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CLAIM CONFESSION IN YORK LYNCHING

YOUNG WHITE MAN TO TESTIFY FOR STATE.

Dick Norman, Alleged Confessee Given His Liberty Under Bond of \$1,000.

York, Sept. 5.—Another surprise was registered in the now celebrated Sims lynching case today when Dick Norman, a well-known young man, who was arrested shortly after the tragedy occurred, announced his intention to turn State's evidence, according to the authorities, and company with Dr. J. H. Saye and his father, Hose Norman, the youth was taken to Chester by auto this afternoon and there he is said to have made full confession of the whole affair to Solicitor Henry. The alleged confession, of course, was not made public but it is stated that it was largely a confirmation of evidence the solicitor already had.

Confession Was Expected.
It had been rumored here for several days that Norman would confess and a number of people were expecting it. The correspondent has it on good authority that there are others among the eight prisoners now in jail who are willing to tell what they knew about the lynching, in an effort to save themselves, if they are given an opportunity.

Young Norman was returned here shortly after 5 o'clock this afternoon and with his bond fixed at \$1,000, is being held as a material witness. He had little trouble in obtaining bondsmen. He may or may not tell his story before the grand jury Monday.

Grand Jury Meets Monday.
No further arrests have been made and probably will not be until after the meeting of the grand jury Monday. Several others who are alleged to have been in the mob which put the negro preacher to death early on the morning of August 24, will then be taken into custody. There is a possibility that some may flee the State before arrests come, but that is hardly probable.

SEVERE FROST COMES EARLY IN OCTOBER

Dutch Weather Prophet Predicts Visit Next Month in Columbia and Vicinity.

Columbia, Sept. 5.—Severe frost will occur in the latitude of Columbia with October 7 as the central date, said the Dutch weather prophet yesterday. At this time it will be killing frost in the Piedmont and sections north of parallel 34. Slight frost may be expected in Piedmont latitudes on September 23-25. A cool wave is indicated for September 7-13.

The South Atlantic coast section will not be visited by any severe tropical storms during the remainder of the tornado season, which closes about the middle of November.

The phenomenal rains of four to six inches in the Piedmont section are due to the lack of resistance of the clouds to atmospheric pressure. The instance of clouds being dragged along on the ground, as reported by the correspondent of The State at Central, is only one of the phenomenal year through which we are passing. These and other remarkable meteorological phenomena deserve more than passing notice. The Dutch weather prophet will soon direct attention at greater length to some of his observations as to the cause of the unusually cool nights and the cold weather in May.

SLAVS STILL RETREATING

Petrograd, Sept. 5.—The Russians, continuing their retreat along the coast of the Gulf of Riga toward the northeast, have crossed the Livonian river, Aa, the war office announces.

The Russian forces operating in an easterly direction from Riga have retired to Segevoid, Lemburg and Detskurayd.

The announcement states that the hostile ships which have been shelling the Riga coast were submarines.

PERSHING REACHES HIS HEADQUARTERS

AMERICAN NURSES BUSY CARING FOR PATIENTS

Picturesque French Town Has Been Transformed Into Center of Activity.

American Training Camp in France, Sept. 5.—(By the Associated Press.)—Gen. Pershing has arrived at his field headquarters, where his staff had preceded him several days, and where the French government had turned over quarters for the Americans' occupancy. The transformation in the picturesque French town has been most remarkable. Up to three weeks ago American uniforms had been seen but once or twice, and the passing of an American automobile through the place was a signal for great excitement among the people. Today khaki was the predominant color in the streets, with here and there a touch of white and blue—costumes of American nurses, who have taken over a French hospital and are caring for French patients pending the activity of the American forces.

French and American sentries guard all approaches to the town and no one is allowed to enter without proper passes. American flags mingle with the French tri-color from scores of flag staffs on both public and private buildings.

Various divisional and corps schools for the instruction of officers are being organized and class work will begin in a short time. These schools are patterned after both the French and British instruction camps, and special instructors will be brought from both these fronts to lecture upon the most modern phases of warfare. The instruction will include artillery, aviation and infantry tactics, machine gun, trench mortar, rifle and grenade fire and trench fighting, including night patrol work between the lines. American officers also will be instructed in the latest methods of fighting from shell holes and on new theories of counter attacks. These schools will give the final touch to the training of the officers and men of the first expeditionary force.

ENGLAND'S LOSS IN SHIPS.

