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THE RUSSIAN ARMIES ASSUMED AGGRESSIVE

Thousands Captured in New Offensive.

GERMAN POSITIONS ARE STORMED

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The soldiers of new Russia have assumed the aggressive. For the first time since the revolution, last March, Russian troops have begun an attack on an extensive scale.

Along a front of 181-2 miles in the region of Brzezany, Galicia, Russian troops have stormed the German positions. Berlin says the Russians suffered heavy losses, and were compelled to retire before the German fire. The attack was made between the Upper Stripa and the Narayuvka rivers, a tributary of the Gnila Lipa, in the section southeast of Lemberg, the Galician capital, where the artillery firing has been heavy recently.

The Russians also made night attacks on both sides of Brzezany and near Zwozyn, and Berlin reports that assaults between the Zlota Lipa and the Narayuvka have brought on new battles between the opposing forces. The artillery arm of the Russian forces has been active and from the Berlin report it is learned that an intense duel has been in progress from the region of Brzezany to as far northward as the Middle Stekhol in Volhynia, a distance of about 175 miles.

Berlin declares that the Russian attacks, which it says were powerful, were brought about through the pressure of the leading entente powers, the text of the official statement saying: "The Russian government having been constrained to yield to the pressure of the leading entente powers, part of the army has been induced to attack."

The region of the Narayuvka and Upper Stripa rivers has been the scene of much bitter fighting since General Brussiloff ended his victorious campaign last year, and Brzezany is one of the keys to Lemberg.

Field Marshal Haig continues to tighten his grasp on Lens. On the north bank of the river Souchez British troops have captured German positions on a front of about half a mile southwest and west of Lens. The British army during June captured 8,686 German prisoners, including 175 officers and 67 guns, including two heavy guns, as well as much other war material.

Given a Summer Cleaning.

A force of hands from the Laurens Cotton Mills has completed a campaign of summer cleaning in the small park around the Holmes Springs. All trash and rubbish have been removed and the unsightly speaking-stand where the political spell-binders were wont to entertain their hearers has been torn down and carted away. The pretty little park now makes a much better appearance than it did before the trash-movers attacked it.

Recruits Returned Home.

All but one of the Laurens men who enlisted in the South Carolina engineering battalion returned home last Thursday after having failed to pass the physical examination in Columbia. The only one of the Laurens group accepted was Mr. Fred Wham, who is now in Columbia with his company. The others who enlisted and returned Thursday were Messrs Erskine Todd, Jack Shell, Moore Dial and G. Wash Shell.

"Mr. Bob" a Success.

The local players who presented "Mr. Bob" at the Opera House Thursday evening scored a big success, both from an artistic and financial standpoint. Although all of the characters were splendidly portrayed, special credit is due to Miss Roberta Borroh and Mr. Will Meng for their work. A net balance of around \$75 was left after all expenses were paid, this balance being placed in the charity fund of the Eastern Stars.

PATRIOTIC SUNDAY OBSERVED BY LARGE UNION SERVICE

Services of a Patriotic Character Held in First Presbyterian Church. Address by Hon. R. A. Cooper.

July 1st being set apart by Pres. Wilson as "Patriotic Sunday" fitting services were held in the Presbyterian church Sunday night under the auspices of the Woman's Service League. The other denominations of the city closed their churches for the evening and joined with the Presbyterians in making a due observance of the day. The Butler Guards, stationed in the city for the past two months, attended the services in a body and added very much to its dignity and impressiveness. A special musical program was rendered in which a selected choir from all the churches of the city participated. In addition to the congregational singing and the numbers rendered by the full choir several special numbers were given. The services opened with the singing of "America" and closed with the benediction pronounced by "The Star Spangled Banner".

