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VICTORY MEDALS GOING BEGGING IN WASHINGTON NOW

Two Million Bits of Bronze Re- main Unclaimed By Former Servicemen

ARMY OFFICERS WILL OPEN PUBLICITY DRIVE

Unable To Secure Recruits
Longer, Officers Find Jobs
Distributing Mementoes of
Great War; Agricultural De-
partment Issues Warning To
Seed Buyers

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Washington, March 26.—One would naturally think that the men of the American expeditionary force would claim the Victory medals which Congress authorized as a special distinction, but it does not appear so from the records. Out of about four million men who saw service in the war with Germany there have been only 1,500,000 to whom medals have been issued, leaving some two million still held by the United States.

The War Department is making a drive to locate former service men or their relatives, so as to distribute the medals and to get this going 24 officers, who have been withdrawn as recruiting agents because of the cut in the size of the regular army ordered by Congress, have been detailed to make a canvass of the ex-soldiers and facilitate distribution of the medals. For this purpose the country has been divided into six districts and batch of field clerks assigned to assist the officers.

North Carolinians who are ex-service men, should call for their medals while in the case of those who are fathers, mothers, brothers or sisters beginning at the eldest when the parents are not living are entitled to receive the medals.

Department Issues Warning.

The Agricultural Department today issued a warning to buyers of clover-timothy mixtures, saying that so-called clover-timothy seed mixtures which are widely advertised by certain seed firms at what may appear attractive prices, often contain a little red clover that are of little if any more value than timothy seed, but actually cost nearly double the market price of the seed.

The Department says that 45 pounds of this seed is offered as clover and timothy with the claim that the different seeds occur in the proper proportions for seeding, while frequently there is not more than 5 or 6 per cent of clover present—not enough to be of any value in the crop.

Persons who buy mixed seed are warned to be careful to learn the exact proportions of the mixtures offered and the quality of the seed contained, otherwise they are likely to pay an exorbitant price for seed that will not produce the crop wanted.

To Hear Southern Views.

It was announced today by Chairman Ford of the House Ways and Means committee that the bill would be called in special session on Wednesday, April 14 to hear representatives of the Southern Tariff association present their views on tariff legislation for the South.

Sherrill Takes Charge.

Lieutenant Colonel Clarence O. Sherrill, United States Army, who has been made chief military aide to the President and superintendent of public buildings and grounds, entered upon his new duties today.

Former President Wilson was reported today by his physician, Rear Admiral Cary T. Grayson, as being a little weaker as the result of the acute attack of indigestion he had yesterday, but otherwise he has apparently recovered from the attack.

Bawyer Puts On Uniform.

Brigadier General Charles E. Bawyer, the President's physician whose rank in the army comes by appointment of the President, appeared today for the first time in the uniform of his rank.

All Train Forces Discharged.

Palmetto, Texas, March 26.—All train forces on passenger trains of the International and Great Northern Railroads were suspended today under orders issued from the road's general office here. Train auditors were suspended several days ago.

Open School of Journalism at College as Memorial to Lee

Lexington, Va., March 26.—The Robert E. Lee School of Journalism is soon to be established at Washington and Lee University in memory of the great Southern general who as president of the institution in 1869 founded the first chair on that subject in the history of the country. This announcement was made today by Dr. Henry Louis Smith, president of Washington and Lee, after an extended trip through the South during which he enlisted the support of a large number of newspaper editors in the project, and secured their promise to aid in its endowment.

"It is not generally known," said Dr. Smith, "that General Lee was the first educator in the United States to recognize journalism as a learned profession. He not only showed his remarkable foresight and knowledge of the needs of the times by establishing at Lexington one of the first schools of engineering in the South to rebuild that devastated region, but also in 1869 founded the first school of journalism in the United States. This school offered 50 free scholarships for deserving and capable men looking forward to the editorial profession, and inaugurated a working connection with a well-equipped printing plant, that every student might through apprenticeship in actual newspaper work become upon graduation thoroughly equipped for an editorial or managerial profession. Nothing in all General Lee's remarkable history was more illustrative of his far-seeing genius and of his acute knowledge of the educational needs of the South than his action in thus providing a school of journalism as a complement to his school of engineering."

"It is proposed that the editors of the South, as their tribute to his memory, recognize General Lee as the founder in America of journalism as a profession by re-establishing and endowing the school which was discontinued after his death."

