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CLEMENCEAU FINDS CHANGES IN CHICAGO

TIGER DUBS AMERICA'S SECOND GREATEST CITY HIS TWIN AND GETS GREAT WELCOME FROM CHEERING CROWDS. WILL DELIVER THIRD OF SERIES OF ADDRESSES.

Chicago, Nov. 28.—Georges Clemenceau late today came back to the struggling little Mid-Western town he had visited as a young man more than half a century ago, and found that it, like himself, had grown to great stature and international fame. He promptly dubbed America's second greatest city his twin.

"I was born in the year that this place was changed from a fort to a city," he said. "So we are twins. Yes."

The Tiger of France, coming to deliver the third of his series of American addresses in an effort to win American sentiment for his country was accorded a demonstrative welcome to Chicago. It started when his private car pulled into union station and did not end until the doors of the Potter Palmer mansion on Lake Shore drive had closed behind him.

The old war premier was met by a committee headed by General Pershing and Brig. Gen. Charles G. Dawes, former director of the budget at Washington. They led him through a lane of blue coats to an open car and drove to city hall, where Mayor William Hale Thompson welcomed him on behalf of Chicago.

The Tiger was escorted up town by a troop of cavalry from Fort Sheridan. Beside him rode General Pershing. Others in his car were Brig. Gen. Jacob M. Dickinson, former secretary of war, and Col. Stephen Bonsal, tour conductor.

Jackson boulevard and LaSalle street, along which the procession moved, were lined with people—some silently curious, others wildly demonstrative.

As the Tiger turned into LaSalle street the crowds there burst into steady cheering. Men and women in skyscraper windows showered him with torn paper and ticker tape. Here mounted police and motorcycle men experienced difficulty in restraining the crowds, which continually broke through the lines and ran cheering toward his car. Police reserves used their clubs in vain and members of the bomb squad riding in a car directly behind the Tiger leaped out with riot guns to drive the crowd back.

Another huge crowd was massed about the city hall and the police were obliged to smash a passageway through for the distinguished visitor. Escorted to Mayor Thompson's office, the mayor introduced him to the cabinet members as "our honored guest."

"I am very proud to welcome you to our city," the mayor said. "Thank you," Clemenceau answered. "I am sorry we have no sunshine for you," the mayor added with a gesture to the murky weather outside.

"Isn't it at your disposal?" demanded the Tiger.

"I suppose they will blame me for it—they blame me for everything," the mayor said.

"We have plenty of moonshine, but not much sunshine," put in General Dickinson.

The party remained in Mayor Thompson's office only a few minutes, returning to their cars to drive to the Potter Palmer home where Clemenceau is to stay during his two and a half day visit.

The cavalcade passed again through dense crowds to Michigan boulevard, and out the boulevard to Lake Shore drive. Moving picture men with glaring "minute flares" and still camera men with huge charges of flashlight powder added color to the drive through the darkened city.

As Clemenceau's car turned into Michigan boulevard, a battery of 75s in Frant park thundered a salute. Another crowd had massed about the big brown stone Potter Palmer house and set up a chorus of "Vive la France" and "Vive le Tiger" as his car rolled up and he stepped out.

BUSINESS LEAGUE TO ELECT OFFICERS

New Officers for Ensuing Year to be Elected at Meeting Next Tuesday Night.

The annual election of officers of the Laurens Business League is to be held at the monthly meeting of the league next Tuesday night at the Laurens Hotel. At this meeting a president and six directors will be elected. The election will take place immediately after the usual monthly banquet.

Mr. Geo. M. Wright, who has acted as president for the past year has sent out the following circular letter to the members of the league, calling their attention to the election and urging them to be prepared to select officials best fitted for the places to be filled. His letter is as follows:

To the Members of the Laurens Business League:

Our By-Laws provide that the December meeting shall be the annual meeting of our organization, at which time there shall be elected "by ballot" a President, Vice-President and six (6) Directors. The annual meeting will therefore be held on Tuesday evening, December 5th. In the meantime, let me urge each member to prepare now to be present at this meeting, and to decide in his own mind just which of our members are best fitted for the service required of our officers and directors.

