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## PALMETTO TROOPS PRAISED.

### SOUTH CAROLINA SOLDIERS ON THE BORDER CONTINUE TO ATTRACT ATTENTION.

#### Camps Well Cleared—Snake Hunting, Rabbit Chasing and Mountain Climbing are Among Diversions.

In Camp in the El Paso Patrol District, adjoining the Border, Monday, August 14.—A cloudless Monday greeted the South Carolinians in beginning their first week as part of the 10,000 troops gathered in and around El Paso for border patrol. The El Paso district is in charge of Brig. Gen. George Bell, Jr., and the Palmetto boys are among the best in his command. They have been complimented by the regulars and National Guardsmen from other States who have been here for some weeks and they show the results of the splendid training which they obtained at Stiz.

The 3d regiment was engaged in putting their camp into order today. The tents had been pitched last night, but the final touches were put to the camp today. All of the sage brush, cactus and other desert growth was grubbed and burned and the camp thoroughly cleaned. The big headquarters tent of the 3d was put up this morning. The 3d brought the big magazines which they used at Stiz and it was placed today. The bugler uses this in making his calls, which carries distinctly to all parts of the grounds.

The 1st regiment policed their camp thoroughly, using the drill hour for this purpose. The underbrush was all cleared and the rubbish carried away or burned. The camp is clean and neat and shows the thoroughness with which the South Carolinians do things. Not the slightest detail is overlooked and close attention is paid to the policing of the grounds and the sanitary condition of the camp.

Col. J. B. Allison, of the 3d, is on the ground rendering assistance to the regulars located and doing the regular duties of camp. Col. Allison was holding a conference with the 10th Infantry, which is stationed at Fort Bliss, and was on duty as provost marshal at El Paso when he received his appointment as lieutenant colonel of the 3d.

The ground on beyond where the South Carolina regiments are encamped to a slightly northwesterly direction and on the same side of the railroad track, will be occupied by the National Guardsmen from Georgia and North Carolina, which, with the South Carolina and Florida regiments, comprise the 9th division. Immediately to the left of this ground and on the opposite side of the railroad track lies the Pennsylvania division, under Maj. Gen. Clements. This division takes up two miles of ground.

The Palmetto boys are encamped at the water pumping station, where all the water for El Paso, Fort Bliss and the country around here is obtained. The pumping station is in charge of a Mr. Bethea, a native of South Carolina, and a member of the Bethea family of the Pee Dee section of the State. Several of the men have already become acquainted with Mr. Bethea.

Just to the left of the camp lies a range of hills, which are called mountains in this country. This range of hills lies somewhat diagonally to the Mexican border. They are bare of vegetation except for sage brush and cactus in the ravines. Some of the South Carolinians have already climbed to the top of this range of hills, which are about eight miles from camp. It is in these hills that rattlesnakes and the other reptiles reside. On Sunday First Sgt. Hughes, of the Smyth Rifles, of Pelzer, climbed the hills and brought back into camp a Diamond Mexican rattler. This snake is about fifteen inches long, and the one he captured had a button and two rattles, indicating that it was 4 years old. No snakes have yet been seen in camp, but there are plenty of horned toads, centipedes and an abundance of ants. The bother from this source, however, is insignificant so far and nothing like one would expect from the stories heard before coming here.

Two motorcycle couriers are numbered among the 1st. Private Frank Cureton, of the Butler Guards, and Capt. Justice, of the Hampton Guards, of Spartanburg, own a motorcycle. These couriers enable the camp to get fast communication with Fort Bliss or other points.

The mail is obtained from the Fort Bliss postoffice. Chaplain R. C. Jeter, of the 1st, handles the mail for that regiment. The mail can be addressed to either El Paso or Fort Bliss, but the name of the company and the regiment should always be given in

## CAROLINA TROOPS IN STORM.

### WATER CAUSES MUCH INCONVENIENCE AT EL PASO.

#### Whole Camp Flooded and Streams Ran Three Feet Deep Through Streets of Michigan Regiment.

El Paso, Aug. 18.—One soldier was killed and thousands of others encamped in and near El Paso suffered great discomfort as a result of heavy rains which fell throughout last night. During the all night storm, Private Charles Johnston, headquarters company, Seventh United States Infantry, of Chouteau, Mont., was killed by lightning in his tent at Fort Bliss. Other soldiers nearby were stunned. Water ran through the camp of the Massachusetts, Pennsylvania, South Carolina and Michigan National Guard, nearly inundating some tents, and ran three feet deep in the company streets of the Twenty-first Michigan Infantry.

