

FINAL CHAPTER IN HOSPITAL PROBE AT CAMP POLK

Report On Charges Made By Attorney General That Sick Were Neglected

EXISTING CONDITIONS REVIEWED IN DETAIL

Inadequate Hospital Facilities, a Rapidly Spreading Epidemic and Failure of Complaints to Appreciate Local Conditions Held As Factors in Charges Made

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Washington, Jan. 22.—A dishonorable discharge from the United army of Captain Joseph H. Stopley, of the medical corps because of an altercation while in uniform with a civilian at Muskogee, Oklahoma, marks the culmination of the investigation conducted by the War Department at Camp Polk, Raleigh.

The testimony likewise discloses that Doctor Stopley is of German descent and was accused of acting rudely before Raleigh ladies while in the administration of his duties.

The complete and final report of the investigation at Camp Polk, instituted in compliance with a request from Attorney General James S. Manning, embodies several typewritten pages. Adjutant General P. C. Harris, of the War Department, today transmitted a copy of the report to Senator Simmons.

On December 12, 1914, the Hon. James S. Manning, Attorney General of the State of North Carolina, wrote a letter to the Hon. F. M. Simmons, U. S. Senate, complaining of conditions at Camp Polk, N. C. during the epidemic of influenza at that camp.

Senator Simmons transmitted the letter of complaint to the Adjutant General, requesting an investigation and early advice as to the action taken by the War Department in the premises.

Steps Taken To Form Permanent Merchant Marine

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Among members of the resolutions committee named by Chairman Hans dell were H. A. Wheeler, president of the United States Chamber of Commerce; P. A. S. Franklin, president of the International Mercantile Marine; J. H. Pruitt, president of the Masters, Mates and Pilots Association; F. L. Sanford, of the Southern Pine Association and C. E. Gunsky, of San Francisco.

Money Due Sprunt Is On Transaction Made Before War

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ected with the alleged incidents enumerated is pronounced as utterly untrue, the telegram from the Messrs. Sprunt saying:

"On the contrary, Mr. James Sprunt



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severed his connection with the British government with most cordial relations existing between them, as is expressed in the following letter.

British Embassy, Washington, July 7, 1915.

Dear Mr. Sprunt: Many thanks for your letter of yesterday which I have just received. I have instructed Colonel Brookfield to convey to you officially the appreciation felt by His Majesty's government for your long and excellent service as British Vice-Consul at Wilmington, but I wish also to add a personal word of warm regards on my own account.

Believe me, dear Mr. Sprunt, Yours sincerely, (Signed) CECIL SPRING-RICE, Dr. Sprunt, British Vice-Consulate, Wilmington, N. C.

England's Laws Not Broken.

The following further specific statement is denied and declared to be false and defamatory:

"The intimation is that Sprunt representing Great Britain in a consular capacity and so procuring vessels to ship the cotton in, violated England's trading with the enemy act."

"On the contrary," say the Messrs. Sprunt in their statement, "the said firm of Alex Sprunt and Son never shipped a single cargo or bale of cotton to Rotterdam or any other neutral or enemy country except as was permitted in advance by the British government. After the orders in council of the British government prohibiting such shipments were issued not a single bale was shipped by Alex. Sprunt and Son or any one for them or either of them or any one connected with their firm."

The statement that "there is intimation here that the lessened activity of the Sprunt firm on the cotton market is due to foreign complications that followed the shipment of the two cargoes to Rotterdam" is specifically alleged by the firm to be false and defamatory.

President Right in Making Visit Simonds Admits

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was done it is difficult to explain. Certainly when I was in London three years ago or two years ago, nothing could have appeared more impossible. It needed something beyond our mere participation in the war to complete the thing. Exactly this Mr. Wilson's visit accomplishes. It is easy to overestimate the permanent value of any single incident or of the emotions of any one moment, but I have found no one in London who did not feel that there had been an enduring gain for Anglo-American understanding as a result of the President's visit.

Present Situation Is Grave.

It would be difficult to exaggerate the gravity of the present European situation as viewed by thoughtful Englishmen. We are hardly done with the greatest war in human history, and a few hours' travel from London brings one to human shores on which the waves of Bolshevism and anarchy are breaking with ever increasing force.