Twenty-three Vessels Sunk by U. Boats Past Week.

London, Sept. 5.—British merchant ships sunk by mine or submarine in the past week numbered twenty of more than 1,600 tons and three under 1,600 tons, according to the official announcement tonight.

The weekly summary: Arrivals 2,384, sailing 2,432. British merchant vessels over 1,600 tons sunk, including two previously, 20; under 1,600 tons, including one previously, 3. Fishing vessels sunk, none. British merchant vessels unsuccessfully attacked, including five previously, 9.

SUBMARINE SHELS TOWN

Three Killed at Scarborough on British Coast.

London, Sept. 5.—Scarborough, on the English east coast, was bombarded last night by a hostile submarine, it was officially announced today. About half the shells in the thirty rounds fired from the under-sea boat landed, three persons being killed and five injured, but little material damage being caused.

CHANCE FOR ENLISTED MEN

Washington, Sept. 6.—Enlisted men in the national army are to be given special opportunities to become officers. Secretary Baker said today that the establishment of a third series of officers training camps was under consideration and that men selected under the draft would be extended such opportunities.

This policy will be adhered to in all training camps opened during the war. How many more camps will be opened is not known, but it is a part of the general plan to continue the making of officers by special training as long as it is necessary to continue increasing the army.

EVERYWHERE U. S. MARSHALS AT WORK

CHARGES NOT MADE PUBLIC—ARRESTS MADE.

Headquarters Raided and Books, Accounts and Files of Organization Taken.

Washington, Sept. 5.—The government today took drastic action to end the anti-war propaganda and activities conducted in the name of the Industrial Workers of the World the Socialist party and other organizations throughout the United States.

On orders from Attorney General Gregory, United States marshals in many towns and cities descended upon the local headquarters of the Industrial Workers of the World, seized books, checks, correspondence and other documents, and some instances arrested officials found upon the premises.

Socialist Headquarters Seized.

In Chicago federal agents took possession of the national headquarters of the Socialist party, and a warrant authorizing the seizure of its documents was served upon its counsel.

The seizure of documents was carried out in accordance with a plan perfected here by William C. Pitts, assistant attorney general. The department of justice announced that the seizure of papers was made in connection with a federal grand jury investigation of the Industrial Workers of the World now proceeding at Chicago.

The department's action was taken on the eve of a report to the President by Chief Justice Covington of the Supreme Court of the District of Columbia, who was designated recently by the President to investigate the labor situation in the West. Judge Covington probably will report personally to President Wilson tomorrow.

Arrests in Idaho.

Whether the concerted action of marshals throughout the country was in any way related to Judge Covington's inspection was not disclosed. It is known, however, that Judge Covington made a special study of the activities of the Industrial Workers of the World. It was shortly after he reached the Northwest that twenty-seven leaders of the organization were arrested by Idaho National Guardsmen the day before the time set for a general strike in Washington, Oregon, Montana and Idaho.

The charges against leaders of the organization under arrest or whose arrest is contemplated were not made public here. It was said at the department of justice that these would have to be determined by the grand jury investigating the organization.

Investigation Just Begun.

Officials also declined to state if indictments had been found by grand juries in Chicago or elsewhere against Industrial Workers of the World leaders. It was intimated, however, that the investigation had only begun. Indications are that federal grand juries in other cities will be called upon.

For many weeks past scores of field workers of the department's bureau of investigation have devoted their undivided attention to alleged attempts on the part of the I. W. W. leaders to embarrass the government in the conduct of the war by strikes and other disturbances called in the name of labor.

Various Charges.

Charges of many complexions have been received by the department in connection with the organization's activities. Recently it was charged that, included in the ranks of the Industrial Workers of the World, were many Austrians, who have been active in stirring up strife intended to hamper American industries, doing work handled by Germans before the United States declared a state of war existing with Germany.

Continued investigation has failed. It is understood, to connect these activities with German money. Many instances of a suspicious nature in connection with alleged labor troubles, however, have been investigated. As a result of the country-wide seizure of the organization's

ITALIAN ARMY STARTS HEAVY BATTLE AGAIN

CADORNA'S MEN MAKE ADDITIONAL GAINS.

Air Raids Continue to Be Carried Out by British, French and German Airmen.

While the Russians continue their flight before the Germans in the region of Riga, the Italians again have started their great offensive against the Austrians on the Bainsizza plateau and to the northeast of Gorizia.