I wish to thank the other officers, directors and each member of the league for their hearty cooperation and support during the past year. It has been a great pleasure to have served in my humble way. I have felt, however, very much handicapped on account of the fact that my office has been so far removed from the business center of the city. I have, therefore, been deprived of the close personal contact with business interests, which I should have enjoyed and which has detracted from the service rendered.

We have a good town and a high class citizenship—let us all work during the year that is ahead of us for the upbuilding of our community spiritually as well as materially.

Respectfully,
GEO. M. WRIGHT,
President.

Football Team Guests

In recognition of the splendid record made by the Laurens High school football team this year, the officers of the league have invited the team to be guests at the banquet Tuesday evening. The entire football squad will be present and will occupy a place of honor at the banquet table.

A. M. E. CONFERENCE TO BE HELD HERE

Thirteenth Annual Conference of the Piedmont South Carolina Conference to Convene Here December 6th.

The Thirteenth Annual Conference of the Piedmont South Carolina Conference will be held in the Bethel A. M. E. church in this city December 6th to 10th. The Rt. Rev. W. D. Chapelle, A. M., D. D., Ph. D., Bishop of South Carolina, will preside. Between two and three hundred delegates are expected to attend.

The first session of the Conference is to be held Wednesday night, December 6th, when welcoming exercises will take place. Mayor W. H. Dial has accepted an invitation to welcome the delegates on the part of the city. Rev. J. C. Smart is pastor of the Bethel church. He has issued an invitation to white friends to attend the session, special provision being made to take care of them.

Mrs. W. W. Griffin

Mrs. W. W. Griffin, of the Watts Mills community died at the Laurens Hospital Sunday night after a long illness. Some time ago she underwent an operation at a Spartanburg hospital and was later carried to the local hospital, but medical attention was of no avail. The body was carried to her former home near Pelzer yesterday where interment took place.

Laurens Loses to Gaffney

The Laurens High School football team went down in defeat before the Gaffney Hi at Gaffney last Friday afternoon, the final score being 33 to 18. The Laurens aggregation put up a stiff fight against the strong Gaffney team, but was unable to make it a victory. Friday evening the Laurens players were guests at a reception given the two teams. The visit was greatly enjoyed by the locals.

MRS. ROSA L. CAINE HAS PASSED AWAY

Widow of the Late Dr. E. M. Caine Died Monday Night. Funeral This Afternoon.

Mrs. Rosa L. Caine, widow of the late Dr. Earle M. Caine, died at the family residence in this city Monday night. She had been in declining health for several months and for the past few weeks her condition had grown steadily worse. Monday afternoon she had a sinking spell and passed away about nine o'clock that night.

The funeral services will be held from the house this afternoon at 3:30 o'clock, allowing time for members of the family from a distance to arrive.

Mrs. Caine was the daughter of the late Col. James H. Irby and Henrietta Earle Irby. A brother was the late U. S. Senator James L. M. Irby. She was 65 years of age and is survived by the following children: Mrs. A. Dial Gray, and Mrs. Tallulah Powell, of this city; Mrs. C. L. Nottingham, Cape Charles, Va.; Mrs. John Y. Garlington, Chicago; Mrs. Walter Powell, of Wytheville, North Carolina; Mr. F. H. Caine, of this city, and Mr. Earle M. Caine, of Chicago.

BLUE STOCKINGS GROOMING FOR NEWBERRY

Annual Foot-Ball Struggle at Clinton on Thanksgiving to be a Hard Fought Affair. Results in Doubt.

Though but one more game remains on the Presbyterian schedule the football season is by no means over for 1922. The game Thanksgiving Day between P. C. and Newberry gives promise of being the hardest fought battle of the 1922 season, regardless of locality. The winning of this game means much to each institution for they are the hottest of rivals. To date six such battles have been fought. P. C. has three wins to her credit two losses to avenge, with the honors even in the other contest.