## GERMANS FLEE FROM TRAP.

### German Fleet Sails Out After Small British Force, But Returns When Zeppelins Discover Trap.

The Hague, Aug. 21.—Thirty-seven of Germany's finest battleships, battlecruisers and cruisers, comprised the fleet that went out Saturday seeking to destroy a small British fleet. The British had set a trap. The Zeppelins discovered it and the Germans fled.

each case. The 3d has no chaplain as yet and has not announced the one who will handle the mail. Their mail should be addressed to either Fort Bliss or El Paso.

The Butler Guards boast the tallest man in the 1st. He is Private Mitchell, of Greenville, better known as "Big Mitchell. He is six feet and four inches tall.

The men of the 1st are being equipped thoroughly with clothing. Every man is being issued two hats, two pairs of shoes, two pairs of long-sleeved shirts, two pairs of trousers, four suits underwear and six pair socks.

Each regiment is running its own canteen and the profits go pro rata into the company funds. Each organization subscribed one dollar for every man when the canteen was organized, and the profits go back into the treasury of each company. The canteen is operated for the benefit of the enlisted men and not the officers. Each company can use its fund in any way it sees fit for the men, but must account for the same to the federal government.

The Smyth Rifles, of Pelzer, went on a hike this morning towards the mountains. They were gone about two hours.

Several train loads of cattle and sheep have been passing by the camp from El Paso. The cars are all double-deck and each train carries an immense load.

While a detail from the Butler Guards, under Lieut. Shearer, was unloading some wood Sunday afternoon a prairie dog dropped out of the load and was caught after a chase over camp. Several jack rabbits have also been caught in camp. Sunday while the machine gun company of the 2d was scrubbing off the cactus and sage brush they jumped a rabbit and some of the men caught it.

There has been a suggestion that the folk back home might like some of the horned toads, and if they can be shipped by parcel post it is likely that several will be sent back to Carolina. If the toads don't thrive in captivity, just take them down in the yard, where the weeds abound, and turn them loose and they will imagine that they are again among the cactus and mesquite of the Texas plains. At least this suggestion has been advanced by one of the young lieutenants of the 1st. These toads are also very fond of flies and might solve the problem of "swatting" that pest.

The Palmetto Rifles, of Anderson, Company B, has a good barber, Private Kilmer, and whenever his duties permit he makes a neat little sum out of plying his trade among the officers.

Julius B. Wood, who is representing the Chicago Daily News on this part of the border, and George H. Clements, of the publicity department of the El Paso Chamber of Commerce, were among the visitors in the South Carolina camp this morning. Both of these gentlemen were with the punitive expedition under Gen. Pershing in Mexico for a while, and are thoroughly familiar with the conditions in and around the border and in Mexico. Chaplain Jeter held religious services for the first Sunday afternoon. The men turned out in large numbers to hear him.

## WILSON ISSUES ULTIMATUM.

### PRESIDENT APPEALS TO PUBLIC IN RAILROAD DISPUTE.

#### States Case in Behalf of Eight Hour Day Which Has the Sanction of Society—The Plan is Fair and the Public Has the Right to Demand That Railroads Give it a Trial.

Washington, Aug. 19.—While the railway presidents conferring with President Wilson are saying they could not immediately grant an eight hour day, Wilson issues to the public what is in effect an ultimatum to the railroads, demanding that they accept his plan on trial. He says an eight hour day has the sanction of society in its favor and should be adopted for trial. He says only experience can tell whether the roads can afford an eight hour day or not. He demands that the railroads accept the plan already accepted by the brotherhoods. He says the program is fair and the public has a right to insist upon its acceptance.

