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## RUSSIANS ACCEPT HARD PEACE TERM

### Will Give Up Much of Her Valuable Property to Huns

#### WILL WITHDRAW FROM FINLAND

### Will Give Back to the Turks the Ground Taken From Them in Battle—Surrender Abject.

The Bolsheviki government in Russia, represented by Nikolai Lenine and Leon Trotzky, has acceded to the demands of Germany and announced its readiness to accept the hard peace terms which Germany has laid down.

Thus, apparently, without further hesitation, the Russians are prepared in an effort to stop the inroads the Germans now are making into their country, to add to the enemy's already vast holding more of Russia's most valuable western territory, extending from the Gulf of Finland southward to the Black Sea, and even to withdraw her troops from Finland and give back to the Turks what has been taken from them in battle.

#### Abject Surrender.

The surrender seems abject. Russia is immediately to send a delegation to Brest-Litovsk, there to discuss with German representatives the final details of the peace and sign the compact.

At last accounts the German armies in the east were giving no heed to talk of peace, but, on the contrary, were methodically pushing forward their line over the more than 500-mile front from the Gulf of Finland region to Volhynia, and still nowhere meeting with any systematic attempts to hinder their progress.

#### No Big Fights.

On the battle fronts nowhere has there been an engagement of great dimensions. On the line in France there have been several patrol encounters, with the French the aggressors against the Germans, of greater than usual violence. The artillery activity all along the front continues violent on isolated sectors. The Germans again have tried to outgun the Americans in their sector northwest of Toul. As on several former occasions, the Americans retaliated with such fierceness and accuracy of aim that the enemy desisted.

### AMERICANS CAPTURE NUMBER GERMANS

With the American Army in France, Sunday—An American patrol in the Chemin Des Dames sector in conjunction with a French patrol each yesterday penetrated a few hundred yards into the German lines and captured two German officers, 20 men and one machine gun.

There was some sharp fighting and a number of the enemy were killed and wounded. No American casualties are reported.

### BACK HOME.

Mrs. B. S. Barnwell and Miss Mary Aiken have returned to the city from Florida, where they have been spending the winter. They had a most pleasant stay and have been greatly benefitted by the change. They both look well.

### Honor Roll of Abbeville Schools

#### HONOR ROLL OF THE ABBEVILLE HIGH SCHOOL FOR THE FIFTH MONTH.

Grade V.—Ralph Bauknight, Gus Smith, Frances Gilliam, Jemie White, Mary Swetenburg.

Grade VI.—Caroline Chalmers, Helen Cromer, Mary Jones, Deborah Owen, Willie Bowie, Emory Penney.

Grade VII.—Willie Eakin, Lula Mann, Edwin Barksdale, Lemuel Lawson.—Miss Lillian Swetenburg, Teacher.

Grade VIII.—Janie Vance Bowie, Elizabeth Gambrell, Lena Belle Johnson, Helen Milford, Florence Neuffer, Mary White.

Grade IX.—Everett Hughes, Margaret Swetenburg.—Miss Lynch, Teacher.

Grade X.—Margaret Cox, Alpha Graves, Mary Reed Moore, Herman Wisby.—Miss Wood, Teacher.

#### PETTIGREW-HADDON.

A marriage that was a great surprise to their friends was that of Mr. R. B. Haddon and Miss Idelia Pettigrew of the Midway section. They came to Abbeville to the home of their friend, Mr. Will Cason, and Rev. H. W. Pratt performed the ceremony last Sunday night. Mr. and Mrs. Haddon will make their home for the present with the groom's brother, Mr. James Haddon, of Santuc.

## AMERICANS TAKING ON LARGER DUTIES

### Secretary Is Pleased With the Conduct of Americans

#### GENERAL REVIEW OF WAR

### British Have Taken Over an Additional Segment of the French Line.

Washington, Feb. 24.—Increasingly important activity by the American forces on the western front and the return for rest at a leave station of the men who have completed their first period of duty in the trenches are noted in this week's review of military operations by the War Department.

In the news of the renewed German offensive against Russia, the most important development of the week, the department finds no cause for surprise, but adds nothing to the information carried in press dispatches. The review was written before the announcement came from London that the Bolsheviki had accepted Germany's peace terms. "Hitherto little opposition has been offered to the advancing Germans," the department says. "And it is not as yet clear what preparations the Russians are making to meet the enemy. Owing to the disorganization of the Russian forces it is difficult to presage what effective opposition they may be able to place in the path of the invaders."

#### MR. PARKER DOING WELL

Mr. L. C. Parker underwent a serious operation at Johns Hopkins last Monday. News from him yesterday stated that he was getting on as well as could be expected. Mrs. Parker and Mr. M. B. Reese were with him at the time. Mr. Reese is expected home today.

