

FORECAST
WARMER TONIGHT AND
SATURDAY

MEDFORD MAIL TRIBUNE

WEATHER
Maximum Yesterday 66;
Min. Today 41; Precip. .03.Forty-sixth Year.
Daily—Eleventh Year.

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GREATEST NAVAL BATTLE IN ALL HISTORY

BRITISH FLEET SUFFERS
DISASTER IN CONFLICT
WITH GERMAN FLEET

Germany's High Sea Fleet Meets Main Part of British Fleet in Battle Off Jutland in North Sea, Sinking Battleship Warspite, Battle Cruisers Queen Mary and Indefatigable, Two Armored Cruisers and a Large Number of Smaller Warships—Germans Lose Battleship Pommern, the Cruiser Weisbaden, Protected Cruiser Frauenlob and Several Torpedo Boats—Never Before Have Two Naval Forces of Such Magnitude as Contending Fleets Engaged in Combat—Battle Not Fought to a Point to Determine Mastery of Seas, for Losses Do Not Impair Strength.

BERLIN, June 2.—Germany's high sea fleet met the main part of the British fleet in battle in the north-eastern section of the North sea on May 31. In the heavy engagement which followed the German fleet, according to a report issued by the German admiralty, sank the British battleship Warspite, the British battle cruisers Queen Mary and Indefatigable, two armored cruisers and a large number of warships of smaller tonnage. Several other British battleships are reported damaged, including the battleship Marlborough.

The German losses are announced as the battleship Pommern, the cruiser Weisbaden, the protected cruiser Frauenlob and several torpedo boats.

Official German Report

The text of the German admiralty report, which is dated June 1, says:

"During an enterprise directed to the northward our high sea fleet on May 31 encountered the main part of the English fighting fleet, which was considerably superior to our forces.

"During the afternoon, between Skagerrak and Horn Reef, a heavy engagement developed which was successful for us and which continued during the whole night.

"In this engagement, so far as known up to the present, there were destroyed by us the large battleship Warspite, the battle cruisers Queen Mary and Indefatigable, two armored cruisers, apparently of the Achilles type, one small cruiser, a new flagship of destroyers, the Turbinant, Nestore and Alenister, a large number of torpedo-boat destroyers and one submarine.

"By observation which was free and clear of objects, it was stated that a large number of English battleships suffered damage from our

ships and the attacks of our torpedo-boat flotilla during the day engagement and throughout the night.

Rescue British Crews

"Among others, the large battleship Marlborough was hit by a torpedo. This was confirmed by prisoners.

"Several of our ships rescued parts of the crews of the sunken English ships, among them being two and the only survivors of the Indefatigable.

"On our side, the small cruiser Weisbaden by hostile gun fire during the day engagement, and his majesty's ship Pommern, during the night, as a result of a torpedo, were sunk.

"The fate of his majesty's ship Frauenlob, which is missing, and some torpedo boats, which have not returned yet, is unknown.

"The high sea fleet returned today (Thursday) into our port."

Greatest Naval Battle

From the advice thus far received it would appear that the greatest naval battle of history has taken place. Never before have two naval forces of such magnitude as the British and German high-sea fleets engaged in combat. But apparently the battle was not fought out to a point to determine mastery of the seas, for the losses, serious as they are reported to have been, will not impair the strength of either fleet to a vital extent.

The scene of the battle was in the eastern waters of the North sea. It is probable that the German fleet was on one of the excursions into the North sea, which it has taken from time to time during the war, and met, whether or not by design, with the British fleet.

Skagerrak is an arm of the North sea between Norway and Sweden. The point referred to in the German statement as Horn Reef probably is the reef off the Horn, on the southwestern extremity of Denmark. This would indicate that the battle was fought off the coast of Denmark. From the reef to Helgoland the main German naval base in the North sea is about 100 miles.