## STRIKE CONFERENCE RESUMED.

### Railway Presidents are Holding Out Against Eight Hour Day.

Washington, Aug. 19.—The railway presidents resumed the conference with President Wilson at 11:25 o'clock. At the last minute it was decided that the managers would not accept President Wilson's invitation that they join the president's conference. The brotherhood leaders met in theatre then adjourned until this afternoon. They are waiting on the outcome of the White House conference. The railway presidents are certain that the negotiations will last several days longer. They are making an appeal now for President Wilson not to force them to accept his plan. They are trying to get arbitration agreed upon. They have not yet flatly rejected the eight hour day plan, but are going to hold off as long as possible in the endeavor to force some other action.

## All Presidents Called.

Washington, Aug. 19.—President Wilson calls all railroad presidents of the country not already here to come to Washington immediately. He wants them to join in the responsibility for any action taken.

## TILLMAN TO ATTACK HUGHES.

### Senior Senator From South Carolina Expected to Answer Former Justice's Speech.

Washington, Aug. 18.—It is understood here today that tomorrow, just before he leaves for South Carolina, having completed his work with the naval appropriation bill, Senator Tillman will address the senate in defense of the South, with special reference to the recent speech of Charles Evans Hughes in which the latter declared that sectionalism was rampant in congress and that only Southern members could secure important committee chairmanships. This speech has angered congressmen who like to see the political game played fairly more than anything else that has happened in a long time.

When it was first announced that Mr. Hughes had said that the South was hogging everything worth having in congress, many of the congressional leaders believed that he had been misquoted. Now, however, since it has become apparent that no mistake was made, he is being shown up as either having been grossly misinformed or as being willing willfully to pervert the real facts. Today in the house, Congressman Frank Clarke of Florida said there was not a word of truth to this sectionalism issue. Tomorrow Senator Tillman is expected to put on the finishing touches.

## PHILIPPINE MEASURE PASSED.

### House Adopts Conference Report on Bill Promising Freedom to Pacific Islands.

Washington, Aug. 18.—Final action on the Philippine bill promising independence to the islands as soon as a stable government is established was taken in the house today when the conference report was adopted and the measure prepared for President Wilson's signature.

Manuel Quezon, Philippine delegate, told the house the bill was a "signal victory for the cause of human liberty and a very decisive step toward the complete emancipation of the Filipino people."

## FUNSTON EXPLODES BOMB.

### RECOMMENDS IMMEDIATE WITHDRAWAL OF PERSHING'S FORCE.

#### Says Retention of Army in Mexico is Constant Source of Danger—Administration Wants to Keep Force There Until Commission Completes Negotiations.

Washington, Aug. 19.—Gen. Funston sends a recommendation to the war department that Gen. Pershing's forces be withdrawn from Mexico. He says the object of the expedition has been accomplished as Villa and his bandits have been dispersed, and retaining the troops there under restrictions now placed upon them is a constant source of danger. Secretary of War Baker refuses to comment on Gen. Funston's recommendation.

The State department is angry as the administration wants to keep Gen. Pershing in Mexico until the joint commission completes its negotiations. It is understood the report will be returned to Gen. Funston with instructions that he withdraw it. It is believed he will stand pat.

## FRENCH CAPTURE FLEURY.

### Germans Driven Out of Important Position Near Verdun.

Paris, Aug. 19.—All of Fleury village is now held by the French, it is officially announced. The Germans were dislodged during the night from the few houses that they still held. After bloody fighting, powerful attacks by the Germans were repulsed. At Verdun the Germans twice attacked Averdour salient, but were repulsed.

## RUSSIANS RENEW DRIVE.

### Break Through German Lines on Stokhod River.

Petrograd, Aug. 19.—After a lull in Volhynia the Russians renew their assaults, breaking through the German's Stokhod river positions. It is announced that Tobloy has been captured. West of the Stokhod, near Kirilbad, the Russians were compelled to draw in their advance guards from the Austrian offensive.

## RAID ON BELGIUM.

### Allies Aeroplanes Drop Bombs on German Ammunition Dumps.

London, Aug. 19.—Naval aeroplanes in a daring flight over Belgium drop 48 bombs on enemy ammunition dumps. Large fires were observed at Lichterveede.

