

TENNIS CRACKS START STATE MEET

Some of Best Players in Nebraska Competing on the Courts at Wayne.

NINE SETS IN THE SINGLES

Wayne, Neb., July 17.—(Special Telegram.)—Excellent courts and balmy weather evidence the favor of the gods on the annual meeting of the State Tennis association, which is in progress at Wayne this week.

The entries show more than seventy enthusiasts present. The Wayne Tennis club is up to the minute in the matter of showing the guests a good time.

Copies of the Wayne Racket, a daily sheet, telling all the news and gossip of the courts, are distributed free each morning.

A smoker in the club rooms was held tonight. The scores of nine sets in the first round played thus far, are:

Fowell defeated Abers, 6-2, 6-2. Langenberg defeated Hickman, 6-4, 6-1, 6-2.

Davis defeated Carhart, 6-11, 6-1. Madden defeated Boyd, 6-2, 6-1.

The following is a list of the drawings in the singles preliminary round: Casack, North Bend, and Mapez, Norfolk; Langenberg, Walthill, and Hickman, Wayne; Abers, Wayne, and Powell, Omaha; Springfield, Wayne, and Wenska, Pender; Gamble, Wayne, and Proulx, Arapahoe; Madden, Omaha, and Boyd, Ashcroft; Darland, Norfolk, and Davie, Beaver City; Huffey, Lincoln, and Weavering, North Bend; Marshall, Plattsmouth, and Fisher, Wayne; Holbert, Plattsmouth, and N. Christensen, Springfield; Ray Larsen, Plattsmouth, and Moran, Wayne; Stacy, Springfield, and Laird, Crofton; Helman, Arapahoe, and Mince, Wayne; Wohlens, Lincoln, and Coffey, Spencer; Hughes, Carroll, and Patterson, Arapahoe; A. Christensen, St. Edward, and Linn, Carroll; Chase, Laurel, and Stoddard, Auburn; Lathrop, Laurel, and Huse, Norfolk; Geeson, Omaha, and Baughan, Wayne; Hannighan, Omaha, and Heald, Council Bluffs; Charles, Carroll, and Gierstlewa, Wayne; Douglas, Fremont, and Emmett, Arapahoe.

English Yacht Is Home After Making Two-Year Cruise

(Correspondence of The Associated Press.) London, July 4.—The little twenty-three-ton yacht Mana has arrived safely in an English port after a voyage of 100,000 miles. Belonging to Mr. and Mrs. Scoresby Routledge, the vessel left England over two years ago on a scientific mission to Easter Island, in the south Pacific.

The last stage of the little vessel's voyage was from San Francisco, which it left five months ago. Altogether there were eleven persons on board, including two men from Pitcairn Island. Mr. Routledge has some interesting details of the voyage.

"After leaving San Francisco," he said, "we came down the Mexican coast. Two hundred miles from land we came upon three islands marked as uninhabited and I decided to land to try and get some meat. But our landing was delayed as the mouth of the cove was occupied by two whales who were feeding and who refused to move until the following day. On landing we found a rough shanty town with a derelict boat and alongside a rough cross evidently marking a grave. In a rift in a cliff we found a sort of cave strewn with old bottles and odds and ends of a camp. Nearby was a piece of wood bearing the name Annie Larsen, which I learned from a shipwrecked sailor who was on the yacht was the name of a vessel engaged in blockade running or contraband. There is no doubt that the remote island had been a dumping ground for Mexican revolutionists.

"There were so many turtles that we got tired of feeding on them. It was curious to see these creatures being regarded by the birds as a kind of floating island, and to see gulls preening themselves on the turtles' backs.

"The Mana visited one small island in the Gulf of Panama where elephantiasis was rampant among the people. The currents in this region were very difficult and there was one sailing ship that had been drifting in circles for thirteen months and had been unable to get out. The Panama canal was closed to traffic, but the American government kindly allowed the Mana, as the vessel of a scientific expedition, to go through.

"Some fifty miles from Jamaica we saw what appeared to be at first a burning ship and afterwards looked like smoke from a naval action. We found it to be a submarine volcano blowing off. The sea flow had been broken and we saw seas breaking in places where the chart showed no land. Under the circumstances no investigation was possible."

London to Have Memorial Mosque

(Correspondence of The Associated Press.) London, July 10.—To the many architectural beauties of London will be added after the war a grand mosque in memory of the Moslems who have fallen in the war on the side of the allies.

The work of raising funds for its erection is in the hands of Lord Headley, who embraced Mohammedanism three years ago and is a devout member of the faith. He has raised even now a large sum toward his object, but perhaps will obtain twice the sum now available before the building will begin.

