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TO FIGHT JOHNSON CASE "TO A FINISH" COUNSEL ASSERTS

Negroes of Massachusetts Are Backing Defense of Negro Wanted in W. Virginia.

PREACHER PUTS UP BAIL

Fugitive is Now Held on Another Charge and Governors Are Again Exchanging Letters as to Extradition.

Boston, Nov. 29.—John Johnson, the West Virginia negro whom Governor McCall last week declined to surrender to authorities of that State on extradition papers, has given himself up to the federal authorities here and was held for a hearing December 5, on a complaint charging him with being a fugitive from justice. His counsel, William H. Lewis, formerly United States assistant attorney general, a negro, announced that the defense had the backing of the negroes of Massachusetts and that the case would be fought to a finish. Bail of \$2,000 was furnished by the pastor and treasurer of a Cambridge church. The indictment against Johnson returned by a federal grand jury in West Virginia charges violation of the Mann "White Slave" Act through the transportation of Edith Godbey, a white girl, from Charleston, W. Va., to Cattlesburg, Ky., in November, 1916, for alleged immoral purposes.

Letter by McCall. Governor McCall gave out a letter written by him to Governor Cornwell, of West Virginia, in which he defended Nelson P. Brown, the assistant attorney general of this State, who conducted the investigation that led to the refusal to surrender the prisoner. After describing the steps by which the investigator arrived at the conviction that the defendant had not committed the crime with which he was charged, Governor McCall's letter continued:

"I need hardly say to you that a failure to honor a requisition is no new thing, nor does it constitute any affront to a State. Precedents exist in great numbers. Only a short time ago this commonwealth denied a requisition in a less serious case upon somewhat similar grounds, but for reasons less strong than those existing here. In that case the defendant happened to be a white man.

Defend the Weaker. "Justice should not use two scales, but if two measures are employed then the more lenient measure should be meted out to the poor and weak rather than to the rich and strong. A white man would be tried by white men, but a black man in a case like this would rarely if ever see at his trial a member of his own race upon the bench, among his prosecutors or in the jury box.

"It seems proper for me to add that a governor of Massachusetts who would refuse to apply to the meanest black man in the land the same rules he had just applied to a white man would be unworthy to represent the commonwealth and would dishonor all the traditions of her glory.

No Spirit of Hostility. "The decision of your Excellency, was reached in no spirit of hostility to West Virginia nor was it a general arraignment of her jurisprudence. It related only to the facts as they appeared in this particular case. Massachusetts has nothing but warm friendship for West Virginia. The estimable service which your commonwealth rendered in the struggle for the Union, the hearts of the people of Massachusetts will hold in imperishable remembrance.

"Standing at the gateway between the North and South, and the East and West with her great history and the sterling character of her people, may I suggest the noble opportunity before West Virginia to render a still more splendid service to the country. When we are nobly contending to make the world safe for democracy, she can help us show our spiritual fitness for the task by leading the way to make America safe for common justice."

SOCIAL.

WILL MEET HERE NEXT MONTH.

The executive board of the South Carolina Federation of Women's clubs will meet in Lancaster on Thursday and Friday, the 6th and 7th of December. There will be business sessions on Thursday afternoon and Friday morning. At 5 o'clock on Thursday afternoon, the 6th, Mrs. J. L. Coker, junior State president, will speak to the women of Lancaster upon the subject of Woman's Work. Every woman and girl in Lancaster is cordially invited to attend this meeting. Mrs. Coker is a highly cultivated and charming woman and is most distinguished in South Carolina club work. She will have an interesting message for Lancaster women. Place of meeting will be announced later.

Mrs. Leroy Springs, vice president of the Ridge District of the State Federation, will entertain the following guests during the executive meeting:

Mrs. J. L. Coker, junior, of Hartsville, State president.

Mrs. J. W. Allen, of Spartanburg, State director.

Mrs. J. D. Watts, of Laurens, vice-president Piedmont district.

Mrs. H. D. Grant, of Johnston, vice president Edisto district.

Mrs. M. S. McKinnon, of Hartsville, corresponding secretary.

Miss Juanita Wylie, member of the State publicity committee, will have as her house guests Mrs. C. C. Featherstone, of Greenwood, recording secretary, and Mrs. James A. Cathcart, of Columbia, auditor.

Mrs. R. C. Brown, president of the Lancaster Civic League, will entertain Mrs. J. E. Ellerbe, of Marion, vice president at large, and Miss Montgomery, of Marion.

Publicity Chairman Mrs. Ernest Moore, vice president of the Friday Afternoon Book Club, will be hostess to Mrs. H. W. Carroll, of Bennettsville, vice president Pee Dee district and Mrs. B. A. Morgan, of Greenville, treasurer.

