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RUSSIANS CLAIM A GREAT VICTORY OVER GERMANS IN POLAND

Dispatches from Petrograd Say Forces of the Emperor And then Cut to Pieces by Russians. Retreat in Progress All Along Line.

(Spartanburg Journal.)

London, Nov. 24.—The official communication issued at Petrograd according to an Exchange Telegraph dispatch announces the German retreat in Poland.

The line from which the Germans retreated runs from northeast Lodz down past that town and to the northwest between the Vistula and Warta rivers.

REPORTS CONFIRMED.

London, Nov. 24.—The Times Petrograd correspondent declares private advices confirm reports of the Russian victory over the Germans in Poland and says that according to unofficial information the German army of 400,000 between the Vistula and Warta rivers has been broken into several parts.

The Russians apparently got behind these disappointed corps inflicting great losses. It was impossible to even approximate the figures.

MAY BE ANOTHER BATTLE.

London, Nov. 24.—General Von Hindenburg's army which this week was sweeping toward Warsaw in its second advance through Russian Poland today is reported from Petrograd in retreat after being literally cut to pieces by the Russians who made a stand behind the Vistula and Warta rivers.

The fact that Von Hindenburg has been completely checked is the biggest feature of today's war news. The same dispatches telling of these reverses say German reinforcements are being brought up so another big battle is likely to develop on a line near the Posen frontier.

In the western rear the present battle lines seem to be frozen into position as if in conformity with the winter weather conditions. Rheims, Soissons and Ypres continue to suffer from the German's cannonading. There has been no renewal of German efforts to break through to the coast although signs indicate they may undertake this movement any moment. Still more troops are being brought up now and the Germans are said to plan to reach the French coast by December 10.

The French war office statement this afternoon says there are no important changes in the western arena. The Germans show few signs of being staggered by their enormous losses in Flanders, Berlin dispatches saying they were better able to stand exposure to the cold than allies.

The sinking of a German submarine off Scotland's coast reminds England once more that she must expect these raiders to bob up anywhere.

ARMED MOTOR BOATS.

London, Nov. 24.—A Flanders dispatch says Germans are placing in shape a large number of armed motorboats for use on the Belgian canal.

London, Nov. 24.—Turkey, as usual, reports victories over Russians in the Caucasus and the British in Egypt, but these lack confirmation. The English issued an account of the successful British operation in the Persian Gulf territory.

British naval airmen including Lieutenant Sippe, one of those who destroyed a Zeppelin shed at Dusseldorf before the Germans took Antwerp, have made a still more daring raid on French territory over Friedrichshafen. According to aviators' account they dropped bombs which damaged the Zeppelin factor at that place. One aeroplane was brought down by Germans but the others escaped damage.

GERMAN SUBMARINE LOST.

London, Nov. 24.—The secretary of the admiralty announces that the German submarine boat U118 reported off the north coast of Scotland this morning, was rammed by a British patrolling vessel and foundered.

Meeting of Palmetto Lodge.

Palmetto Lodge, No. 19, A. F. M., will hold a regular communication Friday night which is expected to prove an unusually enjoyable one. Third degree work will be done in which the local officers of the lodge will be assisted by Rev. W. P. Smith, of Spartanburg, past master and past high priest.

Card of Thanks.

We wish to thank each and every one who kindly aided us in the recent bazaar. \$130.50 was realized and we feel that we could not have made so much if it had not been for the friends of the Circle.

King's Daughters.

Elected State Secretary.

Miss Fannie Boulware of this city has been elected secretary of the South Carolina State Nurses Association. Miss Boulware was elected last week to fill the unexpired term of the association's secretary. The new officer is considered among the most proficient trained nurses in the state and this testimonial attests the high regard in which she is held among the members of the association.

Gray Court Masons Elect Officers.

At the recent annual election of officers the Gray Court Masonic lodge elected the following officers for the next Masonic year: Jno. W. Wells, W. M.; A. C. Shell, S. W.; H. S. Wallace, J. W.; C. B. Shell, Treas.; W. H. Barksdale, Sect'y.; L. H. Willis, Sr. D.; W. S. Meeks, Jr. D.; T. C. McCauley and Effie Owings, Stewards; W. R. Henderson, Tyler.

John Watts Improving.

The friends of Mr. John Watts, who has been in the hospital since the unfortunate shooting several weeks ago, will be glad to learn that he is steadily improving. He was well enough Monday to take a drive around the city. The ball, which was not located immediately after the shooting, was located and extracted Friday affording much relief.

