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BOLSHEVIK DESTROY ENEMY ARMY

Army of Wrangel Reported Wiped Out

MANY GENERALS COMMIT SUICIDE

Soviet Forces Go Forward in Mass Formation, Succeeding Waves Replacing Fallen Columns, Sebastopol Reported as Captured Saturday Night.

Constantinople, Nov. 11.—The army of General Wrangel, the anti-Bolshevik commander in south Russia, has been wiped out and a number of his generals have committed suicide.

A mob in Sebastopol has pillaged the American Red Cross stocks.

The American torpedo boat destroyers at Sebastopol are evacuating officers and their families. The American destroyer Humphreys has gone to Malta to take off the Red Cross supplies.

London, Nov. 18.—Reuter's Paris correspondent says it is reported that the Bolsheviks captured Sebastopol Saturday night.

Sebastopol advices of Sunday make no mention of the capture of the city by the Bolsheviks.

Paris, Nov. 14 (By the Associated Press).—General Wrangel's army thoroughly beaten, is continuing to retreat southward, according to information received by the French foreign office today, pursued by a well-commanded Bolshevik army of 27 divisions. General Wrangel has suffered great losses and many of his officers have been killed.

General Wrangel has gone aboard one of the French warships in Sebastopol, but the vessel still is remaining in port, say the advices. The evacuation is continuing, but there is inadequate shipping for the number of persons seeking to flee.

Constantinople, Nov. 13.—Premier Krivochin of General Wrangel's government arrived here today to arrange for the transporting of women, children and wounded from the Crimea. He said the possibility of a general evacuation of the Crimea could not be excluded and that everything was being done to save the remnants of General Wrangel's army.

"Evacuation will be extremely difficult," Premier Krivochin declared, "but we have opened pourparlers to establish conditions regarding evacuation."

The situation is extremely grave. M. Krivochin said General Wrangel's troops are inferior to the Bolsheviks and his losses have been enormous. Premier Krivochin stated that General Wrangel's troops are exhausted, having repelled 22 attacks in the past four days.

The Bolshevik artillery has been terribly destructive, he added.

The Bolsheviks, according to Premier Krivochin take no heed of losses, three or four columns attacking en masse often being annihilated, but fresh troops constantly are brought up. Nearly all General Wrangel's divisional or regimental commanders have been killed or wounded, the premier said.

Sebastopol, Nov. 14.—Mutinies in General Wrangel's army brought about his sudden defeat, it was learned here today. The French warship Waldeck Rousseau, is in port ready to embark General Wrangel who is here.

At Long Branch School

A box supper and Thanksgiving exercise will be held at Long Branch School house Wednesday night, Nov. 24. The exercises will begin at 7:30. The public is invited. The proceeds are for the benefit of the school.

Box Supper at Mt. Pleasant.

The public is cordially invited to attend a box supper at Mt. Pleasant School building Friday night, November 19th. Come and bring; if you can't come send.

Mrs. Laurens Barksdale had as her guest last week end, Miss Nell Payne, of Clinton.

MEETING HELD MONDAY FOR COTTON CORPORATION

Hon. Alan Johnston, of Newberry, Pointed Out the Need of Supporting the Cotton Corporation.

Hon. Alan Johnston, of Newberry, addressed a gathering of farmers and business men in the court house Monday morning in the interest of the American Products Export and Import Corporation. Mr. Johnston said that spinners of Central Europe were anxious to buy cotton from America, but were unable to pay for it in cash and credit was not available to them for its purchase on time. The object of the corporation, he said, was to overcome this obstacle by selling cotton to them on long time payments and thus relieve the congestion in this country. He urged upon those present the necessity of subscribing to the corporation stock as the best available means of strengthening the cotton market. He was heard with a great deal of interest by his audience.

About \$40,000 in money, Liberty Bonds and cotton has been subscribed to the corporation stock in this county and the campaign is still being pushed. Mrs. C. A. Power is chairman of the stock committee in this county and would be glad to receive further subscriptions.