Berlin First With News

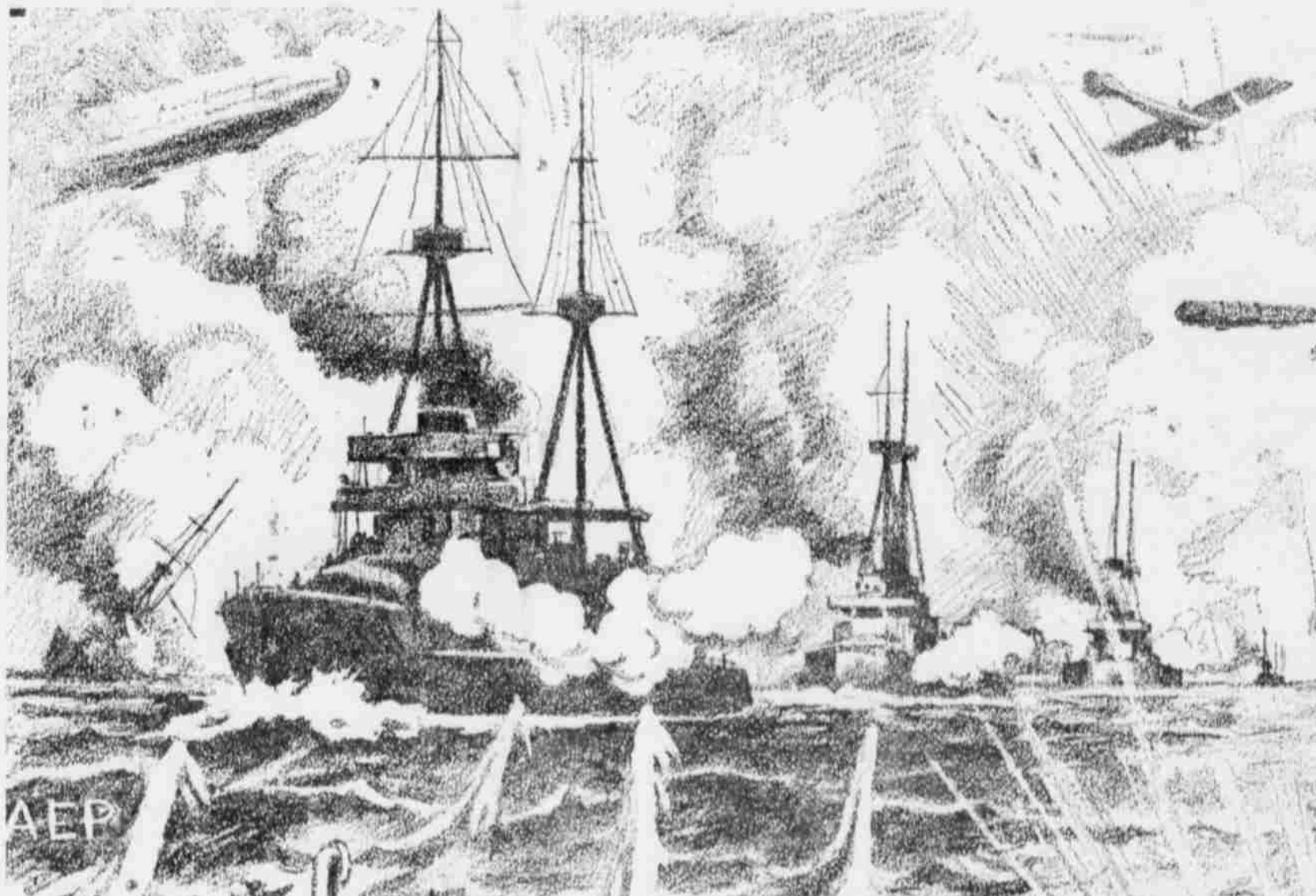
News of the engagement was held back by the British authorities, possibly pending the return home of the fleet, and the first word received of the battle came by wireless from Berlin, by which means the Germans are able to escape the censorship over cable lines.

The losses in the engagement must have been extremely heavy. The battleship Indefatigable, for instance, from which the German admiralty reports only two men were saved, probably had more than 900

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BRITISH BORROW
TO MAKE UP DEFICIT

LONDON, June 2.—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 £225,000,000 in new sterling. This will involve raising by loans on the average more than 3,600,000 pounds daily.



Here is a marvelously graphic drawing of the great sea battle between the British and German fleets drawn upon description flashed across cables.

GERMANS TAKE
CAILLETTEWOOD
VERDUN FRONT

Seesaw Struggle Along French Line
Continues With Alternate Gains
and Losses—Heavy Fighting in
Progress East of Meuse—French
Report Progress.

BERLIN, June 2.—The capture of Caillette wood, south of Fort Douaumont, on the Verdun front, and of adjoining trenches, was announced today by the war office.

PARIS, June 2.—In the course of heavy fighting on the Verdun front, which continued through the night, the French progressed slightly south of Caillette wood, the war office statement of today announces. The struggle between Thiamont farm and Vaux, east of the Meuse is described as extremely violent.

French Statement

The text of the statement says:

"In the Argonne there has been fighting with hand grenades in the Vauquois sector at Courtes Chameuses and Fille Mortie. We caused the explosion of several small mines which inflicted damage upon the subterranean works of the enemy.

