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High Military Officials Of Russia Engage In Fatal Pistol Duel

Lieut. Gen. Smirnov, who Rankwas Comman. At Port Arthur, Pr. ably Fatally Injured in Duel With Lieut. Fock.

Special Officers of High Witnessed Duel—Women Said to Have Been Present—Cause of The Grievance.

St. Petersburg, March 18.—Lieutenant General Smirnov was probably fatally wounded in a duel here this morning with Lieutenant General Fock. The men met in the training school of Cavalry Regiment and fought with pistols. A distance of twenty paces separating them when the shots were exchanged.

The duel was caused by the memorandum written by General Smirnov on the siege of Port Arthur in which he questioned the courage of General Fock. The latter considered his honor and reputation involved and responded the author of the memorandum.

He Was Commandant. General Smirnov was acting commandant of Port Arthur during the siege and at the time of its surrender to the Japanese, after his return to Russia he prepared a secret report of the defence of Port Arthur, which was the basis of the indictment on which General Stoessel, General Fock and General Reiss were tried for their lives before a court martial.

Many Witnessed the Duel. The duel occurred with the full knowledge and approbation of the military authorities. It was witnessed by special officers of high rank and it has been reported that several women were present.

Shortly before 10 o'clock Generals Fock and Smirnov appeared at the school, and without saluting took the places assigned by the officials.

Another Duel Planned. The duellists were instructed to fight until one or the other was hit. Fock's fourth shot Smirnov wounded and sank, wounded in the abdomen above the hip. The word "stop" was given by Gen. Kirsieff, Russian authority, on dueling. At the third exchange Smirnov accidentally fired prematurely, but Fock magnanimously declined to shoot at his defenceless opponent, and the fourth and final shots were then exchanged. The duel will be followed by another between Fock and General Fochetofsky, who was criticised by Fock during the court martial proceedings.

Heavy Wage Reductions

Practically Every Cotton Mill in Rhode Island Will Reduce Wages 10 Per Cent Soon—Thousands Affected.

Providence, R. I., March 18.—Notices of a reduction of ten per cent in wages, effective April 6, will be posted in practically every cotton mill in Rhode Island Monday.

Approximately 20,000 operatives will be affected by the proposed reduction.

Power Boat Races At Palm Beach

Palm Beach, Fla., March 18.—Ideal weather prevailed on the second day of the power boat regatta. The racing commenced at 10:30. The morning events included a 5-mile race for class C boats; 5-mile race for class D boats; 5-mile race for class D boats; and a 10-mile race for the C. D. class.

Ford Case to Come Before The Supreme Court

Winston-Salem, N. C., March 18.—\$25,000 damage suit instituted by J. Ford, of Guilford county, against Captain Poddycoed, of Kernersville, was taken up in the superior court here yesterday and after the evidence presented by the plaintiff Justice indicated that Ford had no case. The counsel for the plaintiff thereupon gave notice of appeal to the supreme court.

Smith, of Smithtown, Gives \$2500 Bond And is Released

Special to The News. Greensboro, N. C., March 18.—United States Marshal J. M. Millikan received bond for Fletcher Smith, of Smithtown, Stokes county last night, who has been in jail here in default of a \$2,500 bond. The bond had been approved by United States District Attorney Holten and Smith was at once released from jail.

Steamers In Collision

New York, March 18.—The big trans-Atlantic liner Kronprinz Wilhelm which arrived here from Europe today collided with an unknown steamer while coming up the bay.

She is now lying at anchor in a fog off St. George, L. I., with a large gash in her stern, high above the water-line.

No One Injured. In response to an inquiry by the Associated Press, by wireless, Captain Nierich, of the Kronprinz, sent the following message: "The Crown of Castil ran into us. Nobody was injured. (Signed) "NIERICH."

The steamer Crown of Castil arrived from Hamburg last night and left quarantine about twenty minutes after the Kronprinz Wilhelm, and must have overtaken the other steamer while she was moving slowly in the fog. The Crown of Castil carries no passengers.

Extent of Damage. The Kronprinz Wilhelm reached her dock at 10:30 a. m. There was a triangular hole about ten by fifteen feet in the extreme after portion of the steamer's overhang.

The prow of the Crown of Castil penetrated the Kronprinz's hull a distance of about fifteen feet, into the quarters occupied by the steward.

