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BATTLE RAGES BEFORE GATES OF BUCHAREST

Allies Land Troops at Piraeus Preparatory to Seizing Arms and Ammunition of the Greek Army

Desperately the Roumanians, probably aided by Russian troops, are defending the southern and western approaches to Bucharest while the Teutonic advance continues to press more closely on the Rumanian Capital from the northwest. Unofficially it is reported in London that Russian troops have arrived in Bucharest to aid the Rumanian forces.

Progress for the advancing German and Austro-Hungarian armies in Wallachia and south of Bucharest is reported by Berlin, which says the Rumanians continue to offer resistance. The Rumanians apparently are on or near the line of the Argeshu, as Petrograd says the invaders have occupied two towns south of Bucharest and near that river, Field Marshal Von Mackensen, Berlin records, has thrown an army across the Niaslov lowlands, which would be approaching the Argeshu in the direction of Bucharest.

Prisoners Taken.

Advancing southward from the Campulung-Piteshti region, the Teuton invaders have taken other prisoners and cannon and much other equipment from the retreating Rumanians. In the fighting reported in the latest communiqués Berlin says the Rumanians lost more than 2,800 prisoners and twenty-one cannon. The Russians continue aggressively their offensive against the Austro-German lines from the Carpathians to Southern Transylvania. Berlin states the Russian attacks, which are declared to have been along a front of 188 miles, from Jablonitza to Kedzi Vasarhely, resulted only in small advantages, which are declared not to be commensurate with the cost in men and ammunition. Petrograd admits a repulse southwest of Varkka, in the Carpathians, but records the capture of a ridge of heights south of Kirlibaba.

Allies Land at Athens.

Admiral du Fournet, the commander of the Entente fleet in the Mediterranean, is reported to have landed troops at Piraeus, the port of Athens. French, British and Italian contingents are said to have been included in the landing party. Aside from a report that Greek troops are being sent toward Athens from the north of Greece, there are no indications as to what measures the Greek Government has taken to comply with or oppose Admiral du Fournet's demands for the turning over of Greece's arms and ammunition.

An Associated Press dispatch from London says that a strong impression prevails there that Great Britain will grant the request from Washington for reconsideration of the refusal of a safe conduct to Count Tarnowski Von Tarnow, the recently appointed Austro-Hungarian ambassador to the United States.

'DRY' FORCES LINED UP FOR PROHIBITION CONTEST

Washington, Dec. 2.—Former Secretary of State Bryan's movement to force the Democratic party to go on record in favor of national prohibition will have its first test of strength in Congress during the coming session.

Representative Webb, of North Carolina, announced today that he will introduce one of the most sweeping prohibition measures ever proposed immediately after Congress convenes. It will "prohibit the manufacture, sale, transportation by interstate commerce and importation" of alcoholic beverages.

A PRETTY VISITOR.

Miss Gladys Thomson is in the city on a visit to her sister, Mrs. J. Foster Barnwell. She spent her young girlhood in Abbeville and has many friends who are delighted when she comes back on a visit.

A PLEASANT DAY AT CLEMSON.

Mr. and Mrs. Charley Graves, Miss Sydelle Graves, Miss Janie Belle Pennal and Ernest Pennal motored up to Clemson Sunday and spent a delightful day with Earl Graves, who is a sophomore this year.

WILL SEND GOODIES TO EPWORTH ORPHANAGE

The Methodist Sunday School and working society are preparing a box of good things to send to the Epworth Orphanage Christmas.

MUCH INTEREST IN PROPOSED COUNTY

People of Honea Path Show Much Interest in Project Now on Foot.

Honea Path, Dec. 4.—Honea Path people are watching with interest every movement being made by the promoters of the property accounted for by the fact that the territory affected extends to the city limits of Honea Path. Quite naturally a great many of those having interests in this town will be in the new county if it is formed. A readjustment of the school district will be necessary as a portion of the local district extends beyond the limits of the town.