In the south, however, from the Brestovizza valley to the sea, the Italians have been compelled to withstand violent counter attacks by the Austrians, who are endeavoring to hold back Gen. Cadorna's lines from a further approach to Trieste. The Austrians at one place momentarily forced the Italians to cede territory. A counter attack by the Italians not alone retrieved the lost position, but resulted in the capture of more than 400 prisoners.

Additional Gains.

On the Bainsizza plateau northeast of Gorizia, the Italians have made additional gains, capturing an important Austrian position near Oeroglio. No details have been vouchsafed concerning the battle which is in progress northeast of Gorizia and no confirmation is at hand of the reported capture by the Italians of Mont Sangabriele. Nearly 1,700 men have been captured by the Italians in the fighting in the Gorizia sector.

Again the Italians have sent their airmen over Pola, the Austrian naval base in the Adriatic, dropping bombs, the explosions of which have added materially to the damage done in previous raids.

Russians Retiring.

In the region of Riga the Russians are retiring all along the line, pursued by the Germans. The army which evacuated Riga, has crossed the Aa river in Livonia, while the army from the Uxkull region is astride of Riga-Pskov Petrograd railroad. In the capture of the Duenamuende fortress at the mouth of the Dvina river the Germans, it is asserted by the Berlin war office, secured intact the big coast defense guns.

The war vessels which were reported to be shelling the Riga coast line and which it was thought probably might be covering a landing of troops to cut off the retreat of the Riga army, were submarines—probably craft which were reported earlier as operating in adjacent waters in company with torpedo boat destroyers and mine sweeping trawlers.

Western Front.

The operations on the western front in Belgium and France continue to be carried out mainly by the opposing artilleries. Two rather strong attacks against the French front on the Calornie plateau on the Aisne front were repulsed by Gen. Petain's forces.

Reciprocal air raids continue to be carried out by British, French and German airmen at points far behind the fighting line. German aviators again have dropped bombs on French hospitals, this time in the region of Verdun. Eleven persons were killed and sixty-two injured in Tuesday night's aerial attack by the Germans on the southeastern English coast.

ITALIANS RESUME BATTLE.

London, Sept. 5.—(British Admiralty, per Wireless Press.)—The Italian official communication received here today tells of the resumption of the battle on the Julian front and the capture of Austrian positions on the Bainsizza plateau south of Oeroglio. In addition eighty-six officers and 1,600 men were made prisoners.

The department of justice tonight finds itself in possession of documents by the thousand, many of which will be submitted to grand juries as the basis of an investigation to determine whether leaders can be prosecuted.

Prosecutions may be begun under several laws, chiefly the Espionage Act, covering the utterance of treasonable and seditious statements, and the new food control law.

IRISHMEN ATTACK AMERICAN SAILORS

SET UPON UNCLE SAM'S FIGHTERS.

Gangs in Cork Raid Training Camps and Take Rifles and Revolvers.

London, Sept. 4.—Attacks on American sailors on Sunday night are reported in a dispatch from Cork to the Chronicle. It is said that gangs of young men paraded the streets and set upon the Americans who were accompanied by their sweethearts.

One instance cited is that of two Americans who were attacked on the chief street of Cork, a young woman with them being insulted and having her hat torn off. The correspondent reports that the sailors did nothing improper or contrary to good taste to invite the attack, and as far as could be learned, did not retaliate. They escaped on a tram car.

All the girls who suffered at the hands of crowds, the dispatch says, belong to the respectable middle classes.

Attempted to Break In.

An attempt was made at 11 p. m. to break into places where Americans are staying, the dispatch continues but after a short siege the attackers departed. Several parties paraded the streets singing "Sinn Fein" songs and performing military evolutions.

Some windows were broken. One party raided the premises of an officers' training corps and stole fifty-six rifles, thirty revolvers and a number of swords, none of which had been recovered, the correspondent says, at the time of writing his dispatch, nor had any arrests been made.

He reports that he talked with several American sailors yesterday and that they believed the affair was organized, but were not aware of the reason. They said they had been well treated hitherto in Ireland.

NEGRO USES SHOTGUN.

Charged With Slacking, Shoots Chester Officer.

Chester, Sept. 5.—While assisting Sheriff Anderson and Deputy Howze in trying to arrest Tom Stroud, a negro charged with slacking, Joe Williams sustained a serious gunshot wound in the right side of his face last night about 11 o'clock. The negro escaped, but bloodhounds are trailing him. Mr. Williams is in a serious condition.

