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SPEED ARMING MERCHANT SHIPS

More Appearance of Submarine Will Be Constructive Notice of Instantaneous Armament

Washington, March 10.—The American government today began its active preparations for arming American merchant ships against German submarines. The decision was made by the War Department, which has notified President Wilson's decision that he has full authority to proceed with this policy. Details were taken up so there might be as little delay as possible in granting requests for defensive armament.

When vessels sail under the policy of armed neutrality they will do so with the full backing of the administration, expressed in the form of war risk insurance and naval guns and gunnery. It was made clear that in the background will be the entire resources of the United States ready for action should Germany attack an American vessel.

The state department's view of defensive armament as an expression of the German submarine near an American armed vessel would entitle the vessel to take all the necessary precautions on the presumption that the submarine's purpose was hostile. This was based on Germany's announcement that her submarines would attack without warning any belligerent or neutral merchantman encountered within the barred zone.

Whether this position will be embodied in instructions to commanders of all American armed ships and whether arms and ammunition will be furnished to vessels carrying contraband were up for discussion today but no announcement on either point was authorized.

The attitude of President Wilson has been that no steps of a belligerent character should be taken and that, if a state of war comes it must be through Germany's commission of a crime in clear violation of international law.

Some officials close to the president are known to feel that in line with this policy the United States should not sanction a shoot-or-sight program which might be construed as aggression.

Since the policy of the government in the past has been not to insure vessels carrying arms and ammunition to the belligerents, it is considered probable that this attitude would be maintained. The lists of contraband articles recognized by the United States differ widely from those drawn up by the various belligerents since the outbreak of the war and therefore it is believed that only actual munitions of war will be placed on the restricted list for the purpose of determining what ships are to be insured.

TWO LIQUOR MEASURES ARE NOT IN CONFLICT

Attorney General Gives Ruling as to State and Federal White Laws

The South Carolina court a month law is not in conflict with the federal law, according to an opinion rendered by Thomas H. Peeples, attorney general. The opinion was given in response to a request of the R. L. Bryan company of Columbia, in which it was asked:

"With reference to the preparation of forms for use by probate judges under the quart a month act, I beg to advise that there is no conflict between this State statute, approved February 24, 1917, permitting the importation of one quart of alcoholic liquor, containing not more than 20 per cent. by volume of alcohol within any one calendar month for medicinal purposes, and one gallon of wine for religious purposes within any calendar month, on penalty to be imposed by the probate judge, and the act of congress, approved March 3, 1917, prohibiting the transportation of such liquors in interstate commerce, except for medicinal and medical purposes into the States where the manufacture or sale of alcoholic liquor for beverage purposes is prohibited, except for purposes for use by the probate judge should, therefore, be printed and distributed in accordance with the State law."

TRAIN CREWS BLEAMED

New York, March 11.—The wreck of a freight and an Adams express train near Bristol, Pa., February 25, which cost four lives, was due to negligence on the part of the train crews, the Pennsylvania railroad announced today. The report declares the accident is a practical demonstration of the contention that the "extra crew" or so-called "hot crew" was not actually encouraged to insure safety on a daily basis.

HIGHWAY BOARD BEGINS ITS WORK

Prof. Homes Will Prepare Digest May Go to Washington for Conference

Columbia, March 10.—The State highway commission of South Carolina was organized yesterday at a meeting held in the governor's office by the election of J. Monroe Johnson of Marion chairman of the commission, with O. Heston acting as temporary secretary. All members of the commission were present: Prof. M. Goode, Home, University of South Carolina; Maj. Robert C. Thomas, the Citadel; Charleston; Prof. Hiale Houston, Clemson college; C. O. Hebron, Spartanburg; and J. M. Johnson, Marion.

The election of an engineer, assistant engineers, secretary of the commission was deferred and will possibly take place at the next meeting. The commission designated Prof. Homes to prepare a digest of the State law creating the highway commission, together with a list of the possible income from the State tax on motor vehicles and a brief statement of the relations of the State administration to the federal aid. Mr. Homes will probably go to Washington for a conference with highway officials of the federal government.

The commission is particularly anxious to make clear the manner in which the State highway commission is to be related to the several counties of the State. Chairman Johnson and Maj. Thomas were designated as the committee to pass upon applications for the various counties. The committee will report to the commission at its next meeting, which will be held in Columbia at the latter part of the month.

The commission will request the cooperation of the comptroller general's office in procuring information on the number of engines of engineering in the various counties. This is of course essential in the beginning, as it is the basis of the commission's income.

A member said last night that the commission was particularly anxious to know where the State engineers can be found. The commission is also very anxious to make clear to county authorities on what grounds the one-half mile right-of-way should be derived from the federal government. The commission hopes to issue at a very early date accurate information covering these points.

TWO GIRLS KILLED

Another Injured

Miss Nell Gue and Paak Hutto Dead as Result of Norway Collision.

Columbia, March 11.—Two young women were killed and a third injured and a young man painfully hurt early last night, when the car in which they were riding two miles south of Columbia, was struck by a southbound Seaboard Air Line passenger train. No. 21. The dead are: Miss Nell Gue and Miss Paak Hutto, both 18 years old. Miss Frances Salley had her right leg broken. B. T. Garrick, a young man driving the car was least hurt, one leg being badly injured. The head was severed from the body, which was mangled. Miss Hutto died aboard a train on which she was being brought to the hospital. She was being brought here by the train. Her chest was crushed, and there were other injuries.

