

WORLD'S BIGGEST BATTLE CRUISER

United States to Build Greatest Naval Fighting Machine Ever Floated.

LEXINGTON FIRST OF BIG SIX

Will Carry Eight 16-inch Guns and Have Speed of 35 Knots—Displacement, 42,200 Tons; Horsepower, 180,000.

Quincy, Mass.—The keel of the world's biggest warship will be laid down here within six months. The battle cruiser Lexington, combining in a degree unequalled by any qualities of powerful armament and high speed, has taken form in drawings and awaits the arrival of materials to be advanced from the hands of the architect to those of the builder. By fall it is estimated, the prospective queen of the United States navy will become a ship under construction instead of an ambitious plan.

The Lexington is the name-ship of a class of battle cruisers which will give Uncle Sam, within four years, a fleet of six big-gun fighting ships unmatched by anything then afloat. Her sister ships, the Constellation, Saratoga, Constitution, Ranger and United States, are also under contract. They bring names out of the old navy with which to develop for the first new capital vessels of the post-war fleet a traditional background for fresh exploits.

Length Will be 874 Feet.

With the others of its class, the Lexington will be a whale of a ship. It will displace 42,200 tons and will have the power of 180,000 horses, as measured in mechanical terms. Its length of 874 feet is within 46 feet of the length of the Leviathan, monster passenger liner. The 101.4 feet of width of the Lexington will make that floating gun platform broader than any passenger ship.

The Lexington, which is to be equipped with electric drive, will attain a speed of 35 knots. This cruiser's speed, higher than that of many destroyers, is the object of much of the designing that entered into the

New Martin Bombing Plane



The new Martin bomber, known as the "torpedo plane," which carries beneath its fuselage a Whitehead torpedo with 200 pounds of TNT.

creation of the Lexington class. Armor will be sacrificed to make possible the 35-knot speed—the main belt being only 5 inches thick at its maximum as compared with the 12-inch steel belt on most battleships, but armament will be of tremendous power. The Lexington thus will have not only the strategic advantage of high speed, but will be able to fire a heavier charge over a greater distance than any other battleship for which the plans are known.

Eight 16-inch Guns.

The Lexington in action will speak with a voice of 16-inch guns, of which she will have eight. The navies of Great Britain, France and Italy contain no gun greater than 15 inches and that of Japan includes 16-inch guns only on battleships of 24-knot speed which are now under construction. Unlike the dreadnaught class's reliance on big guns exclusively, the Lexington will carry 16 six-inch guns as a secondary armament.

Taking a page from the naval lessons of the war, the designers of the Lexington have equipped the ship with four anti-aircraft guns, eight torpedo tubes, four of which are submerged and four on deck and with means of defense against aerial bombs and aerial torpedoes. Defense against submarine torpedoes will be obtained

through fore and aft torpedo defense bulkheads, by which the stability of the vessel will be preserved no matter where she is pierced. Under any conditions but an explosion, it is claimed, the Lexington class of warship should prove unshakable.

An indication of the Lexington's greatness is afforded by comparison with the British warship Hood, which, when it is floated, will be the biggest ship in the British navy and afloat.

	Lexington.	Hood.
Displacement...	42,200 tons.	41,200 tons.
Speed.....	35 knots.	31 knots.
Length.....	874 feet.	860 feet.
Horsepower....	180,000.	144,000.
Big guns....	8 16-inch.	8 15-inch.
Main armor....	5-inch.	12-inch.

PLANS FOR HARVEST HANDS

Kansas May Need 50,000 at Wages of \$5 a Day and Upward, Say Estimates.

Kansas City, Mo.—Kansas City is the clearing house through which thousands of farm laborers will pass during the next two months to harvest wheat in Kansas, Oklahoma, Missouri, Nebraska, South Dakota and Iowa. Estimates are now being prepared for replies to questionnaires sent to wheat growers by the United States free employment bureau here, working in conjunction with the free employment bureaus maintained by the states in the wheat belt. Kansas will require 30,000 to 50,000 men from outside the state to help harvest its winter wheat crop this season, according to the most recent estimates.

