

FLEETS OF GERMANY AND GREAT BRITAIN CLASH IN NORTH SEA

BRITISH SUFFER LOSS OF SIX LARGE SHIPS AND EIGHT TORPEDO BOAT DESTROYERS.

GERMANS LOSE THREE VESSELS

Thousands of Men Are Believed to Have Been Lost.—Cruiser Indefatigable Had 900 on Board; Others Equally as Many.—Greatest Sea Battle in World's History.

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LOSSES IN HISTORY'S GREATEST SEA BATTLE.

ADMITTED SUNK.	
British	German
Battleships	Pommern
Battle Cruisers	Queen Mary
	Indefatigable
	Invincible
Cruisers	Wiesbaden
	Frauenlob
	Warrior
Destroyers	
Eight, including:	
Tipperary	Number not
Fortune	estimated
Sparrowhawk	
Ardent	

LOSSES CLAIMED.
England claims Germany lost two dreadnaughts of Kaiser class and one battle cruiser and submarine.
Germany claims England lost warship, Warspite, of largest class of English navy, that two cruisers of Achilles type and a submarine were sunk, and a battleship, Marlborough, was hit by torpedo.

These scenes of the battle was in the eastern waters of the North sea.

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two destroyers. The German loss was 2,500 men.

On January 24, 1915, a German squadron attempting a raid on the British coast encountered Admiral Beatty off the Dogger Banks. The German cruiser Blucher was sunk and two of its sister ships set on fire.

The most serious losses to the British fleet hitherto have been through operation of submarines and mines. On September 22, 1914, the British cruisers Hogue, Cressy and Aboukir were torpedoed within an hour by the German submarine U-9.

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.

Description of Ships Sunk.
The Queen Mary was 720 feet long, 87 feet beam and drew 90 feet of water, and was of 27,000 tons. The Queen Mary was completed in 1913. She carried eight 13.5-inch guns, sixteen 4-inch guns and was equipped with three 21-inch torpedo tubes.

The Indefatigable was 578 feet long, 18,500 tons.
The Invincible was laid down in 1907. She displaced 17,250 tons, was 562 feet long over all, 78 feet beam and 26 feet deep. Her normal complement was 731. She was armed

with eight 12-inch guns, sixteen 4-inch guns and three torpedo tubes. The invincible took part in the naval engagement off the Falkland islands in December, 1914, in which the German Pacific squadron, after defeating a British squadron off the Chilean coast, was destroyed.

The Defence was built in 1907, displacement 14,600 tons, and ordinarily carried 755 men. Her length was 525 feet, her beam 74 feet and her maximum draught 28 feet. She was armed with four 9.2-inch and ten 7.5-inch guns, sixteen 12-pounders and five torpedo tubes.

The Black Prince was built in 1901, displaced 13,550 tons and carried 704 men. She was 480 feet long and 73 feet beam. Her armament was six 9.2-inch and ten 6-inch guns, twenty 3-pounders and three torpedo tubes.

The Warrior, which was disabled and abandoned, displaced 13,660 tons, and is 480 feet long. Her complement is 704 men and she carries six 9.2-inch and four 7.5-inch guns, twenty-four 3-pounders and three torpedo tubes.

The British dreadnaught Marlborough, said to have been struck by a torpedo, was of the Iron Duke class. She was built at Devonport in 1914, displaced 25,000 tons, was 620 feet long, 95½ feet beam and 27 feet deep. She carried ten 13.5-inch guns, twelve 6-inch guns and a number of smaller arms. She also was equipped with four submerged torpedo tubes.

The German battleship Pommern, which was sunk by a British torpedo, displaced 12,997 tons. She was 398 feet long, 72 feet beam and 25 feet deep. The Pommern was built in 1907 and cost about \$6,000,000. She carried 729 officers and men. Her armament consisted of four 11-inch guns, fourteen 6.7-inch guns, a number of pieces of small caliber, and six 17.7-inch torpedo tubes.

The Frauenlob, which did not return to the German base after the naval engagement, was a small German cruiser, displacing 2,715 tons. The Weisbaden was a cruiser.

ing and prevented more serious injuries to passengers. The engine, combination smoking and baggage car and four coaches were blown from the track. The baggage car was literally torn to pieces. One woman was thrown through the window of a coach for a distance of twenty feet.

Noted Bandit Killed.
Presidio, Tex.—Francisco Dominguez, notorious Mexican bandit, was killed in an encounter with two Texas rangers near Pulvo, Texas, twenty-five miles from here.

