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WHILE PLAYING WITH CHILD GEN. FUNSTON STRICKEN UNTO DEATH

ARMY COMMANDER ON BORDER DIES OF ACUTE INDIGESTION

General Funston saw service in the Spanish-American war and won Aguinaldo.

San Antonio, Tex., Feb. 19.—Gen. Frederick Funston, commander of the southern department of the United States army, died here tonight a few minutes after he collapsed while in a local hotel where he had gone with a party of friends. Attending physicians say the cause of death was acute indigestion.

General Funston had just finished dinner and was playing with a small child when he fell unconscious. He was taken to a room, but the physicians were unable to revive him.

Not until 1896, when the Cuban insurrection was at its height did Frederick Funston become known throughout the United States as a first-class fighting man, but his friends in Kansas—where he spent his early manhood—long had so classified him.

As a student at the University of Kansas, when he weighed less than a hundred pounds, he conquered a 200-pound "bad man" who threatened him with a razor. To add to the giants humiliation, Funston marched him through the streets of Lawrence, Kans., at the point of a revolver, to a police station.

A few years later, while city editor of a paper in Fort Smith, Ark., young Funston stirred up intense feeling by attacking editorially the publication's own political party leaders during the absence of his editor-in-chief. Many threats are said to have been made against Funston and the newspaper property, but he remained on guard until his superior returned and then turned over the plant unharmed. Incidentally, Funston also resigned.

Along the Santa Fe railroad they still recall how Funston, as a passenger train conductor, threw a drunken cowboy off the train and later, when he hurled a rock through a coach window, pursued him several miles on foot while the train waited.

Funston's first experience on the firing line came in Cuba, where he commanded General Gomez's artillery with remarkable results. After engaging in 22 battles and being wounded three times, he resigned his command because 50 guerrillas who had aided the Spaniards were executed against his wishes. Captured by the Spaniards on his way swallowing a letter to the President of Cuba which would have proved his identity.

While a colonel of the famous 20th Kansas volunteer infantry in the Philippine war, Funston performed feats of bravery that brought him the title of brigadier general. His capture of Aguinaldo and his fording the Rio Grande river at Columbus under fire featured his work. Ever ready to plunge into danger, he cared little whether his force equalled that of his opponent. One day, the story goes, when it appeared certain that the Filipinos would destroy three companies under Funston's command, General Harrison Gray Otis, inquired of the colonel how long he could hold his position. "Until I am mustered out!" Funston replied; and he made good by repulsing the Filipinos.

When the volunteers were discharged Funston retained his rank as a member of the regular army. As a regular he made a mark by maintaining order in San Francisco during the disaster of 1906. Temporarily in charge of the troops at the Presidio, when the disturbance came, he quickly declared martial law and set about obtaining accommodations for the homeless, keeping down the cost of food and arresting trouble makers. It was while he was in command of the troops at Vera Cruz in 1914 that he was raised to the rank of major general. He was then 49 years old. The ambition of Funston's youth was to go to West Point but he failed in an entrance examination. In later years he repeatedly outranked West Pointers who were in school when he failed of admission.

Physically Funston was one of the smallest men in the United States

FROM ALLENSVILLE

Account of Good Roads Meeting

The Good Roads Committee met at Allensville on Feb. 17th. An organization was effected. J. E. Montague, chairman; S. T. Slaughter secretary. Plans for campaign were ably and fairly discussed and seemed to be agreeable to all present. The following appointments were made for meetings and speaking: Caltolina School House, Friday after school Feb. 23rd, W. T. Calton as committee; Clayton & Satterfield Store Surl, Feb. 24th, 7 P. M., W. A. Mooney committee; Tribby School House on Feb. 24th at 7 P. M. with W. T. Buchanan as committee; Center Grove School House, March 2nd after school, W. T. Calton committee; Blagum School House Feb. 24th at 7 o'clock, S. T. Slaughter, committee. Every voter and tax payer in Allensville Township is earnestly requested to attend these meetings and especially to meet the committee at Allensville on the 3rd of March at 1 P. M., to have their rights in nominating our township commissioner. This is the most important thing in case we get the road bill and it looks much like we are to get it. I don't see how we can afford to miss so much for so little. If we list a horse or a mule at one hundred dollars, the tax on that horse is already one dollar then according to the road law it cannot exceed 50 cents per hundred dollars worth of property. And who is he who would not pay 50cts a year on a \$100 horse to save even one mile of 12-inch red mud, of course other property would bear the same rule. Now some one is going to say that this writer has an automobile, it is true he has but he does not run it for a living for he has more money in horses and wagons than in automobiles. The Roxboro Township folks made a road for me and I have seen and do testify to the good of it and am glad now to pay tax and help some one else to have a good road. Now, fellow voters if we miss this good chance of getting a system that will give us a chance of getting good roads and permanent locations some of our heads will be as bald as a cabbage and grey as a rat before we have another chance to get them on easy terms. Will be glad for any friend to Good Roads meeting to be with the committee at the above named places and dates.

