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## NEGRO SOLDIERS RUN AMUCK; KILL AND WOUND WHITES

### Outbreak at Houston, Tex., of Colored Troops.

### 12 WHITES DEAD; MANY WOUNDED

Not Known How Many Negroes are Dead. Outbreak Originated in Difficulty Two Negro Soldiers had with Police Officers. Negro Troops Later Disarmed and Removed to Columbus, N. M.

Houston, Tex., Aug. 23.—Twelve white men, civilians, police officers and National Guardsmen, were killed and more than a score of persons, men, women and children were wounded in an outbreak here tonight of negro soldiers of the Twenty-fourth United States Infantry, stationed here to act as guards during the construction of the camp where the Illinois troops will train.

It is not known how many negroes are dead.

Captain J. W. Mattos, A Battery, Second Illinois Field Artillery, was among the dead, being killed when he tried to remonstrate with the negro soldiers.

The outbreak is supposed to have originated in a difficulty which two negro soldiers had with police officers who arrested them for disturbing the peace and sent them to the police station early in the afternoon.

Little definite information was available in the city tonight from the scene of the riot, owing to telephone communication having been cut off. Such reports, however, as leaked through from isolated channels indicated that a state of panic existed near the camp.

A report reached police headquarters late tonight that one-third of the rioting negro soldiers were under restraint, but that the remainder of the infantrymen had divided into small groups and were making their way to outlying sections of the city, skirted the camp.

### Martial Law.

Martial law has been declared for Houston and vicinity because of the 24th negro infantry running amuck at Camp Logan. All whites wounded are civilians. One of the dead is a policeman. The wounded are:

C. W. White, civil engineer, shot in the right thigh, seriously wounded.

C. J. Chappner, street car motorman, was shot through the stomach and an unidentified white man was wounded in the thigh and arm.

G. W. Butcher, shot in left shoulder and in back, seriously wounded.

W. A. Thompson, shot through right hip, seriously.

Willie Strong, negro soldier, 24th infantry.

City Detective T. G. Benford, shot in the knee.

Police Officer Fuf Daniels, shot in the back, condition critical.

Thelma Drychart, white girl, shot in stomach.

Unidentified white girl, condition serious.

### Three Laurens Boys in France.

At least three Laurens boys are already in France. Roland Moseley, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Moseley, left several weeks ago as a member of the Roosevelt Base Hospital corps and is now "somewhere" in France, though his censored letters home do not permit of the exact location being found out. Another Laurens boy is Sergt. M. P. Whalley, who is a member of the 24th infantry of the American Expeditionary Force. Sergt. Whalley has seen service on the Mexican border and in various parts of the United States and is a fine specimen of Uncle Samuel's soldiers. Eugene Peden, son of T. P. Peden, of Gray Court, is another already on foreign soil and "doing his bit" in the common cause.

### Underwent Operation.

Mr. W. A. Burgess, who was formerly employed as outside boss at the Laurens Cotton Mills here but who has recently been manager of a large store at Central, underwent a serious operation at a Spartanburg hospital last Monday. His many friends will be glad to know that the operation was a successful one and that he is now rapidly recovering. His brother, Mr. C. M. Burgess, and Mrs. Burgess went up to be present during the operation and returned home after it was apparent that the danger point had been passed.

## DEPUTY KILLED; AN- OTHER MAN WOUNDED

### Deputy Sheriff J. A. Stewart was Shot Four Times in Grapple. Walter Coon Fell by Wayside, Exhausted.

Greenville, Aug. 27.—J. Arthur Stewart, deputy sheriff at Woodside mills, was shot and almost instantly killed last night at a house on East Sixth street, Woodside mills, where duty had called him to make an investigation. He was shot four times and one of the bullets, passing through the flesh under his arm, entered the chest of Walter Coon, who was holding him while Tom Scott, a cotton mill operative, is alleged to have emptied the pistol which he had seized from the officer's scabbard.