The minimum wage of 70 cents an hour, with board and lodging, says J. M. Gilman, head of the state employment service, applies only to the west two-thirds of the state. In eastern Kansas there is a larger population and a less heavy production of wheat, and wages there, he says, will be around \$5 a day with board and lodging.

BIG AIRSHIP FOR TOURISTS

Britain's R-80 May Carry Passengers Over Battlefields—Length, 535 Feet.

Barrow, England.—Airship R-80, built here for the admiralty, will be launched in two or three weeks. It embodies the latest improvements in aircraft design, and, it is stated, could fly across the Atlantic with ease.

The vessel is 535 feet in length and 70 feet wide. Its lifting power is 38 tons. Four engines, each of 240-horsepower, will give it a maximum speed of 65 miles an hour. It will carry a crew of 15.

Originally intended for war purposes, the gun platforms and fighting paraphernalia have been discarded that more accommodation may be provided for passengers. It may be used to carry tourists over the battlefields of France and Flanders.

Ferret Takes a Walk.

Huntington, W. Va.—Pandemonium prevailed when a ferret employed as a rat catcher left his place in the cellar and came upstairs at the Fountain drug store. Four girl clerks vaulted the counter with ease and stayed where they landed until a male clerk sent the animal back to his regular job.

NEBRASKA IN BRIEF

Timely News Culled From All Parts of the State, Reduced for the Busy.

SCORES OF EVENTS COVERED

Very little change will be made in the plans of the Nebraska delegation to the national encampment of the G. A. R. this year by reason of the switch made from Atlantic City to Indianapolis as the meeting place, according to Assistant Adjutant General Bross. Arrangements have been completed for a special train and it is practically assured that a 1-cent per mile rate will be granted. The encampment will be held the week of September 19.

While shoe prices continue to soar, the hide market in Omaha is swamped with excess holdings and storerooms of the packing plants are bulging with hides awaiting an outlet. It is said that over 60,000 hides, accumulated in the past 60 days, are on hand.

Warden Fenton of the state penitentiary at Lincoln reports that the population of the institution is far beyond its capacity, and the taking care of the inmates is becoming a serious problem. Shutting down on paroling convicts is given as the reason.

A record sale in yearlings was made at South Omaha when twenty-one head of yearlings shipped in by Oscar E. Johnson of Oakland, sold for \$16.00. This is the highest price paid for yearlings since October 27, 1919.

The American express company has asked the state railway commission for permission to raise express rates in Nebraska to correspond to interstate rates. This will mean a raise of about 20 per cent.

The Grand Island Chamber of Commerce and Automobile club have obtained quarters on the Lincoln highway, in order to better care for the needs of tourists passing through the city.

Reports have reached the state farm at Lincoln that the web worm is doing considerable damage to alfalfa fields in the Arkansas valley of Colorado. No signs of the pest have appeared in Nebraska so far.

Farmers of Dodge county are seeking farm labor and offer to hire men at the rate of \$70 and \$80 per month, board and room included. Only men who will work by the month are wanted.

Lincoln county tax payers have formed an organization for the purpose of combating the greatly increased assessment planned by state and county officials.

Work is to begin at once on the new state school of irrigation buildings at Scottsbluff. The institution, which will open this fall, will accommodate 300 pupils.

J. D. (Dad) Weaver, for the past 14 years secretary of the Ak-Sar-Ben at Omaha, former newspaper man and well known out in the state died at his home at Omaha.

Camp Sheldon, the Young Men's Christian association boys' camp on the Platte river, near Columbus, opened June 16 with a large enrollment.

Paving contracts totalling over \$300,000, have been let at Chadron. The contractor says cement can be had quickly and agrees to begin work at once.

Vaccination is being used on hogs in Dodge county to prevent the spreading of cholera which has appeared among a number of herds.

Chas. A. McCloud of York was made chairman of the republican state central committee at the committee meeting at Lincoln.

Fire of unknown source completely destroyed the Columbus Roller Mills at Columbus, causing a loss of more than \$75,000.

Wheat in the vicinity of Overton was damaged to some extent by a terrific rain and hail storm that swept the district.

Despite the fact that cut worms have damaged corn in Franklin county, farmers are looking for a heavy crop.