PLEASED FLORENCE ROTARIANS

Frank McCray Appears in New Role in Florence and Captivates His Audience.

The following reference to Frank McCray, the evangelistic singer from this city, taken from the editorial column of The Florence Daily Times, will be read with interest by his friends here:

"Not in a long time has Florence Rotary Club enjoyed itself as much as it did yesterday afternoon at the regular Thursday luncheon when Frank McCray entertained its membership in song and story. Mr. McCray has every right to be a headliner in leading chataqua work, but he was elected to answer a higher call, and is doing a wonderful work as a song evangelist and personal worker in his Master's vineyard. In Florence assisting Dr. F. H. Martin in the conduct of a series of revival meetings at the First Baptist Church it was Rotary's good fortune to have Mr. McCray as its guest yesterday afternoon. He is an impersonator of rare ability and not only this, tells his vast funds of genuinely humorous stories with a skill that delights and charms. For nearly an hour he kept his audience shaking with laughter and then as a climax took the twenty-one business men through a stunt that fairly took their breath away. Mr. McCray is not a Rotarian himself as his work takes him from place to place, but he breathes its spirit and if he ever stops long enough in any town or city where Rotary exists or a field for its activities is found, International Rotary will gain a rich addition. It is sincerely hoped that Frank McCray will come this way often and stop long. He is good for the mind and for the heart and for the soul."

DEVELOPMENT BOARD AND STATE CHAMBER CONSOLIDATE

Two Bodies to Act as One Under Leadership of A. V. Snell. Offices in Columbia.

Columbia, S. C., Nov. 15.—Consolidation of the South Carolina state chamber of commerce with the South Carolina Development Board will become effective within a very short time. The new name of the organization will be the South Carolina Development Board and Chamber of Commerce.

Determination to merge the organizations followed upon a feeling that more can be thus accomplished than by permitting the bodies to operate separately. The development board has been particularly successful in its appeal to the farmers to unite while the state chamber was representative of the business interests in the larger centers.

The new association, with the removal of all fear of duplication and overlapping in activities, will be stronger than the two acting separately could hope to be. Headquarters will remain in Columbia and the management of the board will be in the hands of Arthur V. Snell, until now executive of the Charleston Chamber of Commerce.

VERDICT FOR PLAINTIFF IN ADAMS-WILKES SUIT

Nearly Three Days Consumed in Hearing of Suit Over Fire Loss.

Nearly three days were consumed last week in common pleas court in the case of J. J. Adams vs. S. M. & E. H. Wilkes & Company in which the plaintiff asked damages in the sum of \$7,500 for the loss of his house and contents by fire alleged to have been caused by the negligent installation of a furnace by the defendant company. The damages asked for by the plaintiff represented the appraised value of the building and contents. After hearing the case from Wednesday afternoon until Saturday afternoon and remaining in the jury room about four hours, the jury returned a verdict for the defendants. Notice of appeal was given by attorneys for the plaintiff.

The principal allegations of the plaintiff were that in installing the furnace the defendants allowed pieces of timber to remain in the chimney through which the flue was built, this timber igniting and being transmitted to the frame-work of the building above, and also in placing the flue pipe so close to sills underneath the house that the heat it gave off set the sills on fire. A mass of testimony by witnesses of the fire and by experts was introduced by both sides, the case being one of the hardest fought in the local civil court in years.

In the case of Homer Sumner vs. W. C. Waldrop, in which the plaintiff asked damages to the amount of \$5,000 for false arrest and assault, the plaintiff was awarded a verdict of \$281.25. The plaintiff alleged that the defendant assaulted him following a dispute they had on the streets of Laurens several months ago over alleged reckless driving of the plaintiff and that the defendant illegally carried him by force to the city police station and turned him over to officers there. The defense of Mr. Waldrop was that the plaintiff passed him several times in his automobile at a reckless speed, throwing dust in his face and otherwise acting in a very aggravating manner.

Mr. J. W. Hill, of Cross Hill, was awarded a verdict of \$111.12 against the Southern Express Company for a dog lost in transit while in care of the defendant.

