

PEOPLE ALWAYS TO CONTROL RYS.

Private Control and Regulation of Public Carriers Unaccompanied by Federal Legislation Never Again Says Clark

Washington, Nov. 9.—America will never again see private operation and control of the railroads unaccompanied by state and Federal regulations, Chairman Clark, of Interstate Commerce Commission, told the convention of the National Association of Railways and Public Utilities.

Chairman White said that the final figures show that the American people paid a handsome sum for Federal operation of the railroads during the war but as Federal operation was a war measure, the sum paid out should be considered a necessary war expense.

HAGGARD GERMANS BACK FROM RUSSIA

War Prisoners Express Hatred of Both Russia and Their Fatherland After Months in Loathsome Prison Camps

Stettin, Germany, Nov. 9.—Every contingent of German war prisoners arriving here from Russia contains a number of ragged, unshaven, haggard men who have been made insane by suffering during many months in Russian prison camps.

In three weeks the German government sent 200 of these men to insane asylums and sanitariums for treatment. A few who have spells of violence, and during these periods must be kept under guard, but the majority present a listless, woe-begone aspect. They look about with dull, unseeing eyes, or sit quietly weeping, unconscious of the fact they are home again.

The families and friends of the insane soldiers are allowed to greet them and to give them food and clothes before they are sent away for treatment.

Nearly all the prisoners exhibit the most intense bitterness not only toward Russia but toward the German government as well. One of them, who had lost a leg and an arm and who, it was learned, had been taken prisoner early in the war and has been confined in many Russian prison camps, shook his fist at a German flag when he arrived and cursed his country, his people, and all other countries and peoples.

"To with Germany!" he shouted. "That is not my flag and Germany is not my fatherland."

He then turned to the other prisoners and pointing to his wounds said:

"This is what Germany has done to me. This is what a kindly fatherland has permitted. Why didn't they exchange me? Because I have only one leg and one arm? I lost them fighting for Germany and all the thanks I've had for it were the rotten years in a Russian prison.

The prisoners generally agreed they had been unable to procure proper medical treatment in the Russian camps, and that their food had been very bad.

At the close of the war there were 250,000 war and civil prisoners in Russia, and 255,000 Russians in Germany. The German government estimates that not more than 5,000 Germans will remain in Russian camps this winter.

Before the Russo-Polish hostilities began the Russians were being returned rapidly but it is now estimated at least 200,000 Russians are still in German camps, 60,000 of whom are the troops interned when they crossed the East Prussian frontier during the Polish offensive.

The German government has expended 30,000,000 marks for transportation of Russians home, and 90,000,000 marks to bring German prisoners out of Russia.

Duchess Marlboro Granted Divorce

London, Nov. 9.—The Duchess of Marlborough, formerly Consuelo Vanderbilt, was today granted a divorce on charges of the Duke's misconduct and desertion.

WARSHIP FOR COLBY

Washington, Nov. 9.—Secretary Daniels today offered Secretary Colby a warship for his South American trip.

Avoid Hospital Play In the Band

Says Band Leader With Fifty Years' Experience With Bands and Boys

Editor The Advance: I would like to call your attention to this fact, that many a boy has been saved from becoming a consumptive wreck through learning to play on a band instrument.

In fifty years experience with bands and band boys I have known of one case only and that was through fast living and not through playing.

It was a prevailing idea at one time that blowing a wind instrument was hard on the lungs. It is the contrary. In fact, Jules Levy, the greatest cornetist that ever lived, had the largest chest measure of any man his size in the world.

The celebrated Dr. Marks, taking students through the hospital, St. Bartholomew's, Smithfield, London, came to the bed of a patient whose card read "musician, consumption," and said, "Yes, gentlemen, he has blown his lungs away. Listen, my man, how long have you been playing your instrument?" "Twenty years, sir." "Where did you play?" "Royal Haymarket Theatre." "Yes, yes, and what instrument did you play?" "The bass drum, sir."

Now in all up-to-date hospitals they have rubber tubes that consumptive patients in the first stages of the disease blow through every day.

Blowing a wind instrument strengthens the lungs. Blowing through the hospital tube has the same effect.

"It's better to keep out of the hospital and play in the band."

MR. GODFREY, Band Director.

MINOR LEAGUES WILL OPPOSE PLAN

Indications Are That They Will Vote Against Re-organization of Baseball Under Civilian Tribunal

Kansas City, Nov. 9.—Representatives of 21 minor baseball leagues of the country are meeting here to vote on the proposed re-organization of baseball under the control of a civilian tribunal.

Indications are that the minors will oppose the plan which threatens the disruption of the major leagues.

