

HUGE NAVAL BATTLE

14 BRITISH WARSHIPS LOST IN FIGHT WITH GERMAN FLEET.

NINE TEUTON CRAFT SUNK?

Thousands of Lives Lost in Greatest Naval Engagement in History—Zeppelins Drop Bombs on Britons During Fight—Several Vessels Missing.

London, June 5.—The high seas fleets of Germany and Great Britain have met. For the first time since the war began they clashed off the coast of Denmark Wednesday. The battle that ensued was the greatest naval engagement in the history of the world. For 24 hours the North sea shook with the thunder of the battle.

According to the admiralty announcements the British battle cruiser fleet met a German fleet, with the result that three British battle cruisers were sunk, together with three cruisers and eight destroyers.

The battle lasted through the afternoon and the following night.

The announcement adds that of three German battle cruisers, either the Derfflinger or Lutzow was blown up, another was seen to have been disabled and a third to be seriously damaged.

One German light cruiser and six German torpedo boat destroyers were sunk and at least two more light cruisers were disabled.

The news was flashed out in special editions of the evening newspapers and caused greater consternation in the West end of London than had been witnessed on any previous occasion since the declaration of war.

The frankness of the admiralty announcement concerning the serious nature of the British losses and the apparently small losses of the Germans in comparison led to the assumption in most minds that the British vessels must have been led into a mine field.

Following quickly upon the admiralty announcement came the German official version of the fight, which, in general, confirms the British account, but carries the claim that the battleship Warspite also was sunk and other British battleships damaged.

The German losses, according to the German version of the battle, were the small cruiser Wiesbaden, sunk by gun fire, and the warship Pommern by a torpedo, while the cruiser Frauenlob and a number of torpedo boats are missing.

The British battle cruisers sent down were the Queen Mary, Indefatigable and Invincible. The cruisers sunk were the Denfense, Black Prince and Warrior. Five destroyers—the Tipperary, Turbulent, Fortune, Sparrowhawk and Ardent—were lost. The names of the six missing destroyers have not been announced.

A dispatch from Rotterdam to the Reuter Telegram company reported the tugboat Schelde entering the new water way with dead and wounded men from the naval battle. A steam trawler also was reported on the way to Ymuiden with 15 rescued Germans, including three officers.

The loss of life in the engagement, which probably was the greatest sea battle of the world war, if not the most gigantic naval fight in history, must have been extremely heavy. The battle cruiser Indefatigable, for instance, from which the German admiralty reports only two men were saved, probably had more than 900 men on board, and others of the vessels sunk carried complements of men equally or nearly as large.

Previous to this battle Great Britain had lost during the course of the war 10 battleships, 11 cruisers and various smaller craft.

Germany had lost 18 cruisers, 19 auxiliary cruisers, chiefly converted passenger liners, and numerous smaller vessels.

HOUSE PASSES NAVAL BILL

\$270,000,000 Appropriation Measure Approved by Vote of 358 to 4—Announcement is Cheered.

Washington, June 5.—The naval appropriation bill carrying \$270,000,000 for sea preparedness, was passed on Friday by the house by a vote of 358 to 4. A wild outburst of enthusiasm from both sides of the house greeted the announcement.

Those who voted against the bill on its final passage were Representatives Browning, Republican, New Jersey; Graham, Republican, Pennsylvania; Randall, Democrat, California, and London, Socialist, New York.

The building program includes five battle cruisers, four scout cruisers, ten destroyers, 50 submarines and 130 aeroplanes.

Triplets Born in Nebraska. Lincoln, Neb., June 5.—The birth of triplets, averaging over eight pounds in weight, to Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Helmer of Hartington, Neb., was reported to the vital statistics bureau of Nebraska.

Fire in Brockville. Brockville, Ont., June 5.—Fire destroyed the big block of the Senator Fulford estate on Friday morning and for a time threatened the heart of the business section. The loss was estimated at \$100,000.

CAMPAIGN IN EAST AFRICA



This map shows the approximate progress of the allied forces in East Africa according to recent reports via London: 1—British report capture of Langenburg from Germans in East Africa on north end of Lake Nyassa. 2—British advance against Abercorn invests Marema, 20 miles northeast of that town. 3—Belgian forces co-operating with British in East Africa defeat Germans east of Lake Kivu. 4—The main German force in East Africa is falling back along the Central railway toward the west. Last reports place the British advance at Kilimatindé. Belgian forces from the Congo are threatening the Germans from the west or northwest.

