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OPPOSED TO RAISING SALARIES

OF STATE OFFICIALS--GOVERNOR THINKS EXPENSES SHOULD RATHER BE DECREASED.

Columbia, November 15:—"The present financial condition of the people of South Carolina makes it of the utmost importance that the cost of State Government be decreased rather than increased," said Governor Manning today, when asked for his views on the question of increase in salaries as proposed in a statement printed in Sunday's papers. "While the salaries paid our Judges and State officials are low," said the Governor, "we are just now recovering from the financial hardships of the recent panic caused by the low price of our products as the result of the European war, and it behooves us to watch closely every item of expense in order to hold down the tax levy to a minimum.

"The last session of our Legislature created the South Carolina tax commission for the purpose of reforming the tax laws of the State and equalizing the burdens of taxation so that all our people would be placed on the same basis. Until this commission shall have completed its work I feel that we should dismiss from our minds the subject of increased expenses.

"The awakening of our people on the subject of common school education makes it of the utmost importance that we provide facilities for increasing the efficiency of our rural and common schools. These facilities cost money, and until means for the education of every white child in South Carolina are provided I shall oppose increase in other departments. If we have any extra money to spend," said the Governor, "let's put it in the common schools of our State, where it will be the means of furnishing to the boys and girls, the future men and women of South Carolina, the education to which they are entitled and which will make of them better and more efficient citizens. This is, in my judgment, a most important matter, and one in which the people are vitally interested.

"I shall continue to urge such economy as is consistent with the absolute needs of the State and the financial condition of our citizens."

Camden to Have Military Camp.

It was officially announced Monday by Maj General Leonard Wood, of the United States army, that a citizens' military training camp is to be established at Camden by the United States war department for one month, beginning early in February. The camp will be similar to that held at Plattsburg, N Y, during the summer, when more than 1,000 citizens from private life went into training for one month. The announcement has aroused considerable interest among the citizens of Camden and in other sections of the State.

Hot Supper.

The public is cordially invited to attend a hot supper at "Long Branch" school house on Friday, November 26, beginning at 7:30 p. m. There will be a plenty of goodies to eat. Come, everybody.

SKETCHES FROM SCRANTON.

Removals to and from Town--Wedding Bells.

Scranton, November 16:—Because of his father's death, Dr C H Pate has removed to the former's home at Brook's Bridge, near Bishopville. He has built up a large and lucrative practice here and general regret is expressed at his going away. He will continue the practice of his profession and supervise his father's large farm.

Dr Myers Graham of Cowards will remove to Scranton shortly and occupy the drug store and dwelling of Dr Pate.

Sunday morning Rev Mr Taylor filled his appointment at the Free Will Baptist church. In the afternoon Rev Mr Truluck preached at the Missionary Baptist church. Sunday night Rev W H Hodges, pastor of the Methodist church at Lake City, occupied the pulpit at the Methodist church and delivered a strong message to an attentive audience. The last quarterly conference of this charge for the year was held at the Methodist church Friday. Presiding Elder H B Brown of Kingstree was in attendance.

Miss Florence Annie Myers and Mr John Gaston Singletary were married at Florence last Wednesday, Judge of Probate Brunson performing the ceremony. The bride is a sister of our townsmen, Messrs J M, W A and B B Myers, and a young lady of charming personality. Mr Singletary is a son of the late W R Singletary, and a progressive farmer. This popular young couple have a host of friends who extend congratulations.

Upon his departure Dr Pate resigned as local registrar for Lee and Lake townships. R Leo Carter of Leo has been appointed local registrar and I M Gamble of Scranton appointed sub-registrar. All births and deaths must be recorded and a permit issued before burial can be made. I M G.

A C. L. CHANGES

Made at Stockholders' Meeting in Richmond Tuesday.

Richmond, Va, November 16:—The stockholders of the Atlantic Coast Line Railway, in annual meeting here today, re-elected their directors, who declared an annual dividend of 2 1-2 per cent on the common stock. The president, J R Kenley, and other officers were re-elected. The officers and directors left this afternoon on a tour of inspection down the line.

The board accepted the resignation of W N Royall, general manager of the road, and promoted P R Allbright, assistant general manager, to succeed him. Mr Royall retired because of ill health.

J N Brand, now general superintendent of the third division at Jacksonville, will become assistant general manager. J C Murchison, superintendent at Charleston, will succeed Mr Brand, and J P Walker will succeed Mr Murchison. T W Hansell is made superintendent at Sanford, Fla.

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FAY CONFESSES GRAVE CRIME.

GERMAN LIEUTENANT TELLS OF PLOT TO BLOW UP OUR SHIPS CARRYING MUNITIONS OF WAR.

New York, November 15:—Robert Fay, self styled lieutenant in the German army and by his own confession head of a gang of bomb makers who sought to disable or destroy munition laden ships from New York to the entente allies, told the story of his life today to Assistant United States District Attorney Knox. Fay talked freely, fully and of his own volition for five hours without interruption. What he said was not made public, but Mr Knox announced that all Fay wanted to do now was to plead guilty to the Government's charges against him and go to jail.

Fay's long talk with Mr Knox was upon his own solicitation and without promise of immunity or leniency. The statement, which the prisoner said carried him back to Germany, almost to the date of his birth, covered the high lights of his service in the German army, told in detail of his alleged mission to America and recited his movements and activities here. Whether it was true in its essentials, Deputy Marshall said afterward, has yet to be determined, but in some respects it was verified by information from other sources.

"There is no doubt," Mr Marshall said, "that his name is really Fay and that he served in the German army. As to the rest we do not know. His statement differs somewhat from his previous story, but admits guilt of the charges against him."

What Fay told Mr Knox leads back to a source to which already has been traced another case under investigation by the Government, according to Roger B Wood, an assistant in Mr Marshall's office. Mr Wood has prepared most of the cases

on the passport frauds, and also prepared the Government's case against Karl Bueuz and other officials of the Hamburg-American line, indicted on a charge of conspiracy and to be placed on trial this week.

"Five cases of this sort lead back to four sources," Mr Wood said. "They are the Fay case, the Bueuz case and the three passport cases. In none of the cases did the actual defendants know what the defendants in the other cases were doing.

"The four sources, however, directing these five cases are very close together—very. It is my belief that these four men all reported to and took their orders from a fifth man who was the director of all the trouble of this sort in the United States."

"If you could prove this," Mr Wood was asked, "would or could you prosecute this fifth man?"

"All I can say to that," he replied, "is that under the law we can not prosecute any diplomatic representative of a foreign country."

When Fay ended his statement late today he was taken back to the toms to remain until tomorrow, when he will be questioned by Mr Knox. The statement of today was made without questioning or prompting. It contained many leads, it is said, about which the Government's lawyers want more information.

Both Mr Marshall and Mr Knox declined to say if any one else was implicated in Fay's new statement. It is unlikely, however, that there will be other arrests in the alleged plot, at least until Fay's latest confession is corroborated, if then.

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Overdrafts	NONE
Bonds (at par)	106,100 00
Banking House & Fix	8,600 00
Stock Fed Res Bank	3,600 00
Cash and Due frm Bks	43,620 54
	\$463,166 65

Liabilities.

Capital Stock	\$100,000 00
Surplus and Profits	29,067 71
Circulation	100,000 00
Rediscounts	20,310 19
Deposits	213,788 75
	\$463,166 65

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