A LYCHING IMMINENT.

Mob Started for Prisoners Early in Afternoon—Violence is Very Likely. By Associated Press. Elkins, W. Va., March 18.—A mob of over 100 heavily armed men are marching on the jail at Sutton, W. Va., for the purpose of lynching "Joe" and Lewis Furro, two Italians accused of murdering Walter Fogg and G. W. Averd, American miners.

A Divorce Muddle.

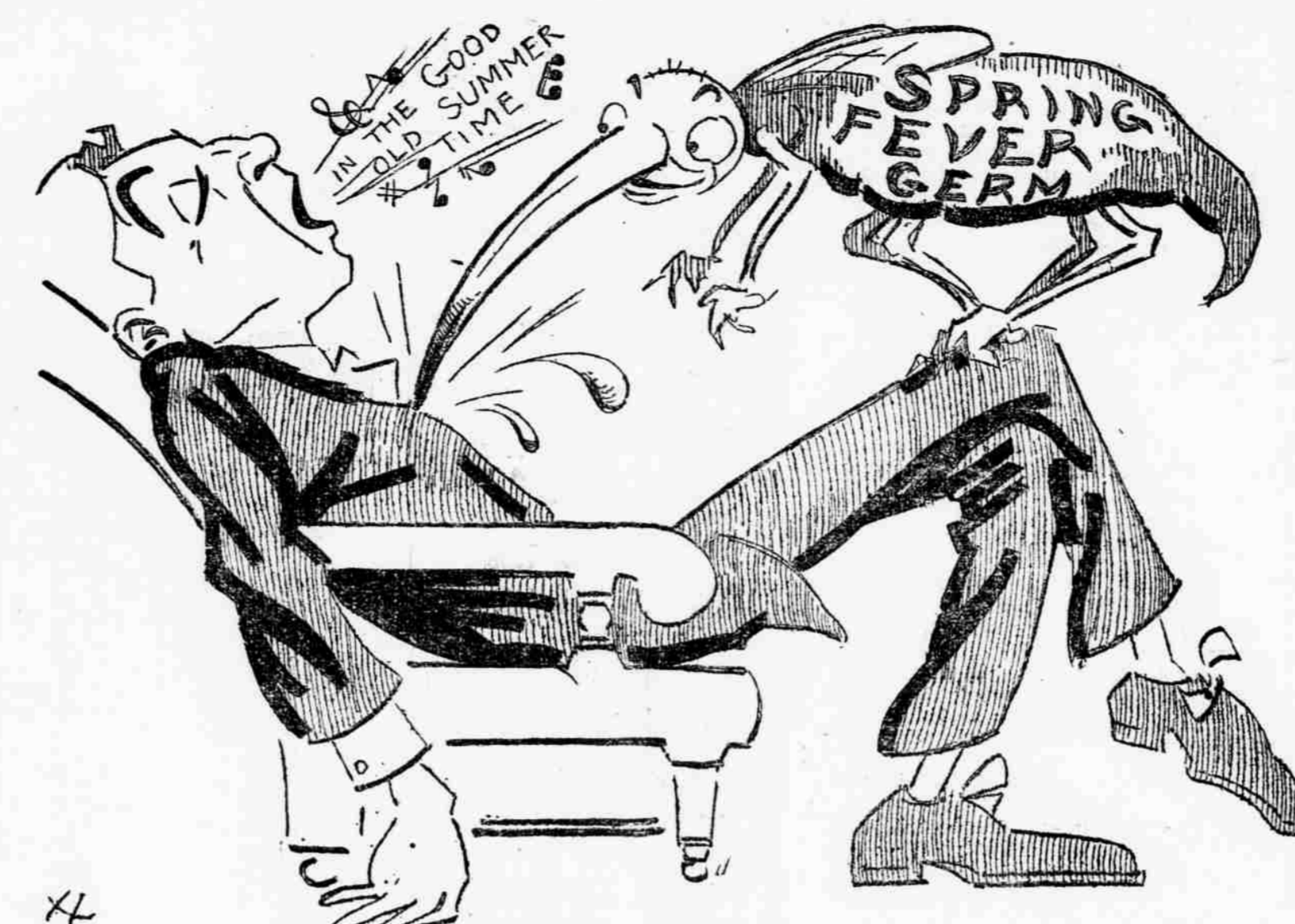
Paris, March 18.—Maitre Labori presented to the court the side of the husband in the divorce suit brought by Mrs. A. Hart McKee against McKee. The first hearing of the case took place March 4, when Mrs. McKee, through her counsel, described certain alleged indignities to which she had been subjected by her husband. Today Maitre Labori made counter charges of most scandalous character against his wife and declared that if the court granted the divorce it should pronounce in favor of the defendant.