S. T. Slaughter, Sec'y Good Roads Asso.

GERMAN CASUALTIES OVER FOUR MILLION

LONDON, Feb. 19.—Casualties in the German army, exclusive of colonial troops, reported in the German casualty lists in the month of January, 1917, totalled 77,534 officers and men killed, wounded or missing. The total compiled from the list follows: Killed and died, 15,906. Prisoners, 1,645. Missing, 11,874. Wounded, 48,109. Total, 77,534. These casualties bring the total of Germans killed and those who died of wounds or sickness to 988,329, and the total casualties since the war began to 4,087,692.

Stable and Four Horses Burned

Last Wednesday night Mr. I. G. Stephens of the Concord section had the misfortune to lose four good horses and stable by fire. The fire was discovered by Mr. Stephens too late to save his horses or anything else in the stable. Only a short time ago Mr. J. E. Winstead of near Concord lost his pack barn filled with his best tobaccos by fire. It is thought the fire was incendiary and every effort is being made to locate or find the fire bug.

Re-new For The Courier

The following have come in and renewed for The Courier in the past few days: Miss Lottie E. Rimmer, W. M. King, J. J. H. Perikins, R. E. Wade, Jasper Pettiford, A. A. Harris, W. T. King, W. M. Whitfield, J. A. Snow, A. L. Boyd, H. T. Bowles, H. J. Daniel, J. Mac Long, J. B. Walker, W. B. Humphries, N. T. Huff, James Royster, J. R. Garrett, O. D. Bailey, R. L. Hester, C. T. Gregory, J. A. Hall, Anderson Torian, W. W. Harris, W. S. Stephens, C. A. Wrenn, R. E. Dixon.

tes army. He was barely five feet weighed less than 120 pounds. In civil life he was modest and retiring.

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT SUPPLEMENTAL TO AN AMENDATORY OF H. B. 14, S. B. 223 PASSED AT THIS SESSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY THE SAME BEING ENTITLED "AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE COMMISSIONERS IN PERSON COUNTY TO SUBMIT TO THE VOTERS OF SAID COUNTY THE QUESTION OF ISSUING BONDS TO BUILD AND IMPROVE THE PUBLIC ROADS THEREOF AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES".

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA DO ENACT:

Section 1. That H. B. 14, S. B. 223, passed at this session of the General Assembly, the same being entitled "An act to authorize the Commissioners of Person County to submit to the voters of said county the question of issuing bonds to build and improve the public roads thereof, and for other purposes", be and the same is hereby supplemented and amended by adding a section following Section 13 thereof, the said new Section to read as follows: "Section 14. That in the event the provisions of this act are adopted by the voters of Person County in the manner provided by said act, then all laws and clauses of laws in conflict with this act and all laws and clauses of laws enacted prior to this session of the General Assembly providing for the levying of any taxes for the building or maintenance of public roads in the County of Person, or in any of the townships thereof, are hereby repealed, it being the purpose of this act to make uniform taxation for public roads in all the townships of said county of Person, and to limit such taxation to the rates and amounts herein provided for in case the provisions of this act are adopted in the manner provided for in said act".

Section 2. That this act shall be in force and effect from and after its ratification.

GOVERNOR'S CROP LIEN REFORM BILL PASSED BY SENATE

Senator Person scored another victory in the Senate when the crop lien bill urged by Governor Bickett passed its second and third reading and was sent to the House for the consideration of that body. The vote by which it passed its third reading was 33 to 11.

The bill was taken up immediately after a message had been read from the Governor asking for the passage of the measure. While it was quite evident that the Senators who favored the bill were largely in the majority there was much speaking on the bill.

More Trustees For University
The bill for an increase in the number of trustees of the University of North Carolina has for its purpose, it was explained, to give other counties representation. There are now 80 trustees who reside in 46 counties. The bill provides for 20 more.