I do not purpose at this time to make any reference to British politics, have to warn my American readers against too sweeping generalizations in any direction. In the same way I refrain from estimating at this distance and with too slight evidence the extent of the really of the Bolshevik menace in Germany and out of it. But foreign politics and domestic politics are tremendous factors in the present situation, puzzling, baffling, in a sense discouraging.

Europe has discovered how different is the cessation from fighting from an actual restoration of peace. Peace, for four and a half desperate years, has been a golden promise, a sufficient goal to enlist all effort. But it has turned out that even when the fight is over and the victory won, the goal remains remote. There are still pain, privation, apprehension. One immediate peril has gone, but half a dozen which seemed remote yesterday have today become immediate.

Into this situation President Wilson has come to give vitality to the old hopes, aspirations and expectations. No one exaggerate the danger inherent in such a position and in such a role. No living man, no man who has ever lived, could satisfy the expectations President Wilson has aroused.

Let it be understood at once that this British visit was not in any sense another of the old fashioned "hands-across-the-sea" and "blood is thicker than water" affairs. It was not past relationship but future co-operation which was and is in the minds of British and Americans. The old efforts, earnest and sincere as they were, failed immeasurably because they were backward looking and rested upon an old association which could not be restored.

Future Co-operation Biggest Aim. Viewed close to the event and with all proper qualifications necessary in the premises, the great thing, the "very greatest thing, about President Wilson's visit was that it created the belief that there could be present and future

co-operation between the United States and Great Britain, because there was a solid basis for such co-operation. Millions of men and women found in the presence and in the words of Mr. Wilson evidence of a contemporary community of thought, of aspirations and of ideals. I came to London wholly sceptical of the Wilson visit. I found unanimous testimony to its success, including that of the Americans in London who would naturally be least reserved in criticizing an American to an American.

Great Problems Unsettled.

Certainly the visit settled nothing so far as the congress of Versailles is concerned. The great problems still await solution. But I do not think I exaggerate when I say that it lifted Anglo-American relations to a new level of common understanding and sympathy. The President did not champion an Anglo-American alliance as the solution of the present world crisis, but he did promote a better Anglo-American understanding; and he did it not by emphasizing the fact that a certain percentage of American people are of British stock or by stressing the fact of common institutions but by demonstrating that in the present year of grace Americans and British are facing the same perils with the same essential hopes, with purposes which if not identical are mutually intelligible and capable of ultimate fusion. This inevitably means co-operation between the United States and Great Britain at Versailles, instead of slowly maturing conflicts of ideas and purposes. And I do not believe that this much of solid gain—and it is a very great deal—could have been even approximately accomplished if the President had remained at home, as many Americans of whom I was one were convinced he should have done.

CONGRESSMAN KITCHIN RECOVERS FROM ILLNESS

Lieut. William Oliver Smith Spending Month in Nice, Italy, on Sick Leave

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Washington, Jan. 22.—Representative Claude Kitchin, who has been ill since Sunday, was able to be out today. He is still in a weak condition. The North Carolina Congressman has been threatened with a second attack of influenza.

Miss Louise Moore, of Burgaw, Pender county, has arrived in Washington to take a job with the War Risk Insurance Bureau. Miss Moore is a daughter of M. M. Moore, of Burgaw.

Lieut. William Oliver Smith, of Raleigh, has written George R. Fox, clerk to the House Rules Committee, stating that he is now located at Nice, Italy, on one month's sick leave. The Raleigh boy was captured by the Germans and for a time held a prisoner of Germany. He states that several other North Carolina boys are with him in Italy.

A good runner is not one who is always running into debt and running away from creditors.

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Advertisement for BELL-ANS FOR INDIGESTION, 6 BELL-ANS Hot water Sure Relief.

PROBE REVEALS DRINKING PARTY

Coroner's Inquiry Into Death of Gafford Continues

Wilmington, Jan. 22.—Examination of fourteen witnesses by a coroner's jury investigating the mysterious death of Walter P. Gafford, prominent lawyer, whose charred and burned body was found in grotesque shape, was held in the office of Justice of the Peace John Furlong yesterday morning.