May Increase Stock.

New York, March 18.—Directors of the Illinois Central voted to authorize the holding of a special meeting of stockholders to vote on the increase of 20 per cent in the capital stock.

Dry Goods Merchant Dead.

Philadelphia, Pa., March 18.—Joseph G. Darlington, of the firm of Joseph G. Darlington & Co., leading dry goods merchant here, died today.



HAVE YOU BEEN STUNG YET?

SPECIAL MASTER APPOINTED IN SUIT AGAINST BUGGY CO

Special to The News. Greensboro, N. C., March 18.—Several prominent Salisbury attorneys were here yesterday appearing before Judge Boyd in the matter of the Barber Buggy & Wagon Company of Salisbury against which involuntary proceedings in bankruptcy were recently begun on the part of creditors the amount at stake being about \$15,000.

Some of the parties named in the petition have filed answers to the effect that the Company was not a partnership but was a corporation and they were only stockholders, these being represented in the proceedings by Mr. R. L. Wright. Others admit that they were partners, but say that the company is solvent and demand a trial by jury as to these facts. This set of defendants were represented by Attorneys D. Kirby Pope, of Charlotte, and G. W. Garland, of Salisbury. The petitioning creditors were represented by Burto Craig and John L. Randleman, of Salisbury.

Judge Boyd appointed W. C. Erwin, of Morganton, as special master to take testimony as to whether the concern is a partnership or a corporation, and to ascertain the various interests of the parties, and also as to the alleged acts of bankruptcy. The questions of a jury trial and that of insolvency were deferred until the report from the special master is filed.

Report of The Raleigh Times

Raleigh, N. C., March 18.—A report of Receiver W. H. Pace, of the Raleigh Evening Times to Wake superior court, states the assets to be \$14,456.84 and the liabilities \$14,230.17. The property assets aggregate about \$5,000 and the aggregate of advertising due \$5,000, and subscription \$3,500.

The heaviest creditors of the Times are Jno. C. Drewry, president of the company, \$6,500; Citizens National bank, \$2,500; Carolina Trust Co., \$2,000.

NEW RIFLES FOR GUARD.

North Carolina Guard Soon to be Supplied With New Guns. Raleigh, N. C., March 18.—Companies belonging to the North Carolina National Guard are to receive as soon as official requisition from Governor Glenn is filed at Washington, a full complement of new Springfield rifles, the apportionment being on the basis of the present enlistment and 10 per cent. additional, to meet any extra enlistment in any companies.

Official information to this effect has just been received in a letter from the war department to the governor. The necessary requisition was made out today and forwarded to the war department.

Adjutant General Robertson, of the North Carolina National Guard, has just returned from the Wilson meeting of regimental officers of the second regiment, where he considered whether or not it was the desire of the regiment to participate in the sea coast defense practices this summer at Fort Caswell.

The great majority of the officers expressed the desire to participate. Some technical obstacles it is believed can be removed through the war department.

Will Erect An Ice Plant

Special to The News. Greensboro, N. C., March 18.—The Manufacturing and Coal Company will erect a building in connection with their coal and wood yard on West Lee street between Lathia street and Highland avenue. It is the object of the company to install a \$25,000 ice-making plant, which they expect to have in operation within three or four months.

Taken Home, Not to Sing-Sing

Covington, Who Broke Glass in The Postoffice in Hope of Getting In Uncle Sam's Jail, Sent to Concord.

Clarence Covington, the young man who wanted to go to Sing Sing so bad that he deliberately broke the windows in the postoffice several days ago, thinking that the federal government was jealous enough of its property to surely send him there, has been taken to his home in Concord.

Covington has been in jail here since his crazy attempt to get in prison. Before leaving for Concord he was visited in jail by a News man, and he talked freely of his mental condition and of his desire to be shut up in some place where he would be treated right, in order that in time he might be cured of his great desire for whiskey and drugs.