PERSONAL MENTION.

Miss Nanna Perry is the guest of Miss Ada Williams in Rock Hill.

Judge Ira B. Jones spent Tuesday at York on legal business.

Rev. Brown Green, of Latta, was a Thanksgiving visitor in Lancaster.

Lieut. J. P. Simpson, of Camp Jackson, spent yesterday here with friends.

S. R. Parks, of Canton, Ohio, is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Parks.

E. B. Wright, who has been under treatment in a Charlotte hospital, has returned to his home here.

Mrs. S. M. Gregg, Ernest Gregg and Hazel Gregg, of Florence, were guests at Hotel Royal yesterday.

Corporal Carl G. Bennett, of Camp Jackson, spent Thanksgiving day with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Bennett.

John M. Madra spent Wednesday in Columbia on business connected with the introduction of the war savings stamps.

William McDow went to Columbia Wednesday to visit his brother, John C. McDow, Jr., of the ambulance corps at Camp Jackson.

Mrs. R. C. Chafee, of Aiken, has returned home after a visit to Col. and Mrs. Leroy Springs. Mrs. Chafee is a former resident of Lancaster.

Mr. and Mrs. J. K. Reynolds and Miss Lucye Reece, of Mt. Airy, N. C., spent Wednesday night here on their way home from a motor trip south.

Lieutenants Paul Ross Moore, Will Ross Moore and Steve Williams, recently commissioned at Fort Oglethorpe, are at home on short furloughs.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Green, of Rock Hill, were among the Thanksgiving visitors to the city. They were guests of Mr. Green's parents, Mr. and Mrs. John T. Green.

LULL IN FIGHTING ON WEST FRONT TWO PAST DAYS

Small Attacks South of St. Quentin, North of Aisne and Near Verdun.

BRITISH NEAR CAMBRAI

Bolsheviki Leaders to Meet Germans Next Sunday for Conference to Negotiate an Armistice Looking to Peace.

On the fighting front in Northern France the battle between the British and the Germans for points of vantage around Cambrai continued throughout Tuesday night, but on Wednesday died down to somewhat small proportions. The Germans had brought up large numbers of reinforcements and the fighting for Bourlon village, the Bourlon wood and Fontaine Notre Dame was waged with great bitterness, the positions several times changing hands. East and northeast of Ypres violent artillery activity is in progress.

To the south in the region of St. Quentin, north of the Aisne, and in the vicinity of Verdun, there have been small infantry operations, with the advantage resting with the French troops.

Italians Solid.

The Italians continue to hold tenaciously to their northern front between the Brenta and Piave rivers against the Austro-German forces, who have been unable in repeated attacks to gain additional terrain. An armistice in order that they might bury their numerous dead has been requested by the Austrians, but owing to lack of faith in the enemy's intentions the Italians refused to grant it.

Jerusalem is within sight of the British forces operating in Palestine, but the Turks in force have been gathered about the city, and it is not improbable that a great battle will have to be fought for its possession. To meet the emergency the British are hurriedly bringing up additional men, guns and supplies.

Armistice Conference.

Sunday next has been set by the Germans as the date for a conference with the Bolsheviki leaders for the purpose of negotiating an armistice. The arrangement for the discussion followed a visit of representatives of the Bolsheviki to the German military authorities on the Teuton side of the fighting front in Russia. The Germans apparently gave quick acquiescence to the proposal of the Russians for an armistice looking to an ultimate peace, for only a few hours intervened between the visit of the Russians to the German line and acceptance by the Germans of the proposition that was made to them.

No Attention From Allies.

While the negotiations are expected to embrace an armistice on all the fronts of the belligerent countries, it is certain that the Entente Allies will give no heed to the overtures, either of the Bolsheviki, who comprise the radical section of the Russians who long have desired Russia to cease fighting, or of the Germans, who for even a greater period of time have been endeavoring to put into operation negotiations for a peace that would prove a suitable one for themselves and their allies.

That the Bolsheviki leaders are distrustful of the Germans, although they have agreed to enter into negotiations for an armistice is apparent from the fact that Ensign Krylenko, the Bolsheviki commander-in-chief has ordered, pending the conference, that there shall be no fraternizing on the part of the Russians with the Germans and advised vigilance and caution by the troops.

Meanwhile the great inter-Allied conference was convened in Paris and doubtless at it will be discussed all phases of the tangled situation in Russia and some method agreed upon to bring the disaffection to an end and permit the Russian army taking up the gage of battle again or of putting the Bolsheviki element in the category of an ally of the Central Powers.