KNIFE HURLED AT T. R. NEW CARRANZA NOTE

WEAPON THROWN IN COLONEL'S DIRECTION ON MEMORIAL DAY.

Former President Urges Universal Military Training and Hits at "False Prophets."

Kansas City, Mo., June 1.—An open pocket knife was thrown apparently at Col. Theodore Roosevelt here on Tuesday as his motor car turned into Twenty-third street in the Memorial day parade. The knife struck the rear of the automobile and was found later in the street. Colonel Roosevelt was not told of the occurrence and the police had no report on the matter. No arrests are expected.

A man who tried to force his way into the colonel's suite at the Muehlbach hotel was placed under arrest.

Kansas City gave Colonel Roosevelt a real western reception. Before noon he had delivered two short addresses—one to a group of children who greeted him in the lobby of his hotel and the other from the hotel balcony to hundreds grouped in the streets. In both talks the colonel continued to preach of preparedness and to warn his listeners to be ready to protect the country by arms, if necessary.

A great crowd greeted the former president in the Union station plaza. One hundred automobiles were in line in the parade to Colonel Roosevelt's hotel.

Universal training based upon universal service was urged upon the youth of the nation by Roosevelt in a Memorial day address delivered as "a message to the Americans" before Civil war veterans of the North and the Confederacy.

Colonel Roosevelt said his address was directed with equal emphasis "to the soul qualities of the men who followed Grant and of the men who followed Lee," but that he made no appeal "to the memory of the copperhead pacifists who put peace above duty."

The colonel urged the nation to "be aware of the false prophets"—professional pacifists who, he declared, do not serve high ideals.

Approves U. S. Armor Plant.

Washington, June 2.—The proposal to establish a government plant for the manufacture of armor plate at a cost of \$11,000,000 was approved on Wednesday by the house, sitting as the committee of the whole, by a vote of 180 to 125. The house adopted, by a vote of 129 to 103, an amendment increasing the appropriation for aviation from \$2,000,000 to \$3,500,000.

Kaiser Honors Delbruck.

Berlin, June 2.—Dr. Clemens Delbruck, former minister of interior, has been elevated to the nobility by the kaiser in recognition of his war services.

Will Borrow \$6,165,000,000.

London, June 5.—According to an official statement by the chancellor of the exchequer, Reginald McKenna, the deficit for 1916-17 will be made good by borrowing an amount estimated at \$6,165,000,000.

Rate Unreasonable.

Washington, June 5.—The interstate commerce commission held that the rate of 22 1/2 cents a hundredweight on wheat in carload lots from South Chicago, Ill., to Virginia points by way of Louisville, Ky., is unreasonable.

AGAIN DEMANDS WITHDRAWAL OF AMERICAN TROOPS.

First Chief Declares There is No Reason for U. S. Soldiers in His Country.

Washington, June 2.—Demands that the United States withdraw its troops and intimations that the American government is not acting in good faith are contained in a 12,000-word note from General Carranza, delivered to the state department on Wednesday by Eliseo Arredondo, Mexican ambassador designate.

An explanation of the actions of the Wilson administration is requested.

Added to this is a well-defined suspicion in the mind of Carranza and his advisers that the American government, while making protestations of good will and friendliness, is preparing for any emergency in Mexico, and to prove this contention Carranza cites the practical embargo on arms and ammunition, he having received no shipments for weeks. It also is declared that machinery which was ordered weeks ago for Carranza arsenals is held up by order of Washington.

"The Mexican government therefore invites the United States to bring to an end this unsupportable situation," the note concludes, "and to support its protestations and declarations of friendship by an immediate withdrawal of American troops."

State department officials regard the note not as an ultimatum, but as a continuance of the negotiations with the Carranza government.

IMPORTANT NEWS ITEMS

London, June 1.—The economic conference of the allies in Paris will open on June 14, it was announced in commons.

London, June 2.—Italian troops have evacuated the fortified town of Asiago before the Austrian advance, according to the Rome correspondent of the London Times.

Washington, June 1.—Col. John S. Mosby, the most famous Confederate raider of the Civil war, died here on Tuesday after a long illness. He was a native of Virginia and was eighty-two years old. Colonel Mosby's death, his physicians said, was due solely to old age.

