[illegible] COMPANIES LAW IN EFFECT

[illegible] HOME INSURANCE COMPANIES WITHDRAW FROM SOUTH CAROLINA.

[illegible] Appeals to People to Rally [illegible] Protection Against [illegible]

[illegible] March 24.—Four fire insurance companies, three foreign and one American, ordered withdrawal from the state yesterday on account of the passage of the Lancy-Odom [illegible] law, which went into effect yesterday. The names of all companies that have definitely withdrawn [illegible] hardly be available before April [illegible] companies must again be licensed [illegible] Phenix [illegible] all of Paris and the Rhode Island of Providence.

Arthur Banks of St. Matthews, [illegible] been closely aligned with [illegible] in touch with [illegible] himself [illegible] of the anti-compact [illegible] a statement yesterday, [illegible] the people to rally to [illegible] of the State."

[illegible] the people in the face [illegible] companies [illegible] elsewhere in the [illegible] of his appeal.

[illegible] Commissioner McMaster [illegible] State Warehouse Commissioner McLaurin are leading on the firing line. No good can be accomplished by [illegible] discord. Come out in the open and fight, fight for your State and her people.

"I am informed that the insurance [illegible] of New York are many deaths [illegible] own. Why should we be discriminated against? You men of South Carolina, who stand upon the 'high towers,' speak out, are you with the people or are you in the [illegible] of the crooked? I am convinced that, if an honest effort is made, free from rancor and prejudice, this insurance matter can be adjusted rapidly and along lines much more advantageous to the business interests of our people.

"I regret Senator McLaurin's letter which seems some friction between him and Commissioner McMaster. And am glad to note that they are man big enough to bury differences in the presence of a necessity [illegible] together for a great cause. If [illegible] existed, it has apparently melted as mist before the morning sun, in the ardor of their zeal for the common good.

"I do not know Mr. McMaster's opinion of Mr. McLaurin, but I do know that Mr. McMaster is regarded by the latter as a man of the highest character and integrity, and it was a matter of the sincerest regret to Senator McLaurin that his duty to the State involved the writing of a letter to the governor at his request, which bore a criticism of Mr. McMaster's acts. At any rate, they are now standing in accord for a common cause, and if we will stand up and back them, this fight for commercial freedom will be speedily won."

Senator Banks stated further that if the crisis demanded it, the State

MANNING ENJOYS VACATION.

GOVERNOR RETURNED YESTERDAY FROM TRIP TO FLORIDA.

Chief Executive Approves Act Providing for Majority Rules in Spartanburg Council.

Columbia, March 23.—Gov. Manning has returned to Columbia after spending several days at St. Augustine. This was his first vacation since entering the governor's office.

Immediately upon this return he began work on signing the 5,000 State bonds. He has already placed his signature on 1,600 of the bonds and expects to complete the task before the end of the week.

Because of the press of official business Gov. Manning has been forced to decline an invitation to attend a school rally at Hampton tomorrow. He also declined an invitation to speak at a meeting of the Churchman's club in Charleston tomorrow night.

Announcement was made that the governor has signed the act of the last general assembly which provides for the majority rule in the Spartanburg city council. There are three members of council and under the old law a unanimous vote was necessary for a decision on all matters.

Yesterday morning Gov. Manning attended a meeting of the sinking fund commission. Several matters connected with the State bonds were discussed. The new bonds amounting to about $5,000,000 will be issued April 1.

J. T. Lide of Orangeburg, chairman of the ways and means committee, was among the callers at the governor's office yesterday.

Gov. Manning said yesterday that he has not decided upon the personnel for the board of review for the South Carolina tax commission.

GREAT DAMAGE DONE.

Allies Raid Kiel Doing Much Damage on German Naval Station.

Amsterdam, March 22.—Two hundred were killed, three hundred and [illegible] wounded and great damage was [illegible] to the German naval base at [illegible] and the arsenal depot at [illegible] as the result of the Allies' raid on Monday, according to reliable advices received here. Most of those killed and wounded were German sailors and soldiers. It was the most successful air raid since the war began.

PROTEST TO GREAT BRITAIN.

London, March 22.—Ambassador Page today protested against the seizure by Great Britain of stocks and bonds consigned to American firms.

Turks Leave Erzingan.

