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## GEN. WRANGEL TELLS HOW WAR IN RUSSIA COULD BE STOPPED

### Head of South Russian Government, Recognized by France, Says Russians Would Stop Their Civil War at Once if They Had Freedom to Organize Their Own Government.

(By The Associated Press.)

SEBASTOPOL, Crimea, Aug. 22—Civil war in Russia would cease immediately if the Russian people were free to organize a government, according to their own wishes, General Baron Wrangel, who was recognized as head of the south Russian government by France a few days ago, declared here today. They are not able to do this at present, however, because of the domination of the soviet leaders, and the fight must go on until Russians are free to take matters in their own hands, he continued.

General Wrangel expressed the gratification he felt over the note sent to Italy by the United States government relative to the Russian situation and declared recognition of the south Russian government by France was the "just expression of one ally's appreciation of another's sacrifice in the common cause." He asserted his forces on all fronts are well equipped and that the naval arm of the service was at last able to assist in the struggle against the bolsheviks.

General Wrangel, who leaves tomorrow to personally direct the organization of forces rallying against the bolsheviks received the correspondent of The Associated Press at his home in this city and gave him an exclusive interview. While he talked aides and ministers grouped about his desk with telegrams and reports requiring his consideration.

"Ever since the south Russian army honored me by placing itself under my command, leaders of various Cossack organizations have been urging us to send expeditions into the Caucasus and Kuban regions to assist in throwing off the tyranny of the bolsheviks," he said. "Soviet domination has always been hateful to the Cossacks, but it was not until the last fortnight that it was possible to meet their appeals. We have been too busy organizing here and establishing our northern fronts to do anything else."

"Various Cossack expeditions we have sent to Yelisk and other points in Kuban and the Don territory are advancing eastward being supported and joined by local Cossacks. Our navy is now being restored to a point where it can effectively support our troops in any possible sea action, and consequently, the time is propitious for giving the Don, Kuban, Astrakhan and Terek Cossacks the organization needed for utilizing their unlimited resources against their oppressors. The Cossacks have men, foodstuffs and animals sufficient for a long fight, and the spirit with which they have joined the expeditions sent to help them indicates they will soon hold all important ports and railways to the Georgian border. Advances received three days ago showed the south Russian forces were advancing rapidly near Novorossyk and driving the bolsheviks out of that country."

(Dispatches received since the date of this interview with General Wrangel state that Novorossyk has been captured by the south Russian troops.)

"What effect will recognition by France have on the Crimean government?" he was asked. "General Wrangel's eyes brightened as he responded promptly: 'The note of France was a chivalrous and just expression of one ally's recognition of another's self-sacrifice in the common cause.'"

"I cannot conceal my surprise," he continued, after a moment's hesitation "that other allies have not given the same generous recognition of bloodshed, not for Russia alone, but to protect the entire civilized world against plunder, murder and despotism. It is not only Russia's battle which is being fought in South Russia."

"May I ask," said the correspondent, "what impression the American note to Italy on the attitude of the United States toward bolshevism created?" "It was most favorable," he replied. "It was very gratifying to me personally, and I am sure to all right minded Russians, that the United States should thus officially express its disapproval of the murder and rapine committed by a group of desperates, which is trying to rob the Russian people of all liberty. If it were possible for the Russian people to organize a government today according to their own will, I should be willing to conclude this civil war instantly, but a great majority is dominated by tyrants, and this war must continue until Russians are free to organize a government expressing the popular will."

Asked as to the economic future of south Russia, General Wrangel said: "Control of some surplus grain has already been gained by our government

and we will soon be able to export it as transportation conditions are improving. When we control the Kuban and Don territories, Russia's richest grain sections, we will be able to export large quantities of foodstuffs in exchange for needed manufactured articles. We have already given France permission to export 6,300 tons of grain, this permission was given as an expression of our appreciation of the gracious action of France in extending recognition to our government.

"I wish to make it plain, however that France did not grant recognition in exchange for commercial advantages, but it was the least we could do after France had been so magnanimous in her treatment of us."

General Wrangel insisted the bolshevik military and political strength was greatly overestimated. Even when working as a subordinate to General Denikine, he urged that an undemocratic government, such as that led by Nikolai Lenine, could not live in Russia, because the peasants would not tolerate it indefinitely, and he declared today he was still of the same opinion.