On account of interruptions of the regular days of court by elections and holidays, a special term of the court will be held for one week in December.

CLAIM BRIBERY IN BUILDING SCANDAL

Testimony in Probe "Building Trust" Alleges Payment "Strike Insurance." Follows Tumultuous Session With Hylan.

New York, Nov. 12.—After another tumultuous session with Mayor Hylan, the joint legislative committee investigating the "building trust" today heard testimony alleging the payment of \$32,000 by a building contractor to Robert P. Brindell, president of the building trades council, for "strike insurance."

Testimony by Hugh S. Robertson, of Todd, Irons and Robertson, that he had paid this amount as part payment on an agreement to pay the labor leader \$50,000 for protection against strikes, came as a startling climax to the afternoon session of the committee, which spent the greater part of the day probing into the city's school limestone contracts.

Despite protest by Samuel Untermyer, the committee's counsel, that Mayor Hylan was trying to turn the hearing into a "circus" and "this orderly investigation into a general beer garden" the mayor persisted throughout the session to get a letter before the committee exonerating him of any responsibility in having the school building contracts changed from terra cotta to limestone. Failing in this, the mayor gave the letters to newspapers for publication.

The mayor was finally excused as a witness until next Wednesday when the committee resumes its hearing.

Box Supper at Central.

The Central School girls and teachers will entertain Friday night, 19th inst., with a box supper. The ladies will sell sandwiches. The public is cordially invited. A good time and pretty girls galore. Come.

BAPTISTS PLAN EVANGELISTIC CAMPAIGN

Simultaneous Evangelistic Campaign in all the Baptist Churches in Laurens Association, Nov. 22nd to Dec. 5th.

Plans have been perfected by which almost the entire evangelistic force of the Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention located at Atlanta, and the evangelistic force of the Baptist State Board of Mission of Columbia together with a number of pastor-evangelists have been secured to conduct simultaneous evangelistic meetings in Laurens Association, Nov. 22nd to Dec. 5th. Every church in the Laurens Association together with the Hurricane church which is in the Reedy River Association is entering heartily into the campaign. Rev. W. W. Hamilton, D.D., of Atlanta, Ga. will have the general oversight of the entire campaign. He has been conducting simultaneous campaigns with marked success for many years and we have no reason to believe that this campaign will mean much to the religious and moral forces of Laurens County.

Below is a list of the churches, evangelists and singers. Most of the churches will continue the meetings from Nov. 22nd to Dec. 5: Beavertown, Rev. L. R. O'Brien; Chestnut Ridge, Rev. W. C. McPherson, S. J. Spencer, singer; New Prospect, Rev. W. E. Neill, J. S. Rushing; Mt. Pleasant, Rev. W. J. Ray; Bethabara, to be supplied; Cross Hill, Rev. C. A. Owens, C. O. Miller; Mountville, Rev. R. W. Thiot, J. D. Hoffman; Waterloo, Rev. L. C. Wolf, W. J. Morris; Beulah, Rev. J. E. McManaway; Durbin, Rev. A. F. Beddoe, W. J. Work; Harmony, Rev. O. W. Triplett; Calvary-Clinton, Rev. H. T. Stevens, E. G. Johnson; Clinton, Rev. W. W. Hamilton, W. P. Martin; Friendship, Nov. 29th, Dec. 5th, Rev. P. A. Anthony, Gray Court, Nov. 22-29, Rev. P. A. Aahnton; Rabun Creek, Rev. J. S. Dill; Henderson, Nov. 22-28, Rev. E. M. Ramsey; Langston, Nov. 29-Dec. 5, Rev. E. M. Ramsey; Highland Home, Rev. E. J. Isenhour, E. A. Patterson; Lanford, Rev. H. C. Bucholtz; Warrior Creek, Rev. L. T. Mays; Laurens, 1st, Rev. B. B. Bailey, J. W. Jelks; Laurens 2nd and Lucas Avenue, Rev. U. S. Thomas, J. P. Carter; Goldville, Rev. Raleigh Right; Nov. 22-28, W. C. Crindell; Lydia-Clinton, Nov. 28-Dec. 5, Rev. Raleigh Right, W. C. Crindell; Poplar Springs, Rev. E. S. Pool, Jesse T. Williams; Princeton, Rev. J. J. Beach; Union, Rev. W. L. Head; Hurricane, Rev. Samuel Long, Mr. Lynch; Mt. Olive, Nov. 22-28, Rev. L. J. Bristow; Bethany, Nov. 22-28, Rev. N. R. Stone; Mt. Gallagher, Nov. 28-Dec. 5, Rev. N. R. Stone; Belview, Nov. 29-Dec. 5, Rev. G. C. Smith; Holly Grove, Nov. 22-28, Rev. G. C. Smith.

