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6 British Warships Sunk In All Night Naval Battle Wednesday

NATIONS' ARMIES SURGE BACK AND FORTH AT VERDUN

FRENCH PROGRESS SLIGHTLY SOUTH OF CUARETTES WOOD—FIGHTING ON EAST MEUSE IS VIOLENT.

INDECISIVE IS BELIEVED TO HAVE BEEN OUTCOME OF GERMAN ATTACK ON THE NORTHEAST.

(By Associated Press.)
In the course of heavy fighting on the Verdun front, which continued throughout the night, the French progressed slightly south of Cuarettas Wood. Today the French official statement announces that the struggle between Thiamont farm and Vaux, east of the Meuse, is described as extremely violent.

The German attack yesterday northeast of Verdun, which gained the first line of French trenches in a crucial section between Fort Douaumont and Vaux, has been followed by fighting of extreme violence. Today's French official statement fails to record the outcome, implying that thus far it is indecisive.

The crown prince's drive is being pressed along a front a little more than two miles wide, between Thiamont farm and Vaux. The German progress here has been slight since the early days of the fighting. The recent pushing back of the French lines on the west bank of the Meuse, however, is claimed to have stopped the French flanking fire from that bank, which hitherto handicapped German attempts to advance on the opposite side of the river.

Russians Repulsed in Face of Turk Offense.

(By Associated Press.)
CONSTANTINOPLE, June 2.—The Russians were repulsed in Armenia in the face of the Turkish offensive, which compelled Duke Nicholas to retire from Hamatum, fifty miles west of Erzerum, and has been followed by a further retirement of the Russian left wing for more than dozen miles, according to the Turkish official statement today.

Bombarding Aviators Are Brought Down By French

(By Associated Press.)
PARIS, June 2.—A squadron of French aeroplanes pursuing a group of German machines which just bombarded Barleduc, killing eighteen civilians brought down two machines.

Phenomenal Cold Being Experienced In Russia

(By Associated Press.)
PETROGRAD, June 2.—Phenomenal cold for this time of the year prevails throughout Russia. Street cars at Kasan were stopped by snow. The temperature at Nishai Novogorod is at the freezing point.

IRISH PARLIAMENT NOW IN SIGHT; ULSTER OUT

(By Associated Press.)
LONDON, June 2.—The Evening Standard says a basis of agreement has been reached for the settlement of the Irish question and that the proposed Irish parliament will be set up immediately, Ulster being excluded. The parliament will be made up of the present Irish representatives in the British parliament.

Justice Hughes "Has No Representative"

(By Associated Press.)
WASHINGTON, D. C., June 2.—When inquiry was made of Justice Charles E. Hughes today as to whether Frank H. Hitchcock was representing him at Chicago the justice's secretary, L. H. Green, made the statement that it is "perfectly well understood that Justice Hughes has no representative."

DALLAS MAN IS BACK FOR TRIAL

CLARENCE K. M'GOWN IS BROUGHT FROM SOUTH AMERICA TO BE TRIED ON DEFAULT CHARGE.

NEW YORK, N. Y., June 2.—Clarence K. McGown, formerly clerk in the tax collector's office at Dallas, Texas, was brought here today from Montevideo by a detective to be taken back to Dallas.

(By Associated Press.)
DALLAS, Texas, June 2.—Clarence K. McGown, alleged tax defaulter from the Dallas city tax collector's office, brought back to the United States by City Detective Moffitt after extradition proceedings with Uruguay last spring, was expected to arrive in New York today, in custody of Dallas officers, to be brought here to face trial. McGown and a companion were alleged to have absconded from Dallas early in February with \$10,000 in city tax funds. McGown was a deputy collector.

Subsequent work of authorities in locating the two men has been regarded as one of the most prominent crime-detecting coups in the southeast. The two men were traced to Rio Janeiro and later to Montevideo, Uruguay, where they were detained. Extradition papers were obtained from the state department at Washington, and an officer sent from Dallas to bring the men home. It was said in a report to Mayor Henry D. Lindsay of Dallas from the officer that only a small portion—less than \$500—remained of the original amount alleged to have been taken from the city. McGown, it is claimed, stated to officers that he lost the bulk of the money in games of chance indulged in en route to South America, and at Rio Janeiro.

He was located in Montevideo after a searching inquiry over all South America, made by Dallas police officials and United States government authorities.

While in custody in Montevideo, McGown made a complaint to the United States state department, through consular representatives, on the food he was receiving in prison. He said his three meals daily consisted principally of chili, with little else.

DELEGATES TO G. O. P. MEETING

R. B. CREAGER AND C. H. MORE, ALTERNATE, FROM THIS DISTRICT, ON WAY TO CONVENTION.

R. B. Creager, delegate from the Fifteenth Congressional district to the Republican convention, which opens at Chicago Wednesday, has gone to Chicago, and C. H. More, of Brownsville, his alternate, leaves this afternoon.