TROTSKY WORKS TO PROVIDE BIG NAVY

Military Dictator By Controlling Food Supply Forced Sailors To Submission

Stockholm, March 26.—(By the Associated Press.)—The details of the beginning of the revolt in Kronstadt against the Bolshevik administration, and the circumstances forming a background against which this episode can be seen and judged have been learned by the correspondent from well informed sources by way of Riga, Latvia and Helsinki, Finland.

Ever since the Bolshevik revolution Kronstadt had a tendency to develop into a dependent Soviet republic within the larger Russian republic. Under Czarism, discipline in the navy was stricter than in the army but since the revolution lack of discipline among the sailors has been hard to check. In Kronstadt the sailors lived in officers' private villas and idled in officers' clubs, avoiding all drills and enjoying a paradise as long as they were supplied with food and clothing from Petrograd.

The government in Moscow did not interfere, arguing it was better to have the sailors for it than against it.

Controls Food Supply.

The Soviet government had a program clear and precise—that the Baltic sea must become and remain a Russian lake—and declared the Aland Island question proved this. It has been repeatedly contended from the Russian side that any international agreement regarding the Aland would be invalid unless signed by Russia.

During the Yudenitch offensive against Petrograd in 1919 the Kronstadt navy was useless, not through lack of good material, but owing to the absence of discipline. Trotsky started his reorganization directly by the Yudenitch adventure was ended and appointed M. Rasokolnikov its chief, assisted by a former Czarist admiral to form an efficient battle squadron. He declared the red flag should fly from warships along the Baltic, giving evidence of the Soviet government's power. It was from these days that the conflict between Trotsky and the sailors dated.

ERWIN BERGDOLL WEARS OLIVE DRAB AT HEARING

Philadelphia Millionaire, Con- victed of Draft Evasion, Seeks His Release

Kansas City, Mo., March 26.—Huddled to a military guard and dressed in the olive drab he declined to wear during the war, Erwin Bergdoll, Philadelphia millionaire, convicted of draft evasion, appeared today before Judge John C. Pollock in the Federal District court in Kansas City, Kansas, where habeas corpus proceedings have been instituted seeking his release from the military prison at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas.

At the conclusion of the hearing Judge Pollock announced that he would take under advisement the matter at issue in today's hearing—the admissibility of evidence to show Bergdoll had received notice to report for military service.

FIVE MORE BODIES OF NEGROES FOUND ON GEORGIA FARM

Other Startling Disclosures Promised in Alleged Jasper County Peonage Case

NEGRO LEADS OFFICERS TO SCENE OF GRAVES

John Williams, White Man, Held in Jail On Negro's Al- leged Confession That He Killed Four of Men at Direc- tion of Williams; Nine Bodies Recovered By Officers

Atlanta, Ga., March 26.—Disclosures that will surpass developments already made in the alleged Jasper county peonage cases were promised tonight by authorities following the discovery today of the bodies of five negroes buried near the home of John Williams, a prominent Jasper county farmer, and the recovery of the body of another negro in the Yellow river.

With the six bodies unearthed yesterday under the direction of Clyde Manning, who was taken to the scene to substantiate his alleged confession that he had killed four of the negroes and aided in the death of others at the direction of Williams, a total of nine of the eleven negroes said to have been killed have been found by officials.

Negro Acts As Guide.

Under the protection of a posse of 15 men and the guidance of the negro, a number of men searched for the bodies today near Williams' home and in the Yellow river while the Jackson company of the National Guard was held under arms ready to go to the scene in case of opposition.

Williams is held in the Fulton county jail here having been arrested after Manning's alleged confession. He today denied his guilt and declared that an old family feud had resulted in a "frame up" to cause his arrest.

Warrants for three sons of Williams, Julius, Haylor and Marvin, were taken out in Fulton county yesterday at the request of Governor Dorey, and were to have been turned over to officers in Jasper county, but reports tonight from Montezuma, Ga., stated that the Williams boys were there, but had not been placed under arrest.

Of the bodies recovered today three were found in a pasture near the Williams house during the morning. The afternoon, it was stated, the negro Manning led the party to the Campbell farm, about five miles southwest of the Williams place, where two more bodies were discovered. The Campbell farm is said to be under the management of the Williams.

Probe Started in February.

Belief was expressed tonight that all the victims had been killed at the Williams place since February 21, when agents of the Department of Justice visited the farm during an investigation of alleged peonage in that vicinity.

Williams is a cousin of Sheriff Persons, of Jasper county, at present under indictment for alleged peonage. It developed today that information also has been filed with the United States attorney here against Williams, relative to peonage charges.