## THE WORK OF THE TRIUMVIRATE.

### Act of the Legislature Transferring Waterworks and Electric Light Plant from City Council to Board of Commissioners of Public Works. Text of Act. Election to be Held Shortly

We promised the people of the city on last Tuesday that we would give them a copy of the Act of the General Assembly by which the management of the public utilities was taken out of the hands of the city council and transferred to Commissioners of Public Works. The Act was not received for our Friday's issue, and it is accordingly inserted today. The people should read it and study it. The following is the new law:

#### AN ACT.

To Amend an Act Entitled "An Act to Amend Section 3016, Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1912, Volume I, Civil Code, Relating to the Commission of Public Works of the City of Orangeburg," Approved the 5th Day of February, 1915, by Striking Out the Words "and Abbeville," on Lines 30 and 33 of Said Act and Adding a Proviso at the End Thereof Relating to Abbeville County.

Section 1. Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of South Carolina: That Act No. 51 of the Acts of 1915, approved February 5th, 1915, be, and the same is hereby, amended by striking out the words "and Abbeville," on lines 30 and 33 of said Act, and adding at the end of said Act the following proviso: Provided, further, That the Commissioners of Public Works for the city of Abbeville shall be elected as provided for herein at the general election for municipal officers for said city, next following the passage of this Act," so that said section, when so amended, shall read as follows:

Section 3016. "At such election for bonds the electors shall vote for three citizens of such town or city, whose terms of office shall be respectively two, four and six years, and until the general election for municipal officers next following the expiration of the short term and until their successors are elected and qualified. The classification above designated as to the term shall be ascertained by the Commissioners after election by lot. At each general election for municipal officers following the expiration of the term of the Commissioners holding the short term and at every such election every two years thereafter one such Commissioner shall be elected for a term of six years and until his successor is elected, and qualified. The officers so elected and their successors in office shall be known as the Commissioners of Public Works of such municipality and by that name may sue and be sued in any of the Courts of this State. At the first meeting of the Commissioners after election; and after any election for full term, they shall organize by the election of one of their number as chairman. The clerk or recorder of the municipality shall act as secretary of the Commissioners. The Mayor and Aldermen of the city, or the Intendant and Wardens of a town, shall fill any vacancy occurring in said Commissioners by death, resignation or otherwise, by appointment for the unexpired term. The persons elected or appointed to such office shall qualify by taking the same oath as the election officers of the municipality take. The Mayor of the city or the Intendant of the town shall notify the person so elected as members of the Commissioners of Public Works of their election within ten days after the results of such election is declared: Provided, That there shall be no Board of Commissioners of Public Works in the city of Laurens and the city of Camden and the town of Clinton, but all of the duties, powers and responsibilities of the Board of Commissioners of Public Works are hereby devolved upon the City Council of the city of Laurens and city of Camden and the town of Clinton; And, Provided, further, that there shall be no Board of Commissioners of Public Works in the city of Chester, but all the duties, powers and responsibilities of the Board of Commissioners of Public Works are hereby devolved upon the City Council of the city of Chester: Provided, That in the city of Orangeburg, which city has adopted and is now operated under the commission form of government, the Board of Commissioners of Public Works is hereby abolished and all the powers, duties and responsibilities of said Commissioners of Public Works, including all powers and duties in relation to issuing and selling bonds for municipal purposes, are hereby devolved upon the City Council of Orangeburg: Provided, further, That the Commissioners of Public Works for the city of Abbeville shall be elected as provided for herein at the general election for municipal officers for said city, next following the passage of this Act.

Approved the 14th day of February A. D. 1918.

RICHARD I. MANNING,

Governor.

### ADJUTANT FLEURY HERE LAST SATURDAY NIGHT

Adjutant Fleury, of the French Military Mission to America, came to Abbeville Saturday and Saturday night spoke on "Life in the Trenches", to an overflowing crowd in the Court House.

The Adjutant spoke about forty minutes and then answered any questions that the audience cared to ask. He has been in the war for over three years and has spent two years and a half in the trenches. He has never been wounded which is reassuring to those interested in our boys getting into the trenches.

The Adjutant is a pleasant speaker, and told many interesting things of life in the army. He thinks there is nothing exciting in trench life and advises that books and papers be sent our boys. He spoke of captured prisoners, saying that they were much more willing now to give information than at first. He thinks the men captured now are a very poor class of soldiers.

He gave a very vivid picture of the arrival of some of the American troops in France. He said that their pockets were bulging with money and as they bought they took no

change which has given rise to the talk of the French over-charging the Americans.

The Adjutant was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. M. T. Coleman, who after the lecture, had open house to those who wished to meet the soldier. Many of our people called to pay their respects. The evening was made especially pleasant by the singing of Miss Fannie Stark, Mrs. J. D. Kerr and Mrs. Otto Bristow and the serving of a refreshing punch.

Sunday morning, while riding over the country, a short stop was made at Due West. Adjutant Fleury was introduced to the college boys, who were at dinner and spoke a few words to them which they enjoyed and received with prolonged applause.

The Adjutant wore a blue uniform, a little deeper in color than a Confederate grey, which went further to endear him to the hearts of the Southern people.