But the greatest interest in the movement, so local citizens say, is because Honea Path hopes to yet become the county seat of the new county if one is to be formed. It will be remembered that several years ago an effort was made to secure a new county, which, however, failed, to go thru at that time. Since then a number of local citizens have been quietly feeling the sentiment of those residing in the area it was hoped to include and it is said that many who once opposed the project now favor. Should Williamston succeed in securing a new county, Honea Path's chances would be very small as the area desired by each is practically the same.

Honea Path is near the lines of five counties: Greenville, Anderson, Laurens, Greenwood and Abbeville. The location is said to be splendid, should the voters even decide to divide the present county.

FARMERS HAPPY IN SUNNY SOUTH

Soil, Climatic Conditions and Labor Offer Many Advantages to the Progressive and Industrious Farmer.

There is a ready market, with high prices for beef, dairy, and poultry products, and grains.

No part of the country has greater opportunities than the south. The climate is all that can be desired for the production of crops, and pasturing of live stock is possible almost the year around. In the north the farmer can pasture only from five to seven months in the year. In the south the rainfall is abundant, and everywhere there are streams and springs, which are of great benefit to the stockman.

At present land is cheap and it takes little capital to buy a farm. Labor, too, is cheaper than in the north. The people of the south are awakening to the necessity of diversified farming—the planting of corn and leguminous crops, and the raising of live stock.

The cattle tick, the enemy of live stock farming, is fast being eradicated. The land that is now selling for \$100.00 per acre under a better system of farming. Corn and leguminous crops, pastures and stock will bring this about. Wherever you find corn and clover and live stock, you will find high-priced land and prosperous, growing communities.

The south will produce more corn to the acre than the most fertile lands of the corn belt in the north. Nowhere in the United States are there greater opportunities for the farmer than in the cotton belt states.

HONEA PATH INCREASES TOWN'S WATER SUPPLY

Honea Path, Dec. 4.—The city of Honea Path has recently increased its water supply by the addition of four drilled wells. These will furnish 50,000 gallons daily in addition to the present source. This step was made necessary by the great increase in population, the water pressure for some time having been very low.

It is thought that this will now provide water enough for any emergency that might arise, as well as allow for the natural growth of the city.

THE CHIQUOLA MILL WILL BE ELECTRICALLY DRIVEN

Honea Path, Nov. 29.—The Chiquola mill of this place will soon be electrically driven, the change from steam to electricity being now made. The steam power will be retained and will be used in case of any emergency such as low water or other accident that might occur at the power house.

The mill increased the pay of all operatives a short time ago. Exclusive of the overseers and other officials, this effected nearly 300 persons

Suggests Public Subscriptions for Animals for City Park Zoo

December 2nd, 1916.

Editor Press and Banner:—

Every city and town of any pretension these days has its parks, and public play grounds for the children. Abbeville is laying out a splendid park next to the power house—and in the park various means for the amusement and entertainment for the children. A number of swings, seesaws, etc., have been put up, and the children are certainly enjoying them. This resort is already quite popular with a host of people, both children and grown ups. We are now starting a Zoo at the park—we have had donations of rabbits, guinea pigs, and birds. This feature will not only be interesting but instructive.

The city has spent quite a sum in developing the park, and it has been suggested that a subscription be raised by our citizens to get the money to purchase animals for the Zoo. We need a few monkeys to make the children laugh.

We would like to have donations to the Zoo of any animal or bird that you may have. Lets all get interested and make our park and Zoo one of the great institutions of the town.

Respectfully,

G. A. NEUFFER.

LOOK ON THAT PICTURE, AND THEN ON THIS ONE

Some Facts That Show How the Price of Cotton Changes From Year to Year.

The Observer is using blank sheets for receiving the reports over telephone Mondays and Thursdays—the same sheets that were used last November. They show that prices then were ranging from 11 to 11 1-2 for cotton and from 50 to 55 for cotton seed. This means \$40 to \$45 more a bale of cotton and from 45 to 50 cents a bushel more for cotton seed. And cotton brought a pretty good price, too, a year ago, as prices go.