The young people, all residents of the Norway community, were out for a Saturday afternoon ride and drove to Willow Swamp church to a meeting. The road by which they were returning to Norway intersects the Seaboard at Creco or Williams' crossing. A negro approaching the railroad from the opposite direction, mistaking this for a signal to shut off the motor, that the animal the negro was driving, which was being brought to the hospital, was not seen until it bore directly down upon the automobile.

Robert Gue, brother of one of the dead girls, is a member of Company M, Second South-Carolina infantry. His regiment is stationed in El Paso, Texas, yesterday for the purpose of being prepared for demobilization. Immediately after the occurrence of the tragedy, Gov. Manning made efforts to get in touch with the troop commander. Mr. Gue might be transferred by faster shuttles to South Carolina. Miss Hutto was a student at the Woman's college of a brief vacation, she came home for a brief vacation.

Harrah, March 11.—Governor Johnson today occupied San Luis after a skirmish with the rebels. Reports from Oriente province told of further depredations by the rebels. The rebels are being driven to the sea.

KNOXVILLE BUSINESS MEN WILL VISIT CHESTER

Will Be in Chester April 12th—Soldier Pullman Train Being Used

The business men of Knoxville, Tennessee, are going to visit us next month. They will travel in a solid coach train, and will be accompanied by leave Knoxville on the morning of April 10th. The trip will consume four days and will cover over twelve hundred miles.

The personnel of the party will include 100 of Knoxville's most prominent business men, manufacturers, merchants, preachers, lawyers, doctors, etc. There will also be in the party a brass band of 25 pieces, a barber, clothes presser, stenographer, etc. In all, the party will number 135.

The party will also have a moving picture man, who will make pictures "nowhere" at the several meetings. The film will be sent back over the route covered so as to afford local people an opportunity of seeing it in their own homes here. The party will be led by Mr. James B. Thompson, Commercial Photographer, and Mr. O. F. Whittle, Manager of the Whittle Springs Mineral Springs company, of Knoxville, after making a trip over the territory to be covered. They were here this week and in talking about the trip, said:

The object of the series of Trade Trips which has been planned to visit Knoxville business men an opportunity to personally express their appreciation to the several counties which the Knoxville market from this section, and also for the purpose of establishing closer and more cordial relations with the trade of the county. The committee will report to the commission at its next meeting, which will be held in Columbia at the latter part of the month.

BROTHERHOOD HEADS TO HAVE CONFERENCE

Railway Men Meet in Washington Tuesday to Talk of Eight Hour Controversy

Cleveland, Ohio, March 11.—Chairmen of the general committees of the four railroad brotherhoods representing Southern roads will meet in Washington, March 13, to discuss the plan of settlement of the eight hour controversy to be submitted to the national conference committee of the railroad brotherhood chiefs in New York, March 15.

W. G. Lee, president of the Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen, announcing the call for the meeting, said that similar discussions would be held March 13 at St. Louis and March 14 at St. Paul for the Western roads and at New York March 15 for the Eastern roads.

Warren S. Stone, grand chief of the engineers, W. S. Garter, president of the firemen and engineers, L. E. Sheppard, acting president of the conductors and W. G. Lee, president of the trainmen's organization, left here tonight for Washington to confer with President Coopers of the American Federation of Labor tomorrow on the attitude of organized labor in case of war.

BRITISH UPSET GERMAN PLANS

Victors' Capture Much Booty and The Headlines of the Front

British Headquarters in France, March 11.—In the capture of the village of Ires yesterday morning the British completely upset the German intentions. The attack was a movement of the last foreign line in one village, where the Germans made a last ditch effort to hold the line. The steadily increasing artillery fire of the British has extended a pressure which could no longer be sustained by the German command. Two losses before this maneuver was attempted. The British fell upon the German lines and in addition to inflicting heavy casualties captured nearly 300 prisoners and booty which included 10 machine guns and 100 rifles. The German command was one of the most carefully planned and skillfully executed of the recent phases of warfare on the front.

The military preparation was so demoralized that they surrendered wholesale. The prisoners are among the best of the front line. The captured German officers seemed particularly chagrined that their plan to retreat without suffering great casualties had been thwarted.

All along the Acre and some frontiers. The British guns were booming today. It was a steady roar.

The German army depends upon the front where the British are attacking.

SEES KAISER BEATEN BEFORE YEAR'S END

Every Gun's Exact Capacity Known and Endless Stores of Ammunition Back of the Lines

Count Portantier de la Rochette, a member of the French Army Corps, was quoted by the governors of the Stock Exchange last week and received the freedom of the floor, an unusual honor to visitors, expressed supreme confidence yesterday that the Spring and Summer months would witness a great victory for the Entente forces on the Western battle front.

The Count is a Lieutenant in the Seventeenth Infantry Regiment. He arrived in New York about a week ago on a twenty-one day land train. At the expiration of which, he said, he would take the first steamer back to France and rejoin his regiment "nowhere" at the front.

