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MILITIAMAN GIVEN MILITARY BURIAL

CAPT. MULLINS' FUNERAL MARKED BY IMPRESSIVE CEREMONIES.

GUARD OF HONOR ESCORTS HEARSE

Ministers Pay High Tribute to Soldier and Stores Close for Funeral.

With military honors and with the stores in the business district closed while the funeral was in progress, the body of Capt. W. S. Mullins, commander of the Columbus Riflemen, who died in Jackson last Wednesday afternoon shortly after having undergone an operation for appendicitis, was laid to rest Friday afternoon, funeral services having been held at the First Baptist church and interment having taken place at Friendship cemetery.

The obsequies took place at 3:30 o'clock Friday afternoon, and although the day was dark and dismal there was a large concourse of people present, the congregation having filled almost to capacity the spacious auditorium of the temple of worship. Dr. J. L. Vipperman, the pastor of the church, was the officiating clergyman and was assisted by Rev. W. S. Slack, pastor of St. Paul's Episcopal church, and Rev. W. L. Duren, pastor of the First Methodist church. Dr. Vipperman delivered an impressive sermon and took occasion to pay high tribute to the dead soldier, having praised him for his patriotism, for his loyalty and for his unflinching devotion not only to his country but to his family, his friends and his duty.

It was impossible for the Columbus Riflemen to send a guard of honor from Jackson, as the company was almost momentarily expecting a call to the front, but a delegation made up of Meridian militiamen accompanied the body from that city to Columbus. This delegation consisted of Capt. J. A. Hammond, First Lieutenant H. E. Hall, Privates G. P. Page, Paul Templeton, W. J. Buie, Harry Nelson, C. E. Bardwell, J. C. Powers, W. A. Bergerby, C. Robinson, J. G. Griffin, Albert Achamber and E. L. Hancock. The militiamen, as well as practically the entire membership of Tombigbee Lodge No. 12, Knights of Pythias, of which deceased has been a member for many years, attended the services at the church and marched on either side of the hearse as that vehicle wended its way to the cemetery. As the body was lowered into the grave taps were sounded and a military salute was fired.

A pathetic feature of the funeral was the enforced absence therefrom of Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Mullins, parents of the dead militiaman, who are in Denver attending the bedside of a younger son, Mr. Arthur Mullins, who has been ill with typhoid fever for several weeks past.

The gentlemen who acted as pall bearers were: Messrs. B. A. Lincoln, Myrtle Cox, Louis Shull D. J. Sessions, Kenneth Harrison and M. C. Vandiver. The flower committee consisted of the following ladies: Mrs. Ward Richards, Mrs. B. A. Lincoln, Miss Julia Cox and Miss Sue Mae Lincoln.

The following message of sympathy was received from Governor Bilbo by Mr. V. M. Higgins, brother-in-law of Capt. Mullins:

"Please convey to the father, mother and relatives of Capt. Mullins my profound sympathy in their bereavement personally and as governor. I know that our state has sustained a great loss and the military arm of our government one of its finest officers.

Theo. G. Bilbo, Governor."

The following tribute to the late Capt. Mullins appeared in the Jackson Clarion-Ledger of Thursday:

"A beautiful tribute was paid the memory of Captain Mullins last night when the remains were escorted to the train by his company under command of Capt. Harper of Natchez and the regimental officers under the command of Lieutenant Colonel Boyd.

"The troops marched through the streets, Company I preceding the hearse, while on each side walked three captains and in the rear came the officers of the regiment.

"The troops marched into the enclosure at the station and lined up until the train going east had arrived. Capt. Harper gave the order 'Present arms' and with the troops at present, the officers with their

LARGE SOUTHERN AREA STORM SWEEP

PASSES OVER ATLANTIC COAST AND TAIL END HITS COLUMBUS.

MANY RAILROAD TRAINS DELAYED

Telegraph Wires Blown Down and News of Storm Has Been Meager.

Luxapalila creek, already at flood-tide, is rising rapidly, and people living near the stream are moving out in search of higher ground.

Telephone messages from points on the Tombigbee above Columbus state that the stream is rising rapidly, and a rise of 10 to 15 feet was expected last night.

Luxapalila creek is now within 2 feet of the waterworks, and portions of the yards of the Columbus Lumber Company in the same neighborhood, are inundated.

