile the road officials, who have tentatively refused to accept Mr. Wilson's proposal, continued conferences among themselves. The labor leaders, who already have approved the proposal, marked time awaiting a definite answer from the employers.

The president's telegram defending his plan was in reply to an appeal from George Pope, president of the national association of manufacturers, urging that the principle of arbitration be preserved in the strike negotiations.

BIG LEAGUE BASEBALL

American League No games scheduled today.

Table with columns: Team, Won, Lost, P.C. Rows include Boston, Chicago, Cleveland, Detroit, St. Louis, New York, Washington, Philadelphia.

National League

Table with columns: Team, Won, Lost, P.C. Rows include Brooklyn, Boston, St. Louis, New York, Chicago, Pittsburgh, Cincinnati.

SENT POST CARD TO WILSON

Baltimore Tobacco Salesman is Arrested.

Baltimore, Aug. 21.—On the charge of sending a threatening post-card to President Wilson, Theodore E. Jones, 65 a tobacco salesman, who also claims to be a marine draftsman, was arrested at his home here yesterday by postal authorities and held for a hearing. The postal in question never reached the president. It read: "If you do not answer my letter you will regret it." It is alleged that Jones wrote to Secretary Daniels and to the president frequently, claiming the credit for naval inventions.

PARALYSIS AT NORTH ADAMS

Another Case of Dread Disease Reported Sunday.

Another case of infantile paralysis was reported to the North Adams board of health yesterday as being at the home of Daniel Gray, Jr., 48 Union street, where a small son of Mr. Gray is suffering from the disease. This case is in the immediate vicinity of two others that were reported last week. It was also rumored yesterday that a case was under surveillance on Whitman street, near where a child died two weeks ago.

SPRAY OF LIQUID FIRE PRECEDES GERMAN ATTACK

Paris Reports Repulse of Assault on Fleury Village

FRENCH HOLD ALL OF MAUREPAS

Also Continue to Gain Ground in the Neighborhood of Guillemont.

Paris, Aug. 21.—After spraying French advanced positions with liquid fire last night the Germans made an effort to retake the village of Fleury, the war office reports, but were repulsed.

Nearly the entire village of Maurepas is now in the hands of the French.

London, Aug. 20.—On the western front the French continue to press forward, in the neighborhood of Guillemont and Paris reports the capture of a strongly fortified wood between that town and Maurepas. In the Verdun section the Germans are fiercely counterattacking in an effort to regain Fleury, the loss of which they concede. The British report the repulse of German counter-attacks and the capture of a portion of trenches north of Bazentin-Le-Petit.

RENAMING A STEAMER

Bennington Built on Great Lake Now in Alaska Trade.

R. H. Mattison, a former Bennington boy, now secretary of the Seattle, Wash. Chamber of Commerce, has furnished the Banner with a description of the renaming of the steamer Bennington, formerly owned by the Rutland Transit company but now sailing from Seattle to Alaska ports.

The steamer was built at Ecorse, Mich., eight years ago. She is now owned by the Alaska Steamship company and the name "Valde" appears on her bow and pilot house.

The name was changed after permission had been obtained from the department of commerce at Washington. The rechristening of a vessel is far from a simple procedure and the changing of the name of the Bennington was no exception to the rule.

The government requires that a vessel must be free of debt before she can be rechristened. The Alaska Steamship company made application to the department of commerce for permission to change the name of the Bennington and was informed that it would be necessary to investigate the record of the steamer at Buffalo, N. Y., her last port of registry. Buffalo gave the Bennington a clean bill, free from debt, but while investigating the reputation of the vessel, it was learned that she had been previously registered from Detroit, so the whole procedure had to be gone over again in Michigan.

Finally the Alaska Steamship company received word from Washington that the Bennington was a vessel of good reputation at her old home ports, that she had paid all her debts at Detroit and Buffalo and that the changing of her name would not be in the nature of the adoption of an alias to hide any irregularity or crime committed either on the Great Lakes or the Atlantic.