The Count de la Rochette's regiment was a part of the French army which in last December launched the two great offensives of Verdun and Verdun, recapturing three-fourths of the territory which had been lost in the months for the Germans to win last year. The French army at Verdun for sixty-seven days, but his regiment was recently transferred to another part of the front. "I am sure," and the entire French army is sure, that we are going to see Germany a good looking thing in a few months. "Never since the outbreak of the war has there been such confidence in the French army, and I might say among the most thoroughly confident in the world. We know exactly what we can do. The French and the English armies on the western front are fighting now in the most thorough scientific manner. I know to the minutest detail exactly what we can do.

GERMAN PRISONERS HELD IN CHARLESTON

Eight Officers and Men of the German Merchantman Lined up in United States District Court at Charleston

Charleston, March 10.—The eight officers and men of the German merchantman Lined up in United States district court at Charleston, arrived here tonight in the custody of Deputy United States Marshal W. B. Baker. They have not completed arrangements for making bond of \$5,000 each and are prisoners under guard in a local hotel.

The men appear concerned and at the station charged, freely among themselves. The men hope that bond will be arranged tomorrow. It is even expected that they will be allowed liberty pending the result of the appeal to the United States circuit court. Several friends met them at the station, among them chiefly in Charleston, the Deutsche Zeitung, a local German language paper.

great supply of vegetables. Hundreds of women are working in the field, and children help. Back of the Verdun front I saw, one day, a woman working in the field surrounded by children, all doing what they could. There has been no lack of bread and it is so good that where the French and English are fighting, the English soldiers invariably try to buy or trade something for the French bread."

Sees Kaiser, Continued.—The French and the English armies, the Count said, have enormous stocks of munitions, and the English have been able to get the most complete maintenance of the man-lines through the winter, which is forcing them to give way steadily on the western front.

The Count expressed too deeply the great appreciation all of the French soldiers have for the splendid work of the American Ambassadors in the front lines. He was watched with wonder by a time your American-motivated ambulances carrying the wounded from the battlefield and shell, speeding over roads frequently cut up and it has been a marvel to me how they managed to travel so swiftly and safely. The ambulances are very few, and the American doctors and nurses have saved the lives of thousands of French soldiers.

The American aviators with the army are a men are well fed, and are relieved from serving in the trenches. They are the only German troops, I believe, who are thoroughly well fed.

There has been no real scarcity of food yet in the front line. I am conserving our supply, but when I left France the soldiers at the front were still receiving half a pound of meat a day and a fiver of light wine in addition to vegetables and milk. It is upon the women of France the army depends for its food.

CONFESSES MURDER UPON HIS DEATHBED

Story Shows Innocent Man Almost Hanged for Killing in Mississippi in 1892.

Columbia, Miss., March 10.—It was revealed by the sheriff's office here today that Joseph Beard, 60-year-old man who died of pneumonia last Sunday on his farm near this city confessed on his deathbed that 25 years ago he and two other men murdered William Buckley in this section, for which crime William Purvis, who now resides in Lamar county, was hanged by the gallows. Buckley, a brother who revealed to the authorities information concerning a secret band of "white cappers" who operated in this section more than a quarter of a century ago and William Buckley shortly afterwards was shot to death from ambush. This was the first confession of the murder.

Beard, attaches of the sheriff's office said, first confessed his part in Buckley's murder to members of a religious sect which he recently joined, in order to clear his conscience. He was told that he was dying the authorities were notified, it was stated. He gave names of two other men who said participated with him in the murder and the authorities said they knew where to locate them but declined to say whether any action against them was contemplated on account of the long lapse of years. A brother of the murdered man, N. P. Buckley, lives near Columbia.

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PRISONER TAKEN TO CHARLESTON

Sheriff Dukes Met at Ashley Junction by Party from City to Form Escort

Charleston, March 10.—Mackey Palmer, the Orangeburg negro who killed Sgt. H. H. Franklin of the Orangeburg police, freed yesterday morning in Charleston, S. C. The prisoner, having been brought here at about 11:30 o'clock this morning by train from as far as Ashley Junction, at least, and at Ashley Junction, being taken in an automobile accompanied by a second machine filled with officers, to the county jail for safekeeping. No further details were given as to the arrest or incarceration of the negro, Sheriff Martin declining to talk of the affair at all. Sheriff Martin said that the prisoner could not be found, it being reported that he expected to depart this afternoon for Orangeburg, leaving the prisoner here. How Palmer reached Ashley Junction is not known, but the arrival of the heavily guarded prisoner at the unattended jail and his trip to the jail drew no little attention. Sheriff Martin, Deputy Sheriff Leonard and Rural Policeman Nelson and Kelly are said to have been in the Orangeburg officials with his prisoner at Ashley Junction. What further disposition of the prisoner will be made is not known here.

U. S. TO VIOLATE LAW

New York, March 11.—Prof. E. C. Stowell, of Columbia University, an authority on international law, told an audience in the Labor Temple tonight that American armed merchantmen could not fire upon Russian submarines under existing international law.

St. Francisco, Cal., March 11.—The Russian consul, Alexander S. Kozlov, and Mr. S. S. Sorokin, in the suspicion that they were bank robbers by the police of Honolulu, has called a vigorous protest and investigation by A. M. Wydoszanski, Russian consul general in San Francisco. Kozlov and Sorokin arrived in San Francisco on the steamer Korea March 10.

