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## SECOND BATTLE OF MARNE A GREAT ALLIED VICTORY

### Decisive Defeat Inflicted on Huns

### EYES TURN TO THE NORTHWEST

With the Germans Thoroughly Vanquished on the Soissons-Rheims Salient All Eyes Now Turn to the Northwest Where Crown Prince Rupprecht is Being Pressed.

The German retreat continues unabated with the Allies everywhere in hot pursuit.

After hard fighting the Americans and French have succeeded in taking from the Germans the important town of Fismes, once Germany's great ammunition and supply depot, midway on the railway between Soissons and Rheims, while to the east at a number of places along the Vesle river, the French have crossed the stream, driving the enemy northward. East of Soissons Allied troops have negotiated the passage of the Aisne to the northern bank of that stream where they are in a position to press the enemy as he endeavors to straighten out his line in conformity with that running northwestward.

So fast has been the retreat of the Germans in the center that already some elements of their forces have succeeded in reaching the northern bank of the Aisne and getting numbers of their big guns across with them. All through the salient towns are still ablaze behind the retreating Germans and even cornfields have been set afire in order to prevent the Allied troops from garnering the ripened crop.

By Associated Press, Aug. 6.—The Germans now are imposing strong opposition to the further advance of the Allied troops along the Vesle river from the east of Soissons to the region west of Rheims.

Meantime, however, the main bodies of the enemy army continue to make their way toward the Aisne, to the north of which stream they hope somewhere to reach a haven of safety from the persistent onslaught of the American, British, French and the Italian troops, who in less than three weeks have all but blotted out the Soissons-Rheims salient.

Notwithstanding the bringing into play by the enemy of large numbers of machine guns and artillery of the heavier calibre, and the employment of large numbers of picked troops, including the well-tried Prussian Guard and the Bavarians; and in spite of the fact that the rains have sent the river Vesle out of bounds and turned the lowlands into quagmires, the Americans and the other Allied troops have forced crossing of the river at a number of points and on the north side of the stream are engaging the enemy.

It is now expected in military circles that it is the purpose of the Germans to turn about and face their enemies south of the Aisne. The hilly region to the north of the Aisne—probably the old Chemin des Dames battle front—is considered the more probable sector on which the crown prince will elect again to test the mettle of the men of General Foch's command.

It is not beyond the realm of possibility that the greater portion of the western battle front shortly may undergo material changes in positions. From the southeast of Amiens near Montdidier northward to the region around Ypres the German front seems all atremble with expectancy.

Just what the Germans have in mind cannot be foretold. It is known, however, that Crown Prince Rupprecht of Bavaria during the early stages of the Allied offensive on the Soissons-Rheims sector detached large numbers of his men and sent them to the aid of his sorely-tryed imperial cousin, the German crown prince, thereby weakening his line while Field Marshal Haig's front was not materially touched by withdrawals.

It is not improbable therefore, that Rupprecht is worrying somewhat over his diminution in strength and already has placed barriers between himself and the forces fronting him to ward off possible attacks and is endeavoring to ascertain what chances he has to hold other positions from which he had intended ultimately to

## CONGRESSIONAL CAMPAIGN OPENS AGE LIMITS ARE INCREASED IN MAN POWER BILL

### Aspirants for Congressional Honors Spoke to Clinton Awditors Monday Night. To Speak Here Thursday

The congressional campaign opened in Clinton Monday night with all three candidates present. Wilson W. Harris, editor of The Clinton Chronicle, presided over the meeting and throughout the evening good order prevailed. The speaking was interrupted several times by passing trains, but the crowds evidenced interest enough in the candidates to remain to the end. Horace L. Bomar, of Spartanburg, was the first speaker and he was followed by Congressman Nicholls, Mr. D. B. Traxler spoke last. The feature of the meeting were the assaults made by Messrs. Bomar and Traxler upon Mr. Nicholls' record in congress and upon his activities in the Gelfuss case. Both aspirants for Mr. Nicholls' seat attempted to make out a case of neglect of duty, corruption influence and non-support of the president in the war legislation.

