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BRITISH FLOTILLA SINKS DESTROYER IN RUNNING FIGHT

Destroyer Was of Very Latest Type and Had Speed of 32.5 knots

BATTLE AT LONG RANGE ONE OTHER DAMAGED

French Retake L. Positions --British Fleet Bombards Ostend

London, June 5.—A British light cruiser and destroyer flotilla sunk one German destroyer, the S-20, and damaged another in an engagement with six enemy destroyers at long range, the admiralty reported today.

The German destroyer S-20 was built in 1912 and was of 820 tons displacement. She was capable of 32.5 knots speed, carried 73 men and was classified as a special example of the latest type in such craft.

Estimate Italy's Loss Vienna, June 5.—Italy's offensive in the Isonzo battles of the past nineteen days have cost her 160,000 in killed and wounded and twenty thousand in prisoners taken by the Austrian forces, an official statement today asserted.

West of Gorizia several enemy attempts to recapture the trenches lost on Sunday were futile, the Austrian war office continued.

French Retake Position Paris, June 5.—What the official statement today described as "lively attack," carried French forces last night over into trenches which they had lost to the Germans on Monday north-west of Froidfontaine.

North of Bray-En-Launay the report said a violent bombardment was in progress. In the Champagne there was intermittent artillery fire most active around the Casque and Mont Cornillet.

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ABE MARTIN



Mr. Leslie Nugent has joined the army as plowman, carries enlarged knuckles. Miss Garnet Park is in town "day lookin' after a little pre-nuptial dental work."

BORN IN 1313, REGISTERED

San Francisco, June 5.—Triantafyll D. Preponous didn't know whether he was old enough to register today or not. He was born in 1313, he told a registration clerk.

MILLIONAIRE'S BABY NOT YET RECOVERED

Keet Will Flash Signal to Abductors—Friends Fear He May Be Killed

Springfield, Mo., June 5.—From the tower of the Peer building, the highest spot in Springfield, J. Holland Keet, millionaire banker, will flash out the signal to the kidnapers who are holding Baby Lloyd Keet, when he sets out on his third trip to attempt to pay the ransom demanded by the abductors.

Keet admitted today that this is the plan suggested by the kidnapers in their second letter, by which he could communicate with them. The lights in the tower of the building can be seen at almost any point within a radius of 20 miles of Springfield.

The ransom money makes him a tempting bait for criminals. Intimation that the ransom had been raised to \$15,000 in keeping with the threat of the abductors in their first letter would mean the life or mutilation of the child.

There are no new developments, the only statement issued from the Keet home today.

Russian Socialists Are Wise to Germany's Plans and Object to Kaiserism

By William G. Shepherd, (United Press Staff Correspondent)

Petrograd, June 5.—The workmen's and soldiers' council today named July 8 as the date for the Russian-called Stockholm peace conference.

The formal call for the international meeting summarizes its purpose: "to organize a world union to consider means to end the war and eliminate imperialism."

News that the American government had refused passports to socialists to a Stockholm conference caused great disappointment here. President Tschekidze of the soldiers' and workmen's council, declared he was "disillusioned" by the refusal.

Labor troubles are increasing here today. A general strike was ordered in all Petrograd factories because of employers' refusal to accord a six hour day and equal wages for men and women.

Demands of miners for a two hundred per cent increase in wages were also made public today. The miners received a ninety per cent increase granted by the department of commerce in March.

AMERICA'S MILLIONS REGISTERING

BOND ISSUE WINS BY 14,000, THIS ON PARTIAL RETURNS

Only 29 Counties Heard From But Its Question of Majority Only

BAKER LEADS DALY FOR PORTLAND MAYORALTY

New Prison Bill Is Defeated—Country Was Beaten by the Cities

Portland, Or., June 5.—Oregon will have a comprehensive system of good roads.

Such is the will of the people as expressed in yesterday's special election. By a majority which will probably be about twenty thousand, the voters approved the \$6,000,000 road bond bill, although country precincts may cut this lead.

Motorists will meet the payments of interest and principal through increased license tax. Representative motorists, however, said that hard surfaced roads will more than offset the increase in the license.

Incomplete returns from 29 counties this afternoon show 45,518 votes for the road bonds and 31,575 against it.

Consolidating city, state elections: yes 40,875; no 18,221. New penitentiary: yes 27,127; no 38,009.

Baker Mayor of Portland Practically complete returns give George Baker a decisive lead over Will H. Daly in the race for mayor of Portland.

George L. Baker leads W. H. Daly (Continued on page six.)

MANY CITIES MAKE IT CALA OCCASION WITH BIG PARADES

America Starts In With the Enthusiasm of Youth Ready for Battle

IN NEW YORK POLICE PUT GRIM TOUCH TO SCENE

National Guard Under Arms Ready to Quell Disturbances in Cities

Washington, June 5.—Young America was at the polls today casting its vote for world democracy—registering for service.

Reports to the United Press early today showed registration day fair throughout practically all the nation. The youth of the country was pleading itself bright and early, heavy listing being reported everywhere in the first few hours after opening of the registration stations.

