

NEW YORK CITY GIVES PERSHING ROYAL WELCOME

Nation as Well as Metropolis Rejoices at Return of the American Commander.

New York, Sept. 8.—General Pershing, after two years in command of the greatest army America has ever sent to battle, returned to the United States today. As he stepped ashore from the huge liner Leviathan he was handed a commission as general, a rank previously held by only three Americans—Grant, Sheridan and Sherman.

The stern faced soldier was not proof against the tribute of praise which was roared from hundreds of thousands of the throats of his fellow citizens.

His voice trembled with emotion as he responded to the greetings extended by Secretary of War Baker in his own behalf and that of the president as well as the welcoming addresses of representatives of the senate and the house, the state and city.

As his car passed slowly through the cheering multitudes which jammed Broadway from the Battery to the city hall, Pershing attempted in vain to maintain his composure. At first he replied to the cheers with the stiff salute which military etiquette demands but he was soon carried away by the storm of applause which swept in great gusts about him. Rising to his feet he waved his cap about his head with a boyish gesture which told how deeply he was stirred, while the grim lines of his bronzed face broke into a smile.

New York did not exhaust its welcome today. Wednesday he will ride down Fifth avenue at the head of the first division of the regular army, the first to go and last to leave, victors in the first battle ever fought on European soil by American soldiers.

Surrounded by comrades, humbler in station but who have offered their all just as freely in the cause of liberty, General Pershing first reglimped his native land. When the huge Leviathan nosed her way through the mists off the Jersey coasts the general stood upon the deck with the famous "composite regiment," 3,000 picked American soldiers known as "Pershings own."

Just after the general walked down the gang-plank at Hoboken, Secretary of War Baker, handed him his commission as full general.

Standing behind, and completely hidden by the imposing figure of the general was a little boy trying to look very dignified and soldierly. He was "Sergeant" Warren Pershing, the commander-in-chief's only surviving child. When the general received his commission he turned to his son and handed him the document with an injunction to keep it safe. The "sergeant" kept it safely all right but later on, in the great crowd at the city hall he got separated from his father, much to the dismay of the general. When the boy was recovered his father asked him anxiously:

"Warren, have you got the commission?"

"Yes sir," replied the "sergeant," promptly.

"Well see that you hold on to it." Among a little army of welfare workers who greeted General Pershing were fifty girls, three of whom were decorated for bravery under fire while serving with the first division.

But it was reserved for New York to begin the real ovation to the returning hero. Four hours before the arrival "the Battery" was thronged with patient thousands. As the little boat with its distinguished party steamed up to the pier an uproar began such as Manhattan probably never had heard. From thousands of factories and vessels steam sirens shrieked out raucous welcome but vainly tried to drown the roar of cheers which rose and fell and rose again.

At first General Pershing seemed to be suffering more from embarrassment than any other emotion. He walked swiftly from the landing stage to his gaily decorated automobile and settled himself down in his seat like a man who has an important journey to make and wants to get it over with as quickly as possible. But as the long procession of cars started up Broadway he was engulfed in a flood of enthus-

ROY COPELAND DEAD.

Mr. Roy Copeland, son of Mr. R. J. Copeland, Sr., of this city, died in Jacksonville, Fla., last Friday after a critical illness of several days. The body was brought here on Saturday afternoon and interment held at the Presbyterian Cemetery, Rev. Henry Stokes conducting the service.

Mr. Copeland was a native of this place, but for several years past had made his home in Charleston and Jacksonville. He was a splendid young man possessing a wide circle of friends in the city who were grieved to learn of his death and whose sympathy goes out to the bereaved father, brothers and sisters, in their sad bereavement.

lasm before which no man could have remained unmoved.

The great canyon which forms New York's financial district, today the financial heart of the world, was a bedlam of noise and a riot of color. Every window in the huge skyscrapers was packed and even the cloud-piercing roofs had their quotas. From these a storm of many colored confetti descended on the surging crowds beneath.

The enthusiasm of the spectators found vent in one unrehearsed incident which was received by General Pershing with apparently mingled feeling. As he entered the city hall flanked by Governor Smith and Mayor Hylan a woman burst past the police guards and implanted a sound kiss on his cheek. Another woman, stirred to emulation, attempted to repeat the feat, but the general raised his hand in supplication: "Oh, Madam," he said, "please don't. Not that."

The ceremony at the city hall where General Pershing was officially welcomed to New York was brief. After the mayor had delivered his address of welcome and the general had made a short reply the party emerged again and the procession was resumed.

