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## NEED MUCH MORE MONEY.

### HIGH SCHOOL AID FUND IS INADEQUATE.

State Supt. Swearingen Will Ask Legislature to Increase Appropriation Largely.

Columbia, Aug. 16.—High school applications have been sent out by the State superintendent of education. The State board of education will meet in a few weeks and pass on the petitions for the various high schools for State aid. The legislature has made an appropriation of \$35,000 for this work.

"It will require \$100,000 to take care of the situation next year and I will report the facts to the legislature," said J. E. Swearingen, State superintendent, discussing the needs of the high schools of the State.

The education board at its summer meeting will also pass on the scholarships at State institutions. The fiscal agent of the State board of charities and corrections is now making an investigation of the financial condition of applicants for the State scholarships and will report to the education board.

Another matter to come before the board will be that of a course of study for the five schools for teachers to be established in the State. Teachers for these schools will be selected.

The date for the meeting of the board will be announced by Gov. Manning, ex officio chairman.

## DIES FROM SLIGHT WOUND.

### William King of Anderson, Once Noted as Largest Sheriff, Succumbs to Gunshot.

Anderson, Aug. 17.—William B. King, former sheriff of Anderson county, died here today, aged 48. He weighed 430 pounds and was said to be the largest sheriff and largest member of the Woolmen of the World in the United States. He was a candidate in the present race for sheriff after being out of office four years. Mr. King struck a splinter in his leg some time ago, necessitating an operation. The wound will be held in this city tomorrow morning. Mr. King is survived by his widow and 11 children.

## PICKS COLUMBIA FOR CONVENTION.

### Labor Federation Meets Here Next Year.

Greenville, Aug. 15.—A banquet at Chick Springs tonight brought to a close the meeting of the State Federation of Labor, which convened here Monday morning. The meetings have been well attended and highly successful. Columbia was chosen as the place for meeting next year. Officers elected at the morning session are as follows: J. J. McDevitt, Greenville, president; S. P. H. Stratton, Columbia, vice president; Clifford Blair, Anderson, second vice president; L. M. Blackwell, Spartanburg, third vice president. The legislative committee is as follows: C. L. Wilson, Charleston, J. L. Davis, Columbia, George Nafey, Columbia.

Resolutions adopted were as follows: Asking that the law in regard to plumbing inspections apply to all cities of 10,000 and over; favoring a law for the examination and licensing of motion picture operators; favoring a law for examination and licensing of barbers in cities of 5,000 and over; favoring licensing of steam fitters.

Reports of delegates were encouraging, indicating that organized labor in this State is making headway.

## MANAGERS THROW BLUFF.

### Some Railway Officials Say They Prefer Government Ownership.

Washington, Aug. 16.—President Wilson resumed the conference with the railway managers this morning. Some of the managers of the big eastern railroads are said to favor taking a chance of government ownership being forced on them instead of submitting to the men's demands. Others are willing to grant the demands, then going before the Interstate Commerce commission demanding increased rates, saying that President Wilson's forcing increased pay makes the increased rates necessary.

## Petrograd, Aug. 16.—Between June 4 and August twelve the Russians captured 358,402 Austrians and Germans, including 7,757 officers, a thousand machine guns and four hundred cannon, it is officially announced. The Russians are attacking all along the Galicia line and pouring across the Zlota-Lipa rivers northeast of Stanislaw. Fresh Austro-Germans are arriving to reinforce the line.

## NO TROOPS AT CAMP MOORE.

### OFFICERS REMAINING ON DUTY COME INTO CITY.

Sergeants Dismissed—Maj. Caldwell is Recommended for Vacant Lieutenantcy in Olympia Company.

Columbia, Aug. 16.—Camp Moore yesterday ceased to have more than merely nominal existence, the five quartermaster sergeants being mustered out of service and the officers remaining on duty coming into Columbia to finish their work. The place where nearly 2,700 men lived in tents for almost seven weeks has reverted to its former state of loneliness and quiet. Quartermaster Sergeants Sligh, Lipscomb, Salley, Walker and Kohn were mustered out of the federal service yesterday and the quartermaster corps officers remaining on duty, but who quit the service August 20, came into the city. These are Maj. Glen and Wheeler, Capt. Burdette, Warren and Withers.