PLAYING GREAT BALL

"Larry" Gardner's Work Highly Appreciated by Boston Fans.

The wonderful playing of "Larry" Gardner, the Enosburg Falls boy and former University of Vermont baseball captain, is attracting much favorable comment from Boston fans. During the past few weeks, the Red Sox third sacker has not only played a whirlwind fielding game at the hot corner, but his hitting has been both hard and timely. He won a 13-inning game against Washington the other day, by making his third hit off the great Walter Johnson with a Boston runner on third and two down. This line showing is all the more creditable to Gardner as the great toe joint of Larry's left foot is so badly swollen and infected that he can hardly get on his shoe. He is determined to stay in the game, however, fearing that if he does not keep going, he will become heavy and slow and be of little use to the club in the September drive.

GERMANY'S BIG CROP

Fatherland Assured of Food Supplies for Another Year

Berlin, Aug. 20, by wireless to Sayville.—Information now at hand gives assurance that this year's crops will be much in excess of those of the last peace years according to a statement to the office of Albert von Holtz, president of the food regulation board. It is said Germany is assured of supplies of all food necessities for another year.

GIRLS ON LONG TRAIL

Making Four Days Tramp Over Bennington Section.

Miss Ray Elliot Levi and Miss Anna Kuttner of New York, who have been stopping at the Walmosac Inn, Old Bennington, left this morning for a trip over the Bennington section of the Long Trail.

On their first night out the young women plan to stop at the club headquarters in Hell Hollow. Their second over-night stay will be made at the boarding house near the Somerset dam. They will pass the third night at the Hawks camp in Stratton from which they expect to complete their trip into Manchester.

BELIEVE PLAGUE ON WANE

Fewer Deaths and New Cases of Paralysis.

New York, Aug. 20.—Another substantial decrease in the number of deaths from infantile paralysis and also in the number of new cases was reported today by the department of health for the 24 hours ending at 10 o'clock this morning which tends to strengthen the belief of the health authorities that the epidemic is on the wane.

There were only 20 deaths today and 198 new cases, these figures being the lowest in several weeks. The greatest death decrease was observed in Brooklyn where there were only six deaths compared with 15 of the day before.

Total fatalities to date are 1167 and the total of cases 7110. Cases now in hospitals number 3740.

Further experiments confirm indications, it was announced tonight by Dr. Abraham Zingher of the Willard Parker hospital, that the serum made from the blood of persons who had at one time suffered from infantile paralysis is highly effective when used at the time the first symptoms of the disease appear. It is also effective, Dr. Zingher asserted, in preventing paralysis if used in a later stage of the disease when the muscles already have begun to weaken and paralysis is asserting itself.

Albany, N. Y., Aug. 20.—Only two cases of infantile paralysis in Elmira and Sherrill were reported to the state health department today, bringing the total number of cases in the state outside of New York city since the inception of the epidemic up to 1312. No deaths were reported. Officials of the department said that it was probable that many new cases had not been reported because the department was closed during the day and that such reports would be received tomorrow.

Utica, N. Y., Aug. 20.—The 19th case of infantile paralysis in this city was reported today. The victim is a woman 24 years old.

ROOSEVELT'S REGIMENT

Chance to Enlist in Case of War With Mexico.

Hurlington, Aug. 21.—Dr. H. Nelson Jackson of this city is desirous of hearing from any in this vicinity who wish and are qualified to join the division of troops which Col. Theodore Roosevelt proposes to raise and organize in the event of actual war with Mexico. Dr. Jackson has the regulation application blanks to be used to apply for membership in this proposed organization, and would be glad to receive any applications through the mails, being very anxious that Vermont be well represented in this division.