A severe rain and wind storm swept over the South Atlantic coast during several days of the past week, and this section got the "drippings," rain having fallen here almost incessantly for more than 60 hours, with a total precipitation of 6.93 inches for the period. The heavy rain naturally resulted in a rapid rise in the Tombigbee river, which rose something like 17-1/2 feet.

The greatest damage resulting from the storm in this immediate vicinity was sustained by the crops, cotton, corn and other plants having been blown down by the wind and materially injured by the excessive amount of water in the fields. Many towns near here suffered more seriously, however, a telephone message received yesterday morning from Steens, the first village east of Columbus on the Southern Railway, was practically submerged and that the property damage there would run well into the thousands.

The railroads, as is usual in such cases, were the most severe sufferers. Bridges having been washed away, large stretches of track having been inundated and traffic having been materially interfered with. It was reported here yesterday that a passenger train on the Southern Railway was water-bound near Steens, and conditions have been so bad on some roads that no attempts were made to run trains. The Louisville and Nashville penetrates the storm swept district, and there were so many washouts on the line that train service south of Montgomery was abandoned soon after the storm made its appearance.

Reports from Mobile state that the whole water front in that city is inundated and quite a number of business houses were flooded, the property damage there being estimated at \$1,000,000.

ALLIES FIGHTING DESPERATELY TO BREAK LINE OF TEUTONS

GERMANY CALLED UPON FOR FIRST TIME TO RESIST ATTACKS FROM ALL SIDES.

London, July 8.—British and Russian armies, striking simultaneously, on the western and eastern fronts, made further dents in the German lines and created what military critics believe to be the greatest crisis yet faced by the German general staff.

For the first time during the war Germany has been called upon to meet a determined double offensive on opposite fronts and the German tacticians must now determine how to meet the new co-ordinated strategy of the entente allies and how best to utilize Germany's available military resources.

Gen. Haig's army resumed the offensive at dawn today and reported several important successes, among which were the entrance of Orville and the capture of portions of an immensely strong position known as the Leipzig redoubt, together with 2,000 yards of trenches and 700 prisoners east of La Boisselle.

The Russian general, Evert, today opened a furious attack on Field Marshal Von Hindenburg's army on

TRENCHES DUG AT U. S. CAMPS IN MEXICO



Photo by American Press Association. Surprise attacks by Mexicans are most guarded against by our punitive force. Here is trench digging at a camp at Coloma Dublan.

JUDGE DICKSON TO LECTURE HERE FOR SOLDIERS' BENEFIT

FAMOUS AUTHOR WILL BE HEARD IN COLUMBUS WEDNESDAY, JULY 26.

Hon. Harris Dickson, of Vicksburg, one of Mississippi's greatest writers of fiction, and one who rivals the late lamented Joel Chandler Harris in the delineation of the negro character, is to undertake a series of lectures for the benefit of the First Mississippi Regiment now bivouacked at Camp Sweep Taylor in Jackson, and Columbus will be included among the cities which he will visit. The tour will be under the auspices of the Mississippi Elks, and Columbus Lodge No. 555, B. P. O. E., will stand sponsor for the local engagement, which has been arranged for July 25.

No Mississippi has ever gained greater prominence in the literary field than Mr. Dickson, his stories which have appeared in the Saturday Evening Post and other leading periodicals having been widely read, and having gained for him a reputation as being a past master in the art of depicting the Mississippi negro, who possesses sufficient astuteness to live by his wits. Such negroes are common, not only in Mississippi, but throughout the south, and every southerner is familiar with them. It has been left to Mr. Dickson, however, to bring these negroes into composite form and to present them to admiring readers in the person of "Old Reliable."

Mr. Dickson will be accorded a most enthusiastic welcome here, and Columbus generally will join the local Elks in an effort to make the engagement an unqualified success.

Cattle Market Report.

National Stock Yards, Ill., July 8.—Today's receipts: Cattle, 1800; Hogs, 7000.

Cattle: The week's trade is closing 15 to 25c lower than last week on killing steers and also on killing cows selling above \$5.00, while canners, bulls, yearlings, heifers, and light veal calves are selling full steady.

