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COMMITTEE HAS FRIENDS

TROOPS MOVE ON THE CAPITAL

Six Train Loads of the 47th Army Corps at Toluca, About 67 Miles From Constantinople and Within a Day or Two the Committee Will Have Between 15,000 and 30,000 Men There—Advance of the Soldiers Has Greatly Impressed the Public and It is Believed That the Sultan and the New Government Will Find It Impossible to Reject Their Demands.

Constantinople, April 17.—The committee of union and progress has given convincing proof of its power and influence over the third army corps. Two military trains, each containing 800 infantry, arrived this morning at Toluca, about 67 miles from the capital, and four other trains are expected to reach that point within the next 24 hours.

After remaining a short time at Toluca, the two trains continued on to Satalak, which is inside the line of fortifications at Hademkol, 40 miles from the capital, which were abandoned during the night by the artillery of the garrison.

Within a day or two the committee will have between 15,000 and 20,000 men within striking distance of Constantinople, where the mutinous garrison, having practically discarded its arms and all discipline, certainly will not be able to offer resistance.

It is rumored that the committee has not been successful in impressing the leaders of the Young Turks, who also rejected the explanation of flight, and accounting for the absence from the deputation of the deputies from Saloniki and Monastir.

SITUATION IS GRAVE

Another deputation, composed of 25 members, is leaving to-night to convey to the troops the assurance of the chamber that there has been no infringement of the constitution, which still rules. The situation undoubtedly is grave.

HARVEY BRADFORD GUILTY

Negro Who Entered Converse Student's Room Convicted of Burglary and Will Spend the Remainder of His Days in the Pen—Other Cases Disposed Of.

GRIDIRON CLUB'S DINNER

PROMINENT MEN ON BROILER

Men Foremost in the Public Eye Including President Taft, Got What Was Coming to Them—Minister Show by "All-Star Performers" Proved to Be the Biggest Hit of the Evening—Song Entitled, "Eating Through Georgia," Proved Popular.

Washington, April 17.—The broiler of the Gridiron Club, that famous organization of newspaper men, was kept busy to-night serving up wit and humor at a special dinner complimentary to the new administration given in the banquet hall of the New Willard.

The onslaught on the banquet room began when the club's big old-fashioned dinner bell announced that everything was ready. As soon as the diners were seated, the room was thronged into dining while a welcome was extended to the distinguished guests.

"EATING THROUGH GEORGIA"

"Sound the good old dinner horn, we'll sing another," who composed. "About the trip that Taft once made when with digestion strong. He went eating through Georgia, as we went eating through Georgia."

THOUGHT IT WAS ROOSEVELT

"Say, Mr. Vice President," a member of the "Cabinet" inquired, "do you remember the morning when all those boilers blew up and scared a lot of people?"

TH WHITE HOUSE COGW

The White House cow, now already famous, was made the subject of one of the best stunts of the evening. The animal, being the property of the White House, was led into the room, which instantly caused the "President" to inquire, "What is this?"

Laying Concrete Sidewalks

Special to The Observer. Marion, April 17.—The laying of concrete sidewalks was commenced last week and they are a thing of beauty and will be a joy forever. They are fifteen feet wide and will be placed on Main and Henderson streets to the depot.

PALMETTO CAPITAL NEWS

TO ENFORCE NEW LABOR LAWS

State Commissioner Sends Out Warnings to Manufacturing Companies Against the Employment of Children Under the Legal Age—Parents Have Evaded the Law by Entering Their Children as "Helpers"—Much Cotton Thrown on the Market During the Week—Insurance Companies Join in the Fight on the Great White Plague—Their Co-Operation Expected to Result in Great Good.

Under the new labor laws of this State, Commissioner Watson is to-day sending out warning to cotton mills and every other establishment employing women or children, which is designed not only to keep the children out of the establishments, but to keep them out of the establishments altogether.

A RUSH OF COTTON

Great quantities of cotton have been called out all over the State this week by the advance in the price to 10 cents, although no such scenes were witnessed over the State as in the past.

DECISION FAVORS TWIN CITY

Interstate Commerce Commission Holds That Rates on Bituminous Coal Are Unreasonable—Rates on Soft Coal Corrected Also.

Washington, April 17.—Unreasonable rates on bituminous coal shipped to Winston-Salem, N. C., were corrected by the Interstate Commerce Commission in a decision rendered to-day by Chairman Knapp.

HIGHWAYMEN CAPTURED

Held Up Vice President of a Bridge Company and Relieved Him of \$2,200, But Were Later Caught.