New York, June 3.—Receiving his death sentence in the same unflinching manner in which he heard the jury's verdict of guilty, Dr. Arthur Warren Waite was sentenced on Thursday to die in the electric chair at Sing Sing prison during the week beginning July 10 for the murder of John E. Peck of Grand Rapids, Mich.

Prosecute Liebknecht for Treason.

Copenhagen, June 3.—A Berlin dispatch says that the court which conducted the preliminary examination of Dr. Karl Liebknecht, the Socialist leader, decided that he should be prosecuted for treason.

Up for Skeffington Death.

Dublin, June 3.—The court-martial of Bowen Cathorpe, the officer who ordered the shooting of F. Skeffington, following the revolt, convened here. The accused officer is an Irishman who has been at the front.

MAKES AN INCREASE

STATE BOARD SETTLES RAILROAD TAX QUESTION

IN GOOD FINANCIAL CONDITION

Items of General Interest Gathered from Reliable Sources Around the State House.

Western Newspaper Union News Service.

The state board of assessment has partially retraced its steps in the matter of the assessment of railroad property. At a recent meeting it decided to make an increase of 3 1/2 per cent in the valuation of so-called main lines and make no increase on branch lines. Owing to criticism that one-third of the counties of the state would receive no increase in taxes paid by railroads, the board has changed the method of distributing the increase. It has decided to spread the 3 1/2 per cent over the entire mileage of each system instead of adding it to main lines only. The total increase in the assessed valuation of all railroad property at the rate of 3 1/2 per cent is \$1,016,591. This increased value is spread over the entire mileage of the roads, amounts to only \$33 a mile increase for the Northwestern road, \$30 a mile for the St. Joe road, \$290 a mile for the Union Pacific, \$175 a mile for the Burlington, \$110 for the M. & O., \$170 for the Rock Island, and \$125 a mile for the Missouri Pacific.

State Treasurer Made Defendant

State Treasurer Hall was made defendant in a mandamus suit commenced in the supreme court by the oil companies doing business in this state, who applied for a peremptory writ commanding him to permit the use of about \$125,000 in fees accumulated during 1913-14 and part of 1915 for the payment of current expenses of the oil, drug and dairy commission. This money has been lying in the treasury untouched, as it was not appropriated by the 1915 legislature for any purpose. State Treasurer Hall had in mind to turn it into the general fund inasmuch as it came under a blanket provision in the 1915 general appropriation bill which authorized him to so use "funds not otherwise appropriated."

State in Good Financial Shape

There is now a cash balance amounting to a quarter of a million dollars in the state general fund of Nebraska, as compared with less than \$75,000 a month ago. This fact appears from a financial statement issued by State Treasurer Hall at the close of business May 31. The state treasurer's policy of requiring county treasurers to remit once a month is bringing in money at a rate fast enough to pay all the state's bills and accumulate a surplus besides. The balance will probably continue to grow during the first half of June, as a large amount of real estate tax was paid during May and the state's share thereof is now being sent in.

Wants Data on Harvest Work.

Labor Commissioner Coffey is sending to farmers, county clerks and Commercial clubs in Nebraska a request for information as to how many harvest hands will be needed in their respective localities this summer. He and the labor commissioners of other states are co-operating in the effort to secure work for the harvest hands who migrate annually from south to north during the wheat gathering season.

Thirty-one graduates of the Temple high school were given certificates at the commencement exercises in the Temple theatre Thursday evening, and fourteen others were given elementary state teachers' certificates.

Treasurer Hall Defendant in Suit.

Food Commissioner Harman, whose department has charge of the inspection of weights and measures all over the state except in the larger cities, believes that, as a general thing, the measuring pumps by which oil firms sell gasoline to automobile owners and users give purchaser the full amount that he pays for. These pumps, says Harman, have been under inspection right along. Occasionally one is found that runs short measure, and in every such instance it is either corrected or condemned.

A. L. Burnham of Stanton will be the cadet colonel of the university battalion for next year, according to an announcement made at the annual competitive drill held on the athletic field last week. A. J. Covert of Lincoln was made lieutenant colonel, J. L. McMaster of Lincoln, major, executive and delinquency officer; B. Nye of Kearney, major of the First battalion; K. Y. Craig of Omaha, major of the Second battalion, and C. S. Holcombe of Maxwell, major of the Third battalion. D. T. Lane of Seneca was announced as major of the band.