Quotations: Grass cattle—Choice to prime steers, \$6.75 to \$7.25; good to choice, \$6.25 to \$6.75; medium to good, \$5.50 to \$6; common to medium, \$5 to \$5.50; canners, \$4.65 to \$5; heavy bulls, \$5.75 to \$6.50; light bulls, \$5.25 to \$5.75; heifers, \$6 to \$6.50, veal, \$7 to \$11.

The market on stock cattle that is tick free has held steady all the week. Good to choice thin steers, \$6.25 to \$6.75; medium to good, \$5 to \$5.50; common to medium, \$5 to \$5.50; good stock heifers, \$5.25 to \$6.

The hog trade is fully 25c higher than a week ago. Again today we had an advance of 5 to 10c, top at \$10.25. Bulk of the good hogs, 150 pounds up \$9.85 to \$10.15; rough heavies, \$9.50 to \$9.75; lighter pigs, \$8.50 to \$9.50.

a front running approximately from the Villa line north to Baranochi to the south.

The seriousness of the situation is reflected in the paucity of information given the German public in Berlin's official bulletins which, however, at last admit the loss of Helm and Bunloy on the western front.

The latest official statement issued by Berlin admits a retirement from a salient in the Czartoryska region and the Russian statement tonight announces that the Russians are in 50 miles of Kovel.

The Italians continue pounding the Austrian lines and Rome has made some advances.

LOCAL POSTAL RECEIPTS SHOW HEALTHY INCREASE

GAIN OF \$1,973.56 IS SHOWN FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDING ON JULY 1.

June 30 marks the close of Uncle Sam's fiscal year, and the receipts of the local postoffice, as given out by Postmaster Sharp yesterday, show a gratifying increase for the year just ended over the previous annual period, the total gain having been \$1,973.56.

The total receipts for the year just ended were \$26,815.56, while those for the previous year were \$24,842.00. The receipts for the annual period just closed are the largest in the history of the office, the greatest amount taken in during any preceding year having been in 1914, when the cash taken in amounted to \$26,011.52.

The receipts for the quarter show a gain of \$1,032.41 over the same quarter a year ago. The receipts for the quarter in 1916 were \$6,676.08, while for the same quarter in 1915 they were only \$5,633.67.

ABERDEENIANS TO OPEN SERIES HERE TOMORROW

LARGE CROWD IS EXPECTED TO SEE NEXT THREE GAMES AT LAKE PARK.

STANDING OF THE CLUBS.

	P.	W.	L.	Pet.
COLUMBUS	14	8	6	.571
West Point	14	8	6	.571
Aberdeen	13	7	6	.533
Tupelo	13	4	9	.368

Weather conditions since last Wednesday prevented the last two games of the series that the local team had scheduled with Tupelo, and the Columbians returned home Friday evening and will begin the first of three games with Aberdeen at Lake Park tomorrow afternoon. The four towns composing the circuit now have teams that are evenly matched and the fight for the pennant promises to be one of the hottest baseball contests ever witnessed in Northeast Mississippi.

In the game tomorrow, Shaw, from Louisiana, will probably be given a try-out in the infield. Cullum and Stapleton for the locals and Neeley and Leftwich, for the visitors, will probably be the batteries for tomorrow's game.

Collins, Miss., Damaged by Storm. Collins, Miss., July 7.—For twenty-four hours a fierce wind storm raged here, doing thousands of dollars worth of damage. Yesterday morning when weather signal was sounded, warning the people of the oncoming storm, the wind began to rise and grow stronger as the day passed. When night came the wind tore down trees, house tops, telegraph and telephone lines and poles. The large show windows in business houses began to crash, and the top of one 110-foot brick building toppled over on the roof. Many windows in dwellings are blown out, fences everywhere are down, and public roads are practically impassable for the trees lying across them. Communication with the outside world is impossible, all telephone and telegraph lines being out of commission.

If you want to buy a \$1.00 can of coffee this week for 90c, telephone 741. Smith Grocery Company.

LANSING ANSWERS LATEST MEXICAN COMMUNICATION

SECURITY OF BORDER AND WITHDRAWAL OF TROOPS ARE POINTS TO SETTLE.

Washington, July 8.—Beginning of the diplomatic conversation which it is hoped will result in the settlement of the differences between the United States and Mexico is awaiting a suggestion from Gen. Carranza as how they should proceed. State Department officials believe more can be accomplished through informal conferences between Eliseo Arredondo, Mexican ambassador designate, and Frank L. Polk, acting secretary of state, than by a more formal interchange of views. They are willing to accede, however, to some other plan, should the de facto government propose it.