Here is another comparison that means something: Mr. M. E. Chalmers, who was in town Saturday, told the observer that he had just sold five bales of cotton for \$527.70, not counting the seed—the seed, if sold them, must have brought him \$125 to \$150 more. In contrast with this, he said, in 1897 he sent four bales of cotton to Newberry, with a message to a friend in town to sell the cotton for him, pay a fifty dollar not in a bank, and send him the balance. The friend sold the cotton at the highest market price, paid the note in the bank and sent Mr. Chalmers the balance, which was \$14.70.—Newberry Observer.

SAYS SUBMARINES THREATEN TO CAUSE FAMINE IN ENGLAND

London, Dec. 5.—"We are in a position of unparalleled gravity," said Admiral Beresford in an address today at a meeting to support a stronger naval measure.

"We are bordering upon a crucial time. The submarine menace requires new strategy and new tactics to deal with it, but so far no definite and systematic methods have been taken for suppressing the menace.

"The Germans are now going to send submarines to the Pacific and to wherever British trade routes are."

Baron Beresford advocated continued aerial attacks on the German base at Zebruge and the arming of merchantmen and continued:

"It is a most unsatisfactory state of affairs. Thousands of tons of food which were waiting to come to England have been diverted to Germany.

The meeting adopted a resolution calling for a more effective blockade and for more efficient measures to deal with the submarine question.

Strong denunciations of the government and its naval policy were made. Besides Baron Beresford, Thomas Gibson Bowles was the principal speaker.

Mr. Bowles asserted that "unless the submarine menace is dealt with we shall be blockaded as well as Germany and privation and famine prices will ensue." He added that if an overture for an honorable peace should come with sufficient guarantees, it would be the duty of the government to examine them, but he said he could "see no glimmer of an overture for peace."

"I have arrived at the conclusion," the speaker continued, "that this government is no more able to make peace than it is to make war."

Mr. Bowles demanded the dissolution of the government and his speech was punctuated with shouts of "turn them out" and similar phrases.

NORWEGIAN STEAMSHIP SUNK

London, Dec. 5.—The steamship Aud, of Bergen, Norway, also has been sunk, according to Lloyds. The Norwegian steamer, Aud, of Bergen, measured 1,102 gross tons.

MAHOGANY LOGS WORTH \$500,000.00

Norwegian Steamer Calls With Valuable Cargo of Sticks—1,000,000 Feet Lumber.

Charleston, Dec. 5.—With a cargo of mahogany logs, valued at half a million dollars, the Norwegian steamer, Lysefjord, Nicaragua to New York, came into port this morning to replenish her coal supply, which had run dangerously low. Wm. Johnson & Co., supplied the needs of the vessel, which was in port about two months ago for a similar purpose. She will continue her voyage this afternoon.

Nine hundred tons of Stonega coal were supplied the British freighter Niceto de Larrinaga, which arrived Sunday morning from Galveston, was bunkered yesterday by Wm. Johnson & Co., and put to sea for Manchester in the afternoon. The American schooner Charles Davenport, which arrived Saturday afternoon with a cargo of tankage consigned to H. J. Baker & Bro., yesterday began discharging at the wharf of the Charleston Transportation Co., located at the foot of Columbus street. James Molony is agent for the schooner.

A Swedish steamship, the Kronzprins Gustavus Adolphus, will arrive off the harbor tonight, coming from New York, and will enter the harbor tomorrow morning. She will load pig iron here for a foreign port, the metal coming from the Alabama fields. Wm. Roach & Son are agents for the vessel.

Torpedo boat destroyer No. 32, which was reported by wireless at 7:30 o'clock this morning as passing the Fryling Pan light vessel, made a quick run down the Carolina coast, entering the harbor a little before 1 o'clock this afternoon. She proceeded at once to the navy yard.

