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COLUMBUS TO HAVE GUN COTTON PLANT

J. D. KENNEDY TO MANUFACTURE PRODUCT HERE.

COTTON LINTERS ARE TO BE USED

Plant is Located in East Columbus, and Will Soon Begin Operations.

Mr. J. D. Kennedy, formerly of Memphis, has rented a building in East Columbus and is to engage in the manufacture of gun cotton, which it is understood is to be sold both in this country and in Europe. In the manufacture of the gun cotton a high grade of linters is used and these linters can be secured in large quantities here, as this city is situated in the midst of a cotton growing section.

A large lot of modern machinery has been purchased and has already begun to arrive. The building secured by Mr. Kennedy, which formerly housed another manufacturing concern, now presents quite an animated appearance. Laborers are busy unloading machinery and every effort is being made to get the plant in operation at the earliest possible moment. This is considered quite an important industry, as it places Columbus within the ranks of many cities which are gaining prosperity through the manufacture of war supplies.

The plant will turn out 10,000 pounds of gun cotton per day, and the chlorine which it is necessary to use in the bleaching process will be manufactured here. It will be made by an electrolysis process and special machinery will be required for its manufacture.

One thing that induced Mr. Kennedy to locate his plant here was the high quality of our water. Pure water forms an important factor in the manufacture of gun cotton, and he found here water of the purest quality, a recent analysis having shown the local supply to be clear, soft and free from minerals.

CITY WATER ALL RIGHT, SAYS STATE CHEMIST

ANALYSIS OF SAMPLE SENT BY MAYOR GUNTER SHOWS GOOD RESULT.

"So far as the results of the analysis show, this ought to be a very excellent water," says state chemist W. F. Hand, of the A. & M. College, in submitting an analysis of a sample of water from the local municipality recently sent him by Mayor W. C. Gunter.

Typhoid fever has been epidemic in several southern cities for several weeks past, and as outbreaks of the malady frequently result from the drinking of impure water Mayor Gunter took the precaution to send the state chemist a sample of our water for analysis. Mr. Hand's letter which is most gratifying, follows:

"Hon. W. C. Gunter, Mayor, Columbus, Miss.

"Dear Sir: "Referring to the sample of water received from you a short time ago, we take pleasure in reporting as follows:

"Total solid matter in Solution 39.20 parts per million. Chloride 7.00. Bicarbonic acid 7.32. Carbonic acid, none. Free ammonia, none. Albuminoid ammonia, 0.02. Nitrite nitrogen, none. Nitrate nitrogen, trace.

"So far as the results of the analysis show, this ought to be a very excellent water. The amount of solid matter in solution is very small, it contains practically no free and albuminoid ammonia and nitrates. All of these indications are good.

"Assuring you that it is always a pleasure for us to assist you whenever we can, I am,

"Very truly yours, W. F. Hand, State Chemist."

Many See Moon in Eclipse.

An eclipse of the moon was visible in all parts of the United States Friday night, and was viewed by many Columbus people. The moon entered the shadow of the earth at 9:18 p. m., eastern time, the eclipse proper ending at 1:12 a. m.

NEW HAY GRADES ARE ESTABLISHED

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FIXES STANDARDS ON GRASSES GROWN HERE.

WILL BENEFIT LOCAL GROWERS

Messrs. Stokes, Weatherly and Richardson Attend Meeting at Cedar Point.

Hon. Walter E. Stokes, of Macon, president of the Mississippi Hay Growers' Association, and Messrs. J. W. Richardson, a local hay merchant, and J. G. Weatherly, secretary of the Columbus Chamber of Commerce, have returned from Cedar Point, O., where they went to attend the annual meeting of the National Hay Growers' Association which was recently held in that city.

The purpose of these gentlemen in attending the meeting was to make an effort to have the grades on Johnson grass changed, and while it is against the policy of the association to change any grades that have once been fixed they succeeded in securing the establishment of the following grades on alfalfa and Johnson grass hay, which it is believed will prove satisfactory to both producers and dealers in forage.

Choice alfalfa and Johnson hay shall be three-quarters alfalfa, of good color, sound and well baled; mixed with one-quarter of Johnson hay of good color.

