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RUSSIANS, HOWEVER, ADVANCE ON LEMBERG

British Claim Repulse of Several German Attacks Against Their Positions at Verdun

By United Press. Berlin, August 7.—Austrians are assuming the offensive against the Russian left wing and today captured the heights of Plaika and Dereskowala. The Russians are attacking without cessation northwest of Zolozze with violent fighting on the right bank of the Sereth.

The Russians were repulsed on the river Stochod.

British Repulse Assaults.

By United Press. London, August 7.—General Haig today announced the repulse of several attacks against British positions east of Pozieres. He says the situation along the Somme front is unchanged.

Russians Continue Advance.

By United Press. Petrograd, August 7.—The Russians continue their advance on Lemberg, capturing strongly fortified positions south of Brody. Bayonet encounters are going on in the Sereth river woods. A heavy rain has turned the battlefield into a swamp in which many are meeting death.

Severe fighting is under way along the whole Caucasian front.

German Recapture Trench.

By United Press. Berlin, August 7.—The German forces today recaptured portions of a trench near Pozieres which had been temporarily lost to the British.

Fighting in Africa.

London, August 7.—Closing in on the Kaiser's last colony in German East Africa, the British forces have won a victory both on the south and east. British warships co-operating with General Smuts have captured the German seaport of Sandani with slight opposition. General North defeated the Germans near Malangali.

Turks Routed by British.

London, August 7.—The Turks were routed by the British forces last night east of the Suez canal and were driven back eighteen miles. Forty-five officers and 3100 men were captured. Katin Umasha has been entirely cleared of Turks.

German Checked at Verdun.

Paris, August 7.—The French artillery checked two valiant German attacks at Verdun on the northeastern front and two violent German attacks on Verdun on the northern front last night.

Miners Break Compact.

London, August 7.—South Wales miners are disregarding the promise which was made by their federations that they would remain at work during the usual August holidays and do everything in their power to aid the allies to win the war. Thousands are leaving with their families for the seaside resorts.

WEATHER FORECAST.

For Oklahoma. Tonight and Tuesday, partly cloudy.

Local Temperature.

During 24 hours ending 8 a. m. today: Maximum, 94; minimum, 74.

SWITCHMEN WILL NOT ENTER STRIKE

By United Press. Washington, August 7.—Further optimism was reflected in administration circles over the threatened railroad strike today, when it was learned that the switchmen on the railroads affected would probably sign an agreement before night accepting arbitration.

OKLAHOMA LEADS IN POULTRY

Last Year's Report Held Up as Model; W. H. Catterall Left Saturday for Annual Convention

W. H. Catterall left Saturday for Cleveland, O., to attend the American Poultry association's convention as delegate from the Oklahoma State Poultry association. The state secretary, Fred Atherton, is in receipt of a request from the Mississippi Poultry Breeders association, requesting the Oklahoma delegate to take care of their interests at the national convention.

The conditions in poultry circles in Oklahoma are exceedingly good. At the national convention at San Francisco last year the Oklahoma report was held up as a model for the rest of the convention and other states to follow. "Our report was the fourth best report of all the states including those from Canada," said Mr. Catterall, "and in one respect it was considered to be at least as good as those who excelled us received annual appropriations of from \$50,000 to \$250,000 from their respective state governments while we receive nothing from the state. County commissioners are authorized to make appropriations in their districts.

"The conditions this year are flattering. We are alive in membership and better fixed in finances, numbers and organization than Texas. Up to a short time ago Texas was unable to send a delegate at its own expense and was casting about for an out-of-state delegate to look after its interests. The Oklahoma association is paying my expenses."

Mr. Catterall is considered one of the largest poultry breeders in the state. He has a \$5,000 plant and raises about 2000 chickens every year at 1727 South Seventh street.

OFFICER EXONERATED.

Washington, August 7.—The senate today conferred the rank of lieutenant colonel on Col. M. C. Butler, who was killed at Alpine, Texas, by Harry Spannell in the double tragedy which also cost the life of Mrs. Spannell. This rank was declared effective July 1, thus giving Colonel Butler's widow a larger pension.

COLLEGE WANTS TO GET ROOMS

All those who wish to board college girls this winter are requested to write to President G. W. Austin at once, giving full description of their accommodations and prices asked. Information must be written, not telephoned in. These letters will be filed away for reference, so that girls can be assigned to the different places when they come in. Details given must include a full description of the accommodations, including whether or not the house is modern, size of room, whether front or back, comforts of any kind and distance of house from car line and pavement.