Sale of Christmas Novelties.

The ladies of the Episcopal church will conduct a sale of articles suitable for Christmas presents at the Powe Drug Company next Monday. Among other things on display will be a special line of pottery.

TILLMAN CHILDREN EXPLAIN PETULANCE

Mrs. Lucy Dugas Tillman Appears Before Supreme Court in Defense of Little Girls.

Columbia, Nov. 23.—Mrs. Lucy Dugas Tillman and her two little daughters, Misses Douschka Pickens Tillman and Sarah Starke Tillman, testified Monday at an extraordinary sitting of the supreme court in response to the court's order for the mother to show cause why the custody of her daughters should not be given to another. At the close of the hearing, which continued two hours, the court announced that decision would be reserved.

Attorneys for B. R. Tillman, Jr., father of the young girls, and a son of Senator Tillman, offered a request of the father that the court award him custody of his daughters. In this petition, the father expressed his willingness to assume full expense of their proper support and education and to afford "every reasonable opportunity for the mother to see and be with them."

At the conclusion of the hearing, Henry C. Tillman, for the little girls' father, asked the court for a temporary order, giving the father custody of them pending decision of the court upon the showing of Mrs. Dugas. The court took this petition under advisement, and Chief Justice Gary gave verbal permission to B. R. Tillman, Jr., to be with his daughters for a while in the library of the court.

In addition to the mother, five other witnesses testified to the obedience of the children to requests of their elders. The little girls, their mother and other witnesses testified that the children refused to obey the court's order to spend July and August, 1914, at the home of Senator Tillman, because their father was absent in Alaska.

The order of Chief Justice Gary, citing Mrs. Lucy Dugas Tillman to show cause why the custody of her daughters should not be taken from her is said to have resulted from the three refusals of the little girls to obey the court's order that they spend July and August, 1914, with Senator Tillman's family.

Testimony adduced at the hearing was to the effect that the children were sent thrice by their mother to Trenton to make this visit, and, on the first two occasions they refused to leave the train. Upon the third trip the testimony offered was to the effect that the little girls went to Senator Tillman's home, but left next morning before breakfast and returned on an early train to Edgefield and their mother.

The mother, with her two little daughters, sat at one end of the long table across the court room and the father with his brother, H. C. Tillman, and another attorney, sat at the other end. The mother showed marked interest in the proceedings, while the father scarcely ever removed his gaze from the table before him.

Mrs. Lucy Dugas Tillman explained, in a typewritten statement, to the court that she had not been served with a copy of the order; and that the failure of the cotton market, with the resultant injury to her finances had caused her to feel unable to retain attorneys. She was represented before the court by a friend, C. T. Graydon, of Columbia.

In her statement, Mrs. Dugas, as she signs her name, alleged that those at Senator Tillman's home "allowed" the children to return to Edgefield, and declare: "I do not see how I can be held responsible for the failure of Senator and Mrs. Tillman, and those representing them, to control these small children after I had placed them in their custody."

Mrs. Lucy Dugas Tillman, mother of the little girls, took the stand and testified for about five minutes. She stated she was present last spring at the hearing before the supreme court when the court decreed her children should spend the months of July and August, 1914, with Senator Tillman. She testified that Senator and Mrs. Tillman were "hardly ever at home" when the little girls visited their father there every second Saturday, as the court's previous order required. Part of her testimony was intended to show that Senator and Mrs. Tillman were, to an extent, strangers to her little daughters.

"I was prepared to go to Washington for a much needed rest when the children came back (for the third time). I kept them when they came,

CONDENSED NEWS FROM CLINTON

Several Delightful Social Events, Performances and Other Items of Interest, Clinton, Nov. 24.—Monday evening Mrs. John Griffith entertained a number of friends in honor of Miss Sarah White.

Mr. G. C. Young entertained a number of friends at an elaborate stag supper on Tuesday evening. This was a celebration for Mr. Young's 65th birthday.

Mrs. R. Z. Wright and Miss Sallie Wright entertained about 100 friends on Tuesday afternoon at a very pretty reception.

On Wednesday Mrs. C. M. Bailey beautifully entertained the Acteon Book club and a number of out-side friends at her lovely home.

Mrs. Joel Aiken of Greenwood, is here getting up a very attractive and interesting play for the benefit of the public library here. The play will be given on Tuesday night in the graded school auditorium at 8:30 o'clock. The play is entitled "A Suffragette Convention," and is to be given by local talent.