No. 1 alfalfa and Johnson mixed hay shall be alfalfa and Johnson hay, one-half of each; of good color, sound and well baled.

No. 2 alfalfa and Johnson mixed hay shall be alfalfa and Johnson hay, one-third of each; of good color, sound and well baled.

Boat Brings Muscle Shells.

The gasoline boat "James R." arrived in Columbus Thursday with a load of muscle shells, which will be shipped to Iowa to be converted into buttons. The concern to which they will be shipped has for some time past had representatives here buying up these shells, and the industry has grown to be quite an important one. The boat left on her return trip Friday, carrying a cargo of miscellaneous freight to points down the river.

TWO BIG CONCERNS WILL OCCUPY NEW QUARTERS

THE DISPATCH AND COLUMBUS RAILWAY, LIGHT & POWER CO. TO MOVE.

Two important local concerns, the Columbus Dispatch and the Columbus Railway, Light and Power Company will soon move into new quarters. The Dispatch will move into the building at No. 413 Main street, at present occupied by the Pastime pool room, and the Columbus Railway, Light and Power Company will move into the building vacated by the Dispatch.

Both these buildings are owned by Hon. P. W. Maer, editor and proprietor of the Dispatch, and it is understood that the changes are to be made because the Columbus Railway, Light and Power Company evinced a desire to secure a long lease on the structure which for the past eleven years has been used by Mr. Maer as the home of publication of his newspaper.

It is authoritatively stated that contracts have already been signed and that both concerns will move to their new quarters within the next thirty days.

A. and M. Normal Closes. Agricultural College, Miss., July 15.—With the close of the Annual State High School Conference and the summer normal, and the final examinations under way, the work of the 1915-16 session of the Mississippi A. and M. College has been brought to an end. Prominent among the speakers at the college was Prof. W. V. Frierson, of Columbus.

Hon. Frank C. Owen and Hon. C. L. Garnett leave today for Tate Springs, Tenn., where they go to enjoy a vacation of ten days.

CLARKE SUCCEEDS JUSTICE HUGHES

CLEVELAND JURIST GETS PLACE ON SUPREME COURT BENCH.

CONGRESS MAY SOON CONFIRM

President Hopes Favorable Action Will Be Taken Before Present Session Ends.

Washington, July 15.—John Hessin Clarke, federal district judge at Cleveland, Ohio, was nominated by President Wilson today as an associate justice of the supreme court to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Charles Evans Hughes to accept the Republican nomination for the presidency.

Prompt confirmation of the appointment by the Senate is expected. The judiciary committee will meet Monday to consider it. Two years ago the Senate confirmed the nomination of Mr. Clarke as district judge after an investigation had disposed of suggestions that his service as counsel for railroads might have impaired his usefulness as a jurist.

The President made his selection after conferring today with his cabinet. Up to the last moment the name of Judge Victor J. Dowling, of the New York supreme court, was seriously considered.

Judge Clarke is a Democrat and for years was identified with progressive movements in Ohio, being associated with the late Tom Johnson, Newton D. Baker now secretary of war, and other leaders of the party in his state.

Judge Clarke was appointed district judge about two years ago by the President, who therefore was thoroughly acquainted with his qualifications.

The new justice, John Hessin Clarke, was born in Lisbon, Ohio, Sept. 18, 1857, graduated at Western Reserve University in 1877, was admitted to the Ohio bar in 1878. Up to the time of his appointment as district judge in 1914 he practiced law in the courts of Ohio. He is a bachelor.

He has been a life-long Democrat and ran against Mark Hanna for the Senate in 1903. A sketch of his life given out at the White House, says "he has been conspicuous in progressive movements in Ohio and in the nation at large" and is "probably the most gifted orator in Ohio."

Since becoming district judge in Cleveland he has taken special interest in the naturalization and Americanization of foreign born citizens. The political complexion of the court is not changed, a majority remaining Republican.

The President confidently expects that Judge Clarke will be confirmed during the present session of Congress in order that he may begin the study of cases pending before the supreme court before the convening of the court in the fall.

Dr. Lehberg Out Again.

Dr. Edward Lehberg, who was seriously injured in an automobile accident several weeks ago, and who has since been confined to the Columbus Hospital, is rapidly improving. His numerous friends were glad to see him on the streets again yesterday.