One should state also whether or not she has a piano, if she would object to its being used for practice by the college girls, and what charge would be made a month for it. Price for board and room is to be given for a calendar month, not per week, or per month of four weeks. All information should be in as soon as possible. President Austin also states that

CANDIDATES FILE EXPENSE ACCOUNTS

Candidates are already beginning to file their expense accounts with Judge S. C. Durbin, secretary of the county election board, the law requiring that this be done within ten days after the election. All county officers file their accounts with Judge Durbin, but the candidates for representative send theirs to the state board.

TWO LONG DISTANCE CALLS IN ONE DAY

Two long distance telephone calls in a single day, asking for room reservation in Nellie Sparks Hall, is the record for the season, made yesterday when W. C. Jones of Wheatland and Mrs. H. C. Seitz of Oklahoma City were afraid to wait for the mails to carry application blanks to President Austin. They both called within an hour.

"Of course rooms must be assigned in order in which deposits are received, and competition for places is bound to become hotter all the time," President Austin says.

DELLA SCROGGINS FINED.

In the county court on Saturday afternoon Della Scroggins pleaded guilty to keeping a bawdy house and was fined \$100 by Judge Davenport. She gave bond for a stay of execution for thirty days.

FIRST MONDAY GOOD.

First Monday proved a busy one in trading circles, especially in horses. Not so much hay was brought in as last month. A large number of buyers came to town and the day was generally satisfactory from a commercial standpoint.

POLICE COURT.

A number of fighting cases, several of which were the result of an altercation which took place in a pool hall, were up before Mayor Coffman this morning in the police court. John Holmes paid a fine of \$5 for fighting. Fred Boss was sent to jail after being fined \$5 for being drunk and fighting. Martin Gilbreath is in jail after being fined \$6 for fighting, while the case of John T. Thompson, charged with fighting with a billiard cue, was continued.

Charles Whitmont and John Hasbury were also arrested by Chief of Police Phillips for fighting.

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS.

Almost the entire morning session of the county commissioners' court was taken up this morning with the consideration of erroneous tax matters. No definite conclusions were reached in anything that was submitted up to the noon hour. Theodore Stover was instructed to repair the bridge on the section line between sections 20-21-34 and to present the bill therefor to the board.

John R. Boardman, representing the Boardman Company, of Oklahoma City, and W. A. Fox, representing the B. F. Avery company of Dallas, appeared before the board in connection with the sale of road machinery.

WILSON'S PUBLICITY MAN.

Chicago, August 7.—William J. Cochran, a St. Louis political writer, has been appointed western publicity manager for Wilson's campaign.

U. P. EXTENDS SERVICE.

Buenos Aires, August 7.—The United Press today closed long term contracts extending its service in South America, with headquarters in the offices of La Nacion in this city, this country's greatest newspaper.

STREET CAR STRIKE.

Philadelphia, August 7.—Five hundred street car men struck this morning for increased wages and the recognition of the union. An equal number is expected to quit this afternoon.

The College will gladly send a catalog to anyone in the country who might be interested in the school. He requests that citizens of Chickasha telephone in names of anyone who might be interested.

ARMY BILL FAVORABLY REPORTED

Carries With It Appropriations to the Amount of \$267,597,000 and Reported to Both Houses of Congress

FUNSTON DENIES HARD LUCK STORIES

Says Most of Complaints of Conditions Prevailing in Border Guard Camps Lack Truth

Washington, August 7.—The general army appropriations bill, carrying \$267,597,000 was reported to both branches of congress today by house and senate conferees.

The conferees struck out La Follette's provision barring boys under eighteen years from enlisting in the militia without the consent of their parents. Foreign pay is to be allowed only if they cross the border.

Are Pipe Dreams.

San Antonio, Tex., Aug. 7.—General Funston may take exceptions to the ramblings or other shortcomings in individual cases but he informed the United Press correspondent this morning that he was "highly satisfied with the progress which is being made by the militia on the border."

So far most of the complaints, he says are emanating from newspaper correspondents who are accompanying the troops and who are trying to find something to write about.

WHOLESALE THEFT OF MELONS

Negro Boys 19 and 12 Arrested at Midnight When They Went for Stolen Property

Charged with the theft of fourteen big watermelons and nine cantaloupes, two negro boys, brothers, were lodged in the county jail at midnight. The youngsters, Levi, aged 19, and D. Stevens, aged 12, had cut the melons from the vines of a farmer residing about one mile north of Norge. It is said, and had secreted them in a canyon. Deputy Sheriff Castleman was notified and lay in wait Sunday evening for the miscreants whom he believed would call for the stolen produce to bring them to Chickasha for First Monday. At 11 o'clock the boys arrived in their wagon and were nabbed.

A little later in the day the boys were tried before Judge Fuller and Levi was fined \$25 and given thirty days in jail. Because D. Stevens was a minor he was turned over to Judge Davenport's juvenile court. The melons were stolen from the place of Bob Douglas.

BOMB BREAKS WINDOWS.