Seoffers who predicted General Wrangel would not last a fortnight when he took over the fragments of General Denikine's fleeing government last March, now give him great credit, especially since the successful movements of troops into the Don and Kuban regions, as these promised to consolidate the Cossacks strength with that of the Crimea. Many of the people here are already discussing with uneasiness reports that Novorossyk or Ekaterinador may claim to be the capital of south Russia. General Wrangel, however, is not busying himself with rivalries over the future capital of the country.

In his discussion of the situation and fundamental problems with the correspondent today, he made no prophecy except that Russia ultimately would be reunited under a government expressing the will of the majority of the people.

Like nearly all Russian officers, General Wrangel has his hair clipped short for summer comfort and this accentuates the length of his slender, sensitive face. He wears his moustache cut extremely short, and his alert blue eyes alone mark him as an effective executive rather than an artist. He is six feet tall, and looks even taller in the skirts, skirted gray Cossacks tunic falling to his boot tops belted tight at his slight waist and ornamented with horizontal rows of ivory cartridge cases across his chest. When standing he typifies action, and despite his extreme slenderness, carries himself very erect. He talks French and Russian with equal fluency and greets visitors with such a manner that they understand the confidence placed in his judgment by the south Russians.

## GOVERNOR COX SPEAKS IN PITTSBURG TONIGHT

EN ROUTE WITH GOVERNOR COX,

Aug. 26.—Governor Cox today was traveling toward Pittsburgh to deliver an address there tonight in which he promises to disclose ample evidence proving his charges of a republican "corruption fund" exceeding \$15,000,000.

No speeches were scheduled by the democratic presidential candidate while en route to Pittsburgh from Evansville, Ind., where he made three addresses yesterday reiterating and amplifying his campaign fund charges and declaring he had "the goods" to convict every mother's son of the republican leaders.

On his special car today the governor planned to prepare tonight's address from his breast pocket collection of papers said to contain convincing proof of his charges. The governor was due at Pittsburgh at 6:50 o'clock this evening and after his address, set for about 8:30 p. m., he was to leave at midnight for New Haven, Conn., where he will attend a shore dinner tomorrow afternoon and make another evening address.

The governor's route today took him through Indianapolis, Dayton, his home, and Columbus, the Ohio capital, where additional friends were to join the train. To accommodate the enlarging party of the candidate, a second private compartment car was added to the train.

**NEW YORK COTTON.** NEW YORK, Aug. 26.—Cotton futures opened barely steady. October, 27.10; December, 25.45; January, 24.90; March 24.50; May, 24.45.

## STATE CONVENTION OF AMERICAN LEGION

### Will Meet in Wilmington September 3 and 4 — Prominent Speakers to Have Place on the Program.

Special to The Daily Gazette.

RALEIGH, Aug. 26.—The American Legion, Department of North Carolina, consisting of 112 posts and 6,000 ex-service men, will hold its second annual State Convention in Wilmington, September 3 and 4.

The first session of the meeting presided over by Department Commander John Beasley, of Monroe, will be held at one o'clock in the afternoon Friday at which time the convention will appoint the various committees and register the delegates. The addresses on the first day of the session will be by R. G. Cholmely-Jones, director of the Bureau of War Risk Insurance, Washington, D. C., and C. G. Schultz, director of Vocational Training, Atlanta, Ga.

Saturday's session will begin at nine-thirty o'clock in the morning. At this meeting an election of officers for the coming year and delegates to the National Convention at Cleveland, Ohio, will be held; also a place will be voted on as to where the third annual convention will meet.

The department desires every post of the Legion in North Carolina to be represented by delegates as questions of importance will be decided upon at this convention. Among them the matter of electing a whole time Department Adjutant and Finance Officer at a salary that will justify a man to devote his entire time to the work of a semi-monthly magazine by the North Carolina Department, the Fordney extra compensation bill, which is expected to come up in the next session of congress, universal military training, education and good roads.

Dr. E. C. Brooks, state superintendent of public instruction, has accepted an invitation to address the convention on Saturday, September 4. National Commander Franklin D'Olier, of Philadelphia, and Hon. James H. Poy, of Raleigh, have also been invited to speak to the State meeting of ex-service men.