The orator of the occasion was Hon. R. A. Cooper, who spoke on the duty of a patriot. Mr. Cooper said that a man who stood on the street and applauded when the soldiers passed by on the way to battle was not necessarily a patriot. Unless he also did something to advance the cause of the nation, even though he may not fight he could not call himself a patriot. A patriot, he said, must be willing to make a genuine sacrifice for his country, a sacrifice of all he possessed if necessary to his country's welfare. Mr. Cooper expressed a great degree of pride in the record that Laurens county had made in the recent Red Cross campaign, when it subscribed nearly three times as much as was asked of it by the central committee. To the Butler Guards, he paid a glowing tribute on account of their gentlemanly bearing since being in Laurens and assured them of this city's continued interest in their welfare. To their presence here he ascribed in a measure the success of the various patriotic efforts put forth recently, saying that they had been an inspiration to local workers.

The exercises of the evening were presided over by Rev. C. F. Rankin, pastor of the church, and Rev. W. A. Fairly and S. H. Templeman both participated in the program. Rev. Templeman reading a patriotic poem.

The church was decorated with national colors, the large United States flag of the Traynham Guards being draped over the organ.

DINNER TO MCGOWAN GIVEN BY FRIENDS

Rear Admiral on Third Anniversary of Appointment as Paymaster General.

Washington, July 2.—A complimentary dinner was given tonight to Admiral Samuel McGowan at Mount Alto Inn, the occasion being the third anniversary of his appointment as paymaster general of the United States navy. Those who acted as hosts were the officers of the pay corps and special assistants of the bureau of supplies and accounts and their wives. An informal reception was held at 7:30 o'clock, after which dinner was served. The interior of the supper room was artistically decorated with miniature pennants of flags of all nations while a large American flag formed the background of the setting. The centerpieces were flowers of red, white and blue.

Deluged with Cotton Blossoms.

In the rush to close up the forms last Tuesday night the "garden editor" failed to make mention of the first cotton blossom of the season. As a result of this omission The Advertiser has been fairly deluged with blossoms found since that time. The first blossom which came to the office was from the farm of T. T. Hill, a hustling young Cross Hill farmer. (The next was from J. P. Hicks, of this city, and the next from Larry Burks, of Ora. T. Hill's blossom came in on June 22nd. The first roasting ear of corn also made its appearance before the last issue, this one being brought to the office by "Jonah", the colored man who delivers circulars and does odd jobs for J. C. Burns & Company.

Mrs. B. F. Jones leaves this week for Charlotte for a family reunion on Mr. Jones' side. Members will be present from Tennessee, Georgia, North and South Carolina.

BLOOD FLOWS AFTER DAY OF RACT RIOTS

At Least 20 Dead and Scores Wounded in East St. Louis Disorders. Fires Under Control. Several Companies of Troops Called to Scene.

East St. Louis, Ill., July 3.—At least twenty dead and many wounded, fires burning in five sections of the city, and the mobs practically dispersed was the condition here at 1 o'clock (Tuesday) morning, following the race riots which have prevailed here for the last twenty-four hours.

Estimates of the number of dead run up to 100 and higher, but the estimates were purely conjectural. The exact number of dead probably never will be known as it is thought that many bodies were consumed in the flames.

Adjutant General Frank S. Dickson, of Illinois, arrived and took charge of the situation shortly after midnight this morning. He went into conference with military and civil authorities to outline a plan of procedure today.

At 11 a. m. the fires were practically under control and the rioters, for the most part, had dispersed and gone to their homes. In answer to a question as to why the troops on the ground when the trouble developed did not use force to put down the rioting, Gen. Dickson said the purposes for which the soldiers had been sent here had been gained without firing a shot and that the wholesale bloodshed would have been the result of any firing on the part of the troops.

"Five hundred rioters, the ring leaders of the largest mob, are now under arrest," said Gen. Dickson. "This was accomplished by surrounding the rioters and forcing them to submit without shooting or employing the bayonet."

Gen. Dickson said after the 500 were taken into custody the disturbance at once took on a less serious aspect.