The failure of the bond issue will be agreed late to Chester, county.

NEWBERRY NEGRO SHOT

Second Attempt on Life Made From Ambush

Newberry, March 11.—Sam Harris, a negro shoemaker, was shot from ambush this morning at 12:30 o'clock while on his way home in the southern section of the city on Dryden street. The load of No. 8 shot struck him in the face, causing bad wounds but not fatal. It is thought, though the negro will lose one or both of his eyes. He yelled loudly for help.

After the shooting a freshly discharged barrel shotgun was found just inside the field where the shooting occurred; also another single barrel shotgun nearby, that had been shot two or three weeks ago. Just two weeks ago Harris was shot at from ambush and missed at about the same place. The police will make some arrests.

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GENERAL NEWS

The litigation instituted by the government to dissolve the so-called Harriman railway system, partially reversed when the supreme court succeeded a decision of the district court of Minnesota and ordered the Union Pacific to divert itself of the Southern Pacific, took a new angle Saturday. The federal court for the district of Utah stated a petition of the government to separate the Central Pacific from the Southern Pacific. The principal Central Pacific filed in that part of the Southern Pacific was contesting for certain property rights and rents due thereon. The jury returned a verdict of \$1,000 for the plaintiff, but the outcome of this long contested case was of intense interest and during the course of the court room was well filled. The civil action in the case of the Harriman railway system was continued. The final case on an appeal from a verdict for the defendants. Mr. B. B. Roberts and Edward Roberts, the action being brought by a jewelry concern.

Mrs. F. M. Hodges, wife of agent of Seaboard Air Line railway at Livingston, died of a heart ailment Saturday and was running to make the evening train to go home when she fell breaking her right leg. The accident occurred at the station. Mrs. Hodges was a prominent member of the United States.

Simon McDaniel, a prominent farmer of Union county, was brought before John Gilbert, United States commissioner at Union Saturday by a writ of habeas corpus. McDaniel, L. Adams, on a charge of violating the Mann white slave law. McDaniel gave bond in the sum of \$2,000 for his appearance on March 13. His business men R. A. Jones, C. A. Jeter and I. Frank Poole, when brought before the commissioner. McDaniel entered a plea of not guilty.

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They say cotton is worth fifty cents a pound in Germany. Yes, and water is worth ten dollars a gallon in Hades but the trouble is in getting it there.

One "gink" got on his toes in Washington a few days ago because President Wilson got \$75,000 to look after their people's business. That's nothing, we know people who do the same thing and do not even get a "thank you" man.

The New York State Federation of Women's Clubs has sent out a call for preparedness a part of which reads: Stand your ground, don't fire unless fired upon." They evidently have overlooked the fact that there is a probability of that first shot putting your light out.

Believe us, there has been something doing of late around Albany, New York, where the legislature is in session. What is known as the "Cat Bill" has been receiving attention in that section and a bill introduced provided that in order to roam abroad every cat must first bow its hitherto unfettered neck to collar and tag, just like any common dog.

One old maid wrote her representative as follows:
Holy Scat,
New comes the cat
For license fee and collar;
Will chickens be the next pretext
For levying the dollar?

The ladies of the Chester Civic League are deeply interested in securing a new Seaboard passenger station for Chester and the meeting yesterday would signify that their efforts are meeting with some success.

However, we note the Seaboard is endeavoring to have, the present unsightly station remodelled for the present and possibly will erect a new station within the next three or four years.

The writer has been in close touch with remodeling depots for the past fifteen years and we wish to put the ladies on notice that this thing of reaping a depot and building a new one at a later date is all "booh." It is a game that has been played thousands of times and the railroads usually "get by" with it.

That the Chester people are desiring of a new and modern passenger station cannot be questioned. The Seaboard does a most excellent business in Chester and if their financial condition is not in number

one shape it most assuredly is no fault of Chester as their records will show that they do "some business" in Chester.
No ladies don't let them put any thing "over" you. Demand that they investigate the receipts at Chester. Compare the revenue at Chester with other towns and see where we stand. Demand a new passenger station and accept nothing less.

FOOD PRICES

The Federal Trade Commission cannot begin now the inquiry, ordered by President Wilson, concerning the cost and prices of foodstuffs and the allegation that prices have been raised by unlawful combination because a deficiency appropriation for its work has been withheld and the \$400,000 required by the commission and the Department of Agriculture for the investigation has not been granted. What is needed may be given at the coming extra session Congress, but there will be delay. That part of the inquiry which relates to combinations and conspiracies will be expensive and will consume much time.

The Department of Justice has been engaged for several months in an investigation of this kind, conducted by Federal District Attorneys. So far as can be learned, no unlawful combination in any branch of the food trade has been found. In many cases, where there had been many emphatic assertions that such combinations existed, a Federal Grand Jury heard all the testimony that was furnished by Federal District Attorneys. There were no indictments, nor any recommendations concerning illegal practices. It may be that the Federal Trade Commission and the Department of Agriculture will find no unlawful conspiracies. If this shall be one result of their work, announcement of the fact will, at the President said, ally unrest and dissatisfaction. But there is something that the commission and the department can do without waiting for the appropriations.