Four women and seven men were placed in jail last night by Sheriff Rector to await the coroner's inquest which will be begun this morning at 9 o'clock in the parlors of Ramseur-McAfee company, South Main street.

In the presence of Chief of Police J. D. Noe, Sergeant Alexander and a few others Sheriff Rector last night obtained from two of the women a statement which indicated that Tom Scott struck Deputy Stewart and that the latter seized Scott and forced him to the floor. Walter Coon then caught hold of the officer and as the three were in grapple, it is stated that Scott pulled Stewart's pistol out of his scabbard and fired four times in quick succession.

"My God, Tom, you have shot me" was the first exclamation which the women witnesses reported they heard. Tom Scott walked in the house and remained a few minutes. Coon left. He was picked up later on the wayside by Sergeant Alexander who found him near Poinsett mills, where he had dropped from exhaustion.

Tom Scott left the house in the meanwhile but returned and was taken in custody by Sheriff Rector, Chief of Rural Police Gosnell, Deputy Sheriff Capell and George King were also on the scene investigating. Within the next half an hour eleven men and women had been landed in jail, most of them being held overnight as witnesses. They gave their names at the jail as: Walter Coon, Tom Scott, B. T. Short, J. W. Cloud, R. W. Sizemore, Ernest Justice, Ola Branch, Rest Timms, Pearly Wood and Pula Center.

## 68 TO BE CALLED FOR THE NEW ARMY

### Those Drafted From This State Will Begin Mobilizing at Camp Jackson, Near Columbia, on September 5.

Orders have been received from the office of W. W. Moore, adjutant general of South Carolina, by local exemption board relative to the apportionment of men to be received into the new national army September 1. According to the orders the state's quota will be called into the service September 1, and will be ordered to mobilize at Camp Jackson, the Columbia cantonment, on September 5.

The quota that will be called into the service at that time is 26 per cent. A similar number will be called into service September 19, and 30 per cent October 3. The remaining 10 per cent will be called into service October 15. The men from this county will be mobilized here previous to being sent to Columbia, where intensive training will be undergone by them. The first number of 68 men from this county will be sent September 5, to Camp Jackson.

### Moving to New Stand.

Red Iron Basket No. 2 forces have been busy since last week moving merchandise from the old stand in the Simmons building to the new stand in the Burns block, opposite the city hall. Mr. Burns has advertised that the new store would be opened for business on September 1, but if the stocks are gotten over before that time business will be continued at the new stand as usual.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Nabors are spending several days on Sullivan's Island and the Isle of Palms, having gone down the first part of the week.

## DEFENSE COUNCIL BRANCH MEETS SEPTEMBER 1ST

### Will Hold Meeting in the Office of Dr. Hughes to Perfect Organization.

W. R. McCuen, secretary of the Laurens county branch of the National Council of Defense, of which Dr. R. E. Hughes is county chairman, has issued a call for a meeting of township chairmen, speakers and members to be held in the office of Dr. Hughes in this city next Saturday, Sept. 1st. The object of the meeting is to perfect the organization already tentatively made and to map out a plan of carrying on the work which the council proposes to do. The meeting is to be held at 2:30 o'clock and a full attendance is requested. An invitation is also extended to the public to attend. If the meeting place is not large enough to accommodate the crowd, adjournment will be had to a larger place.

The following gentlemen have already consented to make addresses under the direction of the county council: Rev. J. E. Jacobs, Clinton; Rev. Geo. Porter, Mountville; W. T. Blakeley, Oco; and R. A. Cooper, H. S. Blackwell, A. C. Todd, James H. Sullivan, W. L. Gray, R. E. Babb and W. B. Knight of Laurens. The council is anxious to have others to assist them in the campaign.

Dr. Hughes has appointed Mr. C. H. Roper as chairman of "Four Minute" speakers for the movies. These speakers, as their title indicates, will make short addresses in the moving picture shows along the same lines that the other speakers will make at the other gatherings. Other members of this committee are Rev. W. S. Holmes, Dr. W. H. Dial, Rev. Wm. A. Fairy and Rev. C. F. Rankin.