Mr. Arredondo has just transmitted to his government a brief and friendly note handed him by Secretary Lansing, expressing gratification over the turn affairs between the two governments have taken and accepting proposals for diplomatic settlement of points in dispute. The communication was approved by the cabinet before it was sent to the Mexican embassy.

The text follows: "Sir—I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your communication of July 4, 1916, in which you transcribe a note addressed to me by the secretary of foreign relations of your government, and to request that you will transmit to him the following reply:

"Mr. Secretary—I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your courteous note transmitted to me by Senator Arredondo on the 4th, in which you refer to my notes of June 29 and 25, and to assure you of the sincere gratification of my government at the frank statement of the difficulties which have unfortunately arisen in our relations along the international boundary, and the unreserved expression of the desire of your government to reach an adjustment of these difficulties on a broad and equitable basis. The same spirit of friendship and of cordial relations between our two countries inspires my government, which equally desires an immediate solution of the matters of difference which have long vexed both governments.

"It is especially pleasing to my government that the de facto government is disposed to give quick as well as practical consideration in a spirit of concern to the remedies which may be applied to the existing conditions. Reciprocating the same desire, the government of the United States is prepared immediately to exchange views as to a practical plan to remove finally and prevent a recurrence of the difficulties which have been the source of the controversy."

Merchant Shot and Two Men Are Arrested.

Starkville, Miss., July 8.—Meager reports have been received of a shooting affray at Pollyson's Switch, five miles south of Ackerman, in which Grover Henson, a merchant, was shot, Henson, according to the report, was standing in front of his store and Bob Thompson and Henry Sides are alleged to have opened fire on him. One ball struck Henson in the forehead and two others went wild. Henson fled to the rear of his store, followed by the two men, who are alleged to have fired again with a double-barreled gun, several buckshot entering Henson's back. Thompson and Sides were arrested and are in jail.

THE SHRINE PATROL GIVES DRILL HERE

PAY VISIT TO COLUMBUS EN ROUTE TO BUFFALO CONCLAVE.

PARTY NUMBERS NEARLY HUNDRED

Local Shriners Meet Visitors At Depot and Escort Them To Business District.

About eighty Shriners from various sections of the state spent an hour in Columbus yesterday en route to the annual conclave at Buffalo, N. Y., and while here entertained Columbians not only with some fine music but with a drill by the patrol of Hamasa Temple at Meridian, under the auspices of which the trip is being made.

The visitors arrived on a special train over the Mobile and Ohio railroad shortly before noon, and were met at the depot by a large delegation of local Shriners. The party boarded trolley cars and rode to the business district, where the patrol drill was given. Notwithstanding the fact that the weather was dark and gloomy there was a large crowd on the streets, and the drill was greatly enjoyed by all who witnessed it.

The delegation was accompanied by two separate musical organizations, the regular Shrine band and the A. and M. College band. Prof. Carl Leake, who heads the latter organization, formerly lived in Meridian, and through him arrangements to have the A. and M. band accompany the Shriners to Buffalo were perfected.

The parade was led by Potentate Allen McCants, while Noble Sam McCants officiated as captain of the patrol. Messrs. R. A. Carson and C. C. Butler, two local Shriners, marched with Potentate McCants at the head of the parade. Other local Shriners also participated.

No Concert This Afternoon. Owing to the fact that the Luxapalila creek has overflowed its bank and Lake Park is under water, there will be no sacred band concert this afternoon.

If weather conditions permit there will be an old fashioned square dance at Lake Park Tuesday night.

Mr. J. C. Hannah, of Reform, Ala., has recently moved his family to Lowndes county, having located six miles southeast of Columbus. Mr. Hannah is in the saw mill business and he will receive a cordial welcome to this community.

Board Begins Big Sale.

The big dry goods firm of W. C. Beard, Inc., inaugurated on yesterday a great July Clearance Sale, one of the largest events of its kind pulled off in Columbus this summer. Tremendous reductions have been made in every department and everyone who can do so should take advantage of the wonderful bargains that are being offered.

HAPPENINGS OF INTEREST GATHERED HERE AND THERE

GIST OF NEWS FROM OVER THE COUNTRY GIVEN IN A BRIEF FORM.