The Presbyterian camp has been undergoing grueling drills in preparation for the Turkey Day battle. The squad is in fair physical shape. The mental attitude seems to be right, for there is no such thing as over-confidence in the P. C. headquarters. None know better than do the Blue Stockings the lives that they will have their hands full next Thursday. For that reason they may be expected to fight as they never fought before and Walter Johnson's men have always been noted for their aggressive spirit.

Jack Wilson, Williamson, Wade, Clowney, regulars, and Dulin, Kirven and Montgomery, substitutes, will don a football uniform for the last time. More than that, the game Thursday will be the farewell appearance of the greatest pair of running mates that ever trod a Southern gridiron, Jack Wilson and Shorty Pearce. Pearce still has another year at P. C., but Wilson will be playing his last game. It will be many a year before this "sweet-running" pair of halfbacks will be duplicated. These are additional reasons why the Blue Stockings will endeavor to close the season in a blaze of glory. To add to the tension of the situation, reports emanating from Newberry are to the effect that the Indians are confident of being able to trim Walter Johnson's celebrated machine that conquered Davidson, fought Carolina to a standstill, and tied the powerful Trinity eleven.

The game will be called at 3:00 P. M. at College Park. The football fans of this section are promised a thrilling battle, which will be the last opportunity of seeing, for this year at least, Shorty Pearce and Jack Wilson in action together.

When to Sell Seed Cotton

Mr. C. A. Power, clerk of court, said yesterday that he had received many inquiries lately in regard to the law on selling seed cotton. In view of the general interest in the subject, he said that he had looked the law up, and found that seed cotton may be sold in this county between February 1 and April 31. The time changes, he said, in various counties.

Sheriff Brings Prisoner Back

Sheriff S. C. Reid returned to the city Sunday from Olando, Fla., bringing with him Everett Jacks, white, wanted on a charge of house breaking and larceny. The charge against Jacks is that he entered the store of W. J. Cluck, at Mountville, on September 21 and made away with a quantity of merchandise.

WORK COMMENCED ON WATER PLANT

Dirt was Broken Monday Morning for Coagulating Basin and Filter House.

Dirt was broken Monday morning for the new coagulating basin and filter house for the new waterworks plant recently contracted for by the waterworks commission. No ceremony marked the beginning of the work, men with picks and shovels and teams of mules simply starting in to excavate earth and haul it away. The basin and filter house will be located immediately adjoining the present pumping station.

Mr. A. E. Legare, of Columbia, is in charge of the work as representative of the contractors, Tucker & Laxton, of Charlotte, N. C. He arrived in the city last week.

Although no announcement has been made as to the length of time necessary to complete the contract, it is generally understood that the entire contract will be finished by early summer of next year and that after that time the city will be supplied with a very much superior and a more plentiful supply of drinking water.

PROCLAMATION OF THANKSGIVING DAY

Governor Calls Upon People of State to Observe Next Thursday

Columbia, Nov. 25.—Governor Wilson G. Harvey today issued a proclamation calling upon the people of South Carolina to observe next Thursday as Thanksgiving day. Following is the proclamation:

"Since the day our forefathers united in grateful thanksgiving for the blessing bestowed upon them, we have each year paused in our rush of life, to commemorate the day and again unite in an earnest endeavor to express our gratitude for the indulgence of our Creator.

Therefore, I, Wilson G. Harvey, as governor of South Carolina, in consideration of the many blessings bestowed upon us, do hereby designate and set apart Thursday, the 30th day of November, as a day of Thanksgiving and Prayer to be kept and observed throughout the state. Let us assemble in our respective places of worship, and around the firesides at home, making acknowledgement of His countless blessings and seeking His guidance in the perils which may beset our paths in the years to come.

"Given under my hand and the seal of the Executive Department, at Columbia this twenty-fourth day of November A. D., one thousand nine hundred twenty-two, and in the one hundred forty-seventh year of the American Independence.

"WILSON G. HARVEY,
By the governor "Governor."
W. R. WATKINS,
Private Secretary.

MORTGAGE FIRM IN HANDS OF RECEIVER

Carolina Bond Company, Columbia, is Named, President Succeeded Recently.