Mrs. J. A. Bailey, of Clinton, has been appointed county chairman of the Woman's Defense Council and she, with her co-workers, have been active at work for several weeks. Their present activities are principally directed toward conserving of the food supply by encouraging economies in the home. Mrs. Bailey has had distributed thousands of pledge cards on which the women pledge their support of the government in reducing waste and extravagance in the homes.

## GEO. A. BROWNING, JR., STARTS FUND FOR SOLDIERS

### Says That Local Boys Ought to Be Remembered by the Home Folks.

"Put me down for a \$10 subscription to a fund for our Laurens County boys at Camp Sevier," said Geo. A. Browning, Jr., of Goldville, who was in the city Thursday. "We ought not to lag in our interest for our soldiers who have gone out to fight our battles and we can show our interest every now and then by a little contribution for odds and ends which the government does not supply. Of course the boys get a little more pay than they used to but no amount of money from the government could make up for a lack of appreciation at home. I am for supporting the boys and showing them that we do not forget them while at home in safety and ease."

The fund which Mr. Browning has so generously started is the first public fund that has been started for the Laurens boys since the left for the front. The ladies have gotten up boxes for them on several occasions and these have been largely enjoyed by the boys, but no concerted movement has been made by the men. The Advertiser will be glad to receive further contributions to this fund and remit them to Camp Sevier from time to time. Mr. Browning's idea is to send the money to the boys to be used in any way they see fit. No doubt they can find some very convenient way of disposing of it. Why will follow Mr. Browning's lead and keep the ball rolling?

### Preached Twice Sunday.

Rev. W. R. Minter, of Austin, Tex., preached two impressive sermons at the First Presbyterian church Sunday at the last of the union services of the Presbyterian and Baptist churches. Rev. Templeman, of the First church, and Rev. Rankin, of the Presbyterian church, are expected here this week and will occupy the pulpits of their respective churches Sunday.

### To Resume Services.

Rev. W. A. Fairy announced that regular preaching services will be resumed in the First Methodist church next Sunday. Services will be held at the regular morning and evening hours, eleven and eight-thirty o'clock.

## CONFEDERATE WARRIORS MET IN ANNUAL REUNION

### Addresses Delivered by Dr. Geo. B. Cromer and Hon. R. A. Cooper.

Co. F, 14th Reg., S. C. V., held their annual reunion at Langston church on August 17th. The meeting was called to order by Comrade G. M. Hanna, of Co. Cross Hill. The following members were present: G. M. Hanna, J. Wilson Blakeley, J. R. Anderson, R. W. Taylor, Visiting comrades were R. P. Adair, J. T. Langston, J. D. Mook, W. D. Watts, R. J. Copeland, R. O. Hairston, T. E. Ailam and Dr. C. A. Saxon. S. J. Todd and John Dillard were elected honorary members. Members of the company living but absent were John DeShields, E. J. Denny, L. C. Anderson, H. P. Blakeley, M. P. Blakeley, Dan J. Crisp, J. M. Hopkins, E. Y. McQuown, Sam Nahorse, R. H. Poland, N. C. Sneed, Jim Sparks, C. Templeton, Ben Templeton, Josh Workman, J. B. Smith, Ben Stone. Resolutions on the death of Comrades J. T. Todd and J. Perry Dillard were passed and remarks were made on same by Comrade G. M. Hanna and W. F. Wright. Addresses on the subject of the present war by Dr. Geo. B. Cromer of Newberry and R. A. Cooper of Laurens were greatly appreciated by the company and enjoyed by the people. The next meeting will be at Langston church, August 15, 1918.

Following are the resolutions adopted:

"It becomes our sad duty to offer a tribute of love and appreciation to our beloved Comrades, Mr. J. T. Todd and J. Perry Dillard, who have been taken from us since last we met. The lives of these good men were truly a benediction on those who were fortunate enough to be associated with them. Their noble Christian lives will live on, for they rest from their labors, and their works do follow them. Therefore be it resolved:

I. That we do bow in humble submission to the will of our Heavenly Father whom they loved and served so long and faithfully.