Mr. Creager left early in order to join the national republican committee which is to meet in Chicago Saturday in order to take up for consideration contests among delegates to the convention. Mr. Creager is attorney for the national committee in the contests.

Mr. More will join other delegates from Texas at San Antonio and the party will make the trip the balance of the way in a special car.

GERMAN ADMIRALTY SAYS FIGHT ENDED FAVORABLY TO GERMANS

AN ORGANIZATION OF SCOUTS PLAN

GENERAL PARKER ASKS FOR PERMISSION TO FORM COMPANIES LIKE PHILIPPINE SCOUTS.

General James Parker, commander of the Brownsville district, today applied to the southern department headquarters at Fort Sam Houston to organize companies of scouts along the line of the famous Philippine scout organizations formed by the army after the Philippine occupation and at present maintained in the islands. General Parker plans to use the scout companies to repel bandit attacks.

The idea suggested itself to General Parker following his meeting several influential Mexicans residing in Cameron county who assured him they would be glad to lend their aid in forming home guards or to form bodies of scouts to assist the army in its work on this border. General Parker expressed the opinion that there are thousands of Mexicans residing in the United States who will be glad to serve under the American flag.

The commander left by automobile this afternoon for Harlingen where he will meet Brigadier General Hulen of the national guard regiments. Together the commanders will make an inspection of the state battalions at Harlingen, San Benito and Mercedes and General Parker will make short talks to the soldiers exhorting them to do their best to learn the military methods, life, practice, etc.

General Parker will return to Brownsville tonight.

Livestock Board Names Six New Inspectors

(By Associated Press.)
FORT WORTH, Texas, June 2.—Six new inspectors were named today by the state livestock sanitary board for the extension work in the tick eradication campaign in the Texas cattle country. They will be located at Sonora, Albany, Fort Worth, Wichita Falls, Electra and Sweetwater. This is the result of the recent bond issues at these points providing funds for the inspectors.

Captain Wilson to Get Super-Ship.
NORFOLK, Va., June 2.—The new superdreadnaught Pennsylvania will be commissioned at the navy yards here June 12, with Captain Henry B. Wilson in command, it was officially announced.

LOVE PROPOSES TO ARBITRATE

SUBMITS HIS PROPOSAL TO THE SUCCESSFUL CANDIDATE, AND SAYS MISCOUNT MADE.

DALLAS, Texas, June 2.—Thomas B. Love, of Dallas, defeated candidate for Democratic national committeeman from Texas, Thursday made public a letter to Judge William Poindexter of Cleburne, successful candidate, in which Mr. Love claims the ballots were miscounted and offers to submit the controversy to an arbitration board which Judge Poindexter may assist in naming. The object of this move, he said, was to settle the dispute in advance of the St. Louis convention. His offer to arbitrate, Mr. Love said, was in good faith, and he hoped Judge Poindexter would agree to that procedure.

GERMANY'S HIGH SEA FLEET MEETS BRITISH BATTLE FLEET

Parts Of Crews of Destroyed Ships Are Rescued, Including 2 Men From British Cruiser "Indefatigable"

(By Associated Press.)
LONDON, June 2.—The British admiralty statement confirms the German sea battle and the losses to the British and the Germans.

(By Associated Press.)
BERLIN, June 2.—The German high sea fleet on May 31 encountered the British battle fleet and in the ensuing engagement which lasted all night the results were favorable to the Germans. One large British battleship, a warship, and the battle cruisers Queen Mary and "Indefatigable" and two armored cruisers were destroyed. The German admiralty claims also reported that small British cruisers, a number of torpedo boat destroyers and torpedo boats were sunk.

The statement adds that by observation it was established that a large number of British battleships suffered. It also declares that the British battleship Marlborough was hit by a torpedo, this being confirmed by prisoners rescued. Parts of the crews of the destroyed British ships were rescued, including two men of the "Indefatigable" the only survivors of the ship.

On the German side the cruiser Weisbaden was sunk by gun fire and the Pommer was sunk by a torpedo. The fate of the Fraulob is unknown. Some of the torpedo boats failed to return. The fleet returned to port June 1. The battle was fought off Denmark.

ENLISTED MEN TO TRAIN PLUNGES THRU A BRIDGE

INSTEAD OF BEING PERMITTED TO LEAVE COLORS AND ENTER THE RESERVES ARE BEING HELD.

Instead of being permitted to leave the colors and enter the reserves after three years of active service, enlisted men will be held for their full four years enlistment until further orders, according to the war department.

The war department, wishing to hold the army to its present strength, has sent orders that suspend the privilege the men have had of passing from the active to the reserve list at the end of three years.

The first evidence of the new orders came to light at Fort Brown yesterday when applications of men to transfer to the reserve after the three years of active service, were denied.