SEND A CIGAR OR TWO A DAY TO THE BOY AT THE FRONT

The Lancaster News Starts Tobacco Fund Here in National Movement.

REQUIRES A BIG AMOUNT

A Quarter Pays For Package That Will Keep a Soldier Contented a Week—The Tobacco Is Bought at Cost.

The Lancaster News begins today the campaign for the national movement "Our Boys in France Tobacco Fund." Two hundred newspapers and magazines have already entered in the work and the plan has been endorsed by the secretary of war and secretary of the navy, also by the governors of Arizona, Colorado, Connecticut, Florida, Indiana, Maryland, Michigan, Nebraska, Nevada, New Jersey, New York, Ohio, Oregon, Rhode Island, South Carolina, Vermont, West Virginia, Wyoming.

The only part The News plays in the campaign is to give publicity to it, solicit and receive contributions and forward same to headquarters in New York. The tobacco is bought at cost from the leading manufacturers, and every cent contributed goes for tobacco. No one profits but the fighting man.

It will be absolutely impossible to raise money enough to furnish our soldiers all the tobacco they need. When America has 500,000 men in the trenches, it would require \$125,000 a month to give each one a package a month. But what is sent will help to keep the boys contented.

Each package which costs a quarter has a retail value of 45 cents. Every person who contributes a quarter will receive a message from an American fighting man. In each package is packed a postcard bearing the name and address of the person who contributed the 25 cents to pay for the tobacco. To show his gratitude, the soldier receiving the tobacco will write a message on the card and send it to the friend who furnished "smokes" for a week. Where possible contributions from a section will be sent to the soldiers from that section.

Anyone who contributes a quarter sends one package, one who contributes a dollar sends four packages. Anyone may contribute one or two cigars, or rather the cost of one or two cigars, in order that our boys "over there" may have tobacco.

A list of contributors will be printed each week—on Fridays—the first list to be printed next Friday. Who will be the first contributor?

TEACHERS SPEND THANKSGIVING AT HOME

Prof. C. E. Wessinger spent Thanksgiving at Lexington; Prof. Bowman at Manning; Miss McLaurin at Latta; Miss McCutchen at Bishopville; Miss Rose at Marion; Miss Martin at Strother; Miss Shell at Graycourt, and Miss Pringle at Charleston.

LET'S CO-OPERATE.

Advertisers should take note of the fact that "copy" should be in the office by 10 o'clock Monday morning for the Tuesday edition and 10 o'clock Thursday morning for the Friday edition. When the ads come in late it makes it impossible for us to make our schedule of "press hours." We have been trying to make arrangements for changing our press schedule to early Tuesday morning and early Friday morning so that the paper may reach all its subscribers on the day published, but to do this it will be necessary to live strictly up to our rules of going to press on time. We believe our advertisers will find it to their advantage to give us plenty of time to get up their ads in an attractive manner.

MISS ROBINSON THE WINNER IN CONTEST

Twenty-Six Correct Signatures Written to Advertisement on "Who's Who" Page.

The winner in the "Who's Who" contest is Miss Lillian Robinson, and the \$15.00 in gold awaits her call at this office.

Miss Robinson wrote twenty-six signatures to the ads on the "Who's Who" page correctly. There are thirty-five of the ads and the page is printed in The News today with the signatures attached. There were approximately 100 contestants entered during the week since the first page came out last Friday and many of these ran a close race, the number of correct signatures on many of the others being twenty-three to twenty-six.

A great deal of interest was manifested in the contest and it was interesting.

OUR TROOPS IN FRANCE ARE IN HIGHEST SPIRITS

Glimpses of Lighter Side of Life in the American Army Training in France.

Washington, Nov. 29.—Something of the lighter side of life in the American army in France that reveals the high morale of the soldiers was told to Red Cross workers by Charles D. Norton, of the Red Cross war council, who has just returned from France.

"Our troops in France are in high spirits," Mr. Norton said. "They are keen to fight. A group of Santa Fe railway engineers got into a hot quarrel with a group of Union Pacific men, and the Red Cross nurse who took them off to the hospital in an ambulance said: 'Why do you fight each other; why don't you wait and fight the Germans?'"

"That's the trouble, miss; there ain't any Germans here," was the reply.

"The French enjoy humor, and they have had little occasion to laugh during the past three years.

"All along the line I heard French officers laughing at the antics of the men of one of our regiments.