BLAKESLEE'S SUCCESSOR TO BE NAMED BY GOVERNOR

COMMISSIONER OF AGRICULTURE RESIGNS TO DIRECT EXPOSITION.

Jackson, Miss., July 15.—Now that H. E. Blakeslee has definitely accepted, according to reports, the post of director-general of the Mississippi Centennial Exposition, which means, as a matter of course, that he must resign as commissioner of agriculture and commerce, it will be up to the governor to fill the expected vacancy. In addition to the two prospectives in sight at the present time, E. D. Ganning the young deputy commissioner, and J. S. Howerton, representative from Lee County, the personality of Mayor Sweep Taylor of Jackson, has been projected into the arena and thrown on the screen. There is no man in the state who is closer to the governor than Sweep Taylor, and the impression prevails that he could

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DAMAGE BY STORM IS MOST SEVERE

NUMEROUS CROPS PRACTICALLY RUINED BY RAIN AND WIND.

MANY FARMERS ARE MAROONED

Water Filled Many Roadways, Completely Cutting off Connection.

The Tombigbee river is steadily falling, the waters having receded to the extent of about twenty-four inches during the past day. The Luxapallia, however, is reported to be rising, and this rise is probably due to the fact that heavy rains have fallen in the section above Columbus through which the stream passes. These rains did not cover the territory traversed by the Tombigbee, hence the stream was not affected by them.

Now that the storm which visited this section last week is over and farmers are drifting into town, Columbians are beginning to learn the real extent of the damage, which, it now seems, is much more severe than was at first realized. Many of these farmers were marooned for several days, and most of those who visited Columbus Friday and yesterday were forced to cross inundated areas in skiffs.

Two separate streams practically form the eastern and western boundary limits of Columbus, and the courses of both are marked by extensive areas of overflowed land, the public highways which cross both the Tombigbee and the Luxapallia having been covered with water. While there has been some recession in the waters intermittent showers which have descended during the past few days have served to keep them in a turbulent stage, and unless there is a permanent cessation in these showers greater damage to both highways and agricultural products will undoubtedly ensue.

According to farmers interviewed by a representative of the Commercial, the damage to crops is almost incalculable. Thousands of cotton and corn plants have been completely uprooted and either washed or blown away, and as it is now too late to make a second planting there seems no possible way to counteract the loss.

The fact that Columbus was practically cut off from communication with outlying rural districts for several days has served to show to what extent the people of the cities and towns are dependent upon farmers for what they eat and drink. For several days it was impossible to make delivery of milk, butter, eggs, vegetables or any other supplies furnished by farmers, and the need for these commodities was keenly felt. Hotels and restaurants found it impossible to supply the wants of their customers and housekeepers experienced difficulty in obtaining perishable food for their tables.

WEST POINT WINS EXHIBITION GAME

COLUMBUS AND TUPELO WILL PLAY SERIES HERE BEGINNING MONDAY.

Not until the ninth inning was West Point able to get a hit off of Saigeant, who pitched for Columbus in the exhibition game played at Lake Park yesterday afternoon, and which by hard luck, resulted in a score of 5 to 3 in favor of the visitors. Some accused the umpire for the result of the game, others the base running by the local players. Ethridge, on the mound for the visitors, allowed only six hits.

Tupelo comes to Columbus tomorrow for a series of two games. Three new players were added to the home team the past week, and although the exhibition game yesterday was lost, the local bunch was given good training and now have the best team in the league.

Mr. H. D. Falls, who graduated from the A. and M. College last session, and who has been attending the summer normal there, spent Friday in Columbus, en route to his home in Ohio.

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THE DEPARTURE OF TROOPS IS DELAYED

GUARDSMEN DID NOT LEAVE FOR MEXICO, AS EXPECTED.

ORDER HELD UP TILL NEXT WEEK

Thirty-nine Riflemen Return, Having Failed to Stand the Physical Test.

Dispatches sent out from Jackson Thursday stated that members of the Mississippi National Guard, who have been bivouacked at Camp Sweep Taylor near that city for several weeks past, had received an order to proceed to the Mexican border, and would leave Jackson yesterday. The order, however, was later cancelled and the troops will remain at the mobilization camp for at least another week.