Capt. J. M. Graham, U. S. A., who handled the entire mobilization, the mustering of the troops into federal service and their departure for the border, as a representative of the war department, came to his home in Columbia yesterday. He is expecting orders today for Capt. W. M. Carter and Lieut. Brown, both of whom he has mustered into service and who are to go to El Paso in the next few days.

Maj. Shapter Caldwell, camp adjutant, came to Columbia to make up his accounts, preparatory to being relieved, which will probably occur August 20. Col. H. B. Springs has recommended to Gov. Manning the appointment of Maj. Caldwell to the vacant first lieutenantcy in the Olympia company, now at El Paso.

## TERMS OF COURT FOR STATE.

### Measure Presented by Aiken to Provide for Federal Sessions in South Carolina.

Washington, Aug. 15.—The house judiciary committee today made a favorable report on the bill of Representative Aiken fixing the time for holding terms of federal court in South Carolina.

Following is the bill: "That terms of the district court for the eastern district shall be held at Charleston on the first Tuesday in June and December; at Columbia on the third Tuesday in January and first Tuesday in November; at Florence on the first Tuesday in March, and at Aiken on the first Tuesday in April and October.

Terms of the district court of the western district shall be held at Greenville on the first Tuesday in April and the first Tuesday in October; at Rock Hill the second Tuesday in March and September; at Greenwood the first Tuesday in February and November, and at Anderson the fourth Tuesday in May and November.

"The office of the clerk of the district court for the western district shall be at Greenville, and the office of the clerk of the district court for the eastern district shall be at Charleston."

## POLICE CAPTURE BOOZE.

### Chief Black Personally Conducts Seizure to Station House.

Charleston Post. Pedestrians on King street enjoyed a unique spectacle today about 3 o'clock when a large truck came along with Chief Black riding a pyramid of barrels of whiskey and beer seized from a garage on Anson street.

Some person sent word to the police today that there was a quantity of whiskey stored in the garage. Chief Black had a warrant out to search the place and made the raid within thirty minutes, about \$1,000 worth of booze was what the raid netted. In the seizure there were 17 barrels of beer and 6 barrels of whiskey, in quart bottles. All of the stuff was found on a truck, minus its engine. Chief Black, Lieutenant Healy, Sergeant Schrage and Privates Doar, Busch, Mosely and Lipsey made the raid. The liquor was stored at the police station.

## SENATE RATIFIES NAVAL BILL.

### Believed That It Will go to President Within the Week.

Washington, Aug. 16.—The senate has ratified the conference agreement on the naval bill and sent it back to conference for further negotiations on the disputed sections relating to navy yards. It is not believed that there will be any disagreement and the bill is expected to be sent to Wilson for signature inside of a week.

## CANDIDATES AT BISHOPVILLE.

### FANT TELLS CROWD HE IS ANTI-BLEASIE IN SENTIMENT.

Cooper Replies to Attack on Him Made in Circular from Manning Headquarters—Big Crowd Present—Bleasie Attacks Williams.

Bishopville, Aug. 15.—Unexpected twists and turns in campaign issues broke thick and fast in Bishopville today, which meeting began the final ten days' lap of the county-to-county tour.

Cole L. Bleasie, the first of the five candidates for governor to speak, switched much of his attack relative to the State Hospital for the Insane from Governor Manning directly, to Fred C. Williams, the superintendent of the institution. One letter alleged to have been written by Dr. Williams, was read, in which funds were asked of a patient's family that "continued" purchases of delicacies for a patient might be made. Mr. Bleasie charged that the patient was already at home when the letter was written.

John T. Duncan interrupted the speaker long enough to ask if the original letter was in the possession of the ex-governor. Mr. Bleasie said he could produce it. In his speech Mr. Duncan charged that it was a fabrication to fool the people, and that it was the same gag tried upon Dr. Babcock, superintendent of that institution, during the heated campaign of four years ago.

A telegram, said to have been sent also by Dr. Williams, was read, in which instructions were asked as to the disposition of the body of a dead patient and the request made for sufficient deposit to cover cost of transportation of the corpse.

Mr. Bleasie also read a letter, said to have been issued from Manning headquarters in Columbia, and in which the charge was made that R. A. Cooper was without an issue; that he was neither for Mr. Bleasie nor against him, and that he was playing second fiddle to Governor Manning.