King Abandons War Front.
Berlin (Via Sayville)—The Cologne Volks Zeitung says it is reported that King Victor Emanuel and his special staff have departed secretly from the Italian general headquarters at Udine on account of the Austrian offensive and retired to Venice.

Alarmed at Increasing Crime.
Vienna.—Alarmed at the increase in juvenile crime and deplorable condition of so many children, the Austrian Red Cross is organizing a special fund for the care of young men.

CONDENSED NEWS OF INTEREST TO ALL.

DATES FOR COMING EVENTS.

- June 12 to 15—Trans-Mississippi Bakers' Ass'n convention at Omaha.
- June 13-14-15—Annual convention of Nebraska Elks at Omaha.
- June 13 to 16—State P. E. O. Convention at Alliance.
- June 13-14-15—Great Western Handicap Tournament at Omaha.
- June 13 to 15—Nebraska Pharmaceutical Convention at Hastings.
- June 19-20-21-22—American Union of Swedish Singers, West. Div., concerts and convention at Omaha.
- June 20 to 24—State Stockmen's convention at Alliance.
- June 21 to 23—Fraternal Order of Eagles, state meeting at Lincoln.
- June 23-29—International Auctioneers' Association Convention at Omaha.
- July 3-4-5—Mid-Summer Race Meet at Kearney.
- July 5 to 8—State Golf Tournament at Omaha.
- July 10-11-12—Northwestern Hotel Men's Association Convention at Omaha.
- July 10-11-12—Missouri Valley Veterinary association convention at Omaha.
- July 25—Nebraska Democratic convention at Hastings.

Anna Yankaus, a domestic living in Omaha, has commenced a \$50,000 damage suit against Thomas Towey, a wealthy retired farmer of Schuyler. She alleges that while she was employed as house-keeper by Towey's sister, who was dying from tuberculosis, Towey came up behind her and stole a kiss, which caused great mental anguish. The suit was filed in the district court at Omaha.

That the present high cattle prices are but shadows of higher approaching costs, is the firm conviction of many cattlemen about the South Omaha yards. From about June 1 and on through the summer it is anticipated that cattle will be scarce. This is the off season and it may be just a little bit more off than usual. The result of this situation could only be higher prices.

Mrs. A. G. Peterson of Aurora has been appointed a member of the board of directors of the General Federation of Women's clubs. The board has been enlarged through action at the federation biennial convention in New York City from fifteen to fifty-seven members to include a representative from every state in the union in which the women's clubs are federated.

Thirty thousand school children, singing patriotic songs in voluminous chorus, is to be a feature of the patriotic parade in Omaha, June 14.

Three sisters, Sophia Gunn and Amelia and Mary Gehling, have organized a brewery at Falls City and will manufacture and sell beer. The company is incorporated for \$2,000 and all paid in.

Omaha's annual agricultural machinery jobbing business amounts to more than \$12,000,000, a figure that has been sustained for many years. The yearly compilation of industrial statistics by the Omaha Commercial club publicity bureau show that the combined implement, vehicle, tractor, hardware and automobile jobbing business exceeds \$35,000,000.

The American Union of Swedish Singers, to appear in concert in Omaha at the Auditorium, June 19 and 20, have voted to wear cream colored serge trousers, blue serge coats, soft white shirts, navy blouses and white silk caps bordered with blue velvet. Singers from five states will be on hand.

Damage to the extent of \$50,000 to farm property was caused by a tornado which struck Valley county in the vicinity of Ord, a few days ago. James Heitz, farmer, tells of a fence post being pulled out of the ground and driven through the body of a horse in a pasture.

Postmaster General Burleson has removed J. C. Porter of Bridgeport from the office of postmaster on the charge that Porter is "temperamentally unfit" to hold the position and is "grossly disloyal" to the postoffice department. For several months Porter tried to get an increase in the number of clerks in his office.

Bishop Thien attended the laying of the cornerstone for the new parish school building at Papillion.

Grand Island was selected as the 1917 meeting place by the State Harness Makers' association at its meeting at Columbus. Officers elected were: President, Pulus Reese, Grand Island; vice president, William Reuter, York; secretary-treasurer, J. C. Sutton, Minden.

Stella voted \$8,000 electric light bonds by a majority of thirteen. The village board now has the power to establish an electric light plant or purchase current at some convenient point.

Frank Rudat of Columbus won the Nebraska state championship at the state sportsmen's tournament at Grand Island and will represent Nebraska at the American handicap at St. Louis August 21 to 25.