Representative Clark's bill to encourage road building in North Carolina by State aid passed third reading. This is one of the most important pieces of legislation passed at this session.

The Revenue Act was made a special order for Thursday on motion of Senator Gray.

Governor Bickett transmitted a communication from Commissioner of Labor and Printing Shipman, suggesting that the Legislature take some action to secure State inspection in order to supplant Federal inspection in regard to child labor products. The communication was referred to the committee on manufactures.

To Our Customers and the Public Generally:

We have decided to dissolve the partnership heretofore existing between us. This you can see from the notice appearing elsewhere in this issue of The Courier. We wish to notify all parties who are in debt to this company, that it is important that they make settlement of their accounts and notes within thirty days.

This business must be speedily settled. The present manager, Isaac O. Abbitt, will endeavor to serve you in the future in the same capacity to the best of his ability at the same old stand. We thank you in advance for acting promptly in settling up with us at once for we know you will show your appreciation in this way. Your favors of the past we gratefully acknowledge.
Vicellio, Abbitt & Harris.

FOUR WEEKS UNTIL LAST RETURN OF GUARDSMEN

Plan Announced For Return of National Guards From the Border.

SAN ANTONIO, Texas, Feb. 19.—General plan to be followed in sending all national guard organizations home from the border for muster out was announced today.

The 50,000 troops to be moved have been divided into two contingents each including approximately 25,000 men, and units embraced in the first contingent have been arranged in four groups.

It is estimated that four weeks will be required for the movement of these four groups. It is said the idea is to dispatch each group at the interval of one week. When the home going of troops in the second contingent will be commenced. The first contingent of the group will get away this week. The fourth Illinois infantry at Camp Wilson, probably will inaugurate the movement by leaving February 22. The first group includes the second North Carolina infantry and brigade headquarters, and second South Carolina infantry.

The second group includes the First North Carolina infantry ambulance company No. 1, field hospital No. 1 and troops A and B cavalry.

Conference Notice

Our first Quarterly Conference for 1917 will be at Brookdale Saturday Feb. 24th. Preaching by Presiding Elder, at eleven o'clock. Business session after lunch. This is the beginning of my last year with you good people and I am going to make a desperate effort to make this year the best of my four years with you. Therefore I am asking every church lover and worker to meet with us Saturday and take part in our first business session for the year.

Let every reader of the Raleigh Christian Advocate pay up and renew in advance for another year between this and the first of March. After March the first the Advocate will cost you \$2.00, while the old price is \$1.50. Let every reader of the Advocate persuade his neighbor to take his church paper. Your pastor, J. J. Boone.

Presbyterian Announcements

A specially interesting and important subject will be discussed at the mid-week prayer service Wednesday evening at 7:30. Fathers and mothers be sure to attend. Your nation is involved, your child is involved. The kingdom of God is interested.

Rev. Carlton E. White will preach at Bushy Fork High School next Sunday, Feb. 25 at 3:30 in the afternoon.

SUBMARINE SITUATION SEEMINGLY AT A STANDSTILL

United States Adheres To Plan Of Protecting American Rights When the Moment Arrives.—Submarine Campaign May Increase in Intensity With the Coming of Warm Weather.

Washington, Feb. 19.—The submarine situation seemed at a standstill today with the Government apparently watching developments, and preparing itself for eventualities, and adhering to its plan of taking action to protect American rights when the moment arrives.

The slackening of the ruthless campaign in the last three or four days is regarded as reducing the chance of an attack on an American ship or the loss of American lives, but with the coming of warm weather, it is believed it will increase in intensity.

The President plans going before Congress to ask additional authority.

Through the Spanish Minister the Department has been notified that many on the prize ship, Yarrowdale, would be released shortly.

The State Department through the Swiss minister, forwarded to Berlin Saturday a request for their immediate release. A previous message inquired the reason of keeping the men prisoners and insisting on their release.

Because of the uncertain and slow communications between Washington and Berlin, the State Department officials were unable to decide whether today's was an answer to the last request or the previous one. The State Department officials are watching the situation with some impatience.

Austria's real attitude perplexes officials here, and there is hope that Ambassador Penfield will find some way to influence the Vienna government to not formally sanction the extreme position taken by Germany. No answer has been received to the direct inquiry whether Austria intends to follow Germany.