Another negro district in the south of the city, known as "Reynolds Row" was reported burning at 1 o'clock this morning. This makes five negro quarters set on fire during the night.

The disorder, which began when a mob of 200 negroes fired on an automobile load of policemen last night, killing one reached a climax this forenoon. In this outbreak three negro men and one white man were killed, two white men and two negroes were shot and twenty-three others so badly beaten and stoned that they were taken to hospitals.

Tonight with the saloons closed and street car service stopped by order of the authorities, national guardsmen began escorting truck-loads of negroes across the river to Missouri.

Until the white women began to participate, negro women and girls had seemed immune from attack, but when this occurred negro women too were attacked.

The two white men who were shot and the one who was killed were victims of stray bullets.

Sixteen guardsmen were disarmed by members of the mob who calmly asked the soldiers to give them the weapons lest the guardsmen "hurt some one in the crowd."

Accepts Place in Abbeville.

Mr. J. C. Barksdale, son of Mr. A. B. Barksdale, left the first of the week for Abbeville, where he has accepted the position of farm demonstrator for that county. Mr. Barksdale is a graduate of Clemson college and has had much practical experience in farm work, making him a valuable man for the place which he has gone to fill.

Death of Mr. Glenn.

Mrs. H. P. Glenn died at an early hour last night at a local hospital. She is survived by her husband, H. P. Glenn, three brothers, E. L. Martin, of Greenville, G. W. Martin and J. A. Martin of Laurens; two sisters, Mrs. Minnie Hughes, of Greenville, and Mrs. Wash Owens, of Laurens.—Greenville News, June 18.

Real Estate Deal.

The old Chapman home place, near Hickory Tavern, has been recently sold through Mr. B. M. Wolff, to Mr. C. W. Wasson. The tract has a house on it and contains about 100 acres. It sold at around \$50 per acre.

Mrs. Alice Mills of Lanford visited Mrs. J. Lee Langston and other relatives in the city last week.

PURCHASERS OF ROAD BONDS REFUSE TO ACCEPT THEM

Refusal Based on Adverse Opinion of Their Attorneys as to Their Validity.

The Advertiser is reliably informed that the firm of bond dealers which recently was awarded the \$150,000 issue of county road bonds has refused to accept them on the ground that the firm's attorneys have expressed an adverse opinion as to their validity. Exactly wherein the validity of the bonds is questioned could not be learned. Supervisor Humbert was yesterday averse to making any official statement on the subject, though he did not deny that the information was correct. What the next step will be remains to be announced.

It will be remembered that when the legislature passed the bill authorizing an election on the road bond question, bonds were easily floated at an attractive rate. The bill stipulated that the bonds should not be sold at less than five per cent more than five per cent interest. The bonds were advertised for sale at par and 4-1/2 per cent interest. By the time the day of sale rolled around the bond market had become unsettled and no bids were offered on that basis. After some consultation, they were put up for sale at 1-1/4 per cent, and not less than par. W. S. Glenn, of Spartanburg, after spirited bidding, was awarded the bonds as the highest bidder, he bidding about \$1,500 premium above par. Since that time the bond market has still further advanced, so that it would be difficult for any firm to handle the bonds at the same rate at which they were bid in.

The bonding concern has up a forfeit of \$1,500 as a pledge of its good faith in the transaction, but should they be able to successfully contest the validity of the bonds they will be able to take down the forfeit. Whether or not the county will institute a suit to force them to take the bonds, as already stated, remains to be announced.

FRENCH CRUISER BLOWS UP.

The Cruiser Kleber Strikes a Mine; 35 Men are Lost.

Paris, June 30.—An official announcement was made last night that the armored cruiser Kleber had struck a mine off Point St. Mathieu on Wednesday and sunk. Three officers and thirty-five men were lost. The Kleber had come from Dakar, Africa, and was on its way to Brest.

The sinking of the Kleber was attended by dramatic scenes and marked by exceptional heroism by the commanders and the individual members of the crew. The Kleber sighted a mine and was attempting to destroy it by gun fire when another appeared which the vessel hit before it could turn aside.