Columbia, Nov. 25.—The Carolina Bond and Mortgage company of Columbia, whose president Charles H. Barron, took his own life here a few days ago, was placed in the hands of a receiver by Judge W. H. Townsend upon the petition of attorneys representing creditors. R. E. Carwile, attorney was named as receiver.

Petitions for the receivership were filed by the American Trust company of New York; the Carolina National Bank, of Columbia, and other creditors. It was alleged that the firm was believed to be insolvent.

No statement of assets and liabilities will be available, it was said, until an audit is made of the concern's accounts.

The claim of the New York company is for \$125,000, while the Carolina National bank filed claims on three notes of \$8,750, \$400 and \$12,150.

THANKSGIVING SERVICE AT FIRST METHODIST CHURCH

There will be a thanksgiving service at the First Methodist church Thursday morning, beginning promptly at 10 o'clock. The service will not last more than 30 or 35 minutes. An offering will be taken for the Epworth Orphanage. A cordial invitation is extended to all to come and take part in this informal praise service.

Box Supper at Lisbon

There will be a box supper at Lisbon school, Dec. 8th at 7 o'clock. The public is cordially invited.

MRS. J. H. WHARTON CLAIMED BY DEATH

Widow of the Late Col. J. H. Wharton Passed Away at Waterloo Saturday Evening.

Waterloo, Nov. 27.—The entire community was shocked to learn of the sudden death of Mrs. Laura J. Harris Wharton, widow of the late Col. J. H. Wharton whose death came about 8 o'clock Saturday night. Mrs. Wharton had only recently moved into the home of her daughter, Mrs. H. C. Fuller, and was apparently as well as usual though at times she complained of a slight cold. After being assisted to her room she suddenly became unconscious and died within a few minutes. Heart failure has been pronounced the cause of her sudden death.

Mrs. Wharton was 73 years of age and had been a consistent member and worker in the Baptist church here, and just a short time ago, donated her beautiful piano to that church.

The funeral services were conducted by the pastor, Rev. W. L. Coker, of Due West, on Monday evening at 3 o'clock. Rev. Coker and other pastors who have held pastorate work here, spoke at length on the beauty of having known such a consecrated and devoted life. Rev. Coker was followed by the following pastors in the order named: Prayer by G. G. Harley, pastor of the Methodist charge here; Talks by Rev. F. E. Dibble, of Greenwood; Rev. J. F. Lupo, Whitmire; Rev. J. A. Martin, of Laurens; and by Rev. A. E. Fuller, of Greenwood. Services were concluded at the grave and Rev. J. A. Martin offered the closing prayer. A large concourse of sorrowing friends and relatives attended the funeral, bringing beautiful floral wreaths to pay the last sad respects to the bereaved ones.

Mrs. Wharton is survived by the following sons and daughters Mr. W. C. Wharton, Waterloo; Mesdames H. C. Fuller, Waterloo; J. P. Gray, Woodruff; Alonzo Keller and A. E. Taylor, of Greenwood, and by one brother Mr. Jim T. Harris, of Spartanburg.

CAPT. RICHEY DECORATED

Receives Distinguished Service Cross for Gallantry in Action in France.

Capt. W. R. Richey, Jr., who is now stationed at the University of Tennessee as an instructor in military tactics, has recently received notification of the award of the Distinguished Service Cross, according to a letter received from him by his parents in this city. The ceremony of awarding the medal is to take place at an early date where he is now stationed.

The medal was awarded to him for gallantry in action while under fire in France. Capt. Richey served overseas as a commander of an infantry company and was in the drive through the Argonne Forest. The Distinguished Service Cross is one of the most coveted decorations awarded in the army and was awarded to a comparatively few of those who served.

CIVIL COURT ENDS

Cases of Minor Importance Heard Last Week. Court Adjourned Friday Afternoon.

Court of Common Pleas, after sitting intermittently for two weeks, adjourned Friday afternoon. Judge Hayne F. Rice and Stenographer Ralph Syfan returned to their homes Saturday morning.