Valuable Barge Cargoes.

The barges Savannah and Saranac, for which Frederick Richards is the agent, and scow No. 4 of Baxter & Co., of Jacksonville, will be towed out for Morehead City, N. C., this afternoon by the tug, Virginian, of the Southern Transportation Co. The Virginian came in Saturday afternoon with the barge Brunswick in tow, salt laden for the International Salt Co., and she is now discharging cargo. About 4,000 cross ties for New York form the load of the Baxter scow, while the Savannah and the Saranac have aboard 500,000 feet of lumber each, supplied by the Burton Lumber Co., and destined for the same port. At Morehead City the two barges and the scow will be met by another tug, in tow of which they will complete the voyage. A third barge being loaded by the Burton Lumber Co., the Juniper, is nearly completed and it may be that the Virginian will wait for her as well.

REV. T. S. BLACKMAN HAS MOVED TO REIDVILLE

Honea Path, Nov. 29.—The Rev. S. T. Blackman and family have moved to Reidville, where Mr. Blackman was assigned by recent conference that met in Greenville. During the four years of his pastorate here Mr. Blackman made many friends both in his own denomination and also among the people of the town generally. He carries with him the best of wishes of the entire community. The churches of the city united last Sunday with the Methodists in bidding of Mr. Blackman a farewell.

Rev. T. W. Mummerlyn, the newly appointed pastor of the Methodist church arrived today. He comes from Gray Court.

HOSPITAL REPORT SHOWS PROGRESS

Many Improvements to Plant Have Been Made—Supt. Bristow Praised.

The third annual report of the Baptist hospital, recently filed by Andrew J. Bethea, lieutenant governor, who is president of the board of trustees, pays high tribute to the present superintendent, Louis J. Bristow, as well as to the surgeons and physicians, and, in addition, shows that progressive strides have been made in the past year. "At the time Louis J. Bristow assumed charge of the hospital 16 months ago" the report says, "there was an accumulated debt of over \$16,000, and at the close of the fiscal year the debt is only slightly over \$2,000."

Year's Improvement.

Many improvements have been made in the hospital during the year and the report enumerates the following: Entire building painted, a modern and extensive X-ray machine purchased; heating plant renovated; new dumb waiter installed in south building; a cystoscopic room fitted out; a new telephone system installed and many beds added.

The extremely low death rate was pointed out in strong terms by the report, which said that out of 1,597 persons admitted for treatment, which is an increase of 349 over last year, only 32, or about 2 per cent., died. The total volume of business transacted by the hospital for the year was over \$63,000, of which amount about \$54,000 was "paid" work and about \$7,000 free.

"The Baptist hospital is 'Baptist' in name only," the report said. "It is Baptist in management only, and not denominational in benefits and blessings, for the persons admitted for treatment represented 12 denominations and this does not include those represented by the some 200 or 300 patients who did not indicate their religious affiliations. Less than one-third of the 1,500 patients were of the Baptist church."

Backed by Church.

The report says that the Baptist hospital has been placed on the regular benevolence schedule of nearly all the Baptist associations in the State and that the 1,100 Baptist churches in the State are now contributing regularly to the support of the institution. There are now 30 nurses in the training school.

Reference is made to the need of a maternity ward, for which purpose C. K. Henderson of Aiken has contributed \$1,000 as a starting fund.

UNCLE SAM'S INVESTIGATION OF FOOD PRICES TO BE BROAD

Boston, Dec. 5.—Investigations of the high cost of living being made by federal officials throughout the country will be directed by George W. Anderson, the United States attorney for this district, it was announced here today. Attorney General Gregory, according to a statement issued by the United States attorney's office, has asked Mr. Anderson to take charge of the investigations so "that the work may be coordinated and made as effective and rapid as possible."

"While technically the jurisdiction of the Department of Justice is only to deal with alleged restraints of interstate commerce," the statement continues, "the investigation will take a rather wide range and all pertinent facts and information will be used as effectively as possible to bring about a coordination between government and business forces."