Only one service each day and that at night at such hour as each congregation may determine. There will be a central meeting each day, morning at 10:30 at the First church in Laurens for all evangelists and workers. Edward Long, Clinton, S. C., Nov. 13, 1920.

G. O. P. CAMPAIGN COST \$3,431,000

Figures Given Out By Upham Show Huge Figure. Deficit is \$1,350,000.

French Lick, Ind., Nov. 11.—The Republican national campaign cost \$3,431,000, according to figures given out here tonight by Fred W. Upham, treasurer of the Republican national committee, who is here for a brief rest. He stated that the deficit amounted to \$1,350,000.

Treasurer Upham said that he had just completed his report and that the deficit was after all bills had been paid.

Mr. Upham said he would leave here Sunday for New York, where he would submit his report on Republican finances to a meeting of the national committee on Monday. After approval by Chairman Will H. Hays and the committee the treasurer said he would file the report in Washington.

Cotton Market Weak

The cotton market has shown further declines during the past week, though a better tone prevailed Monday and Tuesday. Local buyers have been paying around 18 cents for good cotton, but report little demand from their connections.

LAURENS COTTON MILL MAY INCREASE STOCK

Recommendations to That Effect Made to Stockholders by Directors at Meeting Held Last Week.

At the annual meeting of directors of the Laurens Cotton Mill, held in the company's offices here last week, a resolution was adopted recommending to the stockholders that the capital stock of the mill be increased from \$550,000 to \$1,250,000. The stockholders have been called to meet on December 14th when the recommendation of the directors will be acted upon. It is not stated how the stock is to be issued, whether as a stock dividend or by sale of additional stock, as this will be decided upon at the stockholders' meeting.

The report of the management of the mill showed it to be in a prosperous condition. Mr. M. L. Smith, assistant treasurer, was elected to the directorate to succeed the late S. D. Brewster, of New York, who died last winter. Resolutions to the memory of Mr. Brewster were introduced by Mr. N. B. Dial and passed by the directors. The old officers of the company were re-elected, as follows: N. B. Dial, president; W. S. Montgomery, manager and treasurer, and M. L. Smith, assistant treasurer.

DECISION HANDED DOWN IN SHAW CASE

Mrs. Bessie D. Shaw Awarded Judgment for Unpaid Alimony and Future Payments.

Judge Ernest Moore handed down his decision last week in the case of Mrs. Bessie D. Shaw vs. Mr. W. M. Shaw in which he awarded Mrs. Shaw the sum of \$1,875 and interest on payments of back alimony, payment of \$125 per month as alimony in the future, besides confirming the deed to certain lands which Mr. Shaw contended had been obtained from him through fraud. The case was a suit brought by Mr. Shaw to set aside this deed. The order provides that should Mr. Shaw, the plaintiff, fail to pay said amounts that the defendant will be entitled to sell the land for their payment.

In his decision Judge Moore also stipulated that a Declaration of Trust given by Mrs. Shaw to Mr. Shaw should be properly recorded. This Declaration of Trust was an agreement by Mrs. Shaw to return the land if Mr. Shaw would give a bond in the sum of \$10,000 for the proper performance of his agreement as to alimony. The testimony before the referee, Mr. C. A. Power, showed that Mr. Shaw had returned this Declaration of Trust to Mrs. Shaw, it being introduced as evidence.