Bucharest, March 22.—The Turkish troops have evacuated Erzingan, Armenia.

was able "in mind and resources," as she proclaimed on her shield, to protect her people, and referred to the idea of Senator McLaurin, heretofore advanced, that if the extreme necessity should arise, the State, as a last resort, could take care of the insurance. The matter had already been looked into quite extent, he said, with the idea of a 20 per cent. risk by the State, with 80 per cent. reinsurance, the State increasing her proportion as the profits justified this, however, being a mere question of detail. Senator Banks said that he had learned that the insurance offices in New York and elsewhere were being flooded with misleading information sent out of South Carolina, calling particular attention to a circular signed by N. B. Dial of Laurens, which was being circulated in New York, and to rumors that the governor was going to call an extra session of the legislature on the asylum appropriation—a point that has already been settled by the supreme court.

He said he wanted to commend the editorial in The State along the line of the State taking care of the insurance if the exigencies of the occasion demanded.

The circular to which Senator Banks referred in his statement is a copy of a "letter of N. B. Dial to the newspapers," a copy of which has been forwarded to the State warehouse office here from New York, as a part of the matter which is being circulated in the insurance offices in New York. It is an attack, Mr. Banks says, upon the State warehouse system, and upon the management of the system. Mr. Dial says in his circular that "such sentiments as entertained and expressed by him (Senator McLaurin) have injured the interests of the people of South Carolina many millions of dollars.

Senator McLaurin is expected back in the city today. Advices received from him at his office here are to the effect that misleading information sent out from Columbia has created in New York the false impression that the State is trying to punish the companies.

CARRANZA GENERAL DESERTS.

ALIGNMENT OF HERRERA WITH VILLA ADDS TO COMPLEXITY OF MEXICAN SITUATION.

Funston and Staff Profess Belief That All is Well, but News of Revolt Brings Grave Concern—May Foreshadow Extensive Troubles.

San Antonio, Texas, March 22.—Reports that Gen. Luis Herrera, commanding 2,000 men at Chihuahua, had aligned himself with Francisco Villa against the United States were received tonight with grave concern by Gen. Funston and his staff. Officially and unofficially the opinion here was that with Herrera joining forces with Villa the international situation might easily be made so complex that by comparison the pursuit of Villa would be regarded as incidental.

The long intervals between reports from the field commander of the American expedition already had keyed the tension a bit, although Gen. Funston and his chief of staff continued to profess the belief that all was well with the troops below Casas Grandes but the report from Chihuahua made insignificant any anxiety they might have felt concerning Gen. Pershing's operations.

T. R. Beltran, Mexican consul here, stated early tonight that he had not received confirmation of the report and he was inclined to laugh at it as a "border rumor."

According to the version reaching here, Herrera was removed Monday from command and immediately took steps to alienate his garrison. That Carranza has enough loyal troops in northern Mexico to drive him from the city of Chihuahua if he attempts to hold the place was believed by military men here but it was not thought that the holding of the city was his plan.

Military observers here see a possible connection with Herrera's reported action in the interruption of wire service between Casas Grandes and Juarez yesterday and the wire cutting today between Torreon and Ojinaga, opposite Presidio, Texas. It was suggested that those who cut the wires between Casas Grandes and Juarez might have thought they were being used by Gen. Pershing for communication with Gen. Funston.

If Herrera desires, it was pointed out, he could greatly embarrass the United States in its efforts to run down Villa and his followers. Cutting of the Northwestern railway at certain points would make it impossible for the Americans to use it for forwarding supplies for many days, even if the Carranza government granted permission. Another move that it was feared Herrera might make was to go north and east along the trail to Ojinaga and emulate Villa by attacking Presidio. A small American force is there now and this probably will be strengthened. Herrera's reported defection caused surprise to those who know his former intimate relations with Carranza.

No information has been made public concerning the movement of the expedition in Mexico. It was said that several dispatches had been received by Gen. Pershing, in command of the American troops, but that they all were of a routine nature.

Late tonight Gen. Funston reported to the war department that an investigation proved there was no truth in a report that 27 army motor lorries had been found 30 miles off the lines of march in northern Mexico with their drivers missing.

In congress during the day Senator Sherman of Illinois (Republican) introduced a resolution to authorize the president to issue a call for 50,000 volunteers to be used in the service in Mexico. The resolution was placed on the table to be called later.