Conflicting testimony was offered by W. L. Burkher and J. W. Blake, who discovered the burned body and who were present the night before. Blake maintains that Burkher, while on the outside of the building and before he had been able to identify the body inside of the office as Gafford's, told him that Walter Gafford was burned up in the office or that he was burning up, he couldn't determine which.

The party Monday night was composed of George Jackson, Jr., Ben Jackson, W. L. Burkher, W. M. Wheldon, H. N. Hewett, a man named Ledbetter and another man named Diekery.

Harry Townsend testified before the jury that he saw a negro barber look his shop and walk towards Furlong's office in company with a white woman late Monday night. The negro was later identified as Brown, proprietor of a barber shop near Furlong's office.

Another air of mystery was added to the case today when Gafford's vest was found in the back yard of Justice Furlong's office. The police are working on the theory that foul play was responsible for the young lawyer's death.

Dr. W. S. Newman testified positively that Gafford's head had come into contact with some blunt instrument. He could not say if he had been struck with a club.

Gafford was buried today in Bellevue cemetery. The pallbearers were his former associates of the Wilmington bar. His mother survives.

NO NEW DEVELOPMENTS IN TRUNK ROBBERY CASE

The police and railroad agents are still investigating the recent disclosures in the union station robbery cases. Last night, Chief of Police Barbour stated there was nothing new to make public at this time.

Repas, Scoggins and Steadman are still in jail and no date has been set for their hearing in city court. The police have learned that Steadman is of a well known and prominent family in South Carolina and before coming to Raleigh had borne a good reputation. He has never been in serious trouble before.

BODY OF THOMAS SETTLE INTERRED AT GREENSBORO

Petition Being Circulated For Signers Who Want Election On City Manager Plan

Greensboro, Jan. 22.—The body of Ex-Congressman Tom Settle arrived here from Asheville at four o'clock this afternoon and was carried immediately to Greene Hill cemetery, where a short service was conducted by Rev. Mr. Hall, rector of the Episcopal church at Asheville, and Rev. Robert E. Roe, rector of Holy Trinity Episcopal church of this city.

The pall bearers were the following members of the Guilford county bar: John N. Wilson, A. B. Kimball, E. D. Broadhurst, Charles A. Hines, G. C. Frazier and Leonidas Herbin. The body was accompanied here by a number of relatives, who were joined here by other members of the family. Mr. Settle is survived by his widow, several brothers and sisters, and other widemen. This was his boyhood home and his father and mother, the late Judge and Mrs. Thomas Settle, are buried here. A brother, two sisters, and many other close relatives of the deceased reside here. David Settle, who lives in the county near Greensboro, is a brother, and the sisters are Mrs. W. P. Beall and Mrs. Ben C. Sharpe. There are a number of nieces, nephews and cousins. Mrs. Moulton Avery, on Mountain street, is a niece of the deceased, and a cousin is Judge W. P. Ryan, of this city. Two nephews in France are Major Robert Beall and Lieut. William Beall, of the American Expeditionary Forces.

Col. Douglas Settle, now in France, a distinguished officer, is a brother of the deceased. Mrs. Sam H. Boyd, of Washington, D. C., Mrs. James Kendrick Wilkes of Charlotte, Mrs. Frederick H. Maier, of Philadelphia, and Miss Floretta Settle, of Paris, are sisters of the deceased.

The deceased was born in Rockingham county and both on the paternal and maternal sides, claimed descent from the very best families of this section. When he was a child his parents came to Greensboro. He studied law in the famous Dick & Dillard school, and when barely past his majority was elected solicitor of this district. While serving as solicitor, he was nominated and elected to Congress in 1892. He was re-elected in 1894, but was defeated in 1896 by W. W. Kitchin, who afterwards became Governor. The campaign between Messrs. Kitchin and Settle in 1896 will be long remembered in the Fifth district. Soon after his retirement from Congress, Mr. Settle went to Asheville where he had since lived. His wife was Miss Eliza Potter of a distinguished family. They have no children.

Mr. Settle was one of the best campaign speakers in the State and in election years his services were always in demand in this and adjoining States. He had been the candidate of his party for the United States Senate, once or twice held Federal appointments, and had been otherwise honored by the Republican party, of which he was a life-long member. As a lawyer, he was a foreful advocate and had a good practice, notwithstanding the fact that he gave so much of his time to politics.