Mrs. Shaw was directed to pay off any encumbrance placed on the property since the deed was executed.

Child Accidentally Killed.

Matthew McDaniel, the twelve months' old child of Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Myers, who live on the Gray Court road, was fatally injured last Wednesday morning when its elder brother backed an automobile over its body in coming out of the garage at their home. The infant was playing on the ground and was not seen by its brother. The child was rushed to the hospital here for attention, but expired very soon after reaching there. The funeral was held at Highland Home church Thursday, being attended by a large number of friends who sympathize with the parents in their bereavement.

Soldier Body Carried Home.

The body of Private Rosco Williams, which was found in a room in the Laurens Hotel last Monday morning and which was held in the Kennedy undertaking establishment for several days upon orders of army officials, was removed Thursday morning and sent to the home of relatives. The body was accompanied by a sergeant of the 11th infantry, of which he was a member. No further light was thrown on the reasons for the suicide.

Captures Large Shill

Rural Policemen Owens and Boyd made a raid in Reedy River in Sullivan township last Thursday morning returning to the city with the largest still of the season. The outfit was expensively constructed and had evidently been in operation very recently. No arrests were made.

WAR MATERIALS LEFT TO WEATHER

Resident Engineer Charges Much Negligence

HUGE RENTALS FOR YARD SITES

Former Resident Engineer, in Testifying Before Walsh Committee, Charges That Government Suffered Heavy Losses Through Mismanagement and Neglect.

New York, Nov. 16.—Machinery and shipbuilding equipment valued at millions of dollars was left out in the open to deteriorate in value months after plants were closed down with the ending of the war, Paul H. MacNeill, a former resident engineer of the shipping board in the South Atlantic district testified today before the Walsh committee investigating shipping board affairs.

MacNeill said he was stationed at Savannah and had five yards under his supervision, his immediate chief being R. H. Dillingham, at Jacksonville, the district plant engineer. Just what his own authority was he did not know he testified, but he said he "assumed a great deal in the endeavor to straighten out tangles."

He said the yards were well organized, "better perhaps than were the emergency fleet forces for they generally could get the better of the government organization." He brought into his testimony the name of the Terry Ship yards and the National Ship Building company and a marine railway organization over which he had supervision. He said that the Terry people had a trust loan from the fleet corporation to be used in ship construction and that over his protests money in this fund was used to finance a subsidiary organization engaged in dry dock work, when their contracts were only about one-third complete. Through his efforts \$116,000 of this fund was held up, but he added that he had ascertained that part of the money was again diverted.

Speaking of the National Ship Building Company, the witness said that work there had shut down previous to his arrival on the scene.

Left in Weather.

"I found nothing had been done to take care of the properties and valuable machinery was left uncovered to the weather," he said. On his own responsibility he took steps to save as much of it as was possible. He invoiced the property. His guess as to its value was \$1,500,000 and \$2,000,000. He also asserted that in the auditing of the affairs of the plant 101 numbered vouchers could not be accounted for.

Another point he made was that equipment, ordered previous to the closing of the plant was still coming to the yard. He tried to have it stopped and suggested it was new and could be returned to the vendors by payment of the freight only.

"They told me to keep my hands off and let the machinery come," MacNeill declared.

The Terry yard, he testified, had a complete equipment and contracts for several tankers and composite ships, none of which was completed. He valued the equipment of this yard at about \$1,500,000 and added that while there was sufficient lumber at hand to build sheds to protect the exposed machinery, it was not done. The marine railway, he testified, was built on land owned by a private individual who had an agreement for rental of his property with no specified amount named. The railway was built with emergency fleet funds amounting to about \$100,000 with an additional \$12,000 worth of filling supplies by the government for another operation. This property he said, was in controversy, and it was his opinion that under the laws of Georgia it was owned by the man who had title to the land."

Gray Court-Owings Lyceum

The St. Claire Sisters will be the next attraction on the Gray Court-Owings lyceum course. This attraction will appear at the school house Tuesday evening, Nov. 23, and is said to be one of great merit. The public is invited.