II. That many hearts in our camp and country were filled with grief when it was known that these comrades had departed this life.

III. That though we mourn our loss we thank our heavenly Father for sparing them so long, to help us by their Christian influence and example.

IV. That we extend our tenderest and deepest sympathy to the bereaved families, and commend them to the loving care of a kind Heavenly Father who careth for us.

V. That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the families and our county papers and a copy spread on our minutes.

### It's Lieut. Bearden Now.

Another Laurens county physician, making three so far in all, has received a commission for service with the army. Monday morning Dr. J. M. Bearden received a commission as first lieutenant in the officers reserve medical corps and is now awaiting orders to report at one of the training camps, probably Fort Oglethorpe. The other medical officers are Dr. G. S. Klugh, of Cross Hill, who has been at Fort Oglethorpe, and Dr. T. J. Peak, of Clinton, who is in the canal zone.

### Undergoes Operation.

Samuel Leaman, the little son of Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Leaman, of Cross Hill, was rushed to the City Hospital Sunday afternoon and operated on for appendicitis. Samuel had had two or three attacks previous to this one, but it was not thought necessary to operate before. His numerous friends will be pleased to learn that he is resting very comfortably today.—Greenwood Index.

### Wedless Entertained at Gray Court.

The regular monthly meeting of the county medical society was held with the Gray Court doctors Monday, a very pleasant and profitable meeting being held. The doctors sat down or "stood up" to a high class watermelon feast and performed "serious" but successful operation on a number of melons, which failed to survive the ordeal. The enjoyable entertainment at Gray Court served to awaken interest in the society and to add new life to the organization.

### First Bale of Cotton.

The first bale of cotton ginned in this county has been reported from Goldville, being from the place of Geo. A. Browning, Jr. Mr. Browning was among the first to report an early bale last year.

## AUSTRIAN ARMIES FEELING WEIGHT OF ITALIAN ATTACKS

## NEGRO SOLDIERS RIOT ENDED AT HOUSTON

### Indignation Over Outbreak Particularly Expressed Because of Savagery of Negroes, Mutilated Bodies of Victims, Started Over Arrest of Negro Woman by Policeman.

Houston, Tex., Aug. 21.—A scene probably unique in the annals of the United States army was enacted at Camp Logan during the afternoon when 600 soldiers of the battalion of the 24th negro infantry were disarmed.

Flanked by a full battalion of the 19th infantry under Colonel Millard P. Waltz, and three companies of the coast artillery from Fort Crockett, the negro soldiers were marched four abreast to the parade grounds where their arms were stacked. Army trucks then loaded the rifles and ammunition and conveyed them to the camp storehouse where they were placed under heavy guard.

Surrounded by his men with loaded rifles, Colonel Waltz then addressed the negroes, telling them they would be required to stay in camp and at the same time they would be prevented from committing further violence.

Tonight General Hulen removed certain of the restrictions of military law governing the city and county regarding the passage of civilians through certain districts.

Corroborating to a great extent the statements made in an affidavit earlier in the day by Leroy Pinkett, a private of Company I, 24th infantry, James Bivins, another member of the same company today gave a statement to the district attorney's department.

Bivins told of the holding up of two officers by the negroes and their release upon entreaty of a negro corporal that they should not attack any men.

Risley Young, another private of Company I, attached the major portion of the blame for the outbreak to Sergeant Henry, saying the sergeant had threatened to kill any man who did not follow him.

Military officials, state and federal, refused tonight to discuss the seriousness of the offense and the punishment in store for the negro soldiers.

Captain Sprague said that prior to proceeding to the city where they killed fifteen persons, wounded twenty-one and lost two of their own number his men repeatedly disobeyed orders. There was indiscriminate firing in the camp, he added, but he did not consider any bullets were directed at himself.

"It was not mutiny in the sense of the word as generally used," he said. "But there was repeated disobedience of commands. After leaving the camp the negroes committed murder."

