

HERE ON JUNE 1.

New Department Commander of
G. A. R. Talks.Laughs at Report of Politics in
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ENJOYED THE FIGHT.

Will Live in Topeka During
His Term."Chalk" Beeson and "Mike" Sut-
ton in Controversy.

W. A. Morgan, the new department commander of the Kansas Grand Army of the Republic, in Topeka today making arrangements to take up his headquarters in Topeka.

Concerning the political side of the recent big fight for the office of department commander, Mr. Morgan said:

"The Leland-Stubbs governorship fight did not enter into the controversy. I know that I had Stubbs men and Leland men fighting for me, and I think Mr. Boyle had the same sort of support. After the election, and the report that it was a 'Stubbs victory' I looked the situation over carefully, and concluded that about eight out of ten of the old soldiers at Kansas City were for Leland. That was a representative crowd of old soldiers, and I think that it will probably hold true throughout the state that the old soldiers are about eight out of ten for Leland."

"I couldn't make a guess on how the fight between these two candidates will come out. I am a Kansan, where I live, the sentiment is all for Stubbs. When I went to Kansas City I was surprised to find so much sentiment for Leland among the citizens of that town."

"That was a splendid fight we had at Kansas City. I enjoyed every minute of it. When I went down there to get headquarters I found that all the rooms in the big hotel had been taken by the Boyle forces. We had to make our headquarters in the Metropolitan hotel, a smaller and cheaper place. But the old soldiers are not a very healthy lot, and they preferred the cheaper hotels and boarding houses, and we went to work and organized all of those hotels and boarding houses. But the old soldiers are not a very healthy lot, and they preferred the cheaper hotels and boarding houses, and we went to work and organized all of those hotels and boarding houses."

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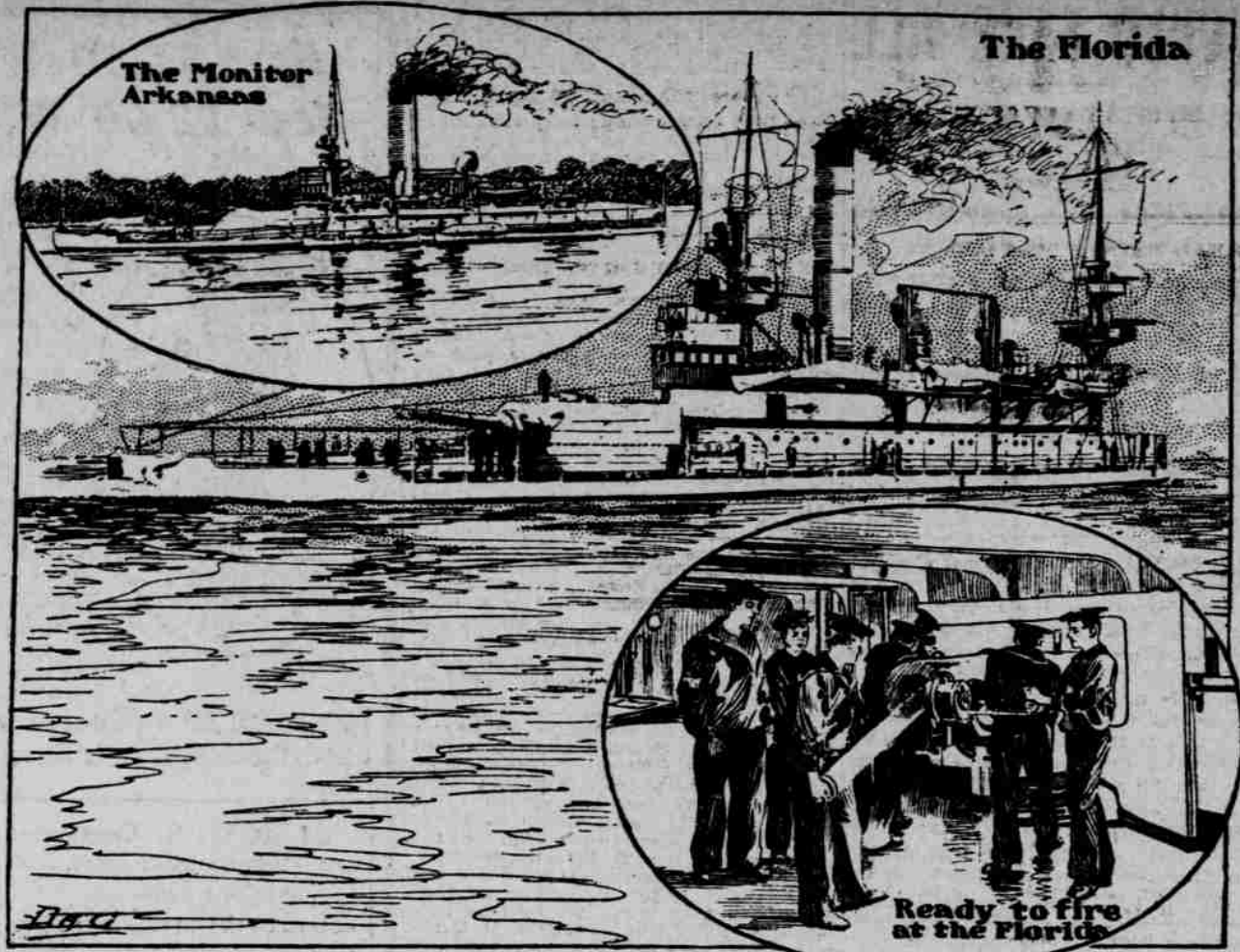
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A MODERN \$1,000,000 UNITED STATES WAR VESSEL USED AS A TARGET.