The present officers of the North Carolina department of the American Legion are: John Beasley, commander, Monroe; Walter Clark, Jr., vice commander, Charlotte; Cale K. Burgess, acting adjutant and finance officer, Raleigh; Daniel W. Terry, publicity officer, Raleigh; and F. O. Clarkson, historian, Charlotte.

## MURDERED WOMAN IS IDENTIFIED BY HUSBAND

### Victim of New Jersey Homicide Evidently Engaged in Fierce Struggle With Her Slayer.

(By The Associated Press.)

GRANTWOOD, N. J., Aug. 26.—The body of the young woman found slain in the Grantwood woods yesterday, today was identified as that of Mrs. Blanche Schulz, of East 135th street, Manhattan. The identification was made by the woman's husband, Frank Schulz, at a Hackensack morgue.

Schulz, who is an employee of the Interborough Rapid Transit Company, immediately identified the clothing worn by the dead woman. He would not look at the body, but told the police that his wife had a mole on her back, which they found as described.

Mrs. Schulz, according to her husband, had been employed in a Manhattan department store, but had been missing from home since last Saturday night, when she left for a visit with a sister at Keyport. He said she had with her \$50 and wore five diamond rings and a wedding ring, which were missing when the body was found.

Marks on the body led to the assumption that the victim had engaged in a violent struggle with her assailant. Her hands were covered with blood, two teeth were missing from her upper jaw and the body showed other signs of having suffered violence.

An autopsy performed by County Physician Ogden showed that the woman's throat had been cut from ear to ear and that this caused her death. She also had been struck a heavy blow on the left temple, Dr. Ogden said.

## VANCE ARANT IS KILLED BY TRAIN AT CHARLOTTE

The following is from this morning's Greensboro Daily News:

CHARLOTTE, Aug. 25.—Vance Arant, a well known white man of Charlotte, was killed by Seaboard Air Line train No. 58, westbound, this afternoon about 4:30 o'clock at a railroad crossing in Paw Creek township. He was driving in a Ford car. The train struck the car on the crossing, completely demolishing it and killing Arant instantly. The body was brought to Charlotte tonight. Arant was unmarried and 40 years of age. A mother and several brothers survive.

Mr. Arant was formerly employed in Gastonia by Mr. James A. Walker at the belting repair shop and was well known here. He was returning to Charlotte from a business trip to this city when he was killed.

## TEXANS WERE GUESTS OF ROTARY CLUB

### Heard of Gaston's Wonderful Growth from Local Speaker — Were Welcomed by Mayor or Cherry — Each Visitor Given Attractive Souvenirs — Music by Local Talent a Feature.

Gaston's rise from the old days of distilleries and little wealth to her premier place in the textile industry and attendant prosperity formed the keynote of the interesting program at the regular luncheon of the Gastonia Rotary Club at the Lory cafeteria Wednesday noon when the Waco, Texas, delegation of business men, the city's guests for the day, were guests of the club. S. A. Robinson was at President A. G. Myers' side at the head of the table as chairman of the day's program. The attendance was large.

Blessing was offered by J. H. Separk. That Gastonia offers her visitors no keys to her gates because there is no wall around this city and no gates was the statement of Mayor R. G. Cherry in a well chosen address of welcome to the visitors. The mayor gave a most hearty welcome to the guests. Able and eloquent response to his address was given by Judge W. M. Sleeper, of Waco, who paid high tributes and praise to the hospitality of the Carolinas and of Gastonia in particular and to the wonderful spirit of advancement found here.

Miss Marie Torrence, accompanied by Mrs. F. C. Michael on the piano delighted the audience with a vocal solo. Continuous and insistent applause caused her to graciously respond to an encore.

Mrs. Michael on the violin and Miss Pickens on the banjo rendered delightful musical numbers, winning much applause and responding to encores. The musical features of the program proved a decided hit with the visitors as well as with the members of the club and their local guests.

The educational progress of Gaston county and of Gastonia was ably pictured by County Superintendent of Public Instruction F. P. Hall, who also dwelt upon the wonderful advance of Gaston from the old days of a brief generation ago. He also eloquently stressed the needs yet to be met in educational lines.

J. H. Separk interestingly told of the industrial development of Gaston, presenting latest statistics showing the standing of the county in the textile industry of the world. His address was replete with interesting facts and was eloquent as well.

