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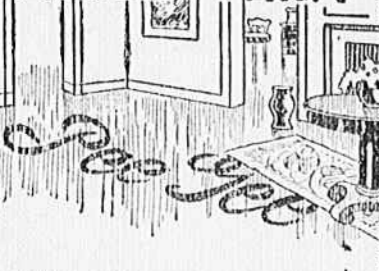
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FINAL SETTLEMENT

Take notice, that on the 13th day of January, 1917, I will render a final account of my acts and doings as Executor of the estate of Nannie J. Franks, deceased, in the office of the Judge of Probate, of Laurens county, at 11 o'clock a. m. and on the same day will apply for a final discharge from my trusts as Executor.
 Any person indebted to said estate is notified and required to make payment on that date; and all persons having claims against said estate will present them on or before said date, duly proven or be forever barred.
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NEWSPRINT MANUFACTURERS FLEE FROM MEETING

Refused to Discuss Reasonableness of Newsprint Prices. Paper Jobbers Also Blamed for High Prices.

Washington, Dec. 29.—Hearings reopened here today by the Federal Trade Commission in its newsprint paper investigation came to a sudden end when paper manufacturers refused to discuss the reasonableness of newsprint prices. Both publishers and jobbers had been heard.

The manufacturers declared they had not had time to study tables prepared by the commission's investigators purporting to show huge profits. Members of the trade commission announced that despite an apparent unwillingness by the manufacturers to cooperate in the investigation, the commission's report would be issued probably in about ten days and that such recommendations to congress would be made as were thought necessary.

At the same time it was said the commission would be in position to announce whether its consideration of a paper distribution plan showed an actual paper shortage and a need for distribution under supervision of the commission.

It was strongly intimated during the day that facts uncovered by the commission will be turned over to the department of justice. It was announced that if the commission failed to relieve conditions, some other governmental agency might be able to help. The report to congress, it is understood, will score manufacturers for raising prices to the extent of forcing many small publishers out of business.

Manufacturers proposed the distribution plan at a hearing two weeks ago. Today's hearing was a resumption of that proceeding, interrupted to study the plan and give the manufacturers more time to go over the commission's cost of production figures.

Publishers testifying today blamed both manufacturers and jobbers for prevailing conditions in the newspaper world. It was declared that jobbers had taken advantage of the last two weeks to try to frighten publishers into paying high prices by claiming a shortage existed which would prevent many publishers filling their needs during the coming year. More testimony was brought out also concerning alleged refusals to sell to publishers, and regarding different prices quoted by the same manufacturers. It was charged that an effort was being made to discourage buying associations through which publishers hope to purchase their paper more cheaply.

Publishers, it was said during the day, are going ahead rapidly with their plans for constructing paper making plants of their own. By the middle of 1918, said A. J. McIntyre, paper expert of the Newspaper Publishers' association, the publishers will be virtually independent of the paper makers.

A statement given out tonight by Frank P. Glass, chairman of the executive committee of the committee on paper of the American Newspaper Publishers' association, said:

"This investigation has been going on for over five months, having been initiated by request of the Newsprint Manufacturers association for such an investigation, the manufacturers claiming that investigation would show that they had been conducting their business in the proper way. The Federal Trade Commission has apparently pursued the investigation more seriously and has gone further than the manufacturers anticipated when they made their request.

The practical result is precisely that which I predicted in my statement to the commission on Dec. 12. There has been a delay of seventeen days and nothing beneficial to the suffering newspapers has followed so far. In the meantime many contracts for tonnage for 1917 have been closed at the prevalent high prices resulting from the fright of publishers over the belief that a dangerous paper famine existed and this notwithstanding the Trade Commission earnestly requested the manufacturers to suspend making contracts until the hearings were finished.

"I hope and believe that the commission will make such a thorough report of conditions and so distinctly fasten the chief responsibility for conditions upon those manufacturers concerned that either the department of justice or congress or both arms of the government may be able to devise substantial relief at an early day. If that is done the price of paper will soften materially in the next few months, bringing it to a point in reasonable relation to cost of production, which is not the case today in the judgment of the large majority of publishers."

FIGHT ON SOMME AN ENTENTE VICTORY

All Objects Achieved, Says Gen. Haig, Stopped by Weather.

London, Dec. 29.—The battle of the Somme is pictured as a sweeping triumph for entente allied arms in a detailed report by Gen. Sir Douglas Haig, which was issued tonight and which covers operations from July 1 to November 18. Gen. Haig terms the battle a triumph in which the German Western armies were only saved from complete collapse and a decisive defeat by a protracted period of unfavorable weather that prevented the Anglo-French forces from taking full advantage of their successful advance. He declares that, nevertheless, it was a triumph which proved beyond doubt the ability of the allies to overthrow Germany "when the time comes." The British commander shows himself a firm believer in the doctrine that the entente can win the war on the Western front.