UNION ROAD ELECTORS TENDER RESIGNATION

Dissatisfaction On The Part of Citizens and Other Rea- sons Conjectured

Monroe, March 26.—The entire road electorate of Union county, except W. E. Lemmond, of Vance township, in session today agreed to resign en masse and their joint resignation was filed with the clerk of the board of county commissioners to be acted upon at the next meeting of the board and to become effective Saturday, April 16th, 1921. No reason was given in the resignation which was very brief.

It is known that the commission is considerably in debt having contracted accounts for about \$80,000 in excess of the half million dollar bond issue and tax money for two years past and there has been some difference of opinion as to whether the county is legally liable for this indebtedness.

ERWERE NON-SUITS THE JACKSON ELECTION CASE

Asheville, March 26.—Referee J. D. Maloney, of Murphy, in the Jackson county election contest, yesterday allowed the motion of non-suit as made by the respondent. This means that the noted case will go before the higher courts on the question of whether the original precinct returns are prima facie evidence of election. The case attracted much attention and came to an end last Tuesday when the referee heard the motion for the non-suit but refused to consider the matter.

1,796 Employees Given Vacations.

Roanoke, Va., March 26.—In compliance with orders issued a week ago, 1,796 employees in the local shops of the Norfolk and Western railway were laid off at noon today to remain idle until April 1.

MAY AGAIN GO TO FRENCH CAPITAL



Myron T. Herrick, former United States Ambassador to France and one time Governor of Ohio, who is slated for the post of Ambassador to France. He resigned as Ambassador to France in 1914.

CONTINUE SEARCH TO FIND BALLOON

Officials at Naval Air Station Decline To Give Up Hope For Safety of Men

Pensacola, Fla., March 26.—Officials at the naval air station here declined to give up hope for the safety of Chief Quartermaster G. R. Wilkinson and his four companions, who have been missing since March 22, when they left on a free balloon hop. Search of all the area to which the wind might have blown their craft has been made by dirigibles, seaplanes and Eagle boats without success.

Failure to find the balloon or the basket is taken by officials as an indication that the balloon either drifted ashore on some uninhabited and unexplored shore or that the men and their balloon was picked up by some fishing boat which refused to put back to port with them. The search is being continued and officials say they will not abandon hope for three weeks, the duration of the usual fishing cruise.

The missing men are Chief Quartermaster G. R. Wilkinson of Houston, Texas; first-class Machinist Mate E. F. Eland, Belleville, Ill.; Private F. L. Korman, Payne, La.; Private J. G. Elder, Lubbock, N. Y.; and Private William H. Troskey, Salem, Mass. The last three are United States marines.

Search for the missing balloonists was directed by Commander Robert W. Cabaniss in person, assisted by Lieut. William F. Reed, Jr., aviator. Lieutenant Reed has taken part in two international balloon races and was called in as an expert adviser to the navy crew on mapping out plans for the last race.

Lieutenant Reed and Commander Cabaniss plotted every course the missing balloon could possibly have taken, considering the wind conditions which prevailed and planes and surface craft were directed to cover these routes, without result.

Radio messages from the station here were broadcasted to all vessels in the gulf but no favorable replies have been received.

Naval officials believe that even if the balloon fell into the water it would have remained afloat for days because it would be practically impossible for all the hydrogen to escape. Failure to find the balloon leads to the hope that some fishing vessel or other craft without radio equipment has picked up the missing men. It is pointed out that Captain Harry Hawker finally appeared days after he had been given up as lost and naval officials here believe that Chief Wilkinson and his comrades will finally make their appearance at some out of the way point.

MOBILE JOINS IN SEARCH FOR MISSING BALLOONISTS.

Mobile, Ala., March 26.—Mobile today joined in the search for the naval balloonists from Pensacola who are lost in the gulf, when the hoisting of warnings of strong winds on the coast served to intensify the feeling of uneasiness regarding the plight of the men.

The local wireless station sent messages to all ships within its radius to keep a lookout for the gas bag, and masters of all vessels going out of the harbor were requested to watch for the craft.

Hearers that two of the men had been picked up by a ship bound for Mobile were current here during the afternoon, but efforts on the part of the wireless station to get in touch with such a vessel were futile. Efforts will be kept up here for several hours, however, while planes from Pensacola continued their flights over the gulf, south of Pensacola.

REDUCE BREAD PRICES IN CITY OF CLEVELAND

Cleveland, Ohio, March 26.—A pound and a half loaf of bread will cost ten cents and a pound loaf eight cents beginning Monday, a drop of three cents on the large loaf and two cents on the small loaf, it was announced by retailers today following a reduction by wholesalers of two cents on both loaves effective Monday.