The nine thousand ton Italian liner St. Ampalia was sunk presumably by submarine in the Mediterranean. She carried two defensive guns and was in the New York and Genee trade.

## BATTLE ON CARSO.

### Italians and Austrians Fight Near Gorizia.

Rome, Aug. 19.—There was a violent artillery duel today on the entire Italian front. It is announced that the Austrians were repulsed on the Carso plateau. The Austrians shelled Gorizia and the bridges over the Isonzo river.

## French Bombard Trieste.

Vienna, Aug. 19.—It is officially announced that French airmen bombed Trieste on Monday night. Austrian flyers dropped bombs on Avalona, Albania.

## CLARK IN MAINE.

### Speaker Clark Opens Campaign for Democrats.

Brunswick, Maine, Aug. 19.—Speaker Champ Clark, who opened the Maine campaign here, says that Hughes has shot his bolt and failed to hit the bull's eye. He says that the Democrats passed more beneficial legislation in three years than the Republicans did in the past twenty.

## GERMAN ATTACKS REPULSED.

### Teutons Unwilling for Peace Except on Terms Intolerable to Allies.

London, Aug. 21.—It is officially announced that counter attacks by the Germans were repulsed on the Somme front, except in the northwest High Wood where the British patrols fell back.

Germany up to date has shown no disposition to agree to peace terms except on terms intolerable to some of the allies. Premier Asquith told the house of commons today. He says that no terms whatever have been offered.

## TAR-HEELS ATTEND CAMPAIGN.

### ONE OF THEM TELLS OF MEETING AND SPEAKING AT CHESTERFIELD.

#### Views of Governor Manning and Ex-Governor Blease of a North Carolinian—Predicts Rejection of Executive, if Chesterfield Crowd is Indicative of Rest of State.

J. E. McLaughlin in Special to Wilmington Star.

Wadesboro, N. C., Aug. 19.—The writer, together with some 200 Ansonians gratified a curiosity to see and hear South Carolina candidates for State offices in their marathon. We left here in relays, a part going for the all day performance and others only for the afternoon, arriving in Chesterfield, where the big three-ring circus, with numerous side shows, was staged for the day. Of course the main attraction was to get a first hand impression of the wonderful Cole L. Blease and ascertain the cause of his magnetism over South Carolina voters.

It matters not who receives the nomination for governor of our neighbor commonwealth, every one who heard Blease speak Thursday will have to concede that he is a campaign speaker, par excellent. I doubt if there is a superior in the United States. He possesses the art of knowing just how to present his side of an argument in its most forceful effect. He is shrewd and cunning. He can take a mole hill and fashion it into a mountain, giving just enough truth to undermine the confidence of the susceptible.

If the result of the primary to be held on August 29th should be judged solely by the audience, exclusive of those imported from other counties, that assembled in Chesterfield, my guess would be Manning by a safe majority over his four opponents.

The day's entertainment began with performances by the sideshows, not omitting the usual South Carolina, fisticuff, and to do justice to the citizens of Chesterfield county, the one personal encounter was precipitated by a citizen of another county and was genuinely regretted by the Chesterfield people.

After consuming two and a half hours with speeches by candidates for secretary, treasurer, lieutenant governor, railroad commissioner, the main entertainment of the day began at 1 o'clock. J. M. DesChamps was the first of the aspirants for the office of governor to be introduced. He is a chautauqua speaker of parts. Next came John T. Duncan, the chronic candidate for State office, and then the main attraction was staged.

Gov. R. I. Manning was introduced. The audience gave him a round of applause that seemed to indicate that three-fourths of the assembly endorsed his administration. His speech was a rehearsal of the constructive work accomplished during his administration. He dwelt especially upon the improvements made in the State Hospital for Insane, his efforts to enforce law and measures taken to establish economy in the administration of the State's affairs. He gave a good account of himself and the audience appeared to appreciate the force of his arguments. At the conclusion of his speech, he was presented with a bouquet of flowers, which he most gracefully accepted, stating these flowers are the emblems of purity fittingly symbolizing his efforts to purify the administration of his State.

Next in order was ex-Governor Cole L. Blease. He was calm in his demeanor, earnest in his appeal and forcefully attacked the acts of the present governor.