Thirty-nine young men who accompanied the Columbus Riflemen to Jackson returned to Columbus Thursday, all of them having been turned down because they could not stand the requisite physical examination. All these young men are enjoying good general health, and failed to pass simply because they possess minor physical defects. They are all popular here and received a most cordial welcome.

The soldiers at the camp are now busily engaged in making permanent ditches around the tents and in the company streets, to carry off any rain water that might accumulate during storms, and tiling of a permanent character is being put down leading from the kitchens to the city sewers. This is taken as a strong indication that the camp here will be permanent.

The boys at Camp Sweep Taylor who have been anxious to get to the Mexican frontier, are disappointed that the prospects of their getting away immediately has gone aglimmering.

A number of changes were announced at the camp yesterday. Capt. Heiss, of Meridian, who has been appointed to succeed Capt. Storm, as commander of Company H, of Brookhaven, Capt. Storm was taken to Memphis a few days ago for treatment for mental trouble. Capt. R. A. Bartlett, of Laurel, has been given the command of Company M, of Arkabutla, and Capt. John Sheffield, formerly of Company M, has been given the command of Company I, of Columbus, to succeed Capt. Mullins, who died here a few days ago. Capt. Howard Seales, of Macon, has been named adjutant-quartermaster. Maj. R. W. Montgomery, of Greenville, has been made a major in the ordnance department of the quartermasters' corps. Regimental Quartermaster Sergeant Green Wagner, of Vicksburg, has been promoted to a lieutenancy, and goes with Company G, of Hattiesburg, as second lieutenant. Color Sergeant Dent, of Macon, has been appointed regimental quartermaster sergeant, and it is expected the appointment of a man to be color sergeant will be forthcoming today or tomorrow.

Capt. Hammond, with a number of sergeants, corporals and privates, ordered to camp yesterday, arrived today, but so far no announcement of their assignments has been made.

ROUTE OF JACKSON HIGHWAY TO BE LOGGED AT EARLY DATE

AUTO WITH PILOT TO START OUT OVER MISSISSIPPI SECTION AUGUST 1.

Hattiesburg, Miss., July 15.—The work of logging the Mississippi end and a part of the Alabama route, of the Jackson Military Highway for the Automobile Blue Book, is to begin August 1, according to an announcement of President T. C. Hannah, of the Hattiesburg Commercial Club.

Acting on instructions from J. M. McBeath, vice-president of the association, arrangements are being made by Mr. Hannah to secure an automobile, a pilot, and some persons familiar with the roads. These will be put at the disposal of the engineer who is expected here the first week of the coming month.

The last leg of the route between Hattiesburg and New Orleans will

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A PLOT TO REPLACE CARRANZA RUMORED

DISPATCHES STATE THAT GONZALEZ IS SLATED TO BE CHIEF.

IMPENDING ARREST MAY BE ANTICIPATED

Promises Made to Incorporate Many Reforms in Mexican Constitution Soon.

San Antonio, Texas, July 15.—A plot to dispose Carranza and elevate Gen. Pablo Gonzales to the position of first chief, has been hatched by Carranza's group of most powerful supporters and will be worked out in detail at a conference to be held at Queretaro within a few days, according to information brought to San Antonio today.

A prominent young Mexican, who has made his home here for several years, son of one of the greatest Mexicans of the Diaz regime, returned from the City of Mexico. He had gone there immediately after President Wilson called out the national guard to offer his services to his country. While there he enjoyed the confidences of members of Carranza's cabinet and was informed of the intention to displace Carranza.

Returning to San Antonio, this Mexican, who enjoys the high regard of both Mexicans and Americans, told some of his closest friends and tonight the plot is being widely discussed. The man who brought the news now refuses to admit its authenticity, and his friends ask that his name be not used on account of the damage such publicity would do him in Mexico.

It is said that the Felicitas, the followers of Felix Diaz, will come in under the new arrangement, but it is doubted here.

Oregon, it was generally held, was to have succeeded Carranza months ago. The Columbus mid saved Carranza for a time, and now Oregon is said to have lost his power to unite various factions. For that reason Gonzales has been fixed upon as the strongest man.