"Irish linen" damask napkins manufactured by the Spencer Mountain mill from Texas cotton were presented the visitors, a dozen to each as a souvenir, by the Chamber of Commerce, through the secretary, Fred M. Allen. Another souvenir was presented upon behalf of the Standard Knitting Mill by G. Rush Spencer, a couple of pairs of the half hose manufactured by that mill, in a neat box to each visitor.

Several members of the Texas delegation were called on for brief talks, and without exception they expressed themselves as highly pleased with their reception in Gastonia and with the information obtained in the "center of the textile industry of the South," a distinction Gastonia holds without question from any quarter.

G. H. Fealand, an attorney of Waco, said that the party was most favorably impressed—rather astonished—at the proportions attained by the textile industry in the Piedmont section as they had found it. If Texas, he said, with its wonderful natural resources, could develop the textile industry in a similar manner, his State would be an empire indeed. Mr. Penland, by the way, is a native of Clay county, North Carolina, as is his brother, Mr. James Penland, president of the Waco Drug Co. and also a member of the party. The latter also made a short talk much along the same line.

W. V. Crawford, president of the Texas Cotton Palace Association, gave an interesting description of the great cotton show which is held in Waco annually under the direction of his association. It is the biggest thing of its kind in the entire southwest and is visited each year by upwards of 500,000 people.

H. E. Childs, president of the First National Bank of Itasca, Texas, and W. H. McCullough, president of the Central Texas National Bank of Waco, talked of the banking resources of Texas.

A. J. Bush, general manager of the Texas Traction Company, voiced the appreciation of the entire party for the courtesies extended them here.

Mr. Hugh Williams, president of the Williams Dry Goods Co., a large wholesale house of Waco, spoke of the manufacturing and wholesale business of Texas, and spoke in appreciative terms of the party's cordial welcome in the Carolinas.

Mr. J. Perrin Quarles, president of the Charlotte Rotary Club, was called on and made a few appropriate remarks.

Among the club's guests for luncheon were many local business men.

The first all-steel steamship ever built in Argentina was launched a few weeks ago.

## TAR HEELS MAKE PLEA THAT COAL BE DIVERTED TO NORTH CAROLINA

### Ask for Modification of Priority Orders That Would Allow Fuel to be Shipped into This State — No Wood to be Had — Situation Described as Serious.

## SUFFRAGISTS SWARM AROUND COLBY'S OFFICE

### Await Secretary of State's Proclamation Based on Tennessee's Certification.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 26.—The proclamation announcing officially that the suffrage amendment to the constitution had been ratified was signed today by Secretary Colby of the state department.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 26.—Declaring they had information that the certificate of ratification from Governor Roberts, of Tennessee, had been received at the state department, suffragists began gathering at the department early today to await the signing by Secretary Colby of the proclamation declaring the federal suffrage amendment ratified.

The women preceded the secretary to the building. Officials present would not say whether the certificate had been received. The suffragists declared, however, that they knew it had reached Washington on a late train last night. They expected to be present in the secretary's office when he attached his signature to the proclamation.

The announcement disappointed a group of suffrage workers from headquarters of the National Woman's party who had gathered at the state department hoping to be present when Mr. Colby attached his signature to the proclamation. Miss Alice Paul, chairman of the party, was among the number.

"We are confident that the signature of Secretary Colby completes the suffrage struggle in this country," she said. "In spite of every obstacle that our opponents could put in our way, women have won the right to an equal voice in the affairs of this government. The Woman's Party will not relax its vigilance, however, until it is satisfied that no further attempts will be made to wrest from the women of the United States the political equality which they have won."

Miss Paul planned to go today to New York to call a meeting of the executive committee of the party at which the date for the national convention to fix future policy will be decided.

## DEATHS

PETER MARSHALL RHYNE.

At seven o'clock this morning Mr. Peter Marshall Rhyne, one of the best known of the county's oldest citizens died at his home in Dallas, aged about 65 years. Mr. Rhyne had been in feeble health for the past two or three years, but until yesterday was able to be up a part of the time. This morning he arose as usual and went out into the yard, and fell down a step. He was carried into the house, but died within a few minutes.