"Undoubtedly other departments of the government, like the Department of Agriculture, the Department of Commerce, the Federal Trade Commission and the Interstate Commerce Commission will have data and views which will be of the greatest assistance in the matter."

"Of course the department is under no delusive notion that it can make short crops long, or manufacture or repair needed freight cars, but it does propose to use all power within the government's control to see that interstate commerce moves unobstructed and unchecked by an illegal combination in restraint of trade."

APPRECIATE IT.

Those excellent Newberry papers are having such a run of advertisements that the overflow has to be taken care of on the front page. The Newberry merchants, like our Laurens merchants, appreciate the value of advertising and do not mind paying the money for it.—Laurens Advertiser.

GOVERNOR GRANTS PRISONER PAROLE

Abbeville Man Gets Liberty When Many Recommended the Action.

Governor Manning has paroled Ben. J. Ashworth, of Abbeville county, convicted on the charge of involuntary manslaughter over three years ago. The petition was signed by nine of the jurors who heard the case and by a large number of other citizens of Abbeville county, including the clerk of court, who stated that in his opinion the manslaughter was purely an accident. In addition to the petition, a letter was presented from Dr. Hill certifying that the prisoner is unable to do hard manual labor. The parole was granted "during good behavior and on condition that he abstain from the use of alcoholic liquors or beverages."

WILSON MAKES ANOTHER MOVE FOR BELGIANS

Washington Again Informs Berlin of Deep Concern Felt in America Over Deportation of Citizens.

Washington, Dec. 5.—Acting on its own behalf, the American Government has informed Germany anew of its deep concern over the deportation of Belgians from their own country by the German military authorities. This action has been taken as a result of information about the deportations gathered from different sources and after fruitless informal efforts on behalf of the Belgians made by American Charge Grow of Berlin.

Germany has been informed that the treatment of the Belgians has made a very bad impression in this country and that the United States cannot avoid asking notice of the citation, basing its stand on the broad grounds of humanity.

May Deter Relief Work.

The American Government, it was learned today, was led to move not only because of the expressed feeling that the deportations have been looked upon with disfavor both by the American people and government, but because of fear that Belgian relief work, which is being administered by Americans may be interfered with.

THOMAS E. WATSON, GEORGIA EDITOR, ACQUITTED IN UNITED STATES COURT

Augusta, Ga., Dec. 5.—Thomas E. Watson, author and editor, was acquitted here today by a jury in the federal court of the charge of sending obscene matter through the mail.

Watson's trial began here last Monday and the case was given to the jury early last night. The verdict was rendered sixteen hours later. It was received without demonstration by friends of the defendant. Watson shook hands with the jurors, and one of them, J. H. Koger, of Grovetown, embraced him.

Watson was charged in an indictment containing four counts with having violated the Federal penal code in sending obscene matter through the mails in publications of which he is editor. He was acquitted on all four counts. A year ago his trial on the same charges resulted in the jury disagreeing.

BUY GREENWOOD LAND.

A real estate deal of considerable proportions was consummated several days ago, when Fleming Brothers, of this city, purchased two tracts of land in Greenwood county near Ware Shoals. The larger tract, consisting of 575 acres, was bought from Messrs T. R. Blackwell, of Due West, and H. S. Blackwell, of this city. The other tract, consisting of 85 acres, was bought from Mr. J. R. Winn, of Abbeville. The two tracts adjoin each other and are located at Black's station on the P. & N. railroad. It is understood that the land was bought for investment and will be rented out.—Laurens Advertiser.

JUDGE GARY HOME.

Judge Frank B. Gary came up from the low country last week and spent several days in the city at his home on Greenville street. He reports Mrs. Gary as getting better after a recent illness, which is good news to her friends at this end of the line. Judge Gary is looking well and is enjoying life.

THE BOOK CLUB.

There will be no further meetings of the Book Club until after Christmas and there will be no exchange of books.