As the procession advanced uptown steam sirens grew few but at a steel foundry two husky former "dough-boys" whose somewhat grimy khaki trousers explained how they had beaten their swords into pruning hooks, proved that the American soldier has not an unjust reputation for ingenuity. They had erected an enormous piece of sheet iron on the pavement and with two hammers made a racket which seemed to please them, whatever were the feelings of their neighbors. A little further on a large junk shop provided an ancient church bell which three girls banged lustily with hammers.

On the arrival at his hotel the general retired immediately to the suite which had been reserved for him. There he lunched privately with his son and sisters, Miss May Pershing of Lincoln, Neb., and Mrs. D. M. Butler. After luncheon he received a number of visitors, including Senator Warren, of Wyoming, his father-in-law, and William Jennings Bryan, who is a fellow guest in the hotel.

So many invitations have been extended to General Pershing that he decided today to prolong his stay here until Thursday, leaving for Washington that night.

At a conference today final plans were made for the parade Wednesday. The commander agreed to ride at the head of the line all the way down from 110th Street at Washington Square instead of dropping out to review the procession which will be five and a half miles long, including all the artillery and other equipment of the First Division. It will take two and a half hours to pass the reviewing stand.

The machinery of the war and agricultural departments were set in motion today to obtain the release of Kidron, General Pershing's sorrel horse, held in quarantine at Newport News, in order that he may be ridden by the commander in the parade. General Pershing has been mounted on Kidron in all of the parades in which he has appeared in Europe.

In order to obtain the release of Kidron it will be necessary to obtain an order from Secretary of Agriculture Houston. In the event that the horse does not arrive in time for the parade, Pershing will be mounted on Captain, owned by the New York police department.

Mr. John Henry of Greenville spent the week-end in town.

GENERAL SESSIONS COURT NOW IN SESSION

Judge R. W. Memminger, of Charleston, Presiding. Eight Pleas of Guilty.

Laurens, S. C., Sept. 10, (Special)—The Court of General Sessions convened Monday morning with Judge R. W. Memminger, of Charleston, presiding and all of the other officials in their accustomed places. Judge Memminger, in his charge to the grand jury, criticized the condition of the court house, saying that it should be kept more cleanly and that necessary repairs should be made more promptly. In an interesting description of English court procedure, he pointed out where the English had made advances and this country fallen behind, particularly in the matter of transaction of business. The many delays caused by the objection to jurors by attorneys and the absence of witnesses as well as the difficulties of securing competent jurors on account of the exemptions granted in this country, he pointed out as practices which the English had gotten away from and urged their discouragement here.

There have been eight pleas of guilty and four cases sent to trial since court convened. Among the cases to be disposed of during the remainder of the week are those of Furman Abercrombie, who shot his uncle, Magistrate Abercrombie, last Thursday night, and Magistrate Woods, who killed a negro while attempting to make an arrest Friday night. Neither case is expected to take up much time.

The following had entered pleas of guilty up until the time of adjournment yesterday:

James Beeks, petit larceny, 30 days or \$100.

Ben Hill, petit larceny, 30 days or \$100.

Roy Sanders, house-breaking and larceny, 30 days.

Will Anderson, larceny, 30 days or \$100.

Douglas Williams, petit larceny, 30 days or \$100.

Simpson Allen, violation of prohibition law, 6 months; sentence suspended on payment of \$50 or service of two months.

Hughes Choice, assault and battery, 3 months or \$75.

Douglas Reeder, charged with forging a check on the account of the late T. J. Weathers at the Laurens National Bank, was found not guilty.

Joe Stoddard was found guilty of assault and battery and carrying concealed weapons. Sentence had not been passed upon him last night.

The case of John Henry Hunter, charged with seduction, was in the hands of the jury last night.

The case of Porter Irby, charged with the murder of Will Jeter on the J. H. Sullivan place, is now being tried.

Solicitor Blackwell said last night that the court will be engaged the rest of the week and that a few minor cases will be carried over to the next term.

The Grand Jury made the following presentation:

Final Presentation of the Grand Jury, To the Presiding Judge:

The Grand Jury has passed on all bills handed it by the Court:

By committees, it has kept in touch with the administration of the affairs of the County.

It finds that the Court House is in need of repairs and recommends that the necessary repairs for the preservation of the building and the comfort and convenience of the officers located therein be made promptly. The offices are not kept in as sanitary condition as they should be, in the opinion of the jury. This condition should be remedied. Proper cases should be provided for the preservation and protection of the public records of the County. Some of the Record Books of the Clerk's office have recently been re-bound at considerable expense and this expense should be avoided in the future by a better system of shelving and handling of these books.

The jail, as heretofore referred to in many presentations, is unsanitary, and to a large extent unfit for habitation. In view of the fact that it is contemplated to erect a new jail as soon as sufficient funds are available, the Jury hesitates to recommend extensive, and really necessary, repairs at this time. However, it does recommend that the sewerage and sanitary condition of the jail be continuously looked after, and that necessary repairs to keep it sanitary be made so that the health of the inmates may not be impaired.