Gonzales has been considered loyal to Americans, and he has been faithful to the Carranza cause consistently. He began his career as a flour mill employe in the state of Coahuila, in one of Carranza's mills, and afterward married the daughter of a German-American miller, Miller by name, too, and became a partner in the business.

GERMAN LINE PENETRATED BY BRITISH AT SOMME

TEUTONS PUSHED BACK ONE MILE AFTER SHORT BOMBARDMENT.

London, July 15.—After the briefest preliminary bombardment which has preceded any important action on the western front, the British armies on the Somme have again swept forward and have captured several important German second positions. On a front of four miles the British have advanced to a depth of a mile and have held all positions gained in spite of violent counter attacks.

The strategic importance of the British success is marked by the strengthening of their line in conformity of that of the French, who had hitherto advanced at a much greater speed than their allies. The brevity of the preliminary bombardment coupled with the statements of press correspondents at the front that the British losses were comparatively small, lend support to the unofficial statements that the German second line was much less strongly fortified than their first line defenses.

On the French portion of the Somme front no action of importance was recorded, but in the French official statement for Friday it was announced that the bombardment on the Belgian front had reached a point of most intensity.

Dannon Returns from Border. Mr. John Dannon, the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Dannon, of this city, who since March 28 has been with the United States forces on the Mexican border, returned home Thursday.

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LIGHTNING KILLS TWO YOUNG GIRLS

MISSSES SARAH NEWELL AND RUTH MARLER MEET INSTANT DEATH.

MRS. NEWELL IS ALSO INJURED

The Girls Were Sitting Under a Tree at Farm Near Stansel, Ala., When Killed.

During the progress of an electrical storm which passed over portions of East Mississippi and West Alabama Friday Miss Ruth Marler, aged 10, and Miss Sarah Newell, aged 11, were struck by lightning and instantly killed, while Mrs. Walter Newell also received a severe shock, her face and one side of her body having been painfully burned.

The tragedy occurred at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Newell, near Stansel, Ala., a small town about 25 miles southeast of Columbus on the Alabama, Tennessee & Northern railroad, Miss Marler, who was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Marler, had spent the previous night with the little Newell girl, and the two were seated under a tree in the front yard when the storm, which came up very suddenly, burst forth in its full fury. The lightning first struck the residence, tearing off a portion of the weather boarding, then hit Mrs. Newell, injuring her severely, and finally landing upon the two, bringing a sudden and lamentable end to their youthful lives.

Both the little girls were buried at 10 o'clock yesterday morning, the funeral of Miss Marler having taken place at Bethel cemetery, while the body of her little comrade was laid to rest at Mount Hebron.

While Mrs. Newell is in a precarious condition, it is said that she will recover. She is, however, not only suffering great physical pain but undergoing severe mental torture as a result of the untimely death of her little daughter.

ACTIVITIES OF POLICE DECREASE LIQUOR SALES

FEW BLIND TIGERS ARE OPERATING HERE, AND GAMBLING IS ON DECLINE.

There has been a marked decrease in the sale of blind tiger liquor in Columbus during the past few months, and this decrease is attributable both to the recently enacted state law limiting shipments and to the activities of the local police department.

Last December the police force was reorganized, Mr. John Morton having been taken from the ranks and placed at its head, and since that time a vigorous war against the illicit sale of liquor has been waged. Many blind tigers have been broken up, and the police keep a close watch to see that no new places spring into existence.

The police are also making things hot for knights of the green cloth, and the city is probably freer from gambling than at any former period in its history.

Billy Burke in "Peggy" at Princess Monday.

The feature attraction at the Princess for Monday, July 17th, is the delightful little Billy Burke, the highest salaried actress of the American stage, in a romantic fairy-like story of youthful love, "Peggy," a production that affords Billy Burke unlimited scope for her clever child-like witchery.

This production has been highly praised everywhere as being the most delightful two hours' entertainment ever offered on the screen.

It was produced by the master of photoplay art, Thomas H. Ince, and his master touch is easy to distinguish throughout the seven reels.

The admission is, Children 15c; Adults, 25c. There will be a special musical program by the Princess orchestra.

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