In the records of the Mohammedan faith Lord Headley is described as "Saifurrahman Shaikh Rahmahillah Farooq," which is a title of highly complimentary nature. Lord Headley has always had a reputation as an enthusiast, and this he is maintaining in his new religion. In his younger days he was the best boxer at Cambridge, having won the middle weight and the heavy weight honors. He is a civil engineer, a former editor and a large land owner in Ireland.

Suffers With Spinal Disease. San Bernardino, Cal., July 17.—Leonard A. Peterson, 23 years old, of Mount Pleasant, Utah, a private of the First Utah Cavalry, was in a dangerous condition last night at the county hospital here, suffering from transverse myelitis, a serious disease of the spine. The patient was at first believed to have been stricken with infantile paralysis.

Amateur Standings

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TELLS OF LESSONS DRAWN FROM FIGHT

Rear Admiral Knight Thinks North Sea Battle Shows Fast Cruiser Useful.

NOT DISCREDITED ANY

Washington, July 17.—In response to a request by Secretary Daniels for an opinion of what lessons might be drawn, for the naval expansion program from the Jutland battle between the British and German fleets, Rear Admiral Knight, of the naval war college, has replied that, far from discrediting the battle cruiser, although vessels of that type bore the brunt of the losses in the engagement, the fight added a new era to the field of the usefulness of the fast fighter.

The battle has not changed the admiral's opinion that dreadnaughts are still and will continue to be the backbone of any fighting fleet, but it has caused him to recommend that if congress is to add only four capital ships to the first line, all should be battle cruisers.

Due to Battle Cruisers. "Had the success which Admiral Jellicoe claims to have had almost within his grasp, been actually obtained, it would have been entirely due to the battle cruisers, and the loss of three of these would have been a small price to pay for such a result. In other words, the battle of Jutland, so far from discrediting the battle cruiser, has added a new era to its possible field of usefulness and we may now say of it, that in addition to its use for scouting and screening and for operating as a fast wing against the flanks of an enemy's fleet, it may be used for 'holding' an enemy fleet until our own main fleet can come up. That it may be subject to heavy losses in accomplishing the task does not make the task less useful and brilliant.

"My reply is, then that my view of the value of the cruiser has been somewhat enhanced by the results of the battle off Jutland, so far as these results are known."

At this point the admiral referred to his testimony before the house naval committee in which he declared it in his opinion that the battleship would continue to be the backbone of every efficient fighting fleet in spite of any developments which could be foreseen.

Views Not Modified. "The battle off Jutland" Admiral Knight continued, "has not led me to modify those views, but I learn that in the four months that elapsed since these were expressed the battleship design to which I looked forward at that time has advanced so rapidly that it is possible to introduce this year the improvement which I had in mind as likely to be ready for next year; and for this reason, I am glad of the opportunity to make one change in my recommendation as follows:

"If the number of capital ships to be provided for this year is four, I recommend that all shall be battle cruisers."

"If the number is six, I recommend four battle cruisers and two dreadnaughts."

"If the number is eight, I recommend four battle cruisers and four dreadnaughts."

"If the number is ten, I recommend six battle cruisers and four dreadnaughts."

"I desire to invite attention to the marked difference in conditions under which the British and German navies have been operated in the North Sea and the condition under which the United States navy would operate in case of war with an enemy beyond the seas."

Area of North Sea. "The North Sea is only about 350 miles wide and the same distance in length. Practically its whole area can be kept under constant observation by scouting craft of various types, supplemented by Zeppelins and aeroplanes. Fast ships can pass from the British to the German coast between daylight and dark."

"It results from the above conditions that there is no such demand in the present war for vessels of the battle cruiser type as would exist in war in the Atlantic or Pacific, nor is there any opportunity for these ships to give evidence of their value in the primary role for which they are intended."

Japanese Copy Well and Make Money Thereby. (Correspondence of The Associated Press.) London, July 4.—The facility of the Japanese in turning successfully to the various forms of highly skilled manufacture is illustrated by samples received of their work in making sports requisites. They have made a beginning with tennis racquets and foot balls, but soon are expected to be able to provide the complete outfit in foreign prisons merely on such a ground.

Significant in this connection is the recent dismissal from the police service of two detectives on the staff of the chief police bureau of Amsterdam, for having entered into well-paid clandestine relations with the German secret service. Their "side line" included, among other jobs, the watching of persons of different nationalities who had applied for passports to enter Germany, but concerning whom the German authorities entertained misgivings. Investigations are now afoot to ascertain whether other police officials in the chief cities of Holland may not have yielded to German temptations.