The Poor Farm, operated by the County for the support and mainten-

OTTO GARRETT KILLED BY PEACE OFFICER

Magistrate Woods Shoots When Negro Makes Show of Resisting Arrest. Laurens, S. C., Sept. 10, (Special)—

While attempting to make an arrest of Otto Garrett, colored, at a colored church in the Mount Bethel community of Sullivan township Friday night, Magistrate N. B. Woods shot and mortally wounded Garrett who died the following day. Magistrate Woods placed himself in the hands of the sheriff immediately after the shooting and was granted bail by Judge Memminger in Common Pleas Court Monday morning.

According to evidence adduced at the inquest Sunday morning, Magistrate Woods had been asked to come to the meeting at the church so that his presence would improve the order of certain unruly elements. Arriving there he was informed that Otto Garrett had a pistol concealed about his person. Going into the church he called Garrett out and told him that he would have to search him for the pistol. He was leading him out of the church, said Mr. Woods, and was just outside the door when Garrett brushed against him violently and made a flourish as if to draw his pistol. Thinking, he said, that his own life was in danger and the darkness preventing him from seeing the exact movements of the negro, Mr. Woods quickly drew his own pistol and fired one shot which struck somewhat in the rear of Garrett's side and took effect in the abdomen.

FORM PARTNERSHIP.

Messrs. W. G. King and John W. Little, two of the city's clever young men, have purchased the business of King's Cash Grocery, and will conduct it in the future under the firm name of King & Little, dealing exclusively in fancy groceries. The new owners have both had considerable experience, and are quite popular among their friends who are predicting that they will enjoy a profitable business.

SELLS STORE ROOM.

Mr. D. E. Tribble has recently sold the store building on Musgrove Street no woccupied by H. L. Alexander, to Mr. L. S. Henderson of Blairs.

ance of the paupers has been inspected. Five inmates are residents there at this time, residing in the old buildings. The porches to these buildings are in exceedingly bad repair, and the sills of the buildings are badly decayed. The buildings occupied are, in the opinion of the committee examining same, dangerous. The inmates should be better housed than they are; otherwise they are supported in reasonable comfort.

The roads and bridges of the County are reported by the committee to be in bad condition and this is confirmed by the Jury generally. Some permanent improvements, however, are being made. It appears that work is done from time to time on roads and bridges in the way of repairs and the bills for same are paid before the work is inspected. This is expensive and unbusiness-like and should not be. We recommend that no work be paid for till it is inspected by some responsible officer and we also recommend the increased use of machinery on the roads instead of hand work as being less expensive and productive of a more lasting improvement.

We note with gratification that many of the school districts of the County are taking advantage of the State aid for lengthening school terms to seven months, where the local funds are insufficient for the purpose. Also that better school buildings are being provided by bond issues or otherwise.

The Grand Jury has not gone to the expense of having the books of the different county officials audited. So far as it appears to the committee examining the offices, they are properly kept. Settlement with the Comptroller General's office was witnessed by the foreman and the public funds of the County appeared to be properly accounted for by the respective officers making settlement.

In conclusion, we wish to thank the Presiding Judge and the officials of the County for wise suggestions given us as well as for courtesies extended to us.

S. M. WILKES, Foreman of Grand Jury.

COLLEGE OPENS.

The formal opening of the Presbyterian College of South Carolina was held Tuesday morning in the college auditorium with an enrollment of 160 students present. After brief preliminary exercises, the students were assigned to classes and plans made to begin regular class work at once. All of last year's faculty is back again with the exception of Dr. Horatio Hughes, and there are two new members, Dr. W. E. Hoy in the department of Biology, and Prof. Sturgeon in the department of Chemistry. Coach Walter A. Johnson, athletic director, is back again and has already begun football practice with what promises to be the strongest team in the State.

President Douglas expressed himself as highly gratified over the opening and feels that the coming session is to be one of the best in the history of the institution.

DARING FIREMEN RESCUE 3 WOMEN

One of Bravest Rescues in New York in Years When Women Saved at Fire, Engineman Hero.

New York, Sept. 6.—Cool work by five firemen saved three women from death at a fire which partly destroyed the five story tenement at No. 247 Clinton street last night. While thousands watched in the street below, Mrs. Anna Callahan, her daughter Nellie, and Mrs. Margaret Thornton were carried to the street in safety, after having been trapped on the top floor and burned by the flames. The firemen who made the rescue were Timothy O'Leary of Engine Co. No. 15; Battalion Chief Walter Jones, Charles Miller, John Scanlon and William Hartman, of Truck Co. No. 6. "Smoky Joe" Martin, Deputy Fire Chief, in charge, said it was one of the bravest series of rescues he had seen in years.