When it became evident the Kleber was doomed, the commander gave the order for everyone to save himself. He prepared to go down with the ship, and a plucky bugler insisted on standing on the bridge behind the captain. The crew scrambled into the boats and went overboard as the vessel settled until the captain was almost immersed in the water.

The sailors vainly urged the captain to come into their boat, but he declined and the bugler remained with his chief.

A freakish wave finally came to the commander's rescue. It tore him and the bugler from their posts and hurled them into the sea. They were rescued by a destroyer which had rushed to the assistance of the cruiser.

Successful Still Hunt.

Rural Policeman Owens and City Policeman Blakely made a partially successful raid between here and Gray Court last Friday, when they caused a serious interruption of a new industry in that immediate vicinity, that of distilling "likker." The officers succeeded in finding the still, which was a crude home made affair of small calibre. It was in operation at the time, but the operators, like the boy on the burning deck, had fled. The outfit, consisting of a wash-tub to hold the mash, an iron wash-pot which served the purpose of a brass kettle for cooking the mash and a long lead pipe were confiscated and brought to the city. A wooden ice cream packer, through which the worm ran, was left on the premises. No, there was no liquor left by the fleeing operators. As evidence was lacking to convict anyone, no arrests were made.

U. S. DREADNAUGHT IDAHO IS LAUNCHED

Sister Ship of the Pennsylvania, Flagship of the Atlantic Fleet. Monster Fighting Machine.

Camden, N. J., June 30.—Another monster fighting machine for the navy, took the water here today from the yards of the New York Shipbuilding Company, when the super-dreadnaught Idaho, sister ship to the Pennsylvania and flagship of the Atlantic fleet, was successfully launched. Herietta Aurelia Simmons, grand daughter of Governor Alexander of Idaho, was sponsor. Because of the war, the general public was not admitted to the ceremony. The Idaho will carry twelve 14-inch fifty calibre rifles, mounted in three in four turrets, two forward and two after. In size, armament, equipment, speed and all but minor differences, she will be a duplicate of the Pennsylvania and of the Mississippi. General turbine engines will haul her 500 feet of length and 32,000 tons of bulk through the water at a rate of more than 21 knots. There are no secrets about the Idaho's construction, except modifications made after her hull had been laid down to give her greater security against submarine attack. Navy designers believe the vessel will be a hard problem for a submarine, and she cannot be sunk with a single torpedo.

There will be twenty-two 5-inch, fifty calibre rifles swung along the Idaho's sides as her protection against torpedo craft and four 3-inch anti-aircraft guns of the long range type recently designed by the bureau of ordnance. Below the water line two 21-inch torpedo tubes supplement the terrific broadside weight of the ship's guns.

Like the Pennsylvania, the Idaho will need 25 senior, 16 junior and 10 warrant officers; 10 chief petty officers and more than 800 men as her fighting complement. She will carry 70 marines and be fitted with quarters for an admiral and his staff, in addition to the regular officers' quarters, so that she can carry the flag for the commander-in-chief of the fleet, if necessary.

The Idaho, Mississippi, California, New Mexico, Arizona, Pennsylvania and Tennessee will be the last American battle craft to carry twelve 14-inch rifles in their main batteries. They will complete a wing of seven gigantic vessels with this armament, and next from the ways will come the West Virginia, Washington, Maryland and Colorado, carrying eight 16-inch rifles. Behind these will come the new class of 32,000 tonners, five of which have already been authorized, which will carry twelve 16-inch rifles.

THE FIRST PAYMENTS ON RED CROSS ARE DUE

Sec. Adams Asks that Local People Pay Pledges to War and Officers Pay to Local Committees.