Chicago, August 7.—Windows were broken in the Blackstone, Congress, Auditorium and Stratford hotels this morning when a bomb exploded in the rear of the Shaw Taxicab company building. It is believed to be the result of labor troubles.

13 YEAR OLD BOY FOR MURDER

Hugo, Okla., August 7.—Hoyt Erwin, a 13-year-old newsboy, is being held here on the charge of killing Gus Chandler, aged 21, a milkman. Erwin today said Chandler grabbed his papers and kicked and cursed him. He said he drew a knife and waved Chandler away but that the latter lunged against it.

CARBOLIC ACID FOR SORE LIPS

Police Officer Bill Eleton is suffering from a couple of badly burned lips today as the result of a mistake which was made in a medicine bottle last night. He had been using Hydrocort for his chapped lips but by mistake the bottles were shifted and that containing carbolic acid was placed where the other had been.

REPUBLICANS AND SOCIALISTS VOTE IN PRIMARIES

Corporation commissioner, long term—Arnold 121, House 122, Parinson 223.

Corporation commissioner, short term—Oscar D. Groom 121, James L. Brown 329.

Presidential electors at large—Randolph 561, Bell 373, Sutton 570, Eckles 371, Lowe 380, Denton 360, Hyamith 345, Jones 362, Revelle 356, Briml 315, McGuire 258.

Congressman—H. H. Hinkle 397. Representative—J. D. Sanders 414. Republican County Ticket.

County judge—Eugene Hamilton, 513. County attorney—Adolphus Clark, 504. County Clerk—Olin Brashear 489.

Sheriff—Esl Wells 204, Thomas Burke 288. Treasurer—Elmer Stone 468. County Commissioner, first district—J. H. Hayden 210.

County commissioner, second district—John Coyle 145. Socialist State Ticket.

Corporation commissioner, long term—Marion Hughes 704. Corporation commissioner, short term—W. L. Thurman 687.

Presidential electors at large—Russell 695, Bradshaw 681, Moore 675, Poling 667, Peters 673, Hayman 671, Johnson 672, Cumble 675, Bule 669, Thornbald 671.

Congressman—O. M. Morris 688. Representative—Jones 660, Steger 677.

Constitutional amendments—No. 81, yes 1147, no 2751; No. 85, yes 1014, no 2787; No. 87, yes 999, no 2818; No. 89, yes 810, no 3021; No. 86, yes 1128, no 2897; No. 83, yes 1497, no 2657; No. 82, yes 2172, no 2800; No. 84, yes 1539, no 2581; No. 88, yes 1244, no 2588.

Socialist County Ticket. County attorney—Searcy 723. Court clerk—Dunham 711. County clerk—Smith 704. Sheriff—Glover 715.

Treasurer—Early 711. Superintendent—S. D. Wham 706. Assessor—Scarbright 707. Public weigher—Rinehart 708. County commissioner, Dist. 1—Shoven 252; Dist. 2—Phelps 152; Dist. 3—L. P. Wham 509.

Justice of the Peace, Chickasha—Moos 100, Powell 103. Constable, Chickasha—Davenport 98, Stepp 100.

CONTESTS NOMINATION.

By United Press. Ada, Okla., August 7.—Congressman Murray today contested the election of Judge McKeown, alleging errors and irregularities. He demands a recount of all counties but Johnston and Pottawatomie.

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HUGHES' FIRST APPEAL.

By United Press. Detroit, Michigan, August 7.—Charles E. Hughes' first appeal for votes was a plea for Americanism, the expression of a hope of the co-operation of capital and labor, and the endorsement of the national movement for the welfare of American workers.

He spoke in a stiffly close room in Hotel Ponchartrain to a committee representing welfare workers in Detroit factories. About one hundred were present.

WOMAN LEADS IN CONGRESSIONAL RACE

Topeka, Kan., Aug. 7.—Dr. Eva Harding is the first woman who has ever nominated for congress. She is shown in complete official returns to have a lead of 608 over Rev. Herbert Corbin for the Democratic nomination. Both live here.

BAFFLED POLICE BUT CONFESSED

Sensational Murder Case in Dallas Where Criminal Eluded Sleuths But Whose Conscience Hurt Him

Dallas, Tex., Aug. 7.—Examination of the special venire of 150 men to secure a jury for the trial of Houghton Wagner, confessed slayer of Miss Zoala Cramer, began here this morning in criminal district court No. 2.

There is little doubt of Wagner's fate, in case the authenticity of a written confession, signed by him, and now in possession of the county attorney, is established to the satisfaction of the jury.

Wagner's crime was one of the most sensational in the annals of local criminal history, and his confession is the solution of a mystery which has baffled solution by the police and sheriff's departments for months.