We suggest that now, or in the early stages of their investigation, which will be in progress for several months, they point out in a public statement or a preliminary report the leading "know causes" of high prices for food, directing attention to the abnormal foreign demand, shown by official export figures; the short crop of wheat here and all over the world; the proportionally declining supply of meat in this country, with recent large exports; the increased cost of production on farms, due to

doubled prices for machinery, scarcity of workmen, and high wages, and the effect of railroad war traffic congestion upon distribution. Equivalent, or, in their final report, the investigators must take into account these causes, as to which they now have abundant information, and such a statement, issued at an early day would be instructive, useful, and beneficial in its effect upon public opinion. It would not impair the force of subsequent criticism and recommendations if unlawful combinations should be discovered.

STATEMENT OF THE CONDITION OF WHITE BANK

located at Chester, S. C., at the close of business March 6th, 1917.

RESOURCES

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| Loans and Discounts | \$196,922.39 |
| Overdrafts | 19.57 |
| Due from Banks and Bankers | 30,831.49 |
| Current Expenses and | 1,202.00 |
| Silver and Other Minor Coin | 290.13 |
| Checks and Cash Items | 1,035.02 |
| Total | \$230,340.60 |
| LIABILITIES | |
| Capital Stock Paid in | \$20,000.00 |
| Surplus Fund | 9,000.00 |
| Undivided Profits, less current expenses and | |
| Taxes paid | 9,380.38 |
| Due to Banks and Bankers | 908.12 |
| Dividends unpaid | 98.00 |
| Individual Deposits subject to check | 220,869.08 |
| Savings deposits | |
| Its | 87,082.38 |
| Time-certificates of Depositors | |
| Unpaid | \$4,380.21 |
| Certified checks | 189.40 |
| Cashier's checks | 3,461.27 |
| Total | \$561,324.82 |

State of South Carolina, County of Chester, ss.
Before me came W. C. White, Cashier of the above named bank, who, being duly sworn, says that the above and foregoing statement is a true condition of said bank, as shown by the books of said bank.
Sworn to and subscribed before me this 12th day of March, 1917.
W. A. CORKILL,
Notary Public.
Correct Attest:
T. H. WHITE,
Director.

STATEMENT OF THE CONDITION OF THE COMMERCIAL BANK

located at Chester, S. C., at the close of business, March 12th, 1917.

RESOURCES

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| Loans and Discounts | \$413,384.99 |
| Overdrafts | 320.26 |
| Due from Banks and Bankers | 15,500.00 |
| Banking House | 36,000.00 |
| Due from Banks and Bankers | 78,809.26 |
| Currency | 7,438.00 |
| Gold | 772.50 |
| Silver and other Minor Coin | 1,556.43 |
| Checks and cash items | 7,847.39 |
| Total | \$561,324.82 |

LIABILITIES

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| Capital stock Paid in | \$100,000.00 |
| Surplus Fund | 55,000.00 |
| Undivided Profits, less current expenses and | |
| Taxes paid | 9,380.38 |
| Due to Banks and Bankers | 908.12 |
| Dividends unpaid | 98.00 |
| Individual Deposits subject to check | 220,869.08 |
| Savings deposits | |
| Its | 87,082.38 |
| Time-certificates of Depositors | |
| Unpaid | \$4,380.21 |
| Certified checks | 189.40 |
| Cashier's checks | 3,461.27 |
| Total | \$561,324.82 |

State of South Carolina, County of Chester, ss.
Before me came Robt. Gage, Cashier of the above named bank, who, being duly sworn, says that the above and foregoing statement is a true condition of said bank, as shown by the books of said bank.
Sworn to and subscribed before me this 13th day of March, 1917.
DAVID HAMILTON,
Notary Public.
Correct Attest:
A. L. GASTON,
R. E. SIMS,
R. B. CALDWELL,
Directors.

Mr. Frank S. Key, of Davidson College, is spending a few days in the city with relatives.

CUBAN REVOLUTION - GRADUALLY SUBSIDES

Washington, March 10.—The Cuban revolution is gradually subsiding and the withdrawal of groups of rebels from Santiago has been followed by an order issued by President Moncal ending the blockade at Santiago harbor, the state department was advised tonight, in a message from American Minister González at Havana.

NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that I have qualified as Administrator of the es-

tate of Jas. B. Tennant, Sr. and all persons holding claims against said estate are hereby requested to present same duly proven to the undersigned at Corwell, S. C. or to Messrs. Hayhill & Hemphill at Chester, S. C.

J. M. TENNANT.

ESTATE NOTICE

All persons indebted to the late Henry A. Clayborn, deceased, will kindly make immediate payment to the undersigned, or to W. H. Newbold, attorney for the estate. And all persons having claims against said estate will present same properly

proved. SALLIE B. CLAYBORN, Qualified Executrix.
Chester, S. C. March 15, 1917. 41.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

For Mayor.
The friends of Mr. J. M. Wier announce him as a Candidate for Mayor of the City of Chester, subject to the rules governing Municipal elections.

For Alderman Ward 4.
The friends of Mr. J. R. Dye announce him as a candidate to represent Ward 4, subject to the rules governing Municipal elections.

DO YOU NEED A SEWING MACHINE?