The following cases were disposed of after the last issue of this paper:

Bewly Darst Coal Co., vs Laurens Gin and Fuel Company, verdict for the plaintiff.

Bank of Ware Shoals vs F. N. Burzhart, verdict for plaintiff.

William Solomon vs Douglas Barnett, verdict for plaintiff.

J. W. McKee vs Dora Madden, verdict for plaintiff.

W. C. Waldrop vs J. J. Adams, verdict for defendant.

Dr. Bruner to Preach

Rev. Weston Bruner, D. D., pastor of Tabernacle Baptist church, Raleigh, N. C., is to preach at the First Baptist church tonight at the prayer meeting hour. Dr. Bruner was formerly secretary of the evangelistic department of the Home Mission board of the Southern Baptist Convention and is a pulpit orator of wide note.

Mr. and Mrs. S. G. McDaniel and Mrs. Luther Roper will spend Thanksgiving with their sister, Mrs. Albert Todd in North Augusta. They are making the trip by motor.

FRENCH PLAN TO ACT ALONE

SEE LITTLE HOPE OF ALLIED HELP IN COLLECTING REPARATIONS. PLAN TO SEIZE STATE COAL MINES IN RUHR BASIN AND COLLECTION OF EXPORT TAXES.

Paris, Nov. 28.—A plan for direct action by France as a solution of the reparations question submitted today to the full cabinet meeting in the Elysee palace with President Millerand presiding.

The plan provides for seizure of the state coal mines and collection of the export taxes in the Ruhr district, together with absolute control of that section of the Rhineland now occupied by the French military.

Members of the cabinet after the meeting refused to discuss the action taken, but it is generally believed the plan was approved without opposition, as it was drawn up yesterday at a meeting in which the foremost military and civil authorities participated, including President Millerand, Premier Poincare, Marshal Poch, and the ministers of France, war and liberated regions.

Paris, Nov. 28.—The intention of France to "pay herself" in Germany comes before a full meeting of the cabinet today.

A plan for direct action through the seizure of part of the Ruhr district and absolute control of the French section of the Rhineland which was considered and approved at yesterday's meeting of military and civil authorities at the Elysee palace, will be submitted for final approval. There no longer is much faith here in any inter-allied solution of the reparations question, even though the Brussels conference is held.

Marshal Poch and Major General Buat, the French chief of staff, are understood to have told President Millerand and Premier Poincare at yesterday's meeting that a plan for extending the military occupation of the right bank of the Rhine had been prepared with the utmost care and that it could be executed within 24 hours notice. M. Tierard, the French high commissioner for the Rhineland, in discussing his part in any necessary action, said that civil administration of the territory occupied by France on the left bank of the Rhine could be immediately taken over by competent French authorities.

This program would be applicable only after January 15 when the first payment under the existing scheme of reparations would be due.

Germany's failure to meet this payment would, in the opinion of the French automatically gives them the right to act.

This drastic program of action naturally hinged upon the outcome of the Brussels conference, but there is such doubt that that meeting would reach a satisfactory decision on the reparations question or that it will even be held that the French think it wise to prepare now for an eventuality which many thing is reasonably certain of being faced at the end of the year.

France now is ready "to go it alone," acting on the theory that if she ever expects to get anything from Germany she must, as the French newspapers say, hit Germany hard in the Ruhr, her most vulnerable spot. This is specifically stated in apparently inspired reports of yesterday's Elysee meeting, given only to French newspapers.

Complete control of the French sector of the Rhineland would accomplish the much desired expulsion of German officials, many of whom, the French believe, are Prussians, recently come into the region with the intention of strengthening resistance to the Allied occupation.

First Snow of Season

Laurens was visited by the first snow of the winter Sunday night shortly before twelve o'clock. According to the few stragglers who were about at that time of night, a pretty flurry of snow fell for a short time but not long enough to leave any signs of its falling. Later in the night a drizzling rain fell for awhile putting a freshness in the air the next morning that proved very refreshing. Farmers say that a nice rain would be a great help to the large crop of cotton that has been planted in it.