Reception On Wednesday Night

A reception will be tendered the representatives of the Bureau of Education, Washington, D. C., Wednesday night, October 10, at 8:15. It will be held in the County Court House, and under the auspices of the Elizabeth City Chamber of Commerce. Every citizen is invited to be present, and meet and hear the educational experts who are in the city for the Survey of schools of Elizabeth City.

Dr. William T. Bawden, Assistant to Dr. P. P. Claxton, United States Commissioner of Education, and Specialist in Industrial Education, is in charge of the Survey, and he will explain to the community the value of such a survey of the schools.

Dr. Walter S. Deffenbaugh, Specialist in Education in Villages and Towns, United States Bureau of Education, Washington, D. C. will deliver a short address.

Dr. Thomas Alexander, Professor of Elementary Education, Peabody College for Teachers, Nashville, Tenn., will also speak.

Mrs. H. W. Colvin, Specialist in Home Economics, who has been in the city for the past week, will give a brief talk.

None of the speeches will be long, and an opportunity to ask questions will be given. This is a splendid chance for the people of Elizabeth City to learn about the modern school and its methods, and something of what needs to be done to give the children of this community educational advantages and opportunities equal to those of the most progressive cities. Full information cannot be had of course, until the survey has been completed, when an elaborate booklet will be published.

Extra Guards On Wall Street Now

New York, Nov. 9.—Extra guards have been placed in Wall Street as a result of recent radical threats.

MRS. VARNER FILES COUNTER CLAIMS

Denies Sensational Charges Filed by Husband and Declares She Was Maliciously Turned Out Doors

Greensboro, Nov. 7.—Mrs. Florence C. Varner alleges in a suit filed in Federal court here that her husband, H. B. Varner, of Lexington, "willfully abandoned and deserted her and not only did maliciously turn her out of doors, but also offered such studied and premeditated indignities to her as to render her condition intolerable and life burdensome."

Because of these and other allegations, set forth at length in the complaint, she asks the court to award her a "reasonable subsistence" of not less than \$5,000 annually and lays claim to a building in Lexington, known as the Varner building, which is claimed to be worth \$50,000.

The plaintiff in the action sets forth at some length events alleged to have led up to her desertion when H. B. Varner started divorce proceedings last August and at the same time instituted suit against Baxter McRary, a negro, charging alienation of affections. She alleges that she was sent to the state of Utah by her husband or his friends and she brings suit in the Federal court as a citizen of that state, this being where her mother resides.

Charges in the divorce suit were denied, Mrs. Varner in her complaint stating that on the night of August 7th she had returned from the moving picture show, owned by her husband, with the receipts from the box office, this being her usual custom when he was away, and that she was admitted to her home by her negro servant, Anni Miller. Shortly afterwards someone knocked at her door, the complaint alleges, and when she answered she found Fred O. Sink at the door, who explained that she was "in all kinds of trouble." She thought her husband had met with some serious accident, it is averred, and was greatly distressed to learn that McRary was suspected of being in the house. The complaint denies that McRary had been or could get in the house because of it being locked.

The complaint sets forth that McRary had been in the habit of visiting the house to see the servant, Anni Miller, that he had been on friendly terms with the defendant and that this friendship for her husband had been obnoxious to the plaintiff.

It is flatly denied that the plaintiff ever held private conversation with McRary or that she had "for one moment in her life treated him as a friend or her social equal."

The complaint sets forth further that the defendant before his return home had been in communication with "certain slanderers and conspirators" and that these gathered about him when he went to the hotel in Lexington and refused to see the plaintiff after she had made urgent request to see him.

The complaint is signed by B. B. Vinson, Tillett & Guthrie and Kings, Sapp & King as attorneys.

Denies He Failed Provide For Wife

Lexington, Nov. 7.—Concerning the allegations made by his wife, Florence C. Varner, in suit for alimony filed in Greensboro Federal Court yesterday, H. B. Varner today said: "On August 7th I left home for New York on a business trip, having never suspected her of infidelity. While in that city on August 10th I was notified to come home at once. I was met by friends at High Point and informed that Baxter McRary had been seen to sneak in my house by the back entrance at 10 o'clock at night and had been found under the house three hours later." "I came directly to the hotel here and conducted a searching investigation, and not only was I convinced of the purpose of McRary's visit to my home on the night of August 9, but then first learned that improper relations had been existing for years. After all this information I decided that I could no longer live with her, and sent Fred O. Sink and Wade H. Phillips to so inform her. I did not go to see her, but she was not prevented from seeing me at the hotel or my office before her departure for Salt Lake City, Utah." "She did not go away until I had ascertained that she had ample means. She took everything she desired from the home." "At the time a number of years

Some Relief Work To Be Discontinued

Not Deemed Wise to Expose Relief Workers to Perils of Asia Minor and Turkey

New York, Nov. 9.—Conditions in Asia Minor and European Turkey are so serious that Near East relief will not further expose relief workers to peril.