If the social and economic burden of care for insane is not reduced it will ultimately become unbearable, according to Dr. L. B. Plisbury of the state hospital for the insane, in an address on "Classification of the Insane," before the second annual conference of officers of Nebraska state institutions. He recommended lessening the procreation of the unfit through segregation and otherwise as one aid to reducing the burden. Dr. J. P. Lord of Omaha presented a paper on "Recent Tendencies in Orthopedic Practice."

MAKES RECOMMENDATIONS

Farmers Union Suggests Changes in School Methods.

Wide and sweeping changes in the conduct of grade schools and colleges of Nebraska were recommended in the report of the legislative committee of the Farmers' Union of Nebraska, meeting jointly with the educational committee at Lincoln, last week.

Those recommendations provide that the state normal schools and the state university be placed under one governing board to supplant the present board of trustees and the state normal board.

Other drastic changes are:

The election of county superintendents on a non-partisan ticket, to serve a term of four years, subject to recall. The county superintendent, it is suggested, be allowed actual traveling expenses only.

That the state publish its own text books and sell them to the districts at cost.

That the state does not establish any more state schools or branches of the university, but develop those which it already has.

That the state law relating to apportionment of temporary school funds be so amended as to result in a more equitable division of state funds.

At the same time a conference on rural education was held in the office of State Superintendent Thomas. Some of the recommendations made were:

1. A more equitable distribution of the temporary school fund.

2. A more equitable means of distributing the burden of taxation for the schools of the state.

3. A reconstruction of the state course of study with sufficient emphasis on the essentials of a common education and a due regard for industrial subjects.

The state superintendent was directed to issue a call to send delegates from each of the 7,000 districts to attend a mass meeting on rural schools to be held during state fair week.

Conducting Sheep Experiments.

An interesting sheep experiment is now being conducted by the Nebraska state board of agriculture. On April 25, the board purchased 239 Merino sheep. These sheep were placed on the state fair grounds, mainly for the purpose of conducting an experiment in keeping grass and weeds short. On May 8 and 9, the sheep were sheared and a clip of about 2,000 pounds of wool secured therefrom. The flock now numbers over 390. This experiment is also intended to bring to the attention of farmers the splendid opportunity for sheep production in Nebraska. The board is considering the showing of some of the sheep and lambs at the state fair September 4 to 8, and it is possible that a part or all of the flock will be sold at auction at that time.

War Department Asks for Data.

The United States war department has called on Adjutant General Hall to furnish it copies of the oaths taken by Nebraska National Guard officers and privates. Nebraska has two forms, one for officers and one for privates.

The officers' oath merely agrees to serve the state, obey the commander in chief and the laws governing the military forces of Nebraska, while the private oath says "I bear true faith and allegiance to the United States of America and to the state of Nebraska; that I will serve them honestly and faithfully against all their enemies whomsoever."

It is said the war department is investigating whether Nebraska guardsmen can be compelled to serve, if called, and as to whether a stand similar to that taken by some Texas militiamen might occur in Nebraska.

Injunction is Denied.

The railway commission has declined to issue an injunction restraining the Lincoln Telephone & Telegraph company from removing farm line phones near Fairbury when subscribers refuse to pay the rate of \$1.50 a month. There is a complaint before the commission, some of the subscribers believing that their old rate of \$1.25 a month before the local company was taken over by the larger concern should remain in force.

A final decree for the state, on points of law in controversy, was rendered in the O'Connor estate case at Hastings by Judge George Corcoran. Some time ago the state won a victory in this famous proceeding, so far as the facts at issue were concerned, and now, after reading briefs filed by both sides, Judge Corcoran holds that the court had jurisdiction to try and decide the case. The decree runs against all defendants in the state's suit, except as to whatever rights John T. Cullivan may have under the purported will in his favor.

In company with the Douglas county commissioners, State Health Inspector (who made a trip by automobile) along the abandoned channel of Rawhide creek and a cutoff from the Elkhorn river, in Dodge and Washington counties, where farmers have complained against the danger to health due to sewage from Fremont which is discharged into those depressions. Dr. Case thinks that the solution of the difficulty may be to shorten the sewer channel so as to make it empty into the Elkhorn river and enclose it all the way from Fremont.

HELP FOR WORKING WOMEN

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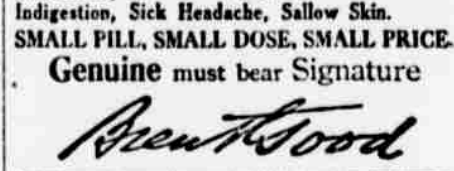
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