Thousands of Fireflies Seen in Japanese Fete. (Correspondence of The Associated Press.) Tokyo, July 10.—Foreigners witnessed an unusual and beautiful scene this month when 10,000 fireflies were released at night by school children before the imperial palace in salutation of the emperor. The children gathered the insects in one of the suburbs, enclosed them in tiny wooden cages and marched to the palace. At a signal the luminous insects were set free, flying over the palace—a cloud of scintillating spots of fire. From the ancient palace rampart a court official acknowledged the tribute by waving a paper lantern bearing the imperial crest.

BRITISH CLOSE TO THIRD ENEMY LINE

Operations After Recent Advance More in the Nature of Open Fighting.

WEATHER IS STILL FINE

British Front in France, July 15.—(Via London), July 17.—Continuing their offensive, the British who yesterday broke through the German second line of defense now have taken all of Delville Wood, which was headed by the South Africans, and the Higwood, establishing themselves beyond Bazantin Lepetit, advanced parties having been to the outskirts of Martinpuich and Pozieres and some other points close to the third German line of defense. The weather remains dry and warm.

The operations after yesterday's advance were more in the nature of open fighting, the Germans using strong points on favorable ground which were good machine positions, to gain time in rallying reinforcements which arrive and dig new trenches, while the British dig in opposite them with each stage of the advance. Frequently they are so near each other that neither side dares use its guns. Every possible protection is seized and stoutly held by both sides.

Woodland Important. Possession of stretches of woodland becomes as important as that of villages. The German defenders of Trones Wood had orders to stand to the last man, and the orders virtually were obeyed. Cases have been numerous in the woods fighting where Britons and Germans have been pierced by each others bayonets. It is amazing that in the thick of the struggle at all points stretcher bearers manage to bring out the wounded.

The Germans are keeping up a heavy volume of artillery fire in answer to the British, indicating the arrival of fresh artillery. British guns were able today to reach the main road of Martinpuich which was crowded with transports, aeroplanes reporting immense destruction and confusion.

Every one coming from the front remarks upon the paucity of German aeroplane and anti-aircraft guns despite the reinforcements in other arms. British airmen in many instances have descended as low as 300 or 500 feet firing upon German infantry with their machine guns and receiving the cheers of British infantry. Such low flights have resulted in remarkably intimate scouting.

Beyond Main Line. The scene of action has been carried for the first time beyond the second main line of German defenses since stationary warfare began on the western front. Officers returning from the front line speak of seeing abandoned German guns, but say they are too busy fighting to bother to bring them in.

The most dramatic situation in the battle comes when the German gunners strive to draw off their guns with British infantry within rifle range. In the grinding conflict which is courageously forced to close quarters, neither the German nor the number of prisoners is expressive of the results or the stake for which both sides are fighting.

British commanders merely say that they have advanced further than they expected and repeat the proceeding through various stages in the long and immense undertaking.

Prisoners Best Fed. Among the documents captured is the complaint of a division commander of the destruction of a German battalion by their own gunfire. One prisoner then complained that the only person in Germany who really had enough to eat were the British prisoners, thanks to parcels sent them from home, and American interest in their welfare. Generally they complain more of the British artillery fire than of the food shortage. They think Germany is in no danger of starving and that the war will be decided by fighting like that of the last two or three weeks where every gun, rifle, man, trench or gully or tree which gives cover will count.

It is difficult for anyone not at the front to realize the change in the new army wrought by the two weeks, thanks to the first continued advance which is giving the troops practical lessons day by day.

The Missouri, bound from London to Philadelphia, sighted the Danish emigrant vessel Denmark, from Copenhagen for New York, in distress 800 miles from Newfoundland. It had broken its shaft and had a fearful hole in its hull, into which the water poured while the 665 passengers and sixty-nine crew were helpless. They could neither cope with the rushing water nor could they lower the lifeboats because of the stormy weather.

After twenty-four hours of suspense, the Missouri appeared on the scene and attempted to tow the Denmark to the American coast, but this was abandoned and a course shaped for the Azores. The Denmark, however, soon began to sink, and all its passengers and crew were transferred to the Missouri, a task that required heroic efforts in the storm that was raging.

A part of the Missouri's cargo was jettisoned to make room for the rescued and the rescue ship itself had a difficult time in making port, much delayed. It was almost given up for lost, and when it finally arrived, with the story of its rescue, it created a great outburst of enthusiasm everywhere. Captain Murrell was feted here and in America in a remarkable manner.

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