Mr. Rhyne is survived by his wife, who before her marriage was Miss Mary Jenkins, and is a daughter of Mr. Rufus M. Jenkins, of Mt. Holly, and the following children: Louis Dan Rhyne, now living in Florida, Mrs. Setzer, of Newton, Mrs. Robert Dorton, of Salisbury, Mr. Edli Rhyne, Mr. Loy Rhyne, Mr. George White Rhyne and Miss Lena Rhyne, all of Dallas.

Arrangements for the funeral service have not been completed this afternoon, awaiting word from Mr. Louis Dan Rhyne, in Florida, but the funeral will probably take place some time Friday at the home. Mr. Rhyne was a life long member of the Lutheran church. He was born and read in the county, and had made his home in Dallas for many years. His passing brings sorrow, not only to his immediate family, but to a wide circle of friends throughout the county.

EARL JOHNSON.

The burial of an ex-service man, Mr. Earl Johnson, will take place at McAdenville this afternoon at 3:00 p. m. Mr. Johnson died on ship board and his body was brought back to McAdenville for interment. He will be buried with military honors by the American legion at the Methodist church. A squad of American Legion members from Gastonia will go over to McAdenville this afternoon to tender Mr. Johnson due honor at his funeral.

For ocean travelers a new suit case can be emptied and inflated with an air pump with which it is equipped to serve as a life preserver.

(By The Associated Press.) WASHINGTON, Aug. 26.—Modification of priority orders for cars transporting coal to lake ports and "certain limitations on exportation of coal" were suggested today to the interstate commerce commission as means of relieving the coal situation in North Carolina.

The present situation and the outlook for the winter "is serious," Judge R. H. Sykes, of Durham, told the commission. Lack of labor to cut wood for fuel, making almost total dependency on coal, has created a situation which the witness declared would put North Carolina "in as bad shape as New England and the upper lakes district," if the existing orders are not modified.

Judge Sykes also suggested that a part of the present coal car supply be diverted for transportation of coal to North Carolina. Only 18 per cent of the normal supply had been received in that state up to last week, while prices range from \$11 to \$13 a ton, he said.

Other members of the delegation were E. B. Hobgood, secretary of the chamber of commerce; A. A. Murdock, and E. S. McGee, of Durham, and W. A. Shore and A. L. Butner, of Winston-Salem.

## DROP IN PRICE OF COAL IS FORECAST

(By The Associated Press.)

WASHINGTON, Aug. 25.—Forecast of a tumble in coal prices was made by the department of justice officials today coincident with the announcement of "renewed activity" in the campaign against coal profiteers. With production on the increase prediction was made that the coal market would follow sugar prices in a break in the near future.

Prices already have dropped at Baltimore where the federal agent started yesterday to gather evidence against an alleged combination of dealers who were declared to have boosted prices through repeated resales. A similar attack on profiteers has been ordered at Hampton Roads, one of the largest bunkering stations on the eastern seaboard. Complaints have come frequently from there and from Baltimore it was said.

Although interior points have reported exorbitant coal prices in many instances, it was stated that the flagrant violations of the Lever law were confined largely to the Atlantic coast. The department will press its investigations at all points, however.

Federal Reserve board officials reported indications also of an impending drop in the coal market. Their information was that transportation conditions with respect to coal had improved and a better distribution, therefore, was being had. The reserve board officials said the empty bins, made so by the bituminous miners strike and later by the railroad walkout and freight jam, were again stocked.

## INCREASED RATES EFFECTIVE

WASHINGTON, Aug. 26.—Increased freight rates and passenger fares authorized by the interstate commerce commission went into effect today on practically all railroads of the country. A number of steamship companies operating along the Atlantic and Gulf coasts and on the great lakes made corresponding advances in their rates.

Railroads which did not advance their rates today were those that had not filed the required blanket schedules in time for them to become effective. In such cases, the higher rates will go into effect later. For railroads the general increase allowed was approximately 33 1-3 per cent in freight rates, 20 per cent in passenger fares and excess baggage and milk charges for Pullman space. Similar increases were authorized by the commission for water carriers on joint rail and water traffic.

The shipping board ruled, in approving the higher freight and passenger all water rates for companies under its jurisdiction, that they could be put into effect any time before January 1 on one day's notice from the companies.

Invented by a Massachusetts man, a new coupling device enables a motor truck to be backed against a wagon and convert it into a trailer.