It was authoritatively said at the State Department today that so far nothing had been heard from the Central powers as to what course they would take in event the United States authorized the arming of the American merchant ships.

It was stated definitely that President Wilson had made no plans thus far for going before Congress, but at the present is considering the advisability of such a step. In some quarters it was said it was possible he might conclude not to go to Congress at present.

Officials generally said, however, that some means must be found for many American and other vessels to resume sailings. While consideration was given to various suggestions for arming and convoying merchantmen, it was thought possible that before long the vessels may sail of their own accord.

Although officials maintain silence there has been an unmistakable lessening in tension within the last two or three days.

NOTICE

ROXBORO, N. C., Jan. 11th, 1917. It is mutually agreed by the undersigned members of the firm of Vicellio, Abbitt and Harris, that the firm be and hereby is dissolved. This company has been conducting an implement, vehicle and machinery business at Roxboro, N. C. All matters of business of the company will be in the hands of I. O. Abbitt, the present manager, for settlement.
Signed Isaac O. Abbitt.
Signed H. Vicellio.
Signed Asa Vicellio.
Signed J. L. Harris.

2-21-17

REPUBLICAN IS NEW GOVERNOR IN NEW MEXICO

Succeeds DeBaca, Deceased, Who Was A Democrat.

SANTA FE, Feb. 19.—William Lindsey, republican lieutenant governor, assumed the executive chair today owing to the death yesterday of Governor De Baca, a democrat. Mr. De Baca was ill when nominated for the governorship early last fall and took practically no part in the campaign.

Mr. Elmer Clayton left last week for Richmond, Va. where he has accepted a position.

SITUATION REMAINS SERIOUS AS POSSIBLE SHORT OF ACTUAL WAR

MAY VISIT CONGRESS EARLY NEXT WEEK

Assumed That He Will Seek Authority To Deal With Any Situation That May Arise as a Result of Submarine Campaign Which Goes Ruthlessly Ahead.

Washington, Feb. 20.—Another Cabinet meeting passed today without an announcement concerning the crisis with Germany.

High officials said after the meeting that there had been no development of importance, and indicated that the President had not made known his decision as to when his next step would be taken.

Members of the Senate who talked with administration officials during the day gained the impression that arrangements for the President's appearance before Congress probably would be made early next week. Apparently only the President knows just what he will ask of Congress, but it is generally assumed that with the session about to end he will seek authority to deal with any situation which may arise as a result of the unrestricted submarine campaign.

At the State Department it was said that situation continued to be as serious as it could be short of war. The department received after the cabinet meeting a dispatch from Consul Frost of Queenstown, announcing the sinking by shell fire of the Norwegian steamer Dalbeattie, with two native Americans in her crew. The Consul said the Dalbeattie stopped at the first shot, but that the submarine continued shelling while the ship was being abandoned and offered no assistance to the crew. After being on the sea in their boats for about eighteen hours, the men were rescued.

This is one of a number of instances in which reports to the department tells of violations of neutral rights and endangering or taking of neutral life. All available information about such cases is being assembled for the President.

Secretary Lansing would not discuss the situation with Austria either before or after the cabinet meeting. He would not comment on the aide memoire handed to the the Vienna government by Ambassador Penfield asking specifically whether Austria had repudiated her pledges given the United States after the sinking of the Ancona and the Persia.

Card of Thanks

We take this method to express our deepest appreciation and gratitude to all our friends and neighbors of Roxboro and surrounding community for their many kindnesses shown us in the death of our dear brother, John Pointer. May every blessing rest upon each of you. Brothers and sisters.

Misses Annie E. Stanfield and Lena Gill of Roxboro route four were visitors to The Courier office today.

Canning Club Organized

Another Canning Club was organized at Allensville last week by Miss Spurgeon. A meeting of the different clubs were held last week at Concord and Bethel Hill. It is the plan of each member of these clubs to plant 1-10 of an acre of land in tomatoes this season, and much interest is being shown by the members.

Miss Spurgeon reports that the members of the clubs under her supervision are taking real interest, and work of the clubs under her supervision are taking real interest, and much interest is being shown by the parents of the members of the clubs.

On the Northern Markets

Mrs. Palley Yancey Pass left Monday night for New York where she will make her spring purchases in millinery and ladies notions. The high prices, of course, have affected everything, but Mrs. Pass says if there is any way to get around them she will do so, and will certainly give her customers the benefit of the savings. Watch these columns for more about her purchases.