The firing of shells and torpedoes at the United States battleship *Florida* by experts on board the monitor *Arkansas* is the first instance where a valuable vessel has been used as a target by our navy. Recently the British North Sea squadron riddled an old cruiser with shells, and the result moved the navy department to make somewhat similar tests. The *Florida*, which cost \$1,000,000 and was launched in 1901, was selected for the experiment. The plan was to fire shells from the twelve inch guns of the *Arkansas* at the turret of the *Florida* and send torpedoes against her sides to test the resistance of her armor and the penetrating force of the projectiles.

that Long's refusal to commit himself in advance to Roosevelt's recommendations on a rate bill was endorsed by President Roosevelt himself. Here is where Morgan lets one of Bristow's cats out of the bag. A number of Long's friends, one of whom was Bristow, met him at Newton when Long was being abused by the Kansas City Star, Topeka Capital and William Allen White, because he wouldn't line up in advance for any recommendation the president would make on a rate bill. "No senator," said Long in this meeting, "should blindly promise to support any measure until he sees it and considers it. Long is right here in Topeka, but he ought to play a little politics for his friends." Morgan draws attention to the fact that while Long has been accused of being a host, no one has ever accused him of being a quitter."

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TO BE A TARGET SHIP. TWO DANGERS NAMED.

The Monitor Florida Arrives at Hampton Roads.

Governor Johnson Points Out Menace to Republican Institutions.

Norfolk, Va., May 26.—Everything in readiness for the gunnery tests to which the monitor *Florida* is to be subjected in lower Chesapeake bay tomorrow, when she becomes a target for heavy firing from the turrets of her sister ship, the monitor *Arkansas*, and torpedoes to be shot at her under water by the torpedo boat *Morris*. All the vessels that are to participate in the novel experiment are in Hampton Roads, having left the Norfolk navy yard yesterday. Commander Quimby and his men have full faith in the ability of their ship to withstand serious damage from the guns of the *Arkansas* and they have no doubt of the repelling by the "torpedo net" about the *Florida* below the water line of the torpedoes that will be shot at her by the *Morris*. It will be a testing of the armor plate of the *Florida* and the ability of the class of vessel to withstand heavy firing from modern guns, as well as the marksmanship of those doing the firing.

Practically all of these who will occupy hazardous positions on the *Florida* are volunteers who offered their services when the call went out from the navy department. The tests are being watched with great interest not only here but by the officials at Washington as well as by foreign representatives.

In the tower built on the monitor for the tests have been placed "dummy" men, who will act as targets for sharp shooting from the other vessels. The *Florida* presents an unique appearance. It is the first time in the history of the American navy that a vessel as large as this is to be subjected to ever have been attempted. The monitor will be fired on as if she was a real enemy of war.

The torpedoes to be shot at the *Florida* by the *Morris* will be fired from a torpedo net about the monitor below her water line. This will be the first test of the torpedo net by the American navy.

Invested Money in Oil Lease and Got No Returns, He Says.

Kansas City, May 26.—Judge Frank Doster of Topeka, Kan., formerly a member of the supreme bench of the state, yesterday brought suit in the circuit court here to recover \$1,738.69 and interest from July, 1906, to date from John P. Overfield of Independence, Kansas.

Judge Doster claims that Overfield offered to lease to him for \$300 an eight-acre tract of oil land near Fairview, Ok., when in fact Overfield did not have a clear title to the property. The judge says he advanced \$1,738.69 to improve the property and Overfield refused to return the money. The question is known as the "Mary Beck" oil field.

GOLD FOR SWITZERLAND.