"I desire to add a few words as to future prospects," he says at the close of the dispatch, which covers 16 closely printed pages. "The enemy's power has not yet been broken nor is it yet possible to form an estimate of the time the war may last before the objects for which the allies are fighting have been attained, but the Somme battle has placed beyond doubt the ability of the allies to gain those objects. The German army is the mainstay of the central powers and a full half of that army, despite all advantages of the defensive and supported by the strongest fortifications, suffered defeat on the Somme this year. Neither victors nor vanquished will forget this and, although bad weather has given the enemy a respite, there are undoubtedly many thousands in his ranks who will begin the new campaign with little confidence in their ability to resist our assaults or overcome our defense.

"Our new armies entered battle with a determination to win and confidence in their power to do so. They have proven to themselves, to the enemy and to the world that this confidence is justified."

After dealing at length with the various stages of the operations, Gen. Haig sums up the result as follows:

"Three main objects with which we commenced the offensive in July had already been achieved, in spite of the fact that heavy autumn rains prevented full advantage being taken of the favorable situation created by our advance at a time when we had good ground for hoping to achieve yet more important successes. Verdun had been relieved, the main German forces had been held on the Western front and the enemy's strength had been considerably worn down. Any one of these three results is in itself sufficient to justify the Somme battle. The attainment of all three affords ample compensation for the splendid efforts of the troops and for the sacrifices made. They have brought us a long step forward toward the final victory of the allied cause."

In the course of his detailed study of the operations Gen. Haig frequently touches on the handicap of the weather. In mid October came the allies' great chance really to break through the German lines.

"We had at last," writes Gen. Haig "reached the stage at which a successful attack might reasonably be expected to yield much greater result than anything we had as yet attained. . . . Unfortunately, at this juncture very unfavorable weather set in and continued with scarcely a break during the remainder of October and the early part of November.

"Poor visibility seriously interfered with the work of the artillery and constant rain turned the mass of hastily dug trenches into channels of deep mud. The country roads, broken by countless shell veraters, rapidly became impassable, making the supply of food, stores and ammunition a serious problem. These conditions multiplied the difficulties of attack to such an extent that it was impossible to exploit the situation with the rapidity necessary to enable us to reap to the full the advantage we had gained."

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TWO MEN SHOT BY PROMINENT FARMER

H. A. Preacher and Keb Nettles Killed by P. W. Lightsey at His Home Five Miles From Brunson.

Brunson, Dec. 29.—H. A. Preacher and Keb Nettles were killed by P. W. Lightsey, a substantial farmer, at the home of the latter about five miles from Brunson, this morning about 11 o'clock. The killing took place in Lightsey's house and yard, and the weapon used was a double barrel shot gun loaded with buck shot. The men involved are prominent and all have families.

Accounts obtainable indicate that Preacher, who was about 36 years of age, and who was a rural free delivery carrier, went to the Lightsey plantation with a view of moving Nettles, who was a tenant on Lightsey's place. Nettles, it is said, was indebted to Lightsey to the extent of several hundred dollars and for this reason Lightsey objected when Nettles started to move. Early this morning Lightsey telephoned Sheriff J. Herman Lightsey at Brunson and said that he felt his life was in danger and asked the sheriff to come to his protection. Sheriff Lightsey and a deputy, Eric Harrison, both of whom were present when the shooting occurred, went to the Lightsey farm, and tried to dissuade Preacher and Nettles from entering Lightsey's premises, but could do nothing with them.

Witnesses say that about 11 o'clock Preacher and Nettles, each with a revolver in hand, entered Lightsey's yard, Preacher in front of Nettles. Lightsey was in his house and when Preacher walked upon the porch Lightsey shot him twice through a window. Lightsey then came out on the porch and it is said that Nettles wheeled toward him and Lightsey shot Nettles twice. Lightsey then surrendered to the sheriff and was taken to Hampton, the county seat.

H. A. Preacher, a life long resident of Brunson and who is from one of the oldest and most respected families of this community, leaves a wife and four children. He had been a rural free delivery carrier from Brunson for about six years.
 Keb Nettles, who was about 43 years of age, came to Hampton county from Colleton county, and has been a tenant on the Lightsey place for about two years. He too, leaves a wife and several children.
 Perry W. Lightsey, about 50 years of age, is a native of this county. He has large family connections and is a man of influence.

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