Mr. Cooper was much displeased over the letter, particularly the portion which the Laurens county people interpreted as charging a violation of the principles for which he stood two years ago when, according to the letter, he was in accord with those of the present governor.

The only reference made to this by Governor Manning was that it had been sent out by a friend of his and that he had not seen the letter.

Another high light in today's meeting was furnished by Albert S. Fant, candidate for railroad commissioner, who came back to the stand long after he had spoken to disclaim the charge that he was a Bleasieite. Mr. Bleasie read from a bitter partisan paper the alignment of the candidates. For the office of railroad commissioner, Mr. Fant's name led all the rest of the alleged Bleasieites.

"I desire to set myself right with the Democrats of my State," Mr. Fant said, "and I state here and now that my name is in the wrong category. I am an Anti-Bleasie man."

The statement by Mr. Fant drew prolonged applause and many came forward to commend him for his statement as he left the stand.

The meeting today was largely attended, the crowd being estimated by many to be 1,400 or 1,500. Several hundred of these were said to have been from adjoining counties, which was amply confirmed by the number of machines from Sumter, Darlington and Florence counties.

Concerning the campaign letter Mr. Cooper said in his attack upon Governor Manning: "The charge has been adroitly made that I have abandoned the principles for which I stood two years ago. On every stump in this campaign I have iterated and reiterated that I stood exactly where I stood then."

That he was not a Bleasieite, Mr. Cooper said had been emphasized publicly on different occasions by Mr. Bleasie and "I stated the same thing myself at Bamberg in the presence of Governor Manning. If his charge is intended to convey the impression that I am afraid to take a definite stand, I want to ask whether Governor Manning has heretofore understood my position. If he has, why this letter? I do not like to be charged by insinuation or otherwise, and especially by a letter which I was never expected to see. I am also classed with those who favor bad government because I dared to offer myself as a candidate against Governor Manning. This insinuation I resent."

## Italians Take Trenches.

Rome, Aug. 16.—Trenches in four districts east of Gorizia have been captured by Italians.

## DOVE SHOOTING SEASON OPEN

### CHIEF GAME WARDEN EXPLAINS LICENSE LAW.

Twelve Counties Exempt—Condensed Statement of Open and Close Seasons Furnished.

"The open season for shooting doves began today," said the State game warden, A. A. Richardson of Columbia. "I am overrun with inquiries as to what counties come under the resident hunters' license law. Every county in the State is now under the provisions of this act, except Berkeley, Clarendon, Georgetown, Aiken, York, Greenwood, Cherokee, Lancaster, Marlboro, Colleton, Williamsburg and Chesterfield. In these exempt counties no license is required of a South Carolinian, but all other counties are affected. On the back of each hunting license are printed the dates of the open and close season on all classes of game."

Mr. Richardson furnished the following condensed statement of the open and close seasons, the initial date indicating the opening of the season and the second the close:

Deer—September 1-January 1. Colleton county, September 1-February 1. Dorchester and Berkeley counties, August 1-February 1. Barnwell, Florence, Marion counties, August 1-January 1. (Orangeburg, Sumter, Richland no open season.)

Quail (partridge)—November 15-March 15. Union, December 1-March 1. Lancaster, Chester, Abbeville, York, December 1-February 1. Fairfield, December 1-March 1. Chesterfield, November 15-March 1. Marlboro, November 15-February 15.

Dove—August 15-March 1. Kershaw, August 15-March 15. Allowed to bait from December 1 to March 1. Aiken county, December 1-March 15. Wild Turkey—November 15-March 15. Lancaster, Chester, Abbeville, York, December 1-February 1. Fairfield, December 1-March 1. (Orangeburg no open season.)

Squirrel—October 1-January 1. (Law in Chesterfield and York only.) Woodcock—September 1-March 1. (Law in York only.)

Summer or Wood Ducks—September 1-March 1.

Grackle—October 1-March 1. Foxes (in counties of Union, Fairfield, Chester, Lancaster, Abbeville, York, Marlboro, Cherokee, Chesterfield, Edgefield, Lee, Richland, Calhoun, Orangeburg), unlawful to shoot or trap at any time. Can chase or take otherwise between September 1 and February 15.

In counties of Chester, York, Union and Marlboro an additional license, costing \$5 and obtainable from clerk of court, is required for fox hunters. No State laws on migratory ducks. Close season at all times on all non game birds.