"On the left bank of the Meuse a counter attack delivered by our troops made it possible for us to progress for 100 yards into the communicating trenches of the enemy south of the wood of Caillette. Between this wood and the village of Cunieros an enemy attack was checked by our curtain of fire and the Germans could not move on.

Battle on the Meuse

"On the right bank of the river the battle continued yesterday and last night with extreme violence along the entire front between the Thiamont farm and Vaux. It even spread to the east of the Vaux fort as far as Damloup. In the region of Thiamont and Douaumont the assaults of the enemy were repulsed by our fire and our counter attacks.

"South of the Douaumont fort the Germans were successful in penetrating the southern portion of the Caillette wood as well as the southern shore of the Vaux pond. On our right all the attacks directed upon the sector between Vaux and Damloup were broken by the counter resistance of our troops, who inflicted heavy losses upon the enemy.

"In the course of this fighting the artillery fire reached an exceptional degree of violence and continued along all the front attacked."

TRAIN BLOWN OFF
TRACK BY TORNADO
IN CENTRAL WEST

DECORAH, Iowa, June 2.—About \$25,000 damage was done by a severe rain and wind storm here last night. Two bridges over the upper Iowa river in this city, two bridges near here on the Milwaukee line and another on the Rock Island, about two miles from here, were washed away. Traffic over these lines probably will not be resumed for over a week.

Cloudburst in Iowa

MASGREGOR, Iowa, June 2.—More than \$10,000 worth of stock was lost in a storm of the proportions of a cloudburst here last evening. The water flooded rock pens in the railroad yards, drowning hundreds of cattle. Great damage was done in the business section of the city. Ground floors and basements of buildings were flooded. Few business houses escaped damage. Altogether the storm did about \$50,000 damage here. Water was up to the tops of the tables in the dining room of the McGregor hotel.

Blows Train Off Track

BLOOMINGTON, Ill., June 2.—A tornado blew the Washburn Chicago, St. Louis fast mail train No. 47 from the track near Sennett, Ill., early today, injuring 18 persons, one probably fatally. The accident occurred in a deep cut, which kept the cars from overturning and probably prevented heavy loss of life.

Storm at St. Louis

ST. LOUIS, June 2.—Three-fourths of an inch of rain fell here in 45 minutes today. Storm sewers could not carry off the water which flooded the streets. Street car traffic on several lines was halted. Considerable damage by hail was done in the southwestern part of the city.

HUGHES DISOWNS
MANAGER HITCHCOCK

WASHINGTON, June 2.—When inquiry was made of Justice Hughes today whether or not Frank H. Hitchcock was representing him at Chicago the justice's secretary, Lawrence H. Green, made the following authorized statement:

"It is perfectly well understood that Justice Hughes has no representative."

G. O. P. DECIDING
STATE CONTESTS
FOR CONVENTION

CHICAGO, June 2.—Consideration of claims of contesting delegations to the republican national convention was resumed this morning by the republican national committee which opened its deliberations here yesterday in a continuous session lasting more than nine hours.

The Louisiana contest, involving twelve delegates, was the first taken up at today's session. It was to be followed by the contests in Mississippi, Missouri and North Carolina, in the order named.

The fight in the Louisiana delegation today again will be between the so-called "Billy whites" and the faction including negroes, as has been the case at former committee meetings preceding national conventions. Neither side is pledged to any candidate.

As the result of the committee's deliberations yesterday sixteen Georgia delegates who were considered favorable to Justice Hughes were ousted in favor of the delegates who are said to be favorable to the candidacy of Senator Root, with John W. Weeks as second choice. The seven protests in Alabama were settled by the seating of six regular delegates at large and a protesting delegate from the north congressional district.

A recommendation by Chairman Hildes that a subcommittee be appointed to hear the evidence in several of the contests and report to the full committee was defeated. The committee also voted to place the delegates from Porto Rico, Hawaii and the Philippines on the temporary roll call with the recommendation that they be given 3 votes.

MUNITION LADEN SHIP
SINKING OFF SANTA CRUZ

SAN FRANCISCO, June 2.—The American barkentine Thrasher, out of San Francisco yesterday for Sydney, Australia, was reported sinking today off Santa Cruz, Cal., about 100 miles south of here.

The barkentine was loaded heavily with various explosives, including dynamite. The crew comprises twelve men. The Thrasher is owned by William Diamond and company of San Francisco, and has a tonnage of 142. Captain C. H. Jolley commands the Thrasher.