Many petitions have been circulated today in order to get 25 per cent of the voters of Greensboro to ask for an election at an early date to determine

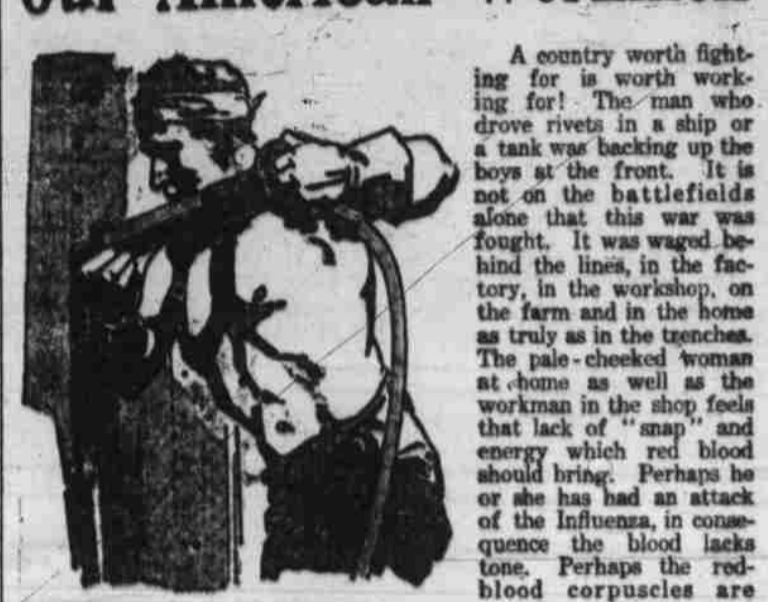
SAFE, GENTLE REMEDY BRINGS SURE RELIEF

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Whether or not Greensboro will have a managerial form of government. It was believed this afternoon that the requisite 25 per cent of the qualified voters of the city had been obtained. The petition will be presented to the county board of elections in the next few days and when this is done, this board will order an election to be held within about forty days from the time the petition is received.

Held for Barn Burning. Asheville, Jan. 22.—Will, Frank and Lou Palmer, the latter a woman, are held on the charge of burning a barn belonging to George Palmer, a cousin, in the Catawboche section of Haywood county. The arrests were made by Deputy Insurance Commissioner F. M. Jordan, and are said to be based on a confession made by Frank Palmer. All three were placed under bonds of \$1,000 each. It is stated that George Palmer's barn was burned as an act of retaliation for Palmer's supposed efforts in turning up distillers in that section. The officers declare that George never furnished the information. Police dogs from Asheville were used in tracking down the Palmers.

Our American Workmen



A country worth fighting for is worth working for! The man who drove rivets in a ship or tank was backing up the boys at the front. It is not on the battlefields alone that this war was fought. It was waged behind the lines, in the factory, in the workshop, on the farm and in the home as truly as in the trenches. The pale-cheeked workman at home as well as the workman in the shop feels that lack of "snap" and energy which red blood should bring. Perhaps he or she has had an attack of the influenza, in consequence the blood lacks tone. Perhaps the red-blood corpuscles are lacking. Build up the blood with an iron-ionic tablet, called "Ironic," first discovered and made by Dr. Pierce. After taking this tonic tablet you have good red blood and an active liver, and you can face the enemy successfully—whether it is the germs of grip, a common cold or spring fever. America needs its strong men, and American men need to be strong. Then there is that blood-maker and herbal tonic which has borne the recommendations of many thousands of people during the past fifty years. It is called Doctor Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery, and can be had in tablet form at almost all drug stores at 60 cents a vial. It has the right combination of herbal extracts to bring "pep," vim, vitality and vigor to you. When you have taken Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery Tablets you will feel the red blood coursing through veins and arteries, and you will be surprised to find how easy it is to tackle every "job," every undertaking calling for responsibility or efficiency. The man who takes this tonic tablet has iron nerves for hardships, and an interest in "the drive" grips him. Be sure and ask for Dr. Pierce's.

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