**Bomar Speaks.**  
Horace L. Bomar of Spartanburg, was the first speaker. He opened his address by reading a correspondence with Congressman Nicholls relative to arranging a speaking itinerary through the district which he stated was opposed by the Congressman who had said that he preferred to arrange his own meetings in the district and to speak as long as he desired. He didn't think his position sounded well and was glad that a campaign had been arranged in which the candidates could come together, to discuss the issues and to take up Mr. Nicholls' record with him present. Bomar said he had no apology for being in the race and that he had entered in response to requests from friends in every county in the district. "The keynote of the entire race, he asserted, was thorough patriotism and support of the nation's policies in the war. He said that he would make no personal attack on any candidate, but that Congressman Nicholls had announced through the papers that he was asking for re-election on his record and that Mr. Nicholls expected that record to be studied and criticized. Congressman Nicholls,

said Mr. Bomar, went to Washington as a man who had opposed Wilson in the convention, supporting Harmon—"He got started wrong." He opposed the "bedrock" and foundation measures of all our war preparations, the selective draft law. He declared that on four different occasions Nicholls had voted against Wilson's policies in reference to this measure. He said that Nicholls had opposed the eight-hour day law and the child labor law. He referred to Nicholls' part in the "dirty" Gelfuss case and declared that Nicholls had sent a message to the commission in Spartanburg not to issue a warrant for Gelfuss and was trying thereby to save the "hide" of a German who was under suspicion for disloyalty and for stealing from the government. Mr. Bomar concluded his address by reiterating that this is a critical time in the history of the nation and urged the necessity of sending representatives to Congress who thoroughly understand and ready to stand by the vital principles of government which he had outlined.

**Sam J. Nicholls.**  
Congressman Nicholls was the second speaker. He immediately launched into a defense of his record upon which he is asking re-election. He told of his military experience and that he had been assigned to the important Military Affairs Committee. He said he was present to answer the attacks made upon his record, and declared that neither of his opponents were familiar with what was going on in Washington. He admitted that he had missed the eighty-three roll calls and said that many times when these bills would come up that he would be attending committee meetings which he considered more important. He admitted Traxler's charge that he had paired with the Republicans and explained to the audience what a "pair" was and the purpose it served. If one man is going to vote for a bill and another is going to vote against it,

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### SOUTHERNERS HELD ON GRAVE CHARGE

### Travis, Former Partner of Kitchin and Green, Blame Staff Officer, in Jail.

Washington, Aug. 3.—United States Commissioner Richardson today fixed at \$500 each bail bonds for Edward Travis, member of the Corporation Commission of North Carolina and one of the most prominent lawyers of the State, Delim Barnett Joseph of Chicago and Leon Meyer Green, now of New York, formerly a colonel of the staff of Cole L. Blenese of South Carolina.

The three men were taken into custody late yesterday afternoon on warrants sworn out before Commissioner Richardson by a special agent of the Department of Justice on a charge of conspiring to evade the draft law.

Green is within the draft age and the warrant charges that the three men conspired to obtain for him a deferred classification. In furtherance of the alleged conspiracy, the warrant charged that Green entered into a contract to be employed by the Port Amboy Dry Dock Company and to devote all his time to such employment. "Whereas in fact he was to be free from obligation to devote his time thereto." It also is charged in the warrant that Green made oath before his draft board in New York that he was engaged in an industrial enterprise necessary to the maintenance of the military establishment.

Back of the arrest is said to be an allegation of conspiracy to defraud the United States of vast sums of money in connection with contracts which the three men are said to have declared they were able to negotiate with the shipping board. According to reports reaching the Department of Justice, Travis, Joseph and Green had been negotiating with the Dry Dock Company for several months to procure contracts totaling \$40,000,000 under which the Port Amboy Dry Dock Company of New Jersey was to build ships for the United States Shipping Board.