The Central City school board has granted an approximate raise of 40 per cent to their teachers for next year.

The Holdrege Equity Exchange at Holdrege has plans perfected to erect a flour mill in the city.

A movement is on foot to build a Farmers Union elevator at Stapleton.

The Buffalo county farm bureau has adopted a wage scale for farm laborers ranging from 30 to 50 cents per hour. Virtually all farmers in the county are members of the bureau.

Alleging the Skinner Packing company of Omaha is merely a gigantic holding corporation attempting to control three independent companies, the state has asked the supreme court to oust the company from Nebraska and appoint trustees to take charge of the property and assets and distribute them among the persons who have furnished the funds.

Federal census figures show the population of Lincoln county to be 23,420, an increase of 7,736 or 493 per cent since 1910.

Adam Shellinger Post No. 8 of the American Legion of Nebraska City is planning to build a \$20,000 home at that place.

Frank A. Harrison, manager of Senator Johnson's Nebraska campaign, issued a statement at Lincoln, in which he bitterly scored delegates from this state for not standing by the senator at the Chicago convention. "Downright treachery," he calls it.

The supreme court dismissed the appeal of Allen Vincent Grammer for a trial in Howard county as to his sanity, and at the same time denied the application of Grammer's attorneys for a stay of execution. Unless the court further intervenes Grammer and Cole will die in the electric chair at the state prison at Lincoln, July 9.

On complaint filed by Harry Dixon, president of the North Platte chamber of commerce, Ned Joyce, Texas oil stock salesman, was arrested for the alleged sale of stock without a blue sky permit. He is said to have disposed of over \$100,000 worth of stock to Lincoln county citizens.

Convicts engaged in road work near Tecumseh, Table Rock and Seward, have written letters to Governor McKelvie thanking him for the liberty he has given them in the experiment. Most of the convicts promise to do their part in making the experiment a success.

A county board has no right to raise or lower the general assessment made by the precinct assessors of the county on real estate, according to an opinion given by Deputy Attorney General Barnes.

Shortened demand for wool is responsible for reduced lamb prices at South Omaha, it is said. They are selling around \$16.50 per hundred, about \$4.00 below a year ago.

A disease diagnosed by state officials as anthrax, caused the death of \$2,000 worth of live stock belonging to a farmer living near Beatrice. Steps to check its spread have been taken.

Besides a large amount of fine building brick, the big brick yard at Table Rock is turning out 60,000 tile per week. Prospects are good for an excellent business this season.

There are over 22,000 persons buried at Omaha's largest cemetery, Forest Lawn, which is more than there are living in any Nebraska City outside of Omaha and Lincoln.

Assessors have been asked by the state department of finance, revenue and taxation to see that all state school lands are taxed to the extent of the contract holders' interest.

Ten army rifles with blank ammunition have been furnished Arthur Mack Post No. 70 of the American Legion at West Point for ceremonial purposes from state headquarters.

At a mass meeting of Custer county citizens at Arnold plans were laid to obtain enough leases on the oil rights in the district to insure the putting down of a test well.

Black scurf, a potato disease, has been discovered in the Scottsbluff district, and great damage to the tuber crop is anticipated unless steps are taken to check it.

Grand Master John J. Tooley of the Nebraska Masons presided at the laying of the cornerstone of the new gymnasium of the normal school at Chadron.

The wire worm is said to be damaging the corn crop of Saunders county to a considerable extent. A method is being sought to exterminate the pest.

Rev. Dr. E. E. Hosman of the Methodist church at Ord preached an automobile service last Sunday and in connection made a check of all cars at the church.

W. A. Coe, movie theatre proprietor at Friend, reached for a rifle at his home to kill a cat, and the weapon was accidentally discharged, killing him almost instantly.

Work of paving nearly a mile of the business district of West Point is progressing rapidly and the task will perhaps be finished ahead of schedule.

Dodge county's valuation has increased from \$50,000,000 in 1919, to \$70,000,000 this year, according to the report of County Assessor O'Connor.

Editors from five southeastern counties met at Falls City the other day and organized the Southeastern Nebraska Press club.

A special election will be held at Stapleton in the near future to vote bonds for the construction of an electric lighting plant.