Bag limits: Partridges or doves, 15 per day; Woodcock, 12, and wild turkey, 2 per day; deer, 5 during the season.

## NOTIFY WILSON NEXT MONTH.

### Formal Ceremonies Will be Held September 2—Speech of Acceptance Ready.

Washington, Aug. 15.—Formal notification to President Wilson of his nomination will take place September 2. That day was definitely selected today.

Arrangements were made for the president to go to Long Branch, N. J., for the ceremony. The president already has completed his speech of acceptance. The notification speech will be made by Senator James.

The president probably will remain at Long Branch until he leaves for Hodgenville, Ky., to speak September 4 at the Lincoln ceremony.

## CHAIRMEN LEAVE NEW YORK.

### Go to Washington to Discuss Situation with President.

New York, Aug. 16.—Six hundred and four chairmen, representing all of the brotherhood organizations, leave at 3 o'clock for Washington. W. S. Carter, who left the Wilson conference to go to New York told the men at the meeting that the situation was worse than several days ago, but there is still room for hope. Wilson's plan is to have the railroads give an eight-hour day and the workers to give up the demand for time and a half for overtime. The brotherhood executives now in Washington have no authority to accept any compromise plan. That is the reason that the six hundred chairmen are going. They have the power to compromise.

## Fighting on Somme Front.

London, Aug. 16.—A severe artillery duel on the Somme front and minor infantry actions are reported.

## DREADNAUGHT BLOWN UP.

### LARGEST SHIP IN ITALIAN NAVY WRECKED IN TARANTO HARBOR.

Unofficially Reported That Three Hundred Members of Crew Were Killed—Ship Can Probably be Repaired and Refloated.

Paris, Aug. 15.—The Italian dreadnaught Leonardo da Vinci was blown up in Taranto harbor, Italy, last night. Three hundred members of the crew were killed, it is unofficially reported. The explosion followed a fire in the ship's gallery. The da Vinci was one of the biggest vessels in commission and was launched in 1913. It is believed that the ship can be refloated after repairs are made.

The Germans vigorously bombarded the British and French positions on the Somme all night. They penetrated a small French salient north of Estress, but the French drove them out later. The French made progress on the Verdun front on the right bank of the Meuse.

## SALEM NEWS OF WEEK.

Christian Endeavor Meeting—Rev. Betts Preaching at Salem School—Canning and Preserving Demonstration—J. McB. Dabbs Returns Home From Styx—Crop Damage Greater.

Salem, Black River, Aug. 14.—The Salem society of Christian Endeavor held a most interesting meeting yesterday afternoon. The school house was full. Jas. McBride Dabbs and Miss Alice Warren made fine talks on "True Beauty." Miss Warren was elected superintendent of the Junior Society. A mid-week prayer meeting will begin next Wednesday night to be held at the school house except when invited to a private home.

Rev. W. T. Betts of Oianta, who is engaged in building a church at Gable, the mill town of the Black River Cypress Lumber Company, preached at night a very searching sermon on profanity, which he characterized as any disesteem of sacred things. He will preach at Salem school house at 9 p. m. for several night this week. His sermon on the 23d Psalm a week ago was one of the finest pieces of word painting we ever listened to.

Misses Virginia Thomas and Minnie DeLorme are visiting the Misses Dabbs. Mr. S. J. Blackwell has been quite unwell for two weeks, but is much better now.

Miss Steinmeyer, of Charleston, is visiting her sister, Mrs. O. B. Tisdale. Mrs. Dora Dee Walker and Miss Mary Lemmon gave a canning and preserving demonstration last Tuesday to the ladies of the Salem Domestic Science Club.

Tuesday the 15th at 4:30 p. m. Dr. Bristow and Miss Lemmon will lecture on food values at Salem school house. The men are invited as well as the ladies.

Salem School Improvement Association gave a pleasant lawn party and ice cream festival at the home of Mrs. E. W. Dabbs last Friday night.

Mr. Winkles of Oswego is visiting his sister, Mrs. Alfred Andrews.

Jas. McBride Dabbs, who had charge of the Y. M. C. A. tent at Camp Moore, is at home for a few weeks before going to Clark University, Worcester, Mass., where he has been awarded a fellowship. He did not go to the border with the Palmetto regiments because of this opportunity to attend Clark University in September.