"On leaving their ship, instead of Pullman cars, or comfortable American day coaches, they found on the dock freight cars, marked 'For 20 men or eight beasts.' Instantly each carload of troops adopted the character of an animal and as they passed through the stations crowded with welcoming Frenchmen, one car would burst into bleating like sheep, another would whinny like horses, or moo like cattle."

TWO AMERICAN SOLDIERS ARE KILLED IN BATTLE

Five Other Americans Wounded During Fighting in France, Pershing Reports.

Washington, Nov. 29.—Two American soldiers were killed and five were severely wounded in the artillery combat with the Germans November 20. General Pershing has reported. Those killed were: Private Harry L. Miller, field artillery, Baker, Ore.; Private Charles Rissmiller, field artillery, Reading, Pa.

The severely wounded are: Sergeant Julian M. Peek, Hartwell, Ga.; Sergeant Andrew Engstrom, Fort Sill, Okla.; Private Harry C. Watkins, North Bend, Ore.; Private Oscar F. Jones, Lucas, Ohio; Private Joseph Lewitt, Mount Holly, N. J.

All are artillerymen.

WILLIAM BANKS IS NAMED INSPECTOR OF EXPLOSIVES

Washington, Nov. 29.—Inspectors for forty-three States to enforce the federal explosives law, under supervision of the Bureau of Mines, were appointed by President Wilson. Those for the other States will be named soon. The appointments include:

Virginia—Martin Williams, Pearisburg.
North Carolina—Daniel A. McDonald, Carthage.
Tennessee—Albert M. Leach, Clarksville.
South Carolina—William Banks, Columbia.

LOCAL RED CROSS CHAPTER IS DOING GREAT DEAL WORK

Two More Large Boxes Christmas Packets Go Forward This Week.

PRESENT FOR EACH BOY

If the Names of Every Lancaster County Soldier and Sailor Is Furnished No One Will Be Overlooked.

Two large wooden boxes containing Christmas packets for the soldiers were shipped from Headquarters this week. There were 1 packages, which completed Lancaster county's quota of 170 apportioned by the Red Cross division office at Atlanta. Each package contained one-half pound of home-made fruit cake, candies, cigarettes, bacco, pipe, chewing gum, tab envelopes, pencil, checkerboard or game. Each packet was wrapped in a large khaki handkerchief and tied with a bow of bright ribbon. Inside was a Christmas card bearing greetings from the Lancaster Chapter of the Red Cross. Duplicates of these Christmas packages will be sent to every Lancaster county boy in the national campaign. This is made possible through the generosity of Lancaster county men and women who contribute liberally to this Christmas fund. The assembling and packing was done by a committee from the local Red Cross.

Hand-knitted woolen socks have been sent to the following Lancaster men already in service:

In France—Perry Beckh, Clyde Cauthen, Donald Hinson, Edward Barfield, David Bennett, Small.

American Aviation Detachment, England—Elliott W. Springs.

In the Navy—Walter Beatty, Herman Poovey, Julian Ross, Yarn Robertson, R. L. Steele, Edgar J. Edson, Edward L. McDow, Robert Billings, Henry McManus, Frank Ghent, Leighton Horton, D. H. J. ren, Ed Starnes, Wylie B. Cauth James Shaver, Stafford and Hunter.

Aviation Station, Garden City, Lee Skipper, knitted helmet.

A pair of socks will also be sent to each of Lancaster's commissioned officers: Capt. Wingo, Lieutenant Paul Ross Moore, Steve Williams, Will Ross Moore, Foster Moore, Canzon Moore, Mark Johnson, F. Blackmon and Caskey.

The Lancaster Red Cross wishes to express appreciation of charming tea given under the auspices of the Friday Afternoon Book Club, proceeds from which was given to the Wool Fund of the Red Cross. The afternoon at Mrs. L. Payseur's was a delightful one socially and a great success financially. \$21.20 was the amount of the offering.

The Red Rose Tea Room project is meeting with considerable success but is not as liberally patronized as the general public as it deserves be. The rooms are attractive; cozy refreshments served are delicious and reasonable in price. The cause is assuredly a worthy one. Show your patriotism by patronizing the Red Rose Tea Room. The proceeds go towards the purchase of materials for the Workroom.

The officers of the Lancaster Red Cross wish to express once more their appreciation of the continuing support of the local press and Motion Picture Theatre. All news is cheerfully published with charge, and any Red Cross slogan run free by Mr. Parr of the Theatre.

The chapter also wishes to acknowledge with thanks the very kind and generous offer of the Lancaster Candy Kitchen. The management has offered to make up pounds of sugar into candy for Christmas packets to be sent to Lancaster boys in camp. The chapter will furnish the sugar and Candy Kitchen will furnish the coconut and other ingredients.

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