Buffalo county farmers report that the alfalfa crop this year is the best ever harvested in the district. Other crops are likewise excellent, they say.

The Farmers State bank of Wood River has been granted a charter by the state banking bureau with a capital stock of \$50,000.

Fidelity Post No. 30, American Legion, of Ord, has purchased a building and fitted it up for a club and headquarters.

A big Chicago firm is making a survey of Otoe county with a view of establishing a cement factory at Nebraska City.

Douglas county post of the American Legion has organized a brass band.

Wheat will be ready to harvest in south-eastern Nebraska in about three weeks and all indications point to an excellent crop.

United States District Attorney Allen at Lincoln filed a complaint with Commissioner Whitmore, charging Harry Kelly and Walter Ingham, the Howe bank robbers, with assaulting and robbing two employees of a Wichita, Kan., postoffice substation. The men are in the Nebraska penitentiary hospital convalescing from wounds received at the time of their capture.

Six spans of the long wooden bridge across the Platte south of Shelton have been washed out the past month.

Otto Smith, who is alleged to have stolen 21 head of cattle from the Ditch camp ranch, Holt county, and to have sold them to a Fremont banker, has been taken from Arkansas back to O'Neill for trial.

During the past ten days the government-state farm employment bureau at Lincoln has been swamped as never before with requests for farm labor. Most of the calls are from farmers of this state.

IMPROVED UNIFORM INTERNATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

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LESSON FOR JULY 4

DAVID IN CAMP AND COURT.

LESSON TEXT—1 Sam. 17:1-18:16. GOLDEN TEXT—David behaved himself wisely in all his ways; and the Lord was with him.—1 Sam. 17:24. ADDITIONAL MATERIAL—1 Sam. 19:1-17; Ephes. 6:10-20.

PRIMARY TOPIC—David and the Giant. JUNIOR TOPIC—The Shepherd Boy Conquers a Giant. INTERMEDIATE AND SENIOR TOPIC—Fighting the Good Fight. YOUNG PEOPLE AND ADULT TOPIC—Overthrowing Modern Goliaths.

I. David in Camp (1 Samuel, 17). While the armies stood eyeing each other for battle the Philistines, having a warrior among them of great strength, sought to decide the war by a combat between two selected champions. The nation, whose champion was slain was to be subject to the other.

1. The champions (vv. 4-37). (1) Goliath of the Philistines (vv. 4-11). Note his characteristics: (a) He was a giant (v. 4). Saul made no attempt to meet this giant. Even Jonathan, who had distinguished himself at Michmash (1 Sam. 14), seems to have lacked in courage. (b) He was filled with conceit. His size, his panoply of war and his strength caused him to believe that no evil could befall him. (c) He was boastful. Likely his reputation reminded them of a former experience when Samson, Israel's giant, wrought such great mischief among them. (d) He was defiant. He openly defied the army of Israel—the people of the Most High. (e) He was scornful. He treated the Israelites with the utmost contempt.

(2) David the Israelite (vv. 13-37). In the providence of God, David was sent to the camp at a time to hear the boasting of this proud and contemptible Philistine. His three eldest brothers were in the army and his father sent him with some provisions for them as well as for the captain. While talking with his brothers Goliath made his appearance. The sight of Israel's cowardice and lack of zeal for God prompted David to offer his service. He was not a blind enthusiast who disregarded the use of means, but was careful to use means, and most particular as to what they should be. He put aside the untiered armor of Saul, knowing that God's will for him was to use by faith that which he had thought insignificant.

2. The battle (vv. 38-48). When Goliath beheld David coming up against him he cursed him by his gods Dagon, Baal and Ashtaroth, showing that it was not merely a battle between David and Goliath, but between the true God and false gods. David hastened to meet Goliath. A stone from his sling smote Goliath and he fell to the earth upon his face. David went forth in the name of the Lord of Hosts that all the earth might know that there was a God in Israel.

3. The victory (vv. 49-58). Goliath was killed and the Philistine army routed. This victory is a prophecy of a greater one when the devil, the defiant enemy of God, shall be broken and his army put to flight.