For a limited time you can get an ELECTRICALLY DRIVEN SEWING MACHINE of the latest type with all extra parts necessary to do plain or fancy sewing and with an absolute binding guarantee for Ten Years, backed by the largest Electrical Supply Company in the country, for

ONLY \$27.50

on the following terms: \$3.50 down and \$2.00 per month for twelve months. This machine regularly retails at \$35.00, and we are making this INTRODUCTORY OFFER for a limited time only.

Call phone No. 50 and we will be glad to give you a demonstration of this machine in your home.

Southern Public Utilities Company
CHESTER, S. C.



SPECIAL SALE
on Rockers Saturday, March 17th. You can't afford to miss these opportunities as special Sales increase your standing in the Piano Contest one hundred times its value. Mr. B. D. Fitzgerald was awarded the prize March 10th.

Lowrance Brothers
153 Gadsden St.
Phone, Store 292. Residence 136 and 356.

Meet Me At Tapp's THE GROWING STORE Meet Me At Tapp's

We welcome all teachers to Columbia during the State Teachers' Association. Ask all your friends to "Meet Me at Tapp's" during the convention. In every department all over the store we have arranged for and will hold special sales during the entire week.

Next week is our birthday and we will be fourteen years old in Columbia and we will celebrate this occasion with bargains never before offered in Columbia.

Tapp's very special 14th Anniversary Sale of Women's and Misses' Silk Dresses worth up to \$35.00 for \$16.75.

The newest and most charming models—more than fifty exclusive models to choose from—in Silk Taffeta, Georgette, Crepe de Chine and combinations of Georgette, Taffeta and Crepe de Chine in plain and fancy models. A wonderful assortment of more than 300 stylish dresses worth up to \$35.00 will be sold at our Special Anniversary Sale at the ridiculous price; for choice \$16.75.

Women's and Misses' Suits and Coats featured at special prices in our Anniversary Sale. An occasion of unusual importance presenting strictly high-class exclusive models—correct in all those essential features; modeling, material and workmanship—made to our order especially for this yearly event. Suits priced special at \$25.00 and more. Coats \$10.00 and up.

The James L. Tapp Co.
Corner Main and Blanding Streets. Columbia, S. C.

He Smiles—
when he sees a cup of delicious

INSTANT POSTUM

This wholesome food-drink cheers without demanding the after-price of nervous reaction, because it contains none of the harmful elements of tea and coffee.

"There's a Reason"
Sold by Grocers.



THE BIG STORE

FREE!

During The Month Of MARCH

We will give during the month of March one year's subscription to McCall Magazine and one pattern with each Cash Purchase of \$5.00 and over.

The S. M. Jones Company

LOCAL and PERSONAL

Cotton 18c
Cotton Seed 75c
Dr. Butler Woods, of Whitmer, spent Sunday in Chester.

Mr. Dare White, of York, was a Chester visitor Sunday.

Beginning March 1st we will give free for one month with every cash purchase of five dollars and over one year's subscription to McCall's Magazine and one pattern. The S. M. Jones Co.

Mr. W. B. Cox, Jr., has accepted a position with DuPont & Co., of Penn Grove, N. J. A letter received from him says he is very much pleased with the plan, and his work.

They're Nifty—These latest spring hats for men. We have them in all shapes and colors. Rodman Brown Co.

NOW IS THE TIME for housekeepers to save money, as my large stock of groceries will be closed out. Everything in fresh goods. Jon. A. Walker.

Mr. Woodward Pant, of Spartanburg, spent the week-end in Chester with relatives.

Wanted—White boy fifteen years to deliver messages. Learn Telegraph and Western, business nice clean work good chance for bright boy. Western Union Telegraph Co.

Mr. J. D. Collins, of Edgemoor, who has been visiting her sister, Mrs. H. V. Workman, on Route 5, has returned to her home.

WANTED—A number one salesman must be experienced packing and grocery business. None but experienced one need apply. Box 253.

Miss Mary Bigger has returned to Chester after a visit to her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Bigger, in the Allison Creek section. Miss Bigger who is taking a training course in nursing in one of Chester's hospitals is recuperating from an operation for appendicitis—York News.

Beginning March 1st we will give free for one month, with every cash purchase of five dollars and over one year's subscription to McCall's Magazine and one pattern. The S. M. Jones Co.

BUY THE BEST SHINGLE

the market affords if you want the worth of your money. Cheap grades mean early repairs, and frequent repairs cost heavily in the long run.

COME AND SEE US

when you are ready to buy shingles. We have them bought right and will sell them right.

SATISFACTION IN PRICE AND QUALITY GUARANTEED TO ALL BUYERS

Chester Machine & Lumber Co.