This announcement made today followed receipt of a cablegram saying that J. P. Coombs, relief director and native of Apalachicola, Fla., is held by the Turkish Nationalists.

U. S. Cruiser Aground In Cartagonia Harbor

Washington, Nov. 9.—The American cruiser Cleveland, on duty in Latin-American waters, is aground in Cartagonia Harbor, the Navy Department advised.

MEETS TONIGHT

The Elizabeth City Choral Society will meet tonight at 7:30 for practice.

PLAN TO RETURN DEPORTED REDS

Underground Railway In Holland Reported Discovered For Getting Agitators Back to America

Rotterdam, Nov. 9.—Reports were received here today of an underground railway in Holland for returning deported Bolshevik agitators to America.

Despite the cordon guard on the German frontier, Russians continue to cross the boundary.

Merchants Hold Banquet Tonight

The regular monthly meeting of Elizabeth City Merchants' Association will be held tonight at 7:45 in the Moose rooms.

Members of the Association and all others interested in the mercantile interests of the community are cordially invited.

Immediately after the business session the following menu will be served at 85c. per plate:

Celery	Pickles
Roast Turkey	with
English Dressing	
Mashed Potatoes	French Peas
Hot Rolls	Butter
Black Coffee	

Plates may be reserved by calling the Secretary of the Association, Miss Johnson, 695.

OLDEST MAN IN WORLD IS SICK

But Says When He Gets His False Teeth Fixed He Expects to Reach the Two Hundred Mark

Constantinople, Nov. 9.—Turkey's 146-year-old man, Zora Mehmed, reputed to be the oldest man in the world, is ill with indigestion. This is the first time Zora has ever been ill. He complains that it is because of a set of false teeth.

Zora has always been a hamal, that is a carrier of heavy weights, ranging from 200 to 1,000 pounds. When he was 45 years of age, that is during the Napoleonic wars, he tried to lift, on a bet, 500 pounds with his teeth and ruined them. He went along until about 1850 without any teeth and then he obtained a set which has worn out. About 20 years ago he got another set. He claims these teeth have given him indigestion which has finally landed him in the hospital.

"When I get a new set of teeth, I shall be all right again for another half a century," he said.

Until his present illness, Zora was employed, as a hamal, at the Turkish naval base. He was born at Bitlis, in Turkish Armenia in the year 1774, just before the American revolution, but does not remember that event. Zora has a son aged 90 and a young daughter aged 50. His heart and eyes are still good and he looks like a man of 70. He offers his passport as proof of his age, as well as the birth records in the mosque at Bitlis.

GRIFFIN--GREGORY

Impressive Autumn Wedding Solemnized At First Baptist Church Tuesday Morning

A lovely and very impressive late autumn wedding was solemnized on Tuesday morning at nine o'clock when Miss Elsie Dean Gregory of this city became the bride of Mr. Charles Edward Griffin of Norfolk in the First Baptist Church here.

The impressive ring ceremony was witnessed by a large number of relatives and friends and was performed by Rev. H. K. Williams assisted by Rev. G. F. Hill.

The setting was beautifully arranged and in its simplicity lent dignity to the occasion. White daisy chrysanthemums, long leaf pine, magnolia, trailing ivy and white cathedral candles were used against a background of white.

Before the ceremony organ selections from "Apple Blossoms" by Kreisler-Jacobi and "Invitation to the Dance" by Weber were rendered by Mrs. J. M. Meekins. Mr. J. C. B. Ehringhaus sang "O Perfect Love" by Baraby. As strains of the wedding march from Lohengrin sounded, the bride entered by the center aisle on the arm of her father, Dr. S. W. Gregory, and was met at the altar by the groom who entered from the vestry room in the rear with his brother, Mr. William Griffin, of New Bern as best man.

The bride was becomingly gowned in a traveling suit of reindeer peach-bloom cloth with beaver trimmings and with accessories to harmonize. She carried a shower bouquet of bride's roses and lilies of the valley and ferns. Her only ornament was a lovely old fashioned gold bracelet, a gift of the groom's family, which has been in the family for generations.

Her attendants were: the maid of honor, her sister, Miss Dorothy Gregory, and the bridesmaid, Miss Lucile Jones, each gowned in a lovely dress of black lace over charmeuse with picture hat to match carrying yellow chrysanthemums and ferns.