The city council at their last meeting made an appropriation of one hundred dollars to the public library and Mr. J. F. Jacobs gave one of the largest rooms in his new building for the library for a year. This building has just been completed and is one of the most modern and up-to-date buildings in the state.

Miss Corrie Saddler, of Rock Hill, is visiting Miss Jessie Dillard this week.

Mr. Will Fewell of Rock Hill spent Friday and Saturday with his sister, Mrs. H. J. Winn.

Mr. J. P. Little of Phoenix, Arizona, is visiting his brother Mr. Tom Little.

Mr. Booe is spending two weeks with friends in Clinton. Mr. Booe coached the base ball team at the college and made many friends during his stay here who are enjoying his visit to them.

Mr. D. L. Heustess of Bennettsville, has accepted a position in the graded school as the successor to Miss Barton who resigned two weeks ago.

Miss Leonora Hook spent Sunday with her parents at Irmo, S. C.

Rev. and Mrs. E. M. Lightfoot returned last week from a two weeks' visit to friends in Augusta, Ga.

Mrs. James Keith of Columbia is visiting Mrs. Frank Boland this week.

OFFICERS CAPTURE STILL.

Sheriff Nabs Joy-Juice Outfit in Upper Part of This County.

Last Thursday afternoon, Sheriff Owings, accompanied by several deputies, captured and brought to the city a sixty-gallon distillery outfit. This old-fashioned "grain elevator" was found near a creek on the farm of Mr. John Gray, in Youngs township, but the owner has not been located. Along with the outfit was found about five hundred gallons of "mash," which was destroyed. No one was found in charge of the plant, the proprietor evidently believing that he who runs away will live to run another still.

Held Up and Robbed.

According to unconfirmed reports reaching the sheriff's office, Jim Hudgens, colored, was held up by strange men near the old Badger trestle, on the Waterloo road, Friday night and relieved of about \$16.00 in money. No report was made to the sheriff's office of the alleged robbery and nothing definite can be learned of it.

Rev. A. G. Wardlaw to Preach.

Rev. A. G. Wardlaw, D. D., who was for a number of years pastor of the First Presbyterian church, will occupy his old pulpit Sunday at both the morning and evening services. Although some of the present congregation were not members when Dr. Wardlaw preached here then, they remember with pleasure his sermon before the graduating class of the high school last year. A welcome is extended to the public to hear Dr. Wardlaw preach.

but I was not expecting them. I did not make the trip to Washington.

Answering the question of Attorney Graydon, the mother testified she did not send the children the fourth time to Trenton because of the letter of Chief Justice Gary to her, in which was contained a letter by Mrs. B. R. Tillman, Sr., stating that she "found no pleasure in their visits." She declared the girls were always well behaved in her presence.

COL. BABB RESIGNS.

Has Been Assistant Adjutant General to Gen. W. W. Moore. Future Plans Not Divulged.

The following from the Columbia Record will be read with great interest in Laurens, the home of Major Babb and where he has hundreds of friends who will be interested in his movements:

That two important changes in the official roster of the National Guard of South Carolina will occur immediately and January 17 became known in official documents made public Monday at the office of the Adjutant General, W. W. Moore.

Major Oscar W. Babb, assistant adjutant and inspector general, will tender his resignation at an early date to take effect January 17. Col. Julius E. Cogswell of Charleston, of the third infantry, has resigned and the resignation has been accepted by Governor Blease to take immediate effect. It was understood at the capitol that the successor to Col. Cogswell would not be named at present. Lieut. Holmes B. Springs of Georgetown was second in command of that regiment and will probably be in command.

Capt. J. Shapter Caldwell, regimental adjutant of the third regiment, will succeed Col. Babb, it was unofficially stated. Capt. Caldwell is cashier of the Enterprise bank of Charleston.

Reasons for the tendering of these resignations were not made public. No intimation of the nature of the reasons was contained in the official correspondence that was made public.

Major Babb has served for four years as assistant to Adjutant General Moore, and came into the office to fill the unexpired term of Col. W. T. Brock, then assistant adjutant general to Gen. John C. Boyd. Previous to his coming to Columbia, he held the position of assistant clerk of court for Laurens county for 13 years. Major Babb stated that he had several positions in view, but had not yet determined what work he would engage in after his connection with the adjutant general's office is severed in January.

ADVERTISING AGENT COMING.

Would Meet with Prominent Merchants and Farmers with the View of Advertising the Community.