FIVE LIVES LOST
IN ROCK ISLAND
WRECK IN IOWA

Score Injured and Fifteen Missing as
Result of Train Going Through
Bridge at Packard, Ia.—Disaster
Due to Storm—Feared Many Dead
Inside Day Coach.

DES MOINES, Ia., June 2.—At least five persons lost their lives, a score were injured and fifteen others are believed missing in the wreck of the Rock Island train No. 19, northbound, which went through a bridge at Packard, Ia., early today. The wreck was due to the storm which so crippled wire service that it was impossible to obtain accurate information.

Reports from Waterloo, Greene, Cedar Rapids and Charles City, Ia., gave the following as the list of dead: Mrs. Flora Van Vleet, Traer, Ia.; Dorris Kober, 15, Waterloo, Ia.; unidentified woman; Ruth Kober, 15, Waterloo, Ia.; unidentified man.

Twenty injured, six of whom are believed to be in a serious condition were taken to Greene, Iowa.

According to information collected from various sources the greatest loss of life was in the day coach which toppled on its side under ten feet of water.

Wreckers this afternoon were attempting to raise the car and it was feared many dead will be found inside.

A list of missing has not been compiled, but the conductor of the train estimated that there were fifteen on the train at the time of the accident who have not been heard from.

Wrecking trains bringing doctors and nurses were started from Mason City and Waterloo, but were delayed by conditions due to the storm.

KAISER ON TOUR
OF BATTLE FRONTS

BERLIN, June 2, via London.—Emperor William is on a tour of the eastern front, it was officially announced today. The statement says: "The emperor has left the army group of Field Marshal Von Hindenburg in order to visit other army groups on the eastern front. He arrived on May 31 at the army group of Prince Leopold of Bavaria."

BRITISH DENY
LOSS OF ANY
BATTLESHIPS

British Admiralty Reports Loss of
Battle Cruisers Queen Mary, Indefatigable, Invincible, Cruisers Defence, Black Prince and Warrior—Claim Two German Battle Cruisers Sunk and Two Light Cruisers Disabled—Six British Destroyers Lost and Six Missing.

LONDON, June 2.—The British admiralty announced today that a battle had occurred in the North sea between the British and German fleets, in the course of which a number of German warships were sunk. The British battle cruisers Queen Mary, Indefatigable and the Invincible were sunk.

The cruisers Defence and Black Prince also were sunk and the cruiser Warrior was disabled. The German losses are described as six.

The announcement says two German battle cruisers were sunk and two German light cruisers were disabled and probably sank.

The British destroyers Tipperary, Turbulent, Fortune, Sparrow Hawk and Ardent were lost and six others have not yet been accounted for. The admiralty announcement says that no British battleships or light cruisers were sunk.

Off Jutland Coast

The battle occurred off the coast of Jutland. The admiralty announcement says the German fleet avoided the main British forces and returned to port severely damaged.

The text of the admiralty announcement follows:

"On the afternoon of Wednesday, the 31st of May, a naval engagement took place off the coast of Jutland. The British ships on which the brunt of the fighting fell were the battle cruiser fleet and some cruisers and light cruisers, supported by four fast battleships.

"Among these the losses were heavy. The German battle fleet, aided by low visibility, avoided a prolonged action with our main forces. As soon as they appeared on the scene the enemy returned to port, though not before receiving severe damage from our battleships.

Enemy's Loss Serious

"The battle cruiser Queen Mary, Indefatigable and Invincible and the cruisers Defence and Black Prince were sunk. The Warrior was disabled and after being towed for some time had to be abandoned by her crew. It is also known that the destroyers Tipperary, Fortune, Turbulent, Sparrow Hawk and Ardent were lost and six others are not yet accounted for. No British battleships or light cruisers were sunk.

"The enemy's losses were serious. At least one battle cruiser was destroyed and one was severely damaged. One battleship is reported to have been sunk by our destroyers, during the night attack two light cruisers were disabled and probably sunk. The exact number of enemy destroyers disposed of during the action can not be ascertained with any certainty, but must have been large."

FIRE SWEEPS GRASS
LANDS IN TEXAS

MARATHON, Texas, June 2.—A mountain fire in the glass mountain district, 12 miles west of here today had destroyed thirty sections of timber and grass lands and was spreading rapidly. Efforts to check the blaze, which is said to have been started by lightning last Tuesday, have been in vain because of the dryness of the district. Cattle and some houses have suffered a heavy loss, the amount of which no one was willing to estimate today.