The nomination of George H. Loomis of Fremont to be internal revenue collector for the district of Nebraska has been confirmed by congress. Mr. Loomis' appointment has hung fire for several months.

One of the most promising winter wheat crops in the history of Adams county is starting to head. There is said to be abundant moisture to bring it to proper maturity. Several hundred acres of corn in the vicinity of Hastings are being replanted, while missing hills in many other fields are being replaced by use of hand planters. Cold weather, over-abundant moisture and cut worms are held responsible.

After an absence of nearly a month John Afferbach, former sheriff of York county, is still missing. Afferbach followed Harry Randolph into the interior of Montana in the belief that Randolph had taken another's auto, and since then nothing has been heard from either man. A reward offered by the members of the Elks' club so far has failed to produce results.

Last fall's sowing of winter wheat in Kansas is estimated to be approximately 8,454,000 acres, the third most extensive sowing in the history of the state, according to a report issued by J. C. Mohler, secretary of the state board of agriculture. The average condition is given as 87.36 per cent, which is 5.44 per cent under the sowing of a year ago.

P. J. Rooney of Greeley had an example of the advance in cattle prices to offer at the South Omaha yards the other day. He was there with a shipment that sold for \$10.20 per hundredweight. Twenty years ago he sold a bunch of steers of about the same quality at the same market for \$3.75 per hundredweight.

The hail storms which swept over Fremont and vicinity last week did heavy damage to two Fremont green-houses, which was estimated at \$1,500. Wheat was damaged to the extent of 25 per cent in a strip of country ten miles wide, and the fruit crop suffered even more heavily.

Omaha is buying nearly \$50,000 worth of cream daily from the farmers of Nebraska, western Iowa and other states nearby. During the four months, May, June, July and August, Omaha's cream bill, it is estimated by creamery men and butter manufacturers, will amount to \$6,000,000.

Two hundred and fifty million horse-power hours of energy are required annually in the tillage, cultivation and harvesting of Nebraska's various crops. More than \$50,000,000 worth of machinery is utilized in the performance of this titanic task by the farmers of the state.

After two weeks of toil, the remains of little 6-year-old Glen Wiggins of Fairbury were found in Rose Creek Saturday afternoon, May 13, the boy fell into Rose creek and was drowned. Ray Wiggins, his father, perished while trying to rescue him.

The village board of Laurel has let the contract for a new single action triple pump for the waterworks department. It will be capable of pumping 400 gallons a minute and will be operated from the electric light engine.

The Hanover church, twelve miles northeast of Beatrice, which was recently erected at a cost of \$35,000, was dedicated recently. The church was built by the German residents of Hanover township.

A Rock Island passenger struck an automobile on a crossing near Fairbury, containing Mr. and Mrs. M. Haney. Mrs. Haney was killed instantly and her husband died a few hours later.

The first crop of alfalfa is being harvested now in Hamilton county, and will yield heavily. There has been just about enough moisture this spring to produce an abundant crop.

The Trans-Mississippi Master Bakers' convention and exhibit, which will be held in Omaha June 12 to 15, inclusive, is rounding into shape in a manner very satisfactory.

A special election has been called in the village of Johnson, for June 13, to vote upon a waterworks proposition. It is proposed to issue bonds in the sum of \$9,000 for the new plant.

Omaha has started a campaign for a big athletic club, with 1,000 members in two weeks. A clubhouse to cost \$400,000 and fixtures worth \$100,000 is the program outlined.

North Platte's new depot will cost \$124,000. Preliminary arrangements for its construction have been made and the work on the building has already begun.

The business men of Syracuse and the local fire department have decided to hold a big Fourth of July celebration.

The Rev. "Billy" Sunday is coming to Nebraska to start off the fall campaign the latter part of August. He practically gave his definite promise to do this when a delegation of twenty-five men from Omaha visited him in Kansas City recently.

While her seven small children watched her, Mrs. Frank Peck, aged 34, took poison at her farm home, near Brady and then refused to let any of them telephone for aid or call their father. No cause is known for her act.

IS MADE DEFENDANT

FARMERS' UNION URGES CHANGE IN SCHOOL LAWS.

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

Western Newspaper Union News Service. 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."

Recommendations of Farmers' Unions. 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.

Sent Liquor Through Mails. Although the offense cannot be punished under the laws of Nebraska, Attorney General Reed has written to A. G. Roberts of Lewellen that the sale of liquor in Nebraska by mail from another state is forbidden by the federal laws and that the United States authorities will take up the matter if it is brought to their notice. Roberts sent a letter to the state legal department, saying that a St. Louis liquor company had sold liquor by mail to a minor at Lewellen. Attorney General Reed interpreted this to mean that the liquor itself was shipped by mail.