Harry Orchard Found Guilty

Caldwell, Idaho, March 18.—Harry Orchard was today sentenced to life imprisonment.

Reasons For Action. Stating that he believed Harry Orchard, in his testimony in the trials of Haywood and Pettibone, for the murder of ex-Governor Steunenberg, told the exact truth, attempting to conceal nothing, Judge Wood recommended that the state board of pardons commute Orchard's sentence of death to imprisonment in the state penitentiary. The sentence of death was pronounced in accordance with the plea of guilty.

In sentencing Orchard and recommending the commutation of his sentence, Judge Wood reviewed the case from the time of the killing of Steunenberg to the present.

Cotton Men at Greenville

Special to The News. Greenville, S. C., March 18.—A conference of the cotton mill men of South Carolina is being held here today, to consider the question of curtailment of production.

At a meeting of the association held in December it was decided if practicable to make a 25 per cent reduction in output during the month of January, February and March. It will probably be late this afternoon before any decision can be reached.

At today's meeting, though it is generally understood that the policy of curtailment may extend through the summer.

SCHEDULE CHANGES IN GOLDSBORO--ASHEVILLE TRAINS

Special to The News. Raleigh, N. C., March 18.—Complete and very important changes in the Greensboro-Goldsboro and the Goldsboro-Asheville train service on the Southern Railway have been agreed upon by the Southern and the Corporation Commission and are announced today by the commission.

Trains Nos. 108 and 135, Greensboro to Goldsboro, that pass through Raleigh respectively at 10:30 a. m., eastbound, and 2:30 p. m., westbound, will be discontinued.

Trains Nos. 11 and 12, Greensboro to Salisbury, will be discontinued. All other trains will have completely new schedules, except the night trains Greensboro to Goldsboro—111 and 112—which will not be changed. The day trains, Greensboro to Goldsboro, will be operated as follows:

Train leaves Greensboro 8:30 a. m., arrive at Raleigh 11:30, arrive at Goldsboro at 1:30 p. m.

Train leave Goldsboro at 3:30 p. m., arrive at Raleigh about 5:30 p. m., arrive at Greensboro at 8:30 p. m.

The Goldsboro-Asheville through service will be as follows: Train leaves Goldsboro at 7 a. m., arrive at Raleigh 9 a. m., arrive Greensboro 12:30 p. m., Salisbury 2:30 p. m., and Asheville at 8:15 p. m.

Train leave Asheville at 7 a. m., arrive Salisbury 1:30 p. m., arrive Greensboro 3:30 p. m., arrive Raleigh 6:30 p. m., arrive Goldsboro 8:30 p. m.

MANY CANDIDATES FOR SOLICITOR

Special to The News. Greensboro, N. C., March 18.—So-heitor Brooks having sent in his resignation to Governor Glenn to take effect June 30th, the question of who is to be his successor will from now on, divide interest with that of who will be the next congressman in the Fifth District.

Already the stirring of candidates for solicitor has begun. It is known that three gentlemen, Messrs. S. M. Gattis, of Orange; Jones Fuller, of Durham; and F. P. Holgood, Jr., of Guilford, are actively in the field, while the names of Messrs. Bradsher, of Person, and Carroll, of Alamance, have been mentioned.

Arrival Of Warships At Port Au Prince Had Desired Effect

Many Cases Against The Southern in Durham Court. Special to The News. Durham, N. C., March 18.—An unusual number of cases were compromised in the Durham courts yesterday and six of the seven that were settled by this means were against the Southern Railway.

Most of these suits involved matters of little consequence and were sent to the higher court on the appeal of the company from judgment before a magistrate.

Delegates for Cannon. Litchfield, Ill., March 18.—Republicans for the 21st congressional district met in convention here today and selected two delegates and alternates to attend the national convention at Chicago. Strong resolutions were passed endorsing Speaker Cannon for the presidency and the delegates were instructed to vote for his nomination.

Auto Racing At Savannah

Savannah, Ga., March 18.—Only three of the six cars entered for the 180-mile race which started the automobile racing here today were at the starting line when the race began.

One of these was driven by L. J. Zengle, who broke an axle at the end of the first lap and was withdrawn, leaving the cars driven by Herbert Lytle and J. B. Lorimer.

At 11 o'clock Lytle was leading by eight minutes, ten seconds.