There were no commissioned officers among the men who did the shooting. The non-commissioned officers with the shooters were Sergeant Henry and Corporals Wheatly, Brown, Snodgrass, Moore and Tillman. There are no military charges against the men as yet, but according to Snow, they can be "very serious." Charges will be filed by the commanding officer of the department. It is understood here. Plans for further investigation await the arrival of Major General George Bell, Jr., tomorrow.

The affidavit of Leroy Pinkett and statements of James Bivins and Risley Young, all given to the district attorney, indicate the destructive march of the negro soldiers into the city was in a nature organized, they assert, and that Sgt. Henry in leading the movement threw out rear and point flanks in making the march.

### To Erect Oil Station.

Mr. E. E. Cannon, local manager for the Gulf Refining Company, states that the company has purchased a lot from Mr. F. A. Simpson, near the city power station on the C. & W. C. railroad, and will begin at once the erection of an oil station of considerable dimensions. The company has been trying to obtain a suitable location for a long time and negotiated for several lots, but were never able to put a deal through. The present lot was bought through B. M. Wolff, the real estate man.

## Cordona's Men Make Very Strong Headway. MARCHING ON TO VICTORY

### Austrian Efforts to Win Back Lost Positions are Defeated. Situation in Northern Russia Remains Obscure, New Gains by French.

Rome, Aug. 25.—The Italian troops on the Isonzo front are marching to complete victory.

At Udine, Salvatore Marzilli civil governor of the Austrian territory occupied by the Italian army, when informed of the complete victory of the Italians, exclaimed:

"At least our soldiers have achieved this magnificent thing: they have freed our soil from the ancient enemy."

The final success of the Italians in winning their greatest battle in this war is thrilling the country as never before. Both the army and the civilians set the result of two years' suffering and economic hardships. The victory came unexpectedly, notwithstanding encouraging bulletins of the last fortnight. It is General Cadorna's rule never to announce an event until certain that his troops are able to hold new positions.

The battle along the Isonzo has developed more brilliant successes for the Italians, who are making one of their greatest efforts of the war. General Cadorna's men, who at the beginning of the offensive effected a new crossing of the river north of Gorizia, at a point where the Austrians believed such a feat was impossible, have won another spectacular victory by scaling Monte Santo, 2,245 feet high. This mountain top, seven miles north of Gorizia, dominates the plain to the east of the city, and the Austrian forces there have been able to hold up the Italian advance. The Austrian line of defense was broken at several points and the Italians are pursuing the retiring enemy.

Further south, on the Carso, fighting continues violently and incessantly. Austrian efforts to win back lost positions were defeated.

New gains have been made by the French on the Verdun front, rounding out the victory won in the offensive begun on Monday. The French advanced north of Hill 204, Paris announced, and captured three fortified works near Bethincourt. The official German statement, however, says French attacks between Malancourt and Bethincourt, as well as east of the Meuse, were repulsed.

On the British front sharp local engagements are in progress.

The official German statement concedes a small British advance near the Ypres-Menin road, but says that at other points the British were repulsed, with heavy losses. The capture of a British position east of St. Julien is reported.

The situation on the northern end of the Russian front remains obscure. Official Russian reports earlier in the week made it appear that a German offensive, with the capture of Riga presumably as its objective, was under way.

The German communications have not borne this out, except that an advance to the River Aa at several places was reported on Friday. The German statement of Saturday spoke of no more activity in this sector. Neither did the official report from Petrograd mention any operations near Riga.

On the Central Russian front a German battalion penetrated the Russian lines northwest of Pinsk, but later the Teutons were ejected by a counter-attack. On the Romanian front Italian forces have died down.

In the Caucasus the Russians are showing greater activity at several points. Turkish positions on the heights in the region of Mount Herodias have been occupied, the Turks retreating under pressure.

### Died at Hospital.

Mr. L. H. Thayer, a resident of Watts Mill, recently came here from Glendale, died in the free ward at the Julia Irby sanitarium yesterday afternoon. The deceased leaves a wife and seven children who are in strained circumstances.