The bodies of Capt. Charles T. Boyd, Lieut. Henry Adair and seven troopers of the Tenth cavalry, killed at Carrizal, were brought to El Paso early Thursday. Only the bodies of the two officers and Private Dewitt Rucker have been identified.

The old soldiers at the Jefferson Davis home at Beauvoir celebrated the Fourth of July by eating 100 fine watermelons, which had been grown and harvested on the Beauvoir farm. The home was decorated with the Stars and Bars of the Confederacy.

The epidemic of infantile paralysis in New York has hastened the departure of thousands of families who usually leave the city for the summer. Estimates made by the health department officials of the number of children who have been taken out of the city place the total at 50,000. Thus far five hundred and twenty-four cases of the disease have been reported and one hundred and seventy-four deaths.

Sixty-nine persons, the largest

COL. W. C. RICHARDS CALLED BY DEATH

HAD LED USEFUL LIFE, FILLING NUMEROUS POSITIONS OF TRUST.

WAS PROMINENT AS A FINANCIER

Funeral Occurred at St. Paul's Episcopal Church at 10:30 o'clock Friday Morning.

an illness which has extended quite a lengthy period Col. W. C. Richards, one of the city's oldest and best known citizens, passed away at his home, No. 519 South Second street, last Thursday morning, his death having brought poignant grief not only to members of his family but to countless friends who had known him for many years and by whom he will be sadly missed.

Col. Richards was 86 years old, and although the infirmities of old age had compelled him to live practically in retirement for nearly a decade past, he was in former years prominent as a financier, business man and church worker. He was mayor of the city during a period of stress when only men of the highest caliber could successfully fill that office, and served his constituents faithfully and well, having been generally regarded as one of the most efficient chief executives that the city ever had. He was for many years connected with the First State Bank, having served that institution both as president and vice-president, and was at different times associated with various industrial enterprises, prominent among which were the Columbus Compress Company and the Columbus Machine and Foundry Company. He was also prominent in religious circles, having for many years been a member of the vestry of St. Paul's church and having always been a liberal contributor to church and charitable funds.

Deceased is survived by his widow, three sons, Dr. John Richards, of New York, Dr. W. E. Richards and Mr. Frank Richards, of this city, and a daughter, Mrs. Jesse P. Woodward, who also resides here. He leaves many other further removed relatives, prominent among them being a nephew, Hon. Richard Evans who is judge of the appellate court of the state of Alabama. The Commercial joins the numerous friends of the family in extending sympathy in the profound grief which the death of Col. Richards has brought to their hearts.

The funeral occurred at St. Paul's Episcopal church at 10:30 o'clock Friday morning, having been conducted by the rector, Rev. W. S. Slack. Interment at Friendship cemetery followed.

The honorary pall bearers were: Capt. W. E. Pope, Gen. E. T. Sykes, Judge C. L. Moore, Dr. R. R. Stockard, Capt. Wm. Winston, Messrs. S. B. Street, Sr., G. D. Harris and R. T. Williams. The active pall bearers were: Messrs. George Banks, E. R. Hopkins, J. M. Morgan, I. L. Gaston, Wallace Stevens, R. E. Johnston, E. R. Sherman and Col. Wm. Baldwin. Those on the flower committee were: Mrs. R. E. Johnston, Mrs. P. P. Phillips, Miss Mary Woodie Betts and Miss Anna Banks.

number ever treated in a single day in the accident room of the charity hospital at New Orleans were taken to that institution Tuesday as a result of the "safe and sane" celebration of the Fourth there. Three pages of the index book were required to record the names.

Announcement has been made at the headquarters of the Democratic national committee that R. W. Woolley, director of the mint, has been selected as publicity manager of the Democratic campaign. Mr. Woolley had charge of publicity four years ago.

People living along the Swiss border of the lake of Constance have been greatly surprised over the movements of a new monster German airship, much larger than all of other Zeppelins. The cubic contents is even more than double, 54,000 cubic meters instead of 20,000, and the number of gondolas is four instead of two. Despite the huge bulk the ship gives the impression of fish-like slenderness, and her powerful engines give the airship a speed of 90 kilometers an hour. The crew is said to number 50 or 40 men, and the ship is heavily armed.