No city reported any disturbances in the early hours and the impromptu election machinery, called into service in the hour when America is selecting her men to fight Germany, was running smoothly and easily.

By night the provost marshal general expects that 10,294,889 Americans between 20 and 31 will have listed themselves in the potential army of the draft.

Some time between now and early fall, 625,000 of this 10,294,889 will be chosen by lot, called formally to the colors and started in the government soldier producing factory.

Today was America's first experience with a compulsory draft from which there could be no evasion by purchase of a substitute.

It was the nation's first compulsory demand on her youth since the days of '61. Many states made a holiday of the event.

Hundreds of cities held formal celebrations. There were parades, patriotic mass meetings, speeches, banners, bands and pageants.

For the most part America went "in" with the joyous enthusiasm of youth—of youth unafraid, ready for a fight.

A more sober undertone was the grim presence in mobilized ranks of heavy police and militia guards at all registration places.

New York, melting pot of the nation where a hundred nationalities congregated, was under heavy guard.

Every one of Police Commissioner Wood's bluecoats was at his post. So also was every one of the auxiliary home defense league substitutes.

Armored police automobiles carrying machine guns and heavily armed men were held in readiness for instant despatch.

Every man in uniform and in plain clothes circulated everywhere, however, keeping a close watch for a possible attempt to distribute anti-conscription literature.

REGISTRATION IS MOVING QUIETLY IN ALL SECTIONS

Chicago Makes 12 Arrests Up to Noon Which Leads in That Respect

PACIFIC COAST STATES MAKING FINE SHOWING

Opposition Fails to Materialize in East, Due to Firm Steps Taken

Washington, June 5.—During the first three hours of registration only two inquiries had reached the provost marshal general's office from the whole country.

Both were requests for information. One man in New York who declared he didn't know his age, telephoned to ask what to do.

"In case of doubt, always registers," he was told. Another similar inquiry came from Elkhart, Ind.

From the absence of any complaint the provost marshal general's office assumed that the registration machinery was running smoothly.

San Francisco, June 5.—Registration day on the Pacific coast started with a rush to the polls.

The weather didn't encourage slackers. Clear skies throughout the Pacific coast states encouraged a heavy registration during the morning.

Registration clerks found lines of youths waiting when they opened the polling places at 7 a. m.

Double police forces were on guard in the larger coast cities, though there was no early indication today that they would be necessary.

Parades and patriotic demonstrations were planned in many places. By proclamation of the governors of Pacific coast states, today was a legal holiday.

California saloons were practically all closed. Several hundred youths escaped registration today by enlisting. San Francisco alone reported about 160 enlistments in all branches of the service yesterday.

Vigilance committees organized by federal, state, county and city authorities on the Pacific coast, had little to do during the early hours today.

Extra officers in plain clothes circulated everywhere, however, keeping a close watch for a possible attempt to distribute anti-conscription literature.

One Objector Arrested Sacramento, Cal., June 5.—Rufus Barringer, who says he is an I. W. W., was arrested this morning on the Folsom road where he was spreading anti-conscription circulars.

He admitted to detectives who arrested him that he was the man who posted up the circulars in Sacramento about a week ago.

For the next few days, he admitted, he has been spreading the dodgers in the vicinity of Folsom and along the Folsom road. He will be turned over to federal authorities.

BRAZIL WAS FORCED

By H. B. Robertson, (United Press staff correspondent)

Rio De Janeiro, June 5.—Brazil was forced to break her neutrality because Germany was virtually declaring war on all Latin America, according to a formal note of explanation forwarded all nations except the Central Powers today by the foreign minister.

Included in the note was a charge that the attitude of certain South American republics "does not comport with the principles of the Monroe doctrine."

AMERICAN LINER HAS SCRAP WITH DIVERS

Belief Is One of Her Two Shots Sank U-Boat—A Thrilling Scene

London, June 5.—The American armed merchant liner Mongolia put into a British port today bringing as dramatic a tale of a brush with German submarines as has been told in Germany's submarine warfare and with her crew confidently expressing the belief they had sunk one of the enemy submarines.

The Mongolia ran into a "nest" of submarines and had her first glimpse of periscopes when 225 miles from her port of destination. This was on Friday, June 1. One "eye" of a submarine was sighted a hundred yards distant and immediately the American naval gun was trained on it.

Almost simultaneously the aft gun spoke in a shot fired at the second periscope, this one about 1,500 yards distant. Lieutenant Seymour, U. S. N., in charge of the gun crew, believes the aft gun's shell reached its mark and that the submarine was sunk.

The first two shots from the American guns brought a British destroyer hurrying upon the starboard horizon.

Two hundred American Red Cross workers en route from Chicago to France to join base hospital No. 12 from Northwestern university hung over the Mongolia's rails and yelled "get 'em," as the long grey British destroyer sped aft, baring her teeth in a great shear of white spray flung out over the green wake.

As the chase started, the destroyer's bugler stood on the deck of the speeding ship and sent over the waters the clear bugle notes of the "Star Spangled Banner" and "God Save the King."