The First Shipment Direct Leaves New York Today.

New York, May 26.—Of \$1,600,000 gold which has been engaged for export by the National City Bank, \$500,000 is to go to Switzerland. This is the first engagement of gold to go directly to that country which has never been made before. The gold is to be shipped to Switzerland through Paris bankers, but this roundabout route was given up yesterday in view of the offer of the Swiss bankers of interest while the gold is in transit and in addition their high bid for the metal. The shipment, which is in gold bars, will go on the Kaiser Wilhelm today for Basel.

RIVERS FOUR MILES WIDE.

The Verdigris and Fall Flood the Valleys, But Are Flooding.

Fredonia, Kan., May 26.—The recent heavy rain has put both the Fall river and the Verdigris river out of their banks in places four miles wide, over their valleys, though not up to the high water marks of 1895 or 1907. Fully one-third of the wheat in these bottoms will be destroyed, and one-half the corn must be replanted. The waters are receding here today.

CORN JUMPS 5 CENTS.

On Report That Patten Said It Would Go "Much Higher."

Chicago, May 26.—May corn showed sudden strength on the board of trade today and advanced to a point 5 cents above the close of last night. The rise was generally credited to a statement said to have been made by James A. Patten, who is supposed to have a "corner" on the May delivery, to the effect that corn is going "much higher."

The price at one time was as high as \$1.00, and the close of the market was strong and excited with May corn 4 1/2 cents higher at 78c.

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California Fruit—Table Apples and Peaches, per can 15c
SWEET CORN—Pa Da Ra brand, four cans for.....25c
SOAP—White Russian, Silk, Lenox and Diamond C 8 bars for 25c
CANNED PEAS—Polk's Best Early June, Pa Da Ra and Eureka, Sweet Wrinkle Peas, 3 cans 25c

Wednesday Special!
Horseshoe and Star Tobacco, lb.....40c
Buy as much as you want. We never limit.

Save Premium Stamps
We Cut Prices
We Save You Money

TOMATOES—Greenwood brand, large cans, 3 for.....25c
CORN FLAKES—Cerealine brand, four 10c packages for.....25c
UNEEDA BISCUIT—3 pkgs.....10c
GRAHAM CRACKERS—2 10c pkgs. for.....15c
NEW POTATOES—Per pk.....30c
FLOUR—Fried of Topeka, extra high patent, per 48 lb. sack \$1.35

Chicago, May 26.—WHEAT—The wheat market was weak at the opening today because of an easy tone at Liverpool in the face of yesterday's advance here. The generally favorable weather in this country was also a bearish factor. July wheat opened 45 1/2c to 46 1/2c lower, at 90 1/2c, and then advanced to 90 3/4c, sold at 90 1/2c. Minneapolis, Duluth and Chicago reported receipts of 247 cars.

The market became strong in the latter half of the day because of the bulge in corn. The close was strong with July up 1/2c.

CORN—The corn market was generally strong. The May option was very erratic, selling over a range of 2 1/2c with the first half hour. Continued rains in the corn belt, which are interfering with farm work, is a bullish factor. May 1st, 1908, opened 1/2c lower, at 74 1/2c, and in the early trading sold lower at 74c and 75c. July corn opened 1/2c lower, at 66 1/2c, and sold at 66 1/2c.

Sentiment became extremely bullish in the latter part of the session. The bull leader, who has been represented as having a "corner" on the May delivery was credited with a statement to the effect that corn is going "much higher." The price of the May option advanced 5c to 75c, while July sold up to 68 1/2c. The close was strong with May 1/4c higher, at 75 1/2c, and July up 2 1/2c, at 68 1/2c.

OATS—The oats market was dull and steady. July oats opened a shade lower, at 47 1/2c, and sold at 47 1/2c.

PROVISIONS—The weak market for live hogs had a depressing effect on provisions. Pork prices were not materially changed. July pork was unchanged at \$8.57 1/2. Lard was 2 1/2c higher, at \$6.16. Ribs were 1/2c lower, at \$3.94 1/2.

RYE—Cash, 81c.
BARLEY—Cash, 61c.
TIMOTHY—Cash, \$4.00.

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CHICKENS—Receipts today, 10,000 head. Market steady. Bulk of sales, \$10.00 to \$10.50. Steers, \$10.00 to \$10.50; cows, \$9.50 to \$10.00; calves, \$8.00 to \$9.00.

We Give Premium Stamps

California Fruit—Table Apples and Peaches, per can 15c
SWEET CORN—Pa Da Ra brand, four cans for.....25c
SOAP—White Russian, Silk, Lenox and Diamond C 8 bars for 25c
CANNED PEAS—Polk's