The groomsmen were Mr. Vaughn Griffin, brother of the groom, of Newbern; and Mr. Edward Griffin, and Mr. Aubrey McCabe, of this city.

The bride is the attractive daughter of Dr. and Mrs. S. W. Gregory, of this city.

The groom is a promising young business man and is associated with the Elm City Lumber Company.

Both bride and groom have a host of friends throughout the city and state. They were the recipients of many handsome gifts, expressing something of the high esteem in which they are held.

Immediately after the ceremony Mr. and Mrs. Griffin left for New York City and a tour of other northern points. After November the twenty-fifth they will be at home at Virginia Beach.

\$30,000,000 Pool For Livestock Industry

Chicago, Nov. 9.—The bankers of Chicago and other cities are meeting here to complete arrangements for the formation of a thirty million dollar banking pool to assist in financing the livestock industry.

BEAUTIFUL CATALOG FOR DISTRIBUTION

A beautiful catalog of diamonds, watches, jewelry and silverware, printed in colors and gold, is ready for distribution by the H. C. Bright Company. In appearance it vies with the catalogs sent out by the big mail order jewelry firms, and everybody in these parts knows that trading in the Home Town has got the big mail order houses beat miles and miles Mr. Bright is glad to send out the catalog wherever it is desired.

N. C. Sergeant Gets D. S. Medal

Washington, Nov. 9.—Edgar N. Halyburton, of Taylorsville, N. C., sergeant of the 16th Infantry, has been awarded a distinguished service medal for services while in German Prison Camp 2.

U. D. C. AT ASHEVILLE

Asheville, Nov. 8.—Delegates are arriving today to the convention of the United Daughters of the Confederacy which opens tomorrow and lasts three days.

Delegates from thirty-six states are expected to attend the convention and Governor Bickett will be among the speakers Tuesday night.

HARDING APPEARS IN FINE FORM

Spent Morning Fishing and Afternoon Playing Golf at Point Isabel, Tex.—Planning Trip Up Rio Grande

Point Isabel, Tex., Nov. 9.—Senator Harding, appearing robust and vigorous, spent the morning fishing and the afternoon playing golf.

He is using a launch supplied by Governor Hobby for cruises and plans an automobile trip up the Rio Grande valley.

The President-elect may hurry his departure from Panama in order to be back in time for his speech at Bedford, Va.

U. S. TO CLOTHE POLISH CHILDREN

Result of Polish-Soviet War—American Relief Administration Will Care For Children Through Winter

London, Nov. 9.—One of the aftermaths of the Polish-Soviet war is that Americans will be called upon to feed and clothe more than 1,250,000 Polish children this winter through the American Relief Administration. Up to the time of the latest outbreak of hostilities, destitution had been so reduced that the Relief Administration officials believed that Poland, with the organization the Americans had perfected, would be able to carry on the work after this autumn. That is considered impossible now and preparations are under way for caring for as many children as during the dark days of last winter.

This decision came after receipt in London of reports of a complete survey of the country begun immediately after the Bolsheviks were driven back. Trained observers report that the Poles themselves have not painted the picture black enough. After two armies had fought over the ground there was little left for the children, they report, and each requested immediate shipment of food and clothing. As far as possible, distributing agents of the administration are complying with these requests.

The organization by which about \$19,000,000 worth of food and clothing was distributed in Poland in 16 months at a cost of approximately \$80,000, is virtually intact. It includes between 15,000 and 18,000 Poles whose services are paid for by Poland, but who worked under the direction of a few American administrative officers. The Poles also pay for transportation from the ships, warehousing and distribution. In addition they supply all flour received by them, through a \$200,000 credit granted them by the Grain Corporation.

Although the distributing organization was considerably disarranged during the recent fighting, officials here say they can get into working order again very quickly after railroad repairs have been completed.

LAST QUARTERLY CONFERENCE TONIGHT

The fourth quarterly conference for the year will be conducted at the First Methodist church, South, this evening at seven-thirty in the annex. Rev. R. H. Willis, the presiding elder, will have charge of the session. The pastor, Rev. J. M. Ormond, will make his final report for the year and all the officers of the church will also report the work done by the several organizations.

Another feature of the session will be the election of officers for the coming year. This is always an important duty and it should bring out to the session every interested member of the church, to say nothing of the officers who have served during the past year. Everybody is invited.

It will be decided to night whether or not the annual conference will be invited to meet in the First church next November. Let it be known that this invitation must be extended one year in advance and the conference convenes next Wednesday, the 17th, at Rocky Mount.

Raw Sugar Drops To 6 1/2 Cents Pound

New York, Nov. 9.—Raw sugar dropped to 6 1/2 cents a pound today, a decline of 17 cents from the peak.