The body of Miss Zoala Cramer, a young trained nurse, was found in the entrance of an alley on the morning of March 28. She had been choked to death, and a suit-case which she carried was open and the contents, wearing apparel, scattered over the ground. The only clue which officers found was a cheap stick-pin, which had become entangled in the young woman's hair, as she battled for her life. No arrests were made and the Dallas police force had about regaled the case to the category of unsolved murder mysteries, when Wagner, arrested in McKinney, Texas, on another charge, voluntarily confessed to the crime, saying that his conscience would not permit him to sleep at night. He said in his confession that he intended to rob Miss Cramer, but when he seized her suit case she fought him, and he was forced to choke her to prevent her screaming. The approach of a passerby frightened him away, and he did not know that he had killed the woman until next morning, when he read the papers.

L. R. Callaway and N. G. Coffey, appointed by Judge Crawford, are conducting Wagner's defense. It is expected that the confession will be offered as evidence, and Wagner will throw himself on the mercy of the court, and endeavor to secure a life sentence instead of the death penalty, in view of his confession.

ANADARKO IS CLEANED SCORE 7-3

Chickasha defeated the Anadarko team yesterday for the third straight game by a score of 7 to 3. The features of the game was a one handed catch by Entefrine of Chickasha and Moore of Anadarko.

The comedy part of the game was pulled off by "Wee" Willie Weller when he spiked himself on the leg when he saw he was caught in trying to steal a base. Chickasha played a good clean game and won the batting honors. The much heralded Hudgins failed to show very much and was outpitched by Roy Bias in every department.

Bias had the Anadarko team at his mercy from start to finish. One very enthusiastic Anadarko fan was heard to say after the game that they came to Chickasha loaded for bear but the team could not bat. Chickasha will play a return game at Anadarko next Sunday, August 15th, and Apache will come to Chickasha the following Sunday.

COUNTY SCHOOLS DO WELL

Flattering Report Made to State Board by County School Superintendent Shepard

286 MORE WHITE PUPILS ENROLLED

Gain of Seven Teachers Over Previous Year and School Term Increased Five Weeks

The annual report for Grady county schools up to July 1, 1916, has been transmitted to the state superintendent of instruction by County Superintendent Shepard. The report shows the county schools to be in a flourishing condition and although arrangements have been made for a broader service for the coming year the report for the period just ended shows appreciable gains over the preceding school year.

The report shows gains in several directions. The enrollment of white children in the county schools increased 286 and seven more teachers were employed. The length of the school term was increased five weeks and Grady county received first prize in the state for moonlight schools.

Only the schools for whites are included in the financial portion of the report, which follows:

Scholastic Census. This year, 1052; last year, 1075; gain, 386. Enrollment—(White). This year—Male, 5719; female, 4809; total, 10518. Last year—Male, 4758; female, 4857; total, 9615. Gain—Male, 352; female, 122; total, 474. Colored. This year—Male, 234; female, 236; total, 470. Last year—Male, 230; female, 236; total, 466. Gain—Male, 4; female, 20; total, 24. Average Attendance. This year—Male, 2107; female, 2077; total, 4184. Last year—Male, 2033; female, 2247; total, 3280. Gain—Male, 169; female, 231; total, 400.

Teachers Employed. This year, 219; last year, 212; gain, 7. Average Salary. (First Grade.) Male—This year, 194.85; last year, 188.16; gain, \$2.25. Female—This year, 181.33; last year, 159.11; gain, \$2.22. (Second Grade.) Male—This year, 170.40; last year, 166.10; gain, \$4.30. Female—This year, 150.00; last year, 150.00; gain, .00. (Third Grade.) Male—This year, 160.00; last year, 162.96; lost, \$2.96. Female—This year, 152.34; last year, 151.00; lost \$1.66.

Grade of Teachers Employed. (First Grade.) Male—This year, 37; last year, 29; gain, 8. Female—This year, 75; last year, 70; gain, 5. (Second Grade.) Male—This year, 20; last year, 16; gain, 4. Female—This year, 32; last year, 33; lost, 1. (Third Grade.) Male—This year, 7; last year, 13; lost 6. Female—This year, 37; last year, 37. Average Length of Term. This year, 8 2/3 months; last year, 7 1/4 months; gain, 1 1/4 months. Total receipts—This year, \$205,367.13; last year, \$154,928.55; gain, \$50,450.48. Total disbursements—This year, \$178,811.65; last year, \$154,320.27; gain, \$12,481.38. Teachers' salary—This year, \$116,051.60; last year, \$100,510.44; gain, \$15,541.22.

For rent, repairing and fuel—This year, \$9,859.74; last year, \$9,382.24; gain, \$477.50. For library and apparatus—This year, \$2,863.11; last year, \$2,651.91; gain, \$211.20.

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