It is reported that Travis, who was a former law partner of Representative Kitchin, before the latter came to Congress, he expected to receive a fee for \$100,000.

Joseph, it is asserted, looked for \$150 a ton on each ship built under the proposed contract and Green was to be employed by the shipbuilding concern.

Richard P. McDonald, a Chicago banker, connected with the asserted Amboy Co., is said to have discovered the details of the alleged agreement and to have advised the Federal authorities, it is stated.

Bond is being arranged so that the three prisoners may be released. They are confined in three different city jails here. The idea being to prevent them from having further intercourse with each other.

### SCHOOL FACULTY ANNOUNCED.

### Six Teachers of Last Year's Faculty to Return. Time of Opening Not Yet Announced.

Six teachers of last year's teaching corps of the city schools will serve with the schools next year. For various reasons the remainder did not ask for re-election and almost an entirely new faculty has been elected. The six teachers who are again with the local schools are Misses Allene Franks, Florida Harper, Ella Roland and Mary Parker, in the central school, and Misses Mary P. Simpson and Annie Clady at the Laurens Mill school. The following new teachers have been elected and their acceptances received: Miss Lucile Smith, Bennettsville, N. C.  
Miss Ruby Anderson, Williamston.  
Miss Mina Love, Chester.  
Miss Susie L. Nance, Due West.  
Mrs. Emma H. Roper, Laurens.  
Miss Lucia Cockrell, Jacksonville, Fla.  
Miss Hart Sheridan, Greenwood.  
Miss Eva P. Seawright, Donalds.  
As announced several weeks ago, Mr. J. T. Spears, for the past several years principal of one of the Augusta schools, will be in charge of the city schools here. No announcement has been made yet as to the time of opening.

### New Limits Are 18 and 45 Years

### CROWDER ASKS QUICK ACTION

### Suggests that Law be Passed in Time for Registration September 5th when New Men Becoming of Age Since June 5th Will Register. Old Draft Depleted.

Washington, Aug. 5.—With an urgent recommendation from Provost Marshal General Crowder that it be enacted without delay, and a suggestion that September 5th next might be fixed as registration day for approximately 13,000,000 men throughout the country the administration's man-power bill requiring the registration for military service of all men between the ages of 18 and 45 years was introduced today in the Senate and House.

Unless immediate steps are taken to provide additional men, General Crowder said the weekly registration of men as they attained 21 years of age will be necessary to fill the draft quotas after September 1, when only 100,000 of the 1918 registrants will be available.

Upon the introduction of the bill, Chairman Chamberlain announced that the Senate military committee would meet tomorrow to consider the bill.

He said he did not think hearings would be necessary and only three or four days should be required to report the bill. Chairman Dent of the House committee said since only three members of his committee are in Washington, it was doubtful whether the bill could be acted upon before the house reconvenes on August 19.

Suggestions made by Senator Curtis of Kansas, that the Senate abandon its program of recesses and perfunctory sessions until August 24 if the bill can be favorably reported by the committee within a few days were endorsed by Senator Chamberlain. However, Senate leaders now in the city said any plans to this effect would be held in abeyance until the committee could determine just how much time would be necessary for a thorough discussion of the bill.

The bill would amend the present selective service act so as to require the registration of all between 18 and 20 years and 32 and 45 inclusive. While the total number of men in the latter classes would total 10,028,973, General Crowder estimates the total number who would be eligible for class one would be only 601,236, owing to exemptions for dependents or industrial and physical reasons. Between 18 and 20 years his estimates show that 3,171,771 would register, while 1,787,609 men would be eligible for class one.