The Tin Can Menace.

Who would have thought that the tin can is a menace to the public health? The expert malaria investigators of the United States public health service have found however that discarded tin cans containing rain water are breeding places for the mosquito which is the sole agent in spreading malaria. A hole in the bottom of the empty can might have resulted in the saving of a human life. Certainly it would have assisted in preventing a debilitating illness. Empty tin cans have no business about the premises anyway, but if we must so decorate our back yards, let's see to it that the can has a hole in the bottom.

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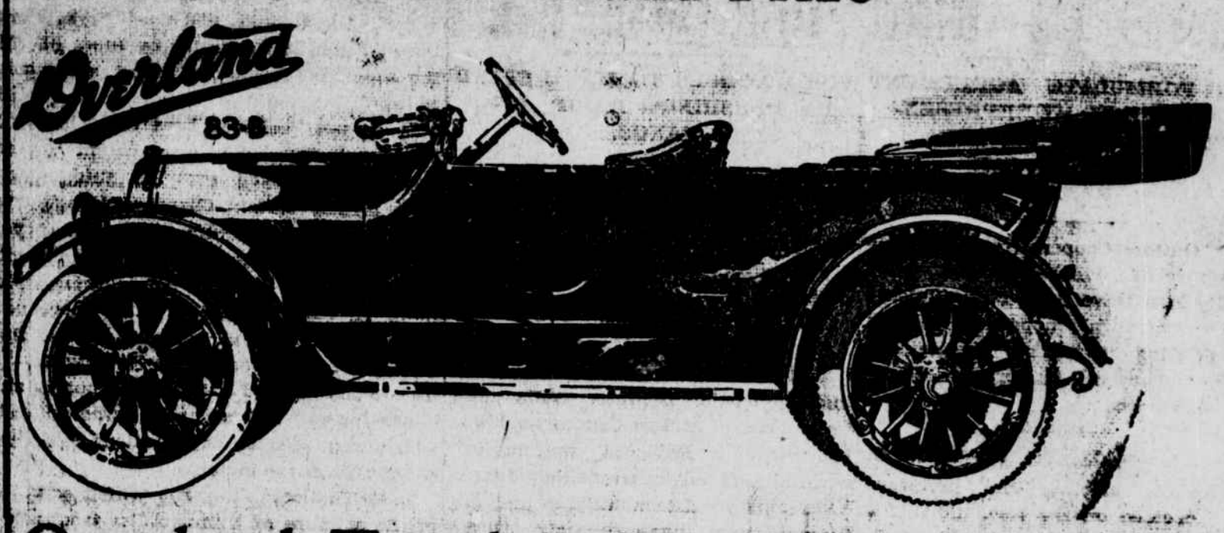

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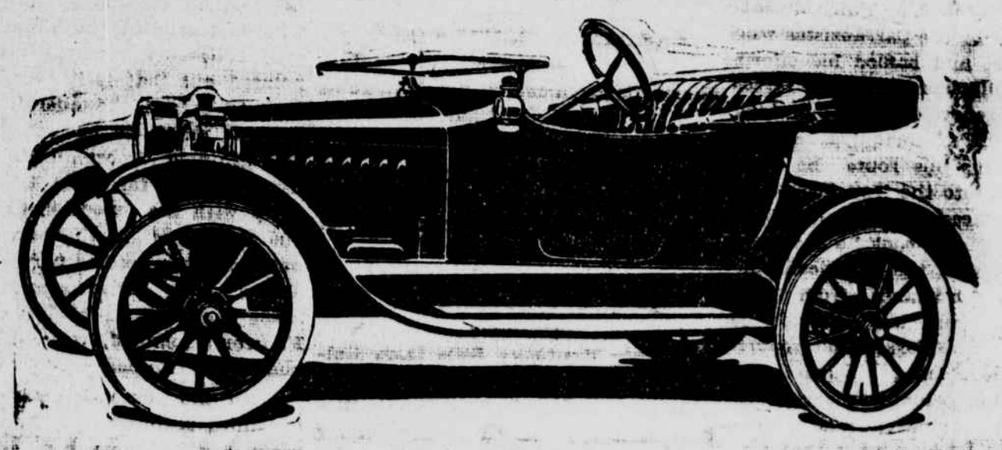

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