M. J. Simpson, passenger and ticket agent at the union station, is in receipt of a letter from Mr. W. J. Craig, of the A. C. L. railroad, informing him that Mr. C. A. Maull, advertising agent of the railroad, will be in Laurens at an early date to discuss the subject of bringing "home seekers" into this section from the north and east. This progressive railroad has conducted a wide publicity campaign to encourage settlers to locate along its lines in the South. The letter does not state when he will be in Laurens, but indicates that it will be at an early date. The letter from Mr. Craig is as follows:

"Dear Sir:—Mr. C. A. Maull, advertising agent of the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad company, will be in your city in the near future for the purpose of meeting with the representative business men and large farmers to present for their consideration a plan of community advertising of your immediate section, to promote homeseekers from the North and East.

This is a co-operative method that has been in use by Western lines for a number of years and has been the means of attracting a large number of settlers.

Mr. Maull will advise you by letter or wire in advance of his coming so that arrangements for a meeting can be made. He will give a short talk to your business men on the best method of community advertising.

Yours truly,

W. J. Craig,

"Passenger Traffic Manager."

Stores Close Thanksgiving.

As is the custom here and everywhere, all of the stores in Laurens will be closed for Thanksgiving Day. The drug stores will keep the usual Sunday hours. Those who intend to do any shopping Thanksgiving had better do it the day before.

Running Night Shift.

In order to keep ahead of orders received by the mill, the Watts mill has been running a night shift in some departments of the factory for some time.

GRAIN CAMPAIGN HALTS FOR WEEK

Indifferent Interest Shown in Campaign

FARMERS PASSIVE SAYS WATSON

After a Week of Campaigning in the Piedmont Section, Commissioner Watson and his Party of Grain Experts Give Up Campaign for Present

The grain campaign party, lead by Commissioner E. J. Watson, which was in Laurens last Wednesday evening, has discontinued its tours for the present but will take them up again in the immediate future. After the week's work, Mr. Watson gave out an interview in Columbia as to the impressions he had gained in the tour. Among other things, he stated that Laurens county seems to have more grain actually sown than any other county.

The grain party arrived in Laurens about five o'clock Wednesday afternoon, too late for a meeting of farmers. However, an informal meeting of business men was held in the directors' room of the Laurens National Bank where different members of the party made short talks. Mr. A. G. Smith, farm demonstrator for the U. S. Department of Agriculture, spoke first on the possibilities of raising grain in this section, stating that farmers need have no misgivings about a market after the grain is grown. Market facilities will be provided, he assured them.

Mr. Stratton, of Chicago, an elevator expert, went into a discussion of the elevator phase of the question, giving an interesting and instructive lecture on the method of handling grain. Col. Watson urged that every acre of land prohibited from being planted in cotton next year be planted in grain, pointing out the folly of planting a huge crop of cotton costing in many cases 11 cents a pound which would possibly not bring over four or five. He advocated the "living at home" idea with much force.

Mr. Barton, assistant to W. W. Long, briefly discussed soil building, pointing out the economy and value of cover crops during the winter months. The meeting here was attended by about a score of business men who evidenced considerable interest in the speeches. The meeting was presided over by Mr. J. D. W. Watts, who introduced the strangers to the Laurens auditors.

The interview given out by Mr. Watson on his return to Columbia was as follows: "Having passed wholly or in part through 13 counties in the State in the first week under the abnormal weather conditions, the widespread grain campaign party, after the meeting in Spartanburg, on Saturday returned to Columbia. For several days the party skirted the snow-clad Blue Ridge chain in sweeping through the upper tier of counties, with the temperature ranging from 16 to 29 degrees.

"Prof. Barton left the party after the Greenville meeting. Prof. A. G. Smith, Mr. Stratton and Commissioner Watson came into Columbia Saturday night, pretty well worn out with the hard week's work. When the party resumes this important pioneer work, W. W. Long, State agent of the United States farm demonstration work, will relieve Mr. Barton, his assistant.

"Speaking of the campaign so far, Commissioner Watson said: "I am more than pleased with the results of our efforts to do quickly what we know would ordinarily take two years to do, but the only thing that shows any practical and sure way out of the present situation for the farmer, the merchant and the banker. We have found varying conditions and frames of mind, varying degrees of development, and it is simply astonishing to see how little the people in many sections have sensed the right thing to do. Many believe that the price of cotton is coming back about January, and they are waiting to get advances to plant more cotton. They are, therefore, idle, so to speak."

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