### MISS INA LITTLE ELECTED SECRETARY

### Probably Only Woman Occupying Executive Position in Cotton Mill Industry.

At a meeting of the directors of the Watts Mills corporation held several days ago, Miss Ina Little, who has been a member of the clerical force for about a year, was elected secretary of the mill succeeding Chas. F. Simpson who has recently entered the army. Miss Little, who is a daughter of Mrs. J. Ran Little, of this city, was with the Dumean Mills of Greenville before she came to the Watts Mills here. Her election to an official position is a signal honor for her as she probably becomes the only woman occupying an executive position in the entire cotton mill industry. Mr. Harold Smith, general manager of the mill, stated yesterday that he was at least certain that there was no other woman occupying an executive position in southern cotton mills.

At the same meeting of the directors Mr. E. O. Anderson, who has recently been with the Peoples Loan & Exchange Bank, was elected bookkeeper and at the meeting of the directors of the Lucas Bank immediately following was elected cashier of the bank.

Mrs. Chas. H. Rounds came over from Greenwood Sunday to spend some time with Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Dunklin and other relatives.

### RURAL BALLOTS BEING SENT OUT

### Tickets for the Australian System Cannot be Prepared Without Data, Notice to Chairmen.

Columbia, Aug. 4.—Ashley C. Tobias, Jr., secretary of the State executive committee, announced Saturday that on Monday he would commence shipping to the county chairmen, the ballots to be used in rural communities and in precincts other than in incorporated towns, at the primary August 27. The Australian ballot law applies only to incorporated towns and in rural communities and precincts not in incorporated towns the same form of ballot as heretofore used in all precincts of the State will be used. These also are the ballots to be sent by the county chairmen to absent voters, known to be in the civil, military or naval service of the country.

The Australian ballots will not be sent out until later, as the necessary information has not been supplied to Mr. Tobias.

"I have not yet been able," stated Mr. Tobias, "to secure all the information from the several counties, which necessarily I must have in order properly to prepare the ballots. Under the Australian ballot act, ballots to be used in precincts in incorporated towns must contain the name of the ward and the names of the club, and must be numbered serially up to 50 per cent in excess of the number of voters enrolled at each voting precinct."

"In order intelligently to prepare these ballots, therefore, I must secure from each chairman:

"First, the names of the precinct in the incorporated towns of this county, and

"Second, the number of voters enrolled at each.

"Until I secure this information it is impossible to prepare the ballots. It is my desire to have all ballots in the hands of the county chairman by the 15th of the month, but this will depend altogether upon the rapidity with which I am able to secure the information I need."

### CAPT. TODD HONORED BY SONG BY COHEN

### Famous Song Writer Dedicates New War Song to Headquarters Company of 324th Infantry.

A recent issue of the New York Telegram contained an account of a new war song just off the press by Geo. M. Cohen, famous song writer and producer, dedicated to the headquarters company of the 324th Regiment, of which Capt. B. R. Todd, of this county, is commander. Capt. Todd's company is composed largely of New York boys and numbers among its members quite a few men of theatrical prominence. That Capt. Todd has a strong hold on the affections of his men is indicated by the new song written in his honor. The clipping from the New York paper is as follows:

"Toddling Over the Rhine With Todd" is the title of a new marching song written by George M. Cohen and dedicated to the 324th Infantry in honor of Capt. Benjamin R. T. Todd of Headquarters Company, Color Sergeant Walter S. Duggan of the 324th formerly advance guard of the Cohen & Harris standard in the United States, is already singing the new regimental song with great effect, and as the regiment is now under sailing orders for "a port in Europe," the latest addition to our war melodies may soon be heard at the front.

### Campaign Meeting Here Thursday.

The senatorial and congressional candidates will speak in Laurens Thursday. The meeting will be held in the court house unless the size of the crowd makes it necessary to hold it elsewhere. Ex-Gov. Cole L. Blenese and Mr. Thos. H. Peebles have not indicated whether or not they will be present. All of the other candidates are expected to attend. The meeting will open at 11 o'clock.

### Fleming School to Open.

The Fleming school will open Monday morning, August 12, with Miss Belle Burns as principal and Miss Ora Powers as assistant. A full attendance is hoped for.