### COTTON MARKET

Cotton ----- 32 1-2c  
Seed ----- \$1.06 1-2

## STEAMER GOES DOWN WITH ALL ON BOARD

### Effort To Oust President Tinoco

#### LITTLE COSTA RICA AGAIN FACES REVOLUTION—SEVERAL TOWNS FALL.

San Juan del Sur, Nicaragua, Feb. 24.—A revolution is in progress in Costa Rica. Wire communication has been interrupted between the frontier and Las Canas. It is known that the towns of Aljueta, San Mateo, and Heredia are in the hands of the revolutionists. It is reported that Las Canas and Punta Arenas probably will fall shortly.

The present government of Costa Rica came into power in consequence of a revolution in January of last year. President Gonzales was overthrown by General Tinoco, who assumed the presidency. The United States has not recognized the Tinoco government.

#### NEGROES LEFT YESTERDAY.

Yesterday, according to schedule, the 57 negro selectmen left Abbeville for Camp Jackson. Quite a large crowd of their relatives and friends came to town with them to see them off. After the roll call each man was given a blue ribbon to let everyone know that he was going. Dr. G. W. Swope made a short talk and bade them farewell to the town. They were all in high spirits and seemed to be looking forward to a good time. They left on the Seaboard at 12.34.

## DISLOYAL CAPTAIN GIVEN LONG TERM

### Henkes Also Loses His Army Commission as Captain

#### CLAIMS GERMAN DESCENT.

### Wrote Secretary of War Declaring He Could Not Fight His Friends.

New York, Feb. 24.—Capt. David A. Henkes, Sixteenth infantry, U. S. A., has been sentenced to dismissal from the service and confined at hard labor for twenty-five years by a general court-martial held at Governor's Island.

Henkes, who is of German descent, endeavored to resign his commission, saying he did not care to fight against relatives and friends.

Capt. Henkes, who was stationed at San Antonio, Tex., last May, wrote to the Secretary of War urging him to accept the resignation, which he had already submitted, and giving reasons which he declared would no longer allow him to serve as an officer of the American army.

#### DR. MOFFATT AT TEACHERS' MEETING

The Teachers' meeting at the Court House on last Saturday was opened with a prayer by Dr. J. S. Moffatt from Erskine College. Mr. Riser asked if there was any business which should come before the meeting, and Mr. Reed reminded the association of the invitation from Due West asking the teachers to meet there in March.

Dr. Moffatt said at the beginning of his address that he had considered taking some phase of the war or the subject, The Bible in Literature, as a possible subject, but had determined on making a practical talk to teachers as being most helpful.

### Red Cross Liner Florizel, Wrecked in Blizzard Sunday

#### PEOPLE ON SHORE UNABLE TO HELP

### Five Men Seen Clinging to Wreck at Dusk But When Line Was Shot Later No Response.

St. Johns, Feb. 24.—The Red Cross liner Florizel from St. Johns for New York by way of Halifax, with 140 persons aboard, including seventy-eight passengers, piled upon the ledges near Cape Race during a blizzard today and it is believed that all on board were lost.

Naval gunners sent on a special train from this city, shot a line across the bow of the partly submerged ship tonight, but waited vain for it to be hauled aboard. Just before darkness, blotted by wreck from view, five men were seen from the forecastle by the gunners, were seen to climb the forward rigging signalling feebly for help. But when they failed to make fast the line it was feared they had succumbed to the cold and exposure. These five were the only ones visible on board several hours after the ship struck.

#### Rescue Steamers.

Somewhere beyond the whirling maelstrom of breakers two steam rescue steamers, the Teria Nova and the Home, manned by Newfoundland sailors, lie in waiting for a favorable moment to send a boat through the surf, but though the storm appeared to be subsiding, it was feared that it would be a break before the sea moderated enough to make it possible to approach the wreck.

Included among the passengers were twelve women and four children. Among the first cabin passengers were John Shannon Mun, managing director of the firm of Bowring Brothers, Limited, owners of the liner, and his three-year old daughter, Betty. They were going to New York to meet Mrs. Mun and Sir Edgar Bowring, one of the owners of the line, for a visit of two months in Florida.

#### MR. DEWEY SICK.

Mr. D. A. Dewey, accompanied by Dr. J. E. Pressly and Mr. Walter McCord, went over to Chester Sunday. Mr. Dewey has been in bad health for sometime and he has gone over to Dr. Pryor's for treatment. His friends are wishing him a speedy recovery so that he can be among them again.

He said that he had been a teacher himself and had sent children to school and was, of course, deeply interested.

In a very emphatic way, but with a great deal of sympathy he spoke of the opportunities of those who educate, of the faults found in a great deal of teaching, and finally, of the faithful teachers' reward. All parents who are going to school in the persons of their children will appreciate his condemnation of the careless assignment of long impossible lessons and of too great use of the text books which Dr. Moffatt called the dry bones of instruction to be made alive with the flesh and blood of outside interest.

He said that a teacher not only should know his work but should be able to impart that knowledge. He talk closed with the thought that although a trained conscientious teachers' reward was not immediate nor financial it was certain and perhaps surpassed by that of no other.