MR. AND MRS. WILSON SEND FLOWERS TO WHITE HOUSE

Washington, March 26.—Included in Easter gifts delivered at the White House today was a magnificent basket of roses and spring flowers sent by former President and Mrs. Wilson. It was addressed to President and Mrs. Harding and was tagged with the cards of Mr. and Mrs. Wilson.

GAS RATE HEARING COMES TO AN END; CITIES CONFIDENT

Representatives of Big Five Believe They Have Shown Reasons For Decrease

RALEIGH CITY ATTORNEY CONCLUDES HIS CASE

Directs Questions Toward Es- tablishment of Fact That Carolina Power and Light Company Puts Unnecessarily Heavy Share of General Ex- pense On Gas Department

Gas rate hearings before the North Carolina Corporation Commission ended yesterday morning with the completion of the examination of P. A. Tillery, manager, by City Attorney John Hinsdale, and the Commissioners announced that a decision will be reported shortly. The Commission has already indicated that the new rates will become effective April 1.

The conclusion of the hearings leaves representatives of the Big Five cities involved, Charlotte, Raleigh, Winston-Salem, Durham and Wilmington, confident that they have made a showing of declining costs of production and distribution of gas sufficient to commence the commission of the need for relief from gas rates which all the cities agree is extortionate.

The ruling of the commission against the introduction of testimony of inadequate service hit the representatives of the cities hard. Most of them came loaded with affidavits and complaints in various forms of poor service.

Mr. Hinsdale's cross examination was brief. It was directed mainly at the distribution of the general expense among the various departments contending that the Gas department bears an unnecessarily large share of the burden. He drew out the statement that \$32,826 of the general expense is borne by the gas division and thereupon asked Mr. Tillery to explain why in the case of the Southern Public Utilities Company of Charlotte, a much larger concern, only \$12,352 of this expense is allocated to the gas department. Mr. Tillery's answer was that he could not say unless he could see the books of the Charlotte company, but expressed the opinion that it was a difference in bookkeeping methods.

When Mr. Hinsdale had concluded James H. Fou, counsel for the Carolina Power and Light Company, tendered a copy of a questionnaire for Utility companies, facetiously characterizing it as a direction from higher up and asking Mr. Tillery, in his testimony, he had not answered all the questions and furnished all the information suggested therein. Mr. Tillery stated that he had given most of the information called for and the rest of it was available to auditors who had examined the books of the company for the city.

NO PROSPECTS IN SIGHT FOR SETTLING STRIKE

Federal Court Holds It Is With- out Authority To Order Men Discharged

Atlanta, Ga., March 26.—Possibilities of an early settlement of the strike of the union employes of the Atlanta, Birmingham and Atlantic railroad faded late today when representatives of the strikers withdrew from the Federal court-room, after Judge S. E. Sibley and Henry D. Clayton had ruled that the court was without authority to direct the receiver to discharge men employed to take the places of the strikers.

Earlier in the day conciliatory proposals had come from the strikers when their representatives stated the men would call off the strike immediately and return to work at the reduced scale of wages, if they were permitted to return in a body and resume their former status and provided that the court would order an audit of the company's books to determine if they were able to pay the wage scale at issue.

This proposal was rejected by Morris Brandon, one of counsel for the railroad, who declared that 900 men had been employed by the road since the former employes went on strike and these could not be discharged to make room for the return of the old men.

HARDING SENDS MESSAGE ENDORSSING IRISH RELIEF

Washington, March 26.—In response to a request by a group of Irish leaders in this country President Harding sent to New York tonight a message of sympathy for the Irish relief movement, to be read at a relief meeting held there on April 3. The communication was transmitted to Morgan J. O'Brien, chairman of the New York relief committee, and was as follows: "I wish you the fullest measure of success not only in the great benevolent performance at the Metropolitan House on April third, but in every worthy effort to make a becoming contribution on the part of our people to relieve distress among the women and children in Ireland. The people of America never will be deaf to the call for relief in behalf of suffering humanity, and the knowledge of distress in Ireland makes quick and deep appeal to the more fortunate of our own land where so many of our citizens trace kinship to the Emerald Isle."

Marshall Named On Commission.

Washington, March 26.—Former Vice President Thomas H. Marshall, and former Senator Nathan B. Scott, of West Virginia, were appointed members of the Lincoln Memorial Committee today by President Harding.