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. Pillsbury 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."

Beard Buys Furniture. The board of control has bought a carload of iron beds with springs, at an average price of \$4.50 each. One hundred of these beds go to the Lincoln hospital for the insane; 100 to the Norfolk hospital, and forty to the Beatrice institute for the feeble-minded. The board also bought 100 quarter-sawn oak chairs for the new Lincoln hospital building at a price of \$5.25 each, and seventeen rugs of various sizes for the Hastings asylum at prices ranging from \$4 to \$52 each.

Refused to Register Bonds. The state auditor's office has declined to register the \$7,000 electric lighting bonds of Sargent. The law in Nebraska requires that before voting on such bonds there shall be twenty days' notice and publication of the notices of election. In this case the notices were out only eighteen or nineteen days and it will be necessary to hold another election to vote upon the bonds before they will be accepted in the state auditor's office.

ASKS FOR SUBMISSION.

Wants Vote on Proposed Constitutional Amendment. Food Commissioner Harman is sending out petitions for signatures to be used for the submission of a proposed constitutional amendment, which is intended to make the food, drug, dairy and oil commissioner a constitutional officer appointed by the governor for a term of six years and free from the governor's control, in place of a statutory officer appointed for two years by the governor and under control of the governor. If the proposed amendment is submitted and is adopted at the general election in November, it will become effective within ten days after the canvass of the vote by the state canvassing board. The law makes it mandatory for the governor to issue a proclamation within ten days after the canvass declaring the amendment adopted and in force.

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.

State Gets Decree. 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. Culivan may have under the purported will in his favor.

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.

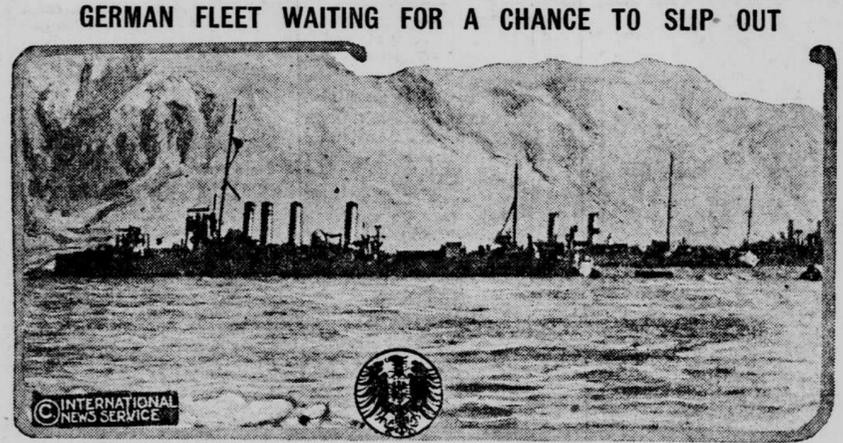
Wants Data on Harvest Work. Labor Commissioner Coffey is sending to farmers, county clerks and commercial clubs in Nebraska a request for information as to how many harvest hands will be needed in their respective localities this summer. He and the labor commissioners of other states are co-operating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

Frank Pilger of Pierce, now in the banking business there, but formerly engaged in school work, is a candidate for appointment to the state normal board as the successor of A. H. Viele of Norfolk when the term of that member expires in June.

In company with the Douglas county commissioners, State Health Inspector Case 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.

Crops in Nebraska have grown well and improved in condition during the last week, according to the summary of weather and crop conditions in Nebraska, given out by G. A. Loveland of the weather bureau. The improvement is especially noticeable in winter wheat, oats, alfalfa and all kinds of grass. Work has been retarded but corn planting is well advanced, the summary shows, although there is still some corn to plant in all parts of the state. The early planted corn is coming up, seemingly to a good stand, but is growing slowly.

Rural Life Conference at Lincoln. Rural organizations are now contributing such a large part to the life of various communities of the state that the leaders of two or three organizations have been invited to speak and lead in some of the discussions at the rural life conference to be held at the state fair June 13 to 23. C. H. Gustafson, state president of the farmers' union, and J. D. Ream, state master of the grange, will speak on the relation of these organizations to the rural community.



First photograph to arrive in this country showing a portion of the German fleet. It is believed the photograph was taken at Wilhelmshaven, but the exact location was withheld by the censor.