Should a division be raised, Colonel Roosevelt does not want any enlisted men in his command over 30 years of age, except those who are qualified to do some special duty. The colonel cannot give any assurance of commissions. The following branches to serve in may be indicated on the application blanks by those desirous of signing up for this division:

Engineers, infantry, field artillery, cavalry, signal corps, motorcycle machine gun, motor transport, commissary and subsistence, aviation, hospital corps, quartermaster's department. The introduction to the application reads as follows:

"In the event of a war with Mexico and volunteers being called by the United States government, I respectfully request that you consider this letter as my application for enlistment in the division which you may be authorized to organize and command." The application is made to Colonel Roosevelt at 432 Fourth avenue, New York.

VERMONT APPLES WIN

Ferrisburg Grows Secures Prize at Buffalo Exhibition.

Buffalo, N. Y., Aug. 18.—S. E. Noonan of North Ferrisburg, Vt., was awarded third prize in group one at the 22nd annual convention of the International Apple Shippers' association today at Niagara Falls, N. Y. The Virginia State Horticultural society of Winchester, Va., was awarded the sweepstakes with which goes the president's cup.

JOHNSTON LOSES AT TENNIS

National Champion Goes Down Before Japanese Player in Tennis.

Newport, R. I., Aug. 19.—William M. Johnston, the national tennis title holder, was defeated by I. Kumagoe, the Japanese champion, today in the final match of the singles tournament for the Casino cup. The score was 6-1, 5-7, 5-7, 2-6, 9-7.

SERB AND BULGAR CLASH NORTH OF SALONIKI

Fighting Continues on Front of Fifteen Miles

BULGARS SEIZE GREEK FORTS

Long-Expected Operations By Allies in Near East Apparently Begun.

Saloniki, Aug. 21.—The Bulgars have vigorously attacked the Serbs on a 15-mile front 70 miles northwest of this city. The Bulgars made their assault from the Florian.

To the south the Bulgars also delivered a strong attack on the line of Monastir-Saloniki railroad. Fighting is still in progress.

Paris, Aug. 20.—As a countermove to the Entente Allied advance in the center of the Saloniki force, the Teuton-Bulgar forces are active on both wings. While developing on the left left the offensive south of Monastir they have seized two Greek forts on the Struma and further west have pushed patrols toward the port of Kavala.

The general engagement which began on Friday is continuing with intensity over an extended front, running from Florina, near Monastir, to the River Struma. This represents an irregular line measuring upward of 150 miles.

General Sarrail is directing the united operations of the Allies, with General Cordonnier commanding the French troops. The operations have been long expected as a part of the co-ordinated offensive of the Allies on all fronts. Its opening follows the arrival of General Cordonnier after extended conferences with officials here.

On the left the Serbians had moved up to within twenty-five miles of Monastir, holding Florina as an observation post. Their orders were not in attempt to retain Florina if they were attacked. The Serbian War Office says the Bulgarians were repulsed and thrown back on their old positions, but that later the Serbians, following their instructions, evacuated Florina. Thereupon the town and the station of Florina were occupied by the Bulgarians.

The Serbians retired slowly and later delivered a heavy counterattack against a large Bulgarian force which was debouching from Florina toward Banica. Fighting continues in this region.

In the center French and British forces near Lake Doiran followed an intense bombardment with infantry attacks, in which the British contingent occupied the strategic point of Doizell. Further east the French right rushed a series of small villages in much the same manner as the French right carried the villages on the Somme front.

WOULD ISSUE BONDS

Telephone Company Seeks to Raise Money to Pay for Improvements.

Rutland, Aug. 17.—The New England Telephone and Telegraph company spent \$150,000 in improving their equipment in Vermont to meet the demands of the people for better service and now they want authority to issue additional bonds in order to pay for the work. A hearing on a petition for this right was held before the Vermont public service commission here with Nat B. Jones of Boston, general counsel, appearing for the telephone interests and State's Attorney C. V. Poulin for the State of Vermont. The company proposes to raise the money required by sale of 1,000 shares of stock. The commission did not render any decision in the matter but there was no objection raised and it is generally expected that the petition will be granted.