THE YARD OF QUALITY

ELECTED VICE PRESIDENT OF C & N W RAILWAY

H. W. Miller Elected Vice-President of C. & N. W. Railway Today—Southern Helps in Management.

At a meeting of the Board of Directors of the Carolina and Northwestern Railway Company held today, in this city, Mr. H. W. Miller was elected Vice-President. Mr. Miller is Vice-President of Southern Railway Company and, upon being asked if his election means that Southern Railway will take over the Carolina and Northwestern, said:

"Southern Railway will not take over the Carolina and Northwestern Railway. Being a large holder of the bonds of the C. & N. W. which it has not received full interest in several years, and the C. & N. W. being unable to secure funds from any other source to take care of extraordinary expenditures made necessary by reason of the damage done by floods in July 1916, has appealed to Southern Railway to come to its aid. By reason of the fact that Southern Railway Company is now so large a creditor, it was suggested that one of its officers should be connected with the C. & N. W. for the purpose of giving aid and advice in the rehabilitation and operation of the property. The Southern Railway consented and I am becoming Vice-President for the purpose of seeing what can be done to help them out. The majority of those employed at a stockholder of the C. & N. W. and I repeat, my election as Vice-President of that Company does not mean that the Southern Railway Company is taking over the property. Direct ownership and control of every property is naturally lodged in the hands of the stockholders. We are simply asked to lend them some money and also to give them the benefit of our experience in questions that are now confronting them."

The citizens of Chester are very much interested in the Carolina and North-Western Railway and the location of its General Office since the majority of those employed at the offices are Chester people, and will be pleased to learn that no changes are contemplated in the location of these offices.

Mr. W. A. Barber, President of the railway, in speaking of the change made today said:

"There is nothing to conceal either in the reason for Mr. Miller's election as Vice President of this Company or as to what is expected to result from it. It appeared from Southern Railway reports to the next state Commerce Commission and to the State Railroad Commission, and has therefore been a matter of public record for years that the Carolina and North-Western Railway Company owns the outstanding bonds to the Carolina and North-Western."

"Owing to the largely increased cost of operation in recent years, with which gross earnings have not kept pace, the C. & N. W. has not been able to pay full interest on these bonds, although Southern Railway has been liberal in divisions of rates through business, as fixed by the traffic agreement between the two Companies. This traffic agreement has been in force since 1903. Legislation affecting rates has lessened the income of this Company, while costs of labor, material and supplies have continuously increased. Only trouble could result from such a condition."

"The severe flood damage last Summer, amounting to about one hundred and fifty thousand dollars, added to C. & N. W. troubles. Trains have necessarily been operated over temporary structures ever since and the patrons of the road, particularly those north of Catawba River, have grown more and more impatient that permanent bridges be immediately erected to take the place of those washed away. Bridges cost money."

"With the deficit in interest on outstanding bonds it is manifestly impossible to sell securities to get money required to fully repair this damage. Besides the C. & N. W. needs additional equipment to meet the requirements of its patrons and offset the high per diem rate on Foreign Cars."

"We therefore applied to the Southern for further help. The Southern Railway Company indicated a willingness to be further assisted and it was suggested that we accept Mr. Miller's full co-operation in the management of the C. & N. W."

THE SEABOARD STATION.

Officials Want To Remodel Structure—Plans to Be Submitted.

Messrs. W. L. Stanley, Assistant to the President, and H. E. Ogden, Superintendent of the Seaboard Air Line Railway, were in Chester yesterday and met a committee from the Ladies' Civic Improvement Association and several citizens of Chester, in the rooms of the Chamber of Commerce, for the purpose of discussing the Seaboard passenger station, at this place.

The committee showed the representatives of the railway wherein the station was not in keeping with the city and the amount of business done in Chester. Messrs. Stanley and Ogden stated that the Seaboard was not now in financial shape to build a new station here but stated that it might be possible to make needed repairs to the old station and that possibly within the course of a few years they would be in position to give Chester the much needed passenger station. They propose to submit plans within the next thirty days outlining the improvements to be made. Just whether or not the plans will be accepted is a matter of speculation as a number of Chester people are of the opinion that the railway company should build a modern depot here since the present structure is entirely out of date and in reality is an old eating-house made into a depot some years ago.

DR. STRAIT TAKES A BRIDE.

Lancaster Citizen: Dr. T. J. Strait of this city and Miss Ella Ruff of Columbia were married Tuesday evening at eight o'clock at the Baptist parsonage by Dr. J. H. Thayer. After the ceremony a few friends were entertained at a wedding supper at the residence on Chestnut street, where Dr. Strait was a nurse at the state hospital and became acquainted with Dr. Strait while he was superintendent of the institution. Dr. Strait went to Columbia Tuesday and was accompanied to Lancaster by his bride-to-be and Dr. Strait's mother. After her arrival on the night train. The news of Dr. Strait's marriage will be received with interest by his city of friends throughout the county who will wish him and his young bride a full measure of wedded bliss.

FIRE CHIEF ELECTED.

Fire Department Has Banquet—Council and Policemen Are Guests.

At a meeting of the Stonehill Fire Company, in the Army street Thursday night, Mr. B. M. Spratt was elected Chief vice Mr. J. H. Hardin who has been acting chief for several weeks. Mr. Julian Leckie, elected Captain and Messrs. Treney Walsh and R. E. Couzar first and second lieutenants respectively.

After the election of officers an elaborate banquet was served at which the City Council and the members of the City Police department were guests. Appropriate talks were made by Messrs. Z. V. Davidson, J. R. Dye, H. S. Adams, Alex. Fraser, Robert Gage and B. M. Spratt.

Death of Mr. Robert N. Workman.

Mr. Robert N. Workman, of the Harmon section, died Saturday morning at the home of his son, Mr. R. Workman, in Rock Hill, of pneumonia.