Some fodder is being pulled in the neighborhood. Also some plows are being run to freshen up the soil in the hopes that there may be some improvement in the cotton. The more I see of actual conditions and hear from reliable sources, the poorer the crop appears. Fifty per cent of a crop is a very conservative estimate. We fear it will run below 40 per cent.

## CONSIDER SALE OF ISLANDS.

### Landing Names Committee to Take up Question of Big Deal.

Copenhagen, Aug. 15 (via London). The landsting, the upper house of the Danish parliament, tonight appointed a committee of 15 members to consider the matter of the sale of the Danish West Indies to the United States. This action was taken after the entire membership in the landsting had held a closed meeting since early in the morning.

Consideration of the sale by the landsting probably will be retarded and it is not known when the landsting will hold open meetings to discuss the subject. The attitude of the members of the various political parties in the landsting tonight was more uncertain than yesterday.

Chief J. R. Sumter is spending his vacation at Stateburg.

## DAMAGE BY FLOOD IS SLIGHT.

### TOXAWAY DAM BREAKING NOT DISASTROUS.

No Human Life Lost—Crops and Homes Suffer Somewhat by Reason of Swelling Seneca River.

Asheville, Aug. 14.—No lives were lost, as could be ascertained here, by the breaking of the dam at Lake Toxaway yesterday, although the 30 foot wall of water rushed down the narrow main gorges into South Carolina, though some damage to crops and houses. No houses were washed away.

The waters left the passes, the spread considerably, according to reports brought here. At Clemson College, the Seneca river was swollen nine feet, but did no appreciable damage.

Thousands of fish released from the lake were left stranded in small pools along the rivers and on dry land.

The only damage reported at Toxaway was the destruction of the \$10,000 electric plant.

George Armstrong of Savannah was in a launch less than half a mile from the dam when it went out. He escaped with difficulty by heading up an arm of the lake.

## ANDERSON ESCAPES LOSS.

### River in That Vicinity Rises Only Three Feet, as if for Heavy Shower.

Anderson, Aug. 14.—High water on the Seneca river as a result of the breaking of the Lake Toxaway dam did not do any damage in this vicinity. The owners of Portman Shoals power plant drained the pond above the dam and prepared for heavy waters. The river rose only three feet, which is nothing more than the result that comes from a heavy rain up the watershed. The power plant has been operating all day long and carrying full capacity. Large quantities of timber and trees, which had been pulled up by the roots and debris have been floating down the river. All extra forces have been recalled from the power dam and the water is receding.

## NO LOSS AT CLEMSON.

### Seneca There Fails to Exceed Flood Mark.

Clemson College, Aug. 14.—The rise in the Seneca river, due to the breaking of the Toxaway dam, was six feet below the recent flood stage. The river is now falling and the college property is in no danger.

## SOME CROPS INJURED.

Greenville, Aug. 14.—Damage done by the water of Lake Toxaway in Walhalla, Pickens, Anderson and Seneca was confined to the flooding of outlying territory, injuring crops to some extent. These were the counties expected to be hardest hit.

## PLANNING FLOOD RELIEF.

### Federal Officers to Confer With County Chairmen.

Columbia, Aug. 15.—Several officers of the federal department of agriculture detailed with Maj. Youngberg to take part in the work for flood sufferers in this State left Columbia today to confer with various of the county chairmen, appointed yesterday by the State flood relief committee. These county chairmen are to aid in collecting information as to the amount of damage left by the floods, as well as to collect funds to be distributed by the committee. The committee is empowered to spend money appropriated by the federal government and well as the funds collected from private sources by the governor's office. These latter funds the committee are striving earnestly to increase by contributions from the citizens of this State, especially as it is pointed out that of the money gathered so far only about 2 per cent of it has been sent in by South Carolinians.

The money to be expended by the committee will go only for necessities of life, and to the aid of those who are in actual want, and is not to cover estimated property loss, which, of course, would require an enormous sum.

## TERRIFIC FIGHTING IN GALICIA.

### Austrians Report Big Battle on Long Front.

Vienna, Aug. 16.—There is terrific fighting in Galicia between the Teutons and Russians along the whole front from the Dnieper river to south of Zalogze says a report dated Monday and the fighting is continuing. The Austrians claim to have repulsed minor Russian attacks.