Chairman R. C. Bason and his associates also held a hearing of the Hortonville Power company, which is undertaking an immense water power development in Addison county and elsewhere in Vermont for the right to spend a greater amount of money in making improvements than was specified in a former order by the commission. E. W. Lawrence of Rutland was counsel for the company and Mr. Poulin represented the State.

WANT TAFT FOR SENATOR

Connecticut Republicans May Name Him if McLean Quits Race

Hartford, Conn., Aug. 18.—In the event that Senator George P. McLean persists in his refusal to be a candidate for nomination, it is said that an effort will be made to obtain unanimous endorsement for William H. Taft. It is known that Mr. Taft will not in any circumstances enter a contest for the nomination, but the belief prevails that if an unanimous nomination were tendered to him by the republican of Connecticut he would agree to run.

HIGH DIGNITARIES OF ROMAN CHURCH IN NEW YORK

Notable Body Opens Convention of American Federation

CATHEDRAL CROWDED BY 8,000

Twice That Number Gathered on Sidewalks to View Procession Which Preceded Mass.

New York, Aug. 21.—Three princes of the Roman Catholic church, the apostolic delegate to the United States, the papal nuncio to Brazil, scores of bishops and other dignitaries, several hundred priests and thousands of laymen participated yesterday in the celebration of a solemn pontifical high mass at St. Patrick's cathedral. The occasion was the formal opening of the 15th annual convention of the American federation of Catholic societies and the 61st annual convention of the national federation of German Catholics. Seldom in the history of the church has there been so notable a gathering of ecclesiastics outside of Rome.

It was estimated that more than 8000 persons crowded into the cathedral, while twice as many more congregated in the streets surrounding the great edifice to view the procession which preceded the mass.

At the opening of the ceremonies Mr. Michael J. Levelle, rector of the cathedral, read a message from Cardinal Gasparri, papal secretary of state, in which he said:

"The holy father will watch with a loving and paternal eye the federation of Catholic societies of the United States holding their annual convention in New York. He sends earnest wishes that their friendly discussions shall accomplish much for the welfare and honor of the Catholic name in your favored land. And while hoping for the most consoling results from your concord, activity and wisdom, he granted most heartily the apostolic benediction to the federation and to all who take part in it."

Admission to the cathedral was by ticket with reservations in the center aisle for the lay delegates. American and papal flags were hung above the cathedral entrance, with great streamers of yellow and white, the papal colors, suspended from each arch inside. High above all the decorations hung the red hat of the late Cardinal McCloskey, suspended from the arched ceiling over the chancel.

Three temporary canopied thrones were erected within the chancel for Cardinals Gibbons and O'Connell and Archbishop Bonzano, the papal delegate to the United States. Cardinal Farley, who sang the mass, occupied the permanent throne within the chancel.

Each of the princes of the church was attended by an assistant priest and two deacons of honor. The bishops, each attended by two surpliced priests, occupied seats about the thrones. The monsignor remained outside the chancel rail with the Knights of St. Gregory, and the uniformed rank of the Knights of Columbus.

The lay delegates led the procession into the cathedral and several hundred priests in black cassocks and white surplices lined the center aisle, while the cardinals, archbishops, bishops and monsignor, with their attendants, filed past. Fifty altar boys and the officers of the mass attended Cardinal Farley. The cathedral choir of Pittsburgh, numbering 150 male voices, assisted the high choir of St. Patrick's in chanting the ordinary of the mass from the chancel.

Bishop Thomas F. Hickey of Rochester preached the sermon, taking for his text: "For this I was born and for this came I into the world, that I should give testimony to the truth."

Among the church dignitaries present, besides the three cardinals, were Archbishop Aversa, papal nuncio to Brazil, and Bruchesi of Montreal; Bishops Currier of Havana, Cuba, Da Silva of Portugal and Shahan of the Catholic university. Prior to the ceremonies at the cathedral the delegates were met and welcomed to the city by Mayor Dowling.