SHOP EMPLOYEES RETURN TO WORK

Columbia, Sept. 5.—The 400 or more shop employees of the Southern Railway who walked out of the shops at 2 o'clock last Saturday returned to their work yesterday morning. An amicable agreement of all differences was reached between the men and the officials of the railway. Bryan McBride, master mechanic of the Southern shops, stated yesterday afternoon that "everything passed off beautifully." "Everybody is happy," asserted the master mechanic. The nature of the agreement is not known but it is generally understood that the employees resumed work under the same conditions that prevailed when they walked out Saturday afternoon.

RUSSIANS LOSE MANY GUNS

Germans Capture Duenamuende With Large Stores.

Berlin, Sept. 5.—(Via London.)—Duenamuende, on the Riga front, which was evacuated yesterday by the Russians, has been captured by German forces, the war office announced today. (Duenamuende lies at the mouth of the Dvina, northwest of Riga.) The heavy coastal guns there fall undamaged into the hands of the Germans.

German troops have reached the Baltic, northeast of the Dvina and have crossed the sector of the Livonian river Aa, wiping out the Russian rear guards to the south of the river. The Russians are still retreating northeastward.

TROOP MOVEMENTS HALTED FOR A WEEK

MORE UNITS OF SECOND ARRIVE AT SEVIER.

Supply Co., Sanitary Detachment and Machine Gun Co. Pitch Tents at Once.

Greenville, Sept. 4.—The supply company, sanitary detachment, and machine gun company, of Columbia, all of the Second South Carolina Regiment, arrived at Camp Sevier today at 2 o'clock, going straight to camp without stopping in the city. They immediately unloaded and set up tents at the site already occupied by the Second regiment companies.

The only other arrivals besides these South Carolina companies was that of two cavalry troops from North Carolina, Troop D, of Andrews, with 111 men and three officers, and Troop B, of Asheville, with 195 men and three officers, comprised these units.

To Furnish Commissaries.

Division headquarters today announced that there will be practically no more movements of troops for a week, in order to give time to complete the ten commissaries to provide for them. Only five of the buildings have been completed. The only company that is expected tomorrow is an ambulance company of the First North Carolina Regiment, from Canton.

Approximately 200 reserve officers recently commissioned after training at the officers' training camp at Fort Lee, Petersburg, Va., have been transferred to Camp Sevier and were today assigned to various posts by Major A. W. Bjornstad, chief of staff. They are to be used as officers under the new reorganization plans, which will take place some time next week, serving in infantry and artillery units.

To Prepare Camps Ahead.

It was announced today that a corps of fifteen billeting officers is to be taken from among these and other officers for services overseas. When the division is sent abroad they are to go in advance of the troops and prepare camping places for them.

A train load of ambulance wagons has arrived for use by several ambulance units that have been assigned here.

Lieuts. Horton and Bradley, who have been assigned here in the statistical department, are busy preparing an alphabetical list of all the men in camp.

OFFICERS ARE RELIEVED.

No Reason Assigned for Order to Georgia Commanders.

Macon, Ga., Sept. 4.—Col. Orville A. Hall, commander of the 124th Infantry (Fifth Georgia), has been temporarily relieved of his command. Lieut. Col. Franklin M. Cochran is in command. Major Walter J. Preston, commanding the Third battalion of the 124th Infantry, and Capt. W. S. Coburn, of Company M, same regiment, also have been relieved of their commands. No reasons are assigned in the order, and officers decline to make any statement. Brig. Gen. W. A. Harris has been in Jacksonville, Fla., the past week as a member of an efficiency board. He is expected to return tomorrow, but it is not known what action, if any, he will take in the matter.

Col. Butler, ranking officer of the brigade, in the absence of Gen. Harris, issued the order relieving the officers of their commands.

TRIAL OF GOV. FERGUSON

Vinson Denies Governor's Charges of Extravagance.

Austin, Tex., Sept. 6.—R. E. Vinson, president of the University of Texas, testifying today before the State senate in the trial of Governor James E. Ferguson, on impeachment charges, defended his administration of the affairs of the university and denied charges of extravagance made by the governor, whose action in vetoing appropriations for institution and alleged efforts to influence officials of the university have been made an issue in the trial.