The fire was discovered on the second floor of the building just before six o'clock. Following the stairway it made rapid headway and before the shouts of those on the lower floors could warn them, residents on the top floor were cut off by the spread of the flames. Other occupants of the building rushed to the fire escapes in the rear and made their way safely to the ground.

O'Leary, who lives near the scene of the fire, and was on a day's leave, arrived before the apparatus and saw Nellie Callahan hanging from the window of an apartment on the fifth floor shrieking for help. O'Leary rushed up through the adjoining building, and after great effort succeeded in dragging her, to a ledge and thence into the other tenement. As he moved along the ledge inch by inch the crowd in the street below watched in silence, and when it was seen that the two were safe they gave a mighty cheer.

The fire apparatus had arrived meantime and streams of water were being poured into the building. Hardly had O'Leary taken Nellie Callahan to safety when two other women appeared in windows on the top floor, from which smoke and flames were issuing. Chief Jones and Miller went through the building next door, and with O'Leary reached the top floor windows just as Mrs. Callahan was about to jump to the street. The three firemen made a human chain with their bodies and Jones succeeded in grasping Mrs. Callahan around the waist, and after superhuman effort, pulled her to safety. She was badly burned around the face and head.

At the same time another thrilling rescue was being made by Scanlon and Hartman of Mrs. Thornton. The woman, desperate, had gone to the ledge beneath her window and was crouching ready to jump when the two firemen rushed up an aerial ladder the end of which fell a few feet short. Hartman, steadied by Scanlon, twisted his legs around the ladder and grasped the woman. The two swung in mid-air for a moment with the crowd breathless below, and then Scanlon succeeded in pulling both toward the ladder and the woman was taken down safely.

NEW FILLING STATION.

Mr. E. E. Stanton is erecting a modern filling station on the corner of Woodrow and Carolina Avenue next to the residence of Mr. B. L. King.

PUBLIC SCHOOLS HAVE AUSPICIOUS OPENING

Session Began on Monday With Large Attendance--Several Changes in Faculty.

The opening session of the Clinton public schools held Monday morning had an auspicious beginning with the largest enrollment in the history of the schools. Formal exercises were held in the auditorium and short addresses were made by the superintendent and several ministers of the city. The new year's work was entered upon with a degree of earnestness that gives promise of a successful session for the schools.

The complete faculty as announced by the superintendent and board of trustees, is as follows:

The teachers for this session are: First Grade—Misses Nita Moore and Evie Shands.

Second Grade—Misses Ellie El-lison and Mell Burgess.

Third Grade—Misses Cleo Baldwin and Nancy Owens.

Fourth Grade—Misses Essie Young and Nell Payne.

Fifth Grade—Misses Nena Martin and Gertrude Smith.

Sixth Grade, Miss Olive Cham-bles.

Seventh Grade—Miss Sara James.

High School—Mathematics, Miss Lucy Riser; Latin and French, Miss Frances Anderson; English and History, Miss Emma Wright; Science, Miss Marie Hall; Music, Miss Emily Hutson.

Lydia Mill School—Miss Mary Bean and Miss Sabin.

Adult School at Clinton Mills—Miss Beatrice Sloan.

Adult School at Lydia Mill—Mrs. Annie Oxner.

Superintendent—A. C. Daniel.

A BAPTIST CONFERENCE.

There will be a conference of all the Baptist churches of the Laurens Association to be held with the First Baptist Church of Laurens, Friday, September 19th, beginning at 10 o'clock. Every Baptist church within the association is expected to send at least three representatives. Dinner will be served by the ladies of the First Baptist Church.

A BUSINESS CHANGE.

Mr. E. E. Stanton has severed his connection with the firm of Stanton & Johnson, and the business is now being run under the name of Workman Company. Mr. Rion Workman, until recently city clerk of Laurens, is now connected with the firm and has entered upon his new duties.

ATTENDING COURT.

Messrs. D. E. Tribble, A. C. Bennett, W. W. Harris, B. F. Copeland, petit jurors, and Henry Nabors and Joe R. Adair of the grand jury, are attending criminal court now in session at Laurens.

WELCOME FOR PRINCE.

People of Ontario Town Greet Son of King George.

North Bay, Ont., Sept. 3.—The Prince of Wales was given a warm welcome here today. He arrived at 10 o'clock and Mayor Ferguson conducted him to a decorated platform in the railroad square where he heard an address of welcome.

The prince replied briefly and then inspected the veterans assembled. He held a reception for the relatives of those who had fallen in the war and spoke sympathetically to each of them. Decorations were presented and the prince, accompanied by the mayor, took a short drive around the town. The prince left for Sudbury at 11:15 o'clock.