Sec. J. J. Adams, of the Red Cross fund committee, has issued the following statement in regard to pledges made to the Red Cross Fund:

The first payment on Red Cross subscriptions was due July 1st. Owing to the large number of contributors it will be impracticable to present for payment the cards of each individual, and those who signed cards are asked to mail checks or call in person and pay their pledges. The cards for the city of Laurens are at the Laurens National Bank, cards of other contributors will be found with the local chairman of each community.

J. J. Adams, Sec.

MRS. WILSON SIGNS PLEDGE.

To Assist Food Conservation by Practicing Economy.

Washington, June 30.—Mrs. Woodrow Wilson today signed the woman's pledge to assist the food administration by practicing economy in the home and assisting in conserving the food supply for a successful conduct of the war.

Beginning Monday the pledges will be circulated generally among all women of the country. Tomorrow will be conservation Sunday and in many churches ministers will preach food conservation sermons.

Lawn Party at Eden.

A lawn party will be given at Eden school house Friday night, July 6th. Refreshments will be served by the ladies of the Rural School Improvement Association. The public is cordially invited to attend.

PERSHING'S FORCES SAFE IN FRANCE

All Troops Have Crossed in Safety.

AMERICAN FIGHTERS IN SPLENDID TRIM

Not a Man Lost or Injured Nor a Case of Serious Illness. Troops Received With Greatest Enthusiasm. Trip Made in Schedule Time. Soldiers in Splendid Trim.

New York, June 30.—All of the troops attached to the American expeditionary forces have reached France in safety. Major-General Pershing said in Paris Saturday that the transfer, one of the largest ever undertaken by the United States army, had been made without the loss or injury of a single American soldier and without any cases of serious illness.

Dispatches filed during the week ended Saturday by the censor says that the trip was made on schedule time, and that the American fighters are in splendid trim.

Paris, June 30.—Not a man was lost during the transfer of the American forces to France, and there was not even a case of serious illness, said Major-General Pershing, the American commander, on his return to his headquarters today after a quick trip to the port of debarkation.

"The landing of the first American troops has been a complete success," he said. "In this remarkable transfer of a large force across the ocean—one of the largest operations we have ever undertaken—not a man or an animal was lost or injured, and there was not a single case of serious sickness—nothing but a few unimportant cases of mumps. The men landed in splendid morale, with keen, confident and eager spirit."

"The physical appearance of our men is truly inspiring. They are all fine, husky young fellows, with the glow of energy, good health and physical vigor which will make them a credit along side any troops. They are exceptionally well camped and cared for, with substantial wooden barracks, good food and the best sanitary arrangements. They are located on high ground. For all of this we are deeply indebted to French co-operation with members of my staff."

A French Seaport, June 25.—General Pershing the American commander, General Feltner, representing French general headquarters, and a small staff arrived here early this morning from Paris. A pouring rain and the early hour bent all but a few hundred enthusiastic townspeople at home, but these who were on hand welcomed the general warmly.

The American commander, after a morning spent in inspecting the camp occupied by the soldiers, who had been debarking steadily from the transports, went aboard the flagship and at luncheon with Rear Admiral Gleaves. Afterward both officers received the French and American newspaper men. Admiral Gleaves welcomed them and then General Pershing said to their guests:

"This is the happiest of the busy days which I have spent in France preparing for the arrival of the first contingent. Today I have seen our troops safe on French soil, landing from transports that were guarded in their passage overseas by the resourceful vigilance of our navy."

"Now, our task as soldiers lies before us. We hope, with the aid of the French leaders and experts who have placed all the results of their experience at our disposal, to make our forces worthy in skill and in the determination to fight side by side in arms with the French army."

Meeting of Winthrop Alumnae.

There will be a very important meeting of the alumnae association and students of Winthrop College at the school building, Friday, July 6, 1917 at eleven o'clock. Every member is urged to be present.

Exemption Board Named.

R. A. Cooper, C. A. Fowler and Dr. J. H. Teague have been named as the exemption board for this county under the selective draft law. The date on which the soldiers will begin to be selected has not been definitely announced.