II. David in Court (18:1-16).

1. Saul jealous of David (vv. 1-9). David went unto battle with Goliath out of zeal for God and true religion, not for personal glory; but it turned out as always, that because he made God first, God honored him. "Him that honoreth me, I will honor." Upon David's return from the pursuit of the Philistines he was met by a triumphal chorus of women from all the cities of Israel, shouting praises unto him for his victory over their enemies. This was too much for Saul. This was but the occasion which fanned into a flame the passion which lingered in Saul's bosom.

2. Saul tries to kill David (vv. 10, 11). This is an example of the awful tragedy which may result if we harbor envy and jealousy. Saul had prepared a place in his heart for this evil spirit to dwell. When one gives himself up to the indulgence of his baser passions the devil finds a place in his heart to dwell.

3. David's wise conduct (vv. 12-16). Because Saul recognized that God had departed from him and that David must increase while he must decrease, he tried to get rid of David. He sent him from him and made him captain over his army. His envy even assumed a role of cunning and he offered his daughter to David as a reward for bravery in battle. Not that he cared for David, but that the Philistines might kill him instead of doing it with his own hands (v. 17). In spite of all this, David acts discreetly. He wins the favor of the people and is loved by the Lord. Despite Saul's intrigues David went from success to success.

Christ With the Disciples. For forty days Christ was with the disciples talking with them of the things pertaining to the Kingdom of God. If we cannot believe that the Apostles deceived others, it seems (if possible) still more unlikely that they were the victims of deception.—Bishop Westcott.

Master of Circumstances. It is the man or woman of faith, and hence of courage, who is the master of circumstances, and who makes him or her power felt in the world.

Reunited in Armenia

Hundreds of Lost Families Being Brought Together.

American Relief Workers Restore Many Broken Homes—Repair War's Ravages.

Constantinople.—Hundreds of Armenian families are being reunited monthly through the efforts of the members of the American committee for relief in the near East, who are scattered throughout the leading cities of Asia Minor, with headquarters here.

In the deportations of the last four years Armenians have been shuttled about before various military movements with the result that nearly every family is searching for news of missing members.

Levon Shamlian, a young Armenian who is now a successful merchant at Balkeshir, recently located his mother and young sister through an advertisement printed in a local paper by Miss Caris E. Mills of Princeton, N. J., who is directing the American movement to unite Armenian families. Shamlian is preparing a home for them in Balkeshir.

The history of the Shamlian family is typical of the experiences Armenians suffered at the hands of the Turks. They lived in Bitlis, in the far eastern part of Asia Minor. Levon Shamlian and his father were separated from the rest of the family by the Turks, and Levon was forced to go into the Turkish army, and has never heard from his father.

His grandmother and grandfather were killed. His mother was taken as a servant by Kurds. Seranoush was taken as a maid servant by Kurds. The mother and daughter came upon each other unexpectedly in the Amer-

ican refuge at Aintab, both having walked hundreds of miles and suffered terrible hunger and hardship in their search for relatives and safety.

Lists of orphans will also be printed in Armenian papers in Armenia, in the hope of finding homes for thousands of homeless children who may have friends or relatives in America. The American committee had nearly 30,000 orphans in the Constantinople district alone, and nearly twice that number in the Beirut area.

"Horse and Horse."

Danville, Ky.—It's a wise man who knows his own horse. Fred Bodner of White Oak drove a black horse in a buggy to the Manning livery stable. Later he called for it. A black horse was hitched up and Bodner drove home, but upon arrival discovered he had the wrong horse. He returned to the livery stable and found that the other black horse had also been driven away. The liveryman didn't know who got it.

No Deaths in 57 Years Boasts California Town

Cranmore, Cal., asserts itself the healthiest community in the state, basing its declaration upon the fact that the local cemetery has not had a grave dug since 1863, the date of the last funeral in Cranmore.

Since that time several residents of the community have died in other sections of the state, but it is a remarkable fact that not a single death has occurred in the community since 1863.

American Flour in Tiflis for the Armenians



Tiflis, capital of the new state of Georgia, has been the headquarters of American relief work in the Caucasus and Armenia. This is a warehouse there filled with American flour for the starving Armenians.