The annual report of Joseph Frey, president of the German Roman Catholic central organization, made public yesterday, referred to the "swaying attitude of our government" with respect to Mexico, and declared that "in the opinion of our best thinkers and leaders, our so-called prosperity, chiefly due to traffic in munitions of war, will meet with an abrupt termination when peace shall have been established."

WEATHER FORECAST

For eastern New York and western Vermont partly cloudy and warmer tonight. Tuesday fair except showers.

AUTOMOBILE PUTS W. J. CARPENTER IN HOSPITAL

Bennington Man Run Down and Severely Bruised at Saratoga

INJURIES NOT ALL SERIOUS

Publicity Writer for New York Conservation Commissioner Was Making Moving Pictures.

Warwick S. Carpenter of Bennington, publicity writer for the New York conservation commissioner, George D. Pratt, is in a hospital at Saratoga recovering from injuries received when he was run down by an automobile early Sunday afternoon. No bones were broken but Mr. Carpenter has cuts and bruises enough on his body to keep him in bed for a number of days. A telephone message received this morning from the hospital stated that he had a comfortable night and that there was no occasion for worry over his condition.

At the time the accident occurred Mr. Carpenter and two assistants of Commissioner Pratt were engaged in taking moving pictures for the use of the department. Mr. Carpenter was caught in such a manner that he was dragged for some distance and when the automobile, a Maxwell touring car, was brought to a standstill he was doubled under the machine in such a manner that it was necessary to lift it from his body. Under the circumstances it is remarkable that he was not killed and still more so that he came through the accident without broken bones.

Mr. Carpenter was at once hurried to the hospital and his relatives here were at once informed of the accident by telephone. His mother, Mrs. Anna S. Carpenter and sister, Miss Marcia S. Carpenter and driver Frank Rousseau left here at once for Saratoga where they arrived at about 4.30 o'clock.

Mr. Carpenter was found resting as comfortably as could be expected under the circumstances. He was able to describe the accident and jokingly remarked that he was fortunate enough not to have been run over by a Ford.

Mrs. Warwick Carpenter and little son are at Humarock Beach, Mass., and were not informed of the accident until after it had been learned that no serious consequences were likely to result from it.

KILLED ON CHATHAM ROAD

Joseph Gilbert Hit by Train at Farmers' Inn Crossing.

Joseph Gilbert, aged 35, and employed on the construction of the Bennington and Hoosick Falls state road, was found dead beside the track of the Chatham division of the Rutland railroad early Sunday morning.

The accident which resulted in Gilbert's death happened at the Farmers' Inn crossing just west of the New York state line. The body was found by Charles Jewett who lives at the Farmers' Inn.

Gilbert, who had been boarding with Paul Saunders, was evidently hit by a northbound freight train which passes over the crossing about midnight.

After the coroner had conducted an investigation the body was removed to Hoosick Falls.

It is known that Gilbert had previously been employed in lumber camps in this vicinity. The authorities are endeavoring to locate his relatives.

ROOT ENDORSES BACON

Would Aid Hughes in Conduct of Foreign Relations.

New York, Aug. 21.—Elliott Root announced yesterday that he was in favor of the candidacy of Robert Bacon, former Ambassador to France, for the Republican nomination for United States Senator. In a letter to Joseph E. Choate, chairman of Mr. Bacon's campaign committee, Mr. Root said that Mr. Bacon's services in the United States senate would be of immense value to Mr. Hughes in the conduct of the foreign affairs of the United States. David Jayne Hill also sent a letter to Mr. Bacon pleading his such support as he would be able to give.

POSSE HUNTS SLAYER

Scours Connecticut Woods for Heavily Armed Negro

Voluntown, Conn., Aug. 20.—A posse of Deputy Sheriffs and citizens is searching the woods near the Rhode Island line for Clarence Simmonds, a negro, who is alleged to have murdered Mitchell Gravelin, a mill operative, an axe here this morning. Simmonds is said to be armed with a shot gun and revolver, and has plenty of ammunition. The murder followed a quarrel at Simmonds' home.