The destroyer thrice circled the Mongolia—the "gallery" of Red Cross officers, nurses and men following hurriedly from port to starboard and back again, unwilling to lose sight of her for a single second lest she run down her quarry.

Before the destroyer could come up, however, three torpedoes had been launched by the submarine and sent speeding through the water toward the Mongolia.

Immediately the U-boats were sighted the Mongolia began to zig zag. The torpedoes could be seen, marking their white track through the water—but they missed. All passed astern of the American ship.

Life Belts at Dinner. Failing to reach one of the enemy boats for an engagement, the British destroyer ducked back alongside. Throughout the remainder of the afternoon she stuck close at hand, frisking gravely about occasionally like a sedate old greyhound.

It was exactly 12:15, according to those aboard the Mongolia when the ship's alarm of one long and four short blasts brought all the American ship's passengers and her crew to the lifeboats—all with their life belts buckled on. There was no panic.

Just before the brush with the Germans began and for 15 minutes while the aft gun was firing, the British exchanged flares of Philadelphia, was in charge. Passengers and crew alike—all wearing their life belts—lined the rails during the fracas, some silent, holding fingers tightly stopped into their ears while the guns were barking, or else, when the firing was over, crowding the side to cheer the wallowing, dipping destroyer while the British exchanged flag signals with the Mongolia.

Most of the saloon passengers dined that same evening still wearing their cumbersome life belts.

DR. MATHIS OF MONMOUTH GETS ARMY COMMISSION Dallas, Ore., June 5.—Dr. M. O. Mathis, of Monmouth, who was in Portland last week taking the examination for the officers' reserve medical corps, received word yesterday that he had been granted a captain's commission. Dr. Mathis was ordered to be prepared on short notice to report to a training camp.

TO DECIDE STRIKE QUESTION Chicago, June 5.—Tonight will decide whether Chicago is to face another street car strike. The union will meet to consider an offer of two cents an hour increase made by Leonard A. Boley, president of the Chicago surface lines. The employees now receive from 25 to 35 cents an hour, according to length of service. The company employs 11,000 men.

CHINESE PUZZLE MAY BE SOLVED BY A NEW MONARCHY

Eighty Members of Parliament Resign and Members of Cabinet Flee

ANARCHY MAY FOLLOW WRECKING OF REPUBLIC

General Chang Hsun Powerful Leader Would Revive Chang Dynasty

By Ralph H. Turner, (United Press staff correspondent)

Tokio, June 5.—The Chinese revolutionary movement today is tending toward the restoration of a monarchy and the enthronement of the old Chang dynasty.

Latest reports received here from Peking deny that President Li Yuan Hung has resigned under pressure of the militarists, who have established a provisional government at Tien Tsin.

Hsu-Shi-Chang head of the revolutionists' provisional government is known to have monarchistic leanings. Hsu-Shi-Chang has assumed his duties and is preparing to demand the resignation of President Li Yuan Hung.

The disruption of parliament today threatened to block the plan of President Li to rush through an immediate declaration of war against Germany.

Eighty members of parliament have resigned, and several members of Li Yuan Hung's administration have fled from Peking, according to cablegrams received here. This leaves President Li's government practically paralyzed.

The movement toward a monarchy is further emphasized by the fact that General Chang Hsun, military governor of the province of Anhwei, favors reviving the old Chang dynasty. It was General Chang who virtually placed Hsu-Shi-Chang at the head of the provisional government in Peking.

Two thousand rebel troops from the province of Anhwei, belonging to the command of General Ni-Shi-Chun have arrived near Tientsin on a special train. Two thousand more reported to be en route to Tientsin from another province. No other movement of troops is reported.

The belief in Tokio is that China will be plunged into anarchy.

ROAD BONDS LOSE IN MARION COUNTY

Negative Majority Is Now About 1200—Will Be Increased

With the returns from 56 precincts of the 73 in Marion county in the hands of the county clerk, the totals for the measures balloted on yesterday at the special election are as follows:

The measure authorizing bonds to create limited indebtedness to enforce 2807; No. 301, No. 3246.

The measure limiting the number of bills introduced in the legislature and increasing the pay of legislators—No. 304, Yes 987; No. 305, No. 5316.

The measure declaring against implied repeal of constitutional provisions by amendments—No. 306, Yes 1515; No. 307, No. 4059.

Uniform tax classification amendment—No. 308, Yes 2488; No. 309, No. 3271.

Requiring election, city, town, and state officers at same time—No. 310, Yes 4128; No. 311, No. 2063.

Four hundred thousand dollar tax levy for a new penitentiary, No. 312, Yes, 1728; No. 313, No. 4827.

Six million dollar road bond issue and high way bill—No. 314, Yes 2726; No. 315, No. 3930.

Following is the vote by precincts as far as received, the various measures.

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THE WEATHER

THIS IS SUMMER FOR YOU! Oregon: Fair tonight with light east wind; Wednesday, a day fair, warmer south and east portions; northwest-westerly winds.