Mr. Workman was visiting his son in Rock Hill and while there developed pneumonia from which he died after only a few days illness. He was sixty-six years of age and was a consistent member of the Harmony Baptist church. The funeral services were held at Harmony Sunday and the interment was made in the Harmony graveyard.

Mr. Workman is survived by the following children: Messrs. H. L. E. K. R. E. F., and H. V. Workman and Madames Frank Hoffman and Turner Richey, of Clinton.

Under this agreement this Company will not only have the benefit of Mr. Miller's broad experience, but money with which to repair the flood damage is assured, and it is hoped that additional equipment can be secured.

In short, I hope it means better earnings to the road and better equipment and better service to its patrons. It does not mean any change in the ownership of the stock. Of course the General Office of the Company will remain in Chester and the shops at Hickory as heretofore.

Miss Blanche Sanders, of Rock Hill, spent Sunday in Chester.

Mr. B. S. Cassells, of Charlotte, is a Chester visitor today.

Fence Your Garden with a substantial fence. See Chester Hardware Co.

Mr. S. L. Cassells underwent an operation for appendicitis at the Pryor Hospital this morning.

Ladies. Just received two shipments of the new white kid boots for spring at \$6.50 and \$8.00. They are values at these prices at The S. M. Jones Co.

Rev. J. E. Jones has received a call from Rock Creek Baptist church for half time, commencing April 1st. The rest of his time will be devoted to his work in Chester Association.

Paint Your Home with Rogers Paints. None better. Chester Hardware Co.

The spring term of United States court for the Western South Carolina district is convened in Rock Hill this morning at 10 o'clock with Judge Joseph T. Johnson of Spartanburg presiding. One of the cases of more than ordinary interest expected to come up for trial at this term is that of E. Curtis Mackey, of Lancaster, charged with embezzlement.

Get Your Wedding Presents from Chester Hardware Co.

Congressman Paul G. McCorkle returned Saturday morning from Washington, D. C., where he represented the Fifth district in the final House of Representatives for the unexpired term of the late Dr. E. Finley. Mr. McCorkle was accompanied by his son, Billy, who acted as his private secretary. Mr. McCorkle made a decidedly favorable impression on his colleagues during his brief service in congress, and was shown much attention and good courtesies while in Washington—York News.

Miss Christine Ferguson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S. W. Ferguson, of Catawba, and Langdon H. Wilson also of Catawba, were married in Columbia on Saturday, March 3, by Dr. Blackwell, and on Friday afternoon last returned from Florida, where they spent a few days. After spending a day or two with the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ferguson, left for Monroe, N. C., where they will reside in the future and where Mr. Wilson has a position with the S. A. L. Railway Co.

The members of the County Road Improvement Committee are visiting a number of places in the Western section of the county today for the purpose of discussing the proposed bond issue for Chester county. Tomorrow the committee will visit Blaton Rouge, Leeds and other points.

Children Cry for Fletcher's

CASTORIA

The Kind You Have Always Bought, and which has been in use for over 30 years, has borne the signature of Dr. J. C. Ayer and has been made under his personal supervision since its infancy. Allow no one to deceive you in this. All Counterfeits, Imitations and "Just-as-good" are but experiments that risk the health of Infants and Children—Experience against Experiment.

What is CASTORIA
Castoria is a harmless substitute for Castor Oil, Paregoric, Drops and Soothing Syrup. It is pleasant. It contains neither Opium, Morphine nor other narcotic substance. Its age is its guarantee. For more than thirty years it has been in constant use for the relief of Constipation, Flatulency, Wind Colic and Diarrhoea; allaying Feverishness arising therefrom, and by regulating the Stomach and Bowels, aids the assimilation of Food, giving healthy and natural sleep. The Children's Panacea—The Mother's Friend.

GENUINE CASTORIA ALWAYS Bears the Signature of

Chas. H. Fletcher

In Use For Over 30 Years
The Kind You Have Always Bought
THE CENTAUR COMPANY, NEW YORK CITY.

UNCLE SAM WILL ARM VESSELS

BAGDAD HAS BEEN TAKEN BY GREAT BRITAIN.

WE

have just received a solid car load of ROGERS PAINTS

Full Line of Accessories.

USE WALL-TONA For Your Inside Finishes.

CHESTER HARDWARE CO.

"Quality First"

THAT CROWD

in and around our store points to the "Best Values For The Least Money" with the same accuracy as the needle points to the pole. Remember! These "Sox dolgers" and "Landlides" do not come to us through the regular credit channels, but from bankrupt merchants and crippled credit concerns, many of whom were rated high but who bet their existence upon the "Tiger of Time" and were swept like chaff before the pitiless storm and whose epitaph is written in the lonely dirge: GONE!

W. R. NAIL

5-10-25c and About \$1.00 Limit Store Near City Hall

KEEP YOUR SHOES MEAT

IO: BLACK WHITE TAN IO: A "2 in 1 Shoe Polish" is made for every use. For Black Shoes, "2 in 1 Black Combination" (paste) and "2 in 1 Black Combination" (paste and liquid); for White Shoes, "2 in 1 White Cake" (cake) and "2 in 1 White Liquid" (liquid); for Tan Shoes, "2 in 1 Tan" (paste) and "2 in 1 Tan Combination" (paste and liquid). F. F. DALEY CO. of New York, Inc. BUFFALO, N. Y.