School Tax Wins an Easy Victory

Durham, N. C., March 18.—A school tax election was held in Durham yesterday at Proctor school, for the purpose of voting for a special tax and providing means for better school facilities, or otherwise to defeat the object.

The victory was an easy one and the final vote was cast by twenty majority in its favor.

There will be a similar election at Bahama next Thursday, but this election, has caused some expressions of doubt. The factions for special taxes and against are about evenly divided and the vote will be close.

Young Women's Christian Association's Progress

Winston-Salem, N. C., March 18.—The Young Women's Christian Association, which was formally organized here last week, is making good progress. A basketball club has been organized and on tomorrow evening the class will be formed for the preparation of the Sunday school lesson, with the secretary, Miss Annie Shaw, as leader.

HE JUMPED DOWN ELEVATOR SHAFT BUT WAS SAVED

Chicago, Ill., March 18.—George B. McGuire, who said he recently had been manager of the Park and Duval hotels at Jacksonville, Fla., attempted to kill himself yesterday by jumping down an elevator shaft from the seventh floor of the Auditorium building.

He landed on an ascending car at the fourth floor, and was only slightly injured.

McGuire admitted that he had jumped down the elevator shaft with suicidal intent.

Advices From Hayti Indicate That The Situation There Has Been Greatly Relieved by Arrival of Foreign Ships.

Paris, March 18.—Official advices from Haiti indicate that the arrival at Port Au Prince of the foreign warship has produced the desired effect.

The French minister cables that the government has abandoned its intransigent attitude; that a re-embarkment of refugees has been authorized and that safe conduct has been granted for the departure of General Firmin and other revolutionary agitators who had taken asylum at the legations and consulates at Port Au Prince and Gonaives.

Germany's Position.

The Associated Press is authorized to state that the German foreign office is fully in accord with the viewpoint of the United States regarding the situation in Haiti as set forth by Secretary Root. There never was any intention on the part of Germany to intervene in the internal affairs of the Haitian republic. It is in firm resolve, however, of Germany to protect her subjects trading in Haiti.

Situation Relieved. Washington, March 18.—Advices to the State Department from Haiti indicate the situation there has been greatly relieved by the arrival of the warships ordered there by the various governments.

FISHER STILL AT LARGE.

Reward of \$750 Offered for Capture of Murderer. Union, S. C., March 18.—A special from Tryon, N. C., today says Deputy Sheriff Lee Fisher, who killed Robt. Allston last Friday has not been arrested yet. A reward aggregating \$750 has been offered by the governor and others.

The inquest brought out no evidence showing any cause for the murder.

Car Passed Augusta.

Augusta, Ga., March 18.—The car driven by Frank Yeager, in the automobile race from Philadelphia to Savannah passed through here at six o'clock this morning.

Start Y W C A Campaign Here

Local Committees to Raise \$36,000 For a New Building Appointed at a Midday Lunch at The Selwyn.

The campaign for raising the needed \$36,000 for building the new home of the Young Women's Christian Association in this city was launched this afternoon at a luncheon at the Selwyn Hotel. A large number of women who have lent themselves to the active campaign work were present and heard brief addresses from Mrs. Martin, Miss Casler, Mr. D. L. Probert, secretary of the Young Men's Christian Association, and Mrs. F. C. Abbott, president of the Y. W. C. A. These set forth the urgency of the need for a building here on the fine lot already purchased on North Church street, and they also pointed out the opportunity for the work, both locally and for the south.

Mr. Probert, who has had such splendid success in the Y. M. C. A. campaign, spoke most hopefully and said that there was always some so-called drawback to efforts of this kind, but that now was just an opportune time as there would ever be. He pledged his hearty aid to the undertaking. Mr. P. S. Gilchrist and Mr. F. C. Abbott are giving much aid to the work, and were present.

Miss Casler told of the fact that Pittsburg had raised \$500,000 for a Y. W. C. A. building, \$200,000 of this amount to be used as an endowment. As illustrative of the need, she pointed to the fact that a man in one of the new Oklahoma cities had offered to put up a building to cost \$40,000 and to pay the salary of a secretary, all out of his own pocket.

The committees were furnished with names and will go actively to work at once, reporting daily at 12:30 o'clock at the Selwyn.

Mr. W. N. Foracre, general superintendent of the eastern district of the Southern with headquarters in this city, is spending a few days in Jacksonville, Fla.