Pope's Efforts Only To End "Suicide Of Europe"

(By Associated Press.)
ROME, Italy, June 2.—Cardinal Gasparri, the papal secretary of state in an interview with the Associated Press today declared that the pope is influenced in his peace efforts solely by a desire to stop the "suicide of Europe."

THE WEATHER FORECAST

The following weather forecast for the lower Gulf coast states and the Magic Valley is issued by the United States weather bureau at New Orleans:
Tonight and Saturday fair; light southerly winds.
Tonight and Friday partly cloudy; light temperate southerly winds.

Local Weather Observations.

The following local weather observations, covering the 24-hour period ending at 7 a. m. today, are furnished by the United States weather bureau station at Fort Brown:
Maximum temperature 91.5
Minimum temperature 75.3
Barometric pressure, 7 p. m., 29.86
Barometric pressure, 7 a. m., 29.89

POSSIBLY 20 AND LEAST 15 PERSONS LOSE LIVES IN ROCK ISLAND RAILROAD ACCIDENT.

(By Associated Press.)
MARSHALLTOWN, Iowa, June 2.—A dispatch to local papers from the scene of the Rock Island wreck at Packard, Iowa, states that possibly a score of passengers lost their lives when the train plunged through a bridge. It is stated that the dead will total at least fifteen.

PACKARD, Ohio, June 2.—Two women were killed, and ten persons were injured as a result of the collapse of a bridge over a creek near here under a fast Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific passenger train early today. In addition to the two dead seven other persons are missing, and are believed to be dead.

Norwegian Steamer Again Is Afloat.

(By Associated Press.)
ST. JOHNS, Newfoundland, June 2.—The Norwegian steamer Newfoundland which went ashore yesterday, bound for Baltimore from Christiania was floated today. The steamer was badly damaged.

Autos Agian Irksome To Musicians In Concert

Members of the Fourth Infantry Band today again called the attention of autoists attending the concerts at Fort Brown to the fact that the noise from automobiles traveling in the army post during the rendition of music, particularly during classical hours, drowns the music so far as the hearers are concerned. Requests were renewed that autoists bring their machines to a stop during the playing.

Son of R. B. Rentfro Dies.

After an illness of some time the nine months old son of Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Rentfro died this afternoon at one o'clock. The funeral services will be held tomorrow morning at 10 o'clock from the residence on Elizabeth street to the family burial plot in the old cemetery. The child is survived by his parents, a twin sister, and older sister and by three brothers.

DISTRIBUTION MEXICO ARMY IS ANNOUNCED

FUNSTON TELLS BAKER: CARRANZA MEN DISPOSED FOR AN ACTIVE CAMPAIGN IN CHIHUAHUA AGAINST THE BANDITS.

COMMANDER SAYS FEELS NO UNEASINESS OF CONCENTRATION OF CARRANZA'S TROOPS IN THE NORTH.

(By Associated Press.)
WASHINGTON, D. C., June 2.—General Funston feels no uneasiness, Secretary of War Baker said today, of the concentration of the Carranza troops in Northern Chihuahua and Sonora after the Secretary of war had made public General Funston's report of the disposition of Mexican soldiers in the territory the Americans are now occupying. Secretary Baker said General Funston told him they are being disposed for an apparently active campaign against the bandits over a territory extending five hundred miles from Madera to Ojinaga.

The distribution of the Carranza forces as given by General Funston follows: Four thousand infantry at Chihuahua City; two thousand at Ojinaga; two thousand south of Chihuahua City, five thousand in the vicinity of Madera, and the remainder divided in smaller commands being disposed of in the territory described and in the Big Bend country.

Secretary Baker said General Funston secured reliable information concerning the Carranza troops and found no entrenchments or barbed wire entanglements.

REPAIR AUTOS TO THE EXPEDITION

TWO, FULLY EQUIPPED WITH ALL MACHINE SHOP APPLIANCES, UNLOADED AT COLUMBUS.

(By Associated Press.)
COLUMBUS, N. M., June 2.—The quartermaster department today unloaded two special automobile trucks fully equipped with all machine shop appliances to be operated between Palomas and General Pershing's advanced base for use in repairing other motor trucks and avoid the necessity of sending trucks back there for overhauling.

Efforts are being made to dispatch a reserve quantity of supplies and forage to the expedition before the rainy season sets in.

Reports are current here of the mutiny of Carranza troops at Villa Ahu, made, one hundred miles south of Juarez, last night.

NEW FLAG POLE FOR FT. BROWN IS BEING URGED

Fort Brown is an army post. Whether with the consent of the war department or not, there's a flag pole at Fort Brown, but it's a half mast for itself, in itself, of itself. In other words half the flag pole was taken down and carried away a year or so ago because it had rusted with age and constituted a menace to its surroundings. On top of this remaining part of the flag pole were Old Glory, Quartermaster Aloe at Fort Brown has applied for a new flagpole at Fort Brown, but possibly because of the press of other matters, the powers that be in the quartermaster department have not yet allowed the local quartermaster's recommendation.