San Francisco, April 17.—James M. Thompson, vice president of the Thompson Bridge Company, on entering his office to-day with a sack containing \$2,200 was confronted by two masked men, one of whom shot him through the chest, inflicting a serious wound.

THE KING OF ALL CROOKS

Colored Parson Reaps Harvest of From Sale of Certificates of Religion.

GIRLS WERE ENTRAPPED

Elevator Boy Ran Car Through Smoke and Flames and Saved Many While Others Fled Through Fire Escapes.

WHEAT MARKET BULLISH

JULY WAS STRONG AT CLOSE

Patten Left the Market to Its Fate and the Patten Crowd Improved Considerably, May and July Options Advancing Over a Cent—Chicago Tribune Says Patten and His Crowd Have Cleaned Up Between \$4,000,000 and \$5,000,000 on May Wheat—Patten Pays His Respects to Secretary of Agriculture Wilson.

Chicago, April 17.—After a memorable speculative week the ticker's "good night" was received at noon to-day with a deep sigh of relief from a board of trade men, not to mention an army of laymen drawn into the vortex of the wheat pit by the publicity given James A. Patten, the leader, and his following.

As to talk of removing the tariff on wheat as a slap at manipulators, Mr. Patten was not to be moved. He is of the opinion that it will be better to remove it right now, because we will have to do it inside of ten years at any rate.

CONVICTED OF MANSLAUGHTER

J. L. Fox Convicted of Murder of Stephen Watson and Sentenced to Two Years in the State Prison—Wife When Sentence is Imposed.

Wadesboro, April 17.—J. L. Fox, charged with the murder of Stephen Watson, was found guilty of manslaughter by the Superior Court jury this morning.

AT THE NATIONAL CAPITAL

The More Important Happenings of the Day Briefly Summarized.

WANT WILL OF BARONESS SET ASIDE

Norfolk, Va., April 17.—The heirs of Baroness Mary E. Von Zollikofer, who died in Rome, Italy, October 30, 1907, have instituted suit here to set aside the will of the baroness.

RECORD SHIPMENT OF LECTURE

Wilmington, April 17.—A new high record in volume of lecture shipments from the Wilmington and Wrightsboro sections was made to-day when 15 solid car loads of the vegetable were forwarded to Northern Markets.

STEEL LET DOWN LIGHT

VERDICT IS SIMPLE ASSAULT

York County Citizen, Charged With Criminal Assault Upon Mrs. Nannie Holman, Is Found Guilty of Simple Assault—Maximum Penalty for the Offense is a Fine of \$100 or 30 Days on the Roads, the Same as Imposed by the Rock Hill Recorder.

Under the laws of this State the maximum penalty for the offense of which the jury pronounced him guilty is \$100 or 30 days on the chain-gang, which is identical with the same penalty imposed on Steele by Recorder Craig, of Rock Hill, at the time he tried him under a charge connected with the occurrence the following day.

VERDICT A COMPROMISE?

The verdict has been the talk of the town to-day, and while many are outspoken in their belief that the jury, others contend that there is every reason to believe that it was the result of a compromise on the part of those who felt that the testimony and law warranted a verdict for the defendant.

SOLICITOR'S ABLE PLEA

Solicitor Henry's speech to the jury was characterized by burning eloquence and terrible earnestness. Reviewing the testimony detailing the circumstances of a violent quarrel, coming into a strange town for a happy meeting with her husband, and falling into such treatment, he said, "I tell you, gentlemen, if ye men it is time that such things must stop."

AN EXCITING EXPERIENCE

Mr. Griffin Describes His Thrilling Drop Through Deep River Bridge.

PRIZES FOR BEST YIELDS OF CORN AND POTATOES

Special to The Observer. Marion, April 17.—The Manufacturers' Club, ever alert to any and everything that advances the interests of the county and will be appreciated by the corn and potato raisers, and result in greatly increased crops.

DEMURRER SUSTAINED IN NAVAL STORES CASE

Savannah, Ga., April 17.—Judge Sheppard, in the United States Court to-day sustained the demurrer of the American Naval Stores Company in the so-called Burnett trust case on one count and overruled it on two others.

RECEIVERS FOR ZINC COMPANY

Iola, Kan., April 17.—Upon application of Alton B. Parker, acting on behalf of the Trust Company of America, trustees for the bondholders, J. O. Rogers was to-day appointed receiver for the Lanyon Zinc Company, one of the largest smelting works in the world.

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