Mr. Blease's speech was devoid of sensations. In his usual manner he painted the acts of the governor in blackest of black paint. Asserting that prohibition did not prohibit and made a challenge to pay the expenses of any one who would go to any of the leading Hotels of Charleston and Columbia if they would call for liquor or beer and fail to get it. He did not tell the audience that as a citizen of South Carolina it was his duty to put these facts before the proper authorities if he had proof to convict. He accused the governor of commencing death sentences of vile criminals to life imprisonment and of playing favorites in making appointments to public office. The nearest thing bordering on a sensation was his accusation that the governor was guilty of a misdemeanor when he paid the salary of a superintendent of the State asylum, asserting that this act was contrary to the constitution of the State and punishable by a fine or imprisonment, and wound up his speech by promising to pardon the governor when he was convicted of this crime.

From the best information obtainable, the race is between Gov. Man-

## D. R. COKER FOR MANNING.

### FAVORS REELECTION OF EXECUTIVE FOR STATE OFFICE.

#### Prominent Citizen of Pee Dee Section, Formerly a Man, Comes Out in Statement. Says Governor Should Be Elected.

The State

"He deserves to be our next governor and I feel that Darlington and the Pee Dee section will do their part to reelect him," said David R. Coker of Hartsville yesterday, in discussing the prospects for the reelection of Gov. Manning. "Many who voted for other candidates two years ago feel that they should show their approval of Gov. Manning's administration and their gratitude to him for his progressive, humane and business-like course as governor."

Mr. Coker two years ago gave his support to Mr. Cooper in order to defeat Mr. Richards. The work of Mr. Coker at that time was largely responsible for the large vote polled by Mr. Cooper in the Pee Dee section. He speaks enthusiastically at this time in reference to the reelection of Gov. Manning. His statement to the press follows in full:

"After talking with many representative men during the last ten days, I am convinced that Richard I. Manning will get a big vote from Darlington county in the first primary—possibly a majority of the total vote. Many who voted for other candidates two years ago feel that they ought to show their approval of Mr. Manning's administration and their gratitude for his progressive, humane and business-like course as governor.

"Mr. Manning not only promised to check blind tegerism, race track gambling and general lawlessness, but has demonstrated his ability to do so. He not only deplored the lack of law enforcement and the contempt for law which was prevalent, but has shown that he can enforce the law and command respect for it. He not only expressed his sympathy for the unfortunate inmate but has reorganized the institution for their care and placed it on a par with the best of its kind. His administration has been efficient, economical and clean. He deserves to be our next governor and I feel that Darlington county and the Pee Dee section will do their part to reelect him."

Mr. Coker is a business man and farmer of large acquaintance throughout the State, and any statement he makes on the political situation carries considerable weight.

## RUSSIANS TO INVADE HUNGARY.

### Have Secured Passes to Admit Them Through to Enemy's Country.

Petrograd, Aug. 21.—The Russians are opening the way for an invasion of Hungary through the Jablonitz and Rodna Passes in the Carpathians. They have gained important heights at both passes. In Volhynia the Teutons attempted to stop to Russian advance. This cost them heavy losses without any gains. The Russians are pressing onward.

## British Gaining Ground.

At the British Front, France, Aug. 21.—The British are holding all the recently gained ground and are winning more. They are now within 500 yards of Martin Pulch.

## MORE SUCCESSES FOR RUSSIANS.

### Heights and Villages Captured and Austrians Repulsed.

Petrograd, Aug. 21.—Fresh successes for the Russians in the Carpathians are reported. They are the capture of the Heights west of Nadvora, and also the villages of Fereskul and Yablonica and the heights to the west, where the Austrians were repulsed.

## TWO CASES FOR DAY.

### Infantile Paralysis Reported From Greenville and McBee.

Columbia, Aug. 19.—Cases of infantile paralysis were reported to the State board of health yesterday from Greenville and McBee, one in each place. The total number of cases reported during August is 39. Five cases to date have been reported from the city of Greenville.

ning and ex-Gov. Blease. Chesterfield county will endorse the present administration, so far as the chief executive is concerned. The crowd had become impatient when R. A. Cooper began to speak and his effort was heard by a diminishing assembly.