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RUSSIAN NORTH LINE TURNED

Berlin Today Also Announces the Capture of Two More Forts Defending Novogeorgievsk.

Berlin, Aug. 18; By wireless to Sayville.—The great Russian fortress at Kovno was captured by the German forces last night. With it the Germans secured 400 cannon, 12,000 prisoners and an immense amount of war supplies and material.

Announcement of the capture of this stronghold at the north end of the new Russian line was officially made by the war office today. The fortress was taken by storm after a short resistance. This places the city of Kovno in the hands of the Germans. The troops in the city have retired toward Vilner so hurriedly that they did not have time to destroy the munitions gathered at this point.

The war office today also announced the capture of two more forts at Novogeorgievsk and the fall of this Russian stronghold is expected within a few days.

The Austrians advancing from the southwest are within a dozen miles of Brest-Litovsk where is gathered the vast quantities of material brought from Warsaw. The Austrians are pushing forward on both banks of the Bug.

London, Aug. 18.—Dispatches from Gen. Hamilton announce a gain of 500 yards after hard fighting on the Gallipoli peninsula.

German Zeppelins last night raided east coast towns in Kent and Essex. Nine persons were killed and 36 injured. But little property was destroyed. The raiders escaped.

London, Wednesday, Aug. 18.—The retreat of the Russians from Poland continues and it is believed probable they will have to fall back further than the Brest-Litovsk line, as Berlin reports that General Litsmann has stormed and taken the forts on the southwest front of Kovno, capturing 4,500 prisoners and 240 guns. This probably means the early fall of the fortress itself, between which and the capture of the Vilna-Warsaw-Petrograd Railway there cannot be much delay.

Another fort on the northeast front of Novogeorgievsk also has fallen and the Cordon is being closed around the fortress.

Other armies from the west and south are advancing toward the Brest-Litovsk line.

WEATHER FORECAST

For eastern New York and western Vermont, fair, continued cooler, to night and Thursday.

AGRICULTURE

Bennington County has fine farms with prosperous farmers and it has fine farms on which farmers have difficulty to make a living, it has hillside farms where thrifty farmers are making a good living and hillside farms which are deserted and on which the buildings are falling into decay. It has farmers whose apples rotted in the cellar last year or were sold for a price which hardly paid for hauling to the railroad, while in Bennington, North Adams and surrounding cities, Oregon apples brought large prices.

To make the County more prosperous by making farming more profitable is one of the first objects of the Association. For this purpose a County Agricultural Agent, Mr. John L. Sherman, is maintained. The expense is divided between the United States Department of Agriculture, the various towns of the County and the Association itself.

The County Agent gives his entire time to promoting scientific methods and sound business policy on the farms. Last summer improved methods of growing oats and corn were demonstrated. The work with oats resulted in an average increase of ten bushels per acre on twenty plots.

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FOR BENNINGTON COUNTY DEVELOPEMENT AND BETTERMENT

Department Edited by Secretary Willard Bartlett of the County Association.

This section is given up weekly to County Betterment. The material is furnished by the County Association headquarters; savings bank bldg., Bennington, Vt.; secretary: Willard W. Bartlett.

County Improvement Association Department of the County Papers.

By special arrangement between the county papers and the Bennington County Vermont Improvement Association the latter will hereafter have two columns weekly in the Bennington Banner.

Previously the Association has published a monthly paper, the Bennington County Review, but it is thought best hereafter to put the matter formerly contained in the Review in the regular County papers. This section will include articles on better farming, road work, better schools and topics of general interest along improvement lines in the county. Every reader of the papers should watch these columns carefully.

Annual Meeting of the County Improvement Association.

The annual meeting of the Bennington County Vermont Improvement Association will be held in the court house, Bennington, on Saturday afternoon, August 28th, 1915. Every member of the organization in the county should be present. Make this day a vacation day from your work and come to Bennington, see your friends, do your trading and attend the meeting at 2 p. m.

Mr. Bartlett, the secretary of the organization, will give an address on "What Results May We Reasonably Expect from a County Association." There will also be election of officers and other business.

What the County Improvement Association is Doing.

It is a pull all together that brings results, two men pulling together can accomplish much more than two men pulling in different directions, the men and women of Bennington County pulling together can accomplish very much more for every individual in the County than they can if pulling in different directions with many not pulling at all.

The Bennington County Vermont Improvement Association is the citizens of the County joined together to carry out a constructive program for County development.

The work is carried on through a Board of Fifteen Directors chosen by the members at their annual meeting to serve for a term of three years, five being elected each year. These directors choose an Executive Secretary and are responsible for the conduct of the work.

The organization is not aiming at doing a great many things but at selecting a few of the most important things and doing these things well.

The Association aims to co-operate with all organizations in the County working toward civic, social or economic betterment. It assisted in the conduct of the County Good Roads meeting, the County Teachers' meeting and the County Picnic. It cooperated with the Green Mountain Club, the Civil League, the Parent-Teachers' Association, local village improvement and district nursing associations, etc.

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FRIEND OF ALLIES CHIEF MINISTER OF GREECE

Venezelas Called By King to Form Cabinet

BALKAN STATES PLAN FOR WAR

Change of Cabinet in Greece Expected to Bring Her Help to France and England.

London, Wednesday, Aug. 18.—Following his acceptance yesterday of the resignation of the Gounaris Cabinet, tendered on Monday after the Premier's crushing defeat in the Greek Chamber, King Constantine requested Eleutherios Venezelas to form a new Cabinet. The former Premier asked four days in which to consider the situation before reaching a decision.

There is said to have been no restraint during the interview such as has been reported at previous audiences. It is believed in Athens that the King and the Liberal leader have arrived at an understanding which is virtually complete.

THE STRATTON REUNION

Nearly 150 Present at the Gathering Monday.

Almost 150 persons were present at the Stratton reunion Monday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Frank M. Crawford on Park street this being one of the largest as well as one of the most successful and enjoyable in the history of the association.

The apple grounds at Mr. Crawford's made an ideal place for the reunion. The tables were set in the shade at the rear of the house and at one o'clock the company sat down to a splendid dinner served by the ladies.

Those present from out of town were: Mrs. A. L. Morse and children, North Adams, Mass.; Mrs. Geo. Stratton and Miss Mildred Stratton, Wallingford, Vt.; Gertrude and Alice Kelly, South Wallingford, Vt.; Mr. and Mrs. Fred Lyons, Mr. and Mrs. Louis Lyons, Nelson Lyons, Frederick Lyons, John Macdonald, Greenfield, Mass.; Victor Macdonald, Colchester, Conn.; Adelaide C. Stratton, Hartford, Conn.; Walter E. Rockwood, Rochester, N. Y.; Mr. and Mrs. Ralph E. Potter, Washington, D. C.; Mr. and Mrs. Lester Martin and children, Pittsfield, Mass.; Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Stillman, Berlin, N. Y.

After dinner the following program was rendered: Song—America Secretary's Report

Recitation Helen and Hilda Rockwood Song Hope and Valda Lyons Reading Mrs. Fred Lyons Song Channing Fletcher Short Address F. E. Howe Song Channing Fletcher President's Report

Remarks Richard Houghton The officers elected for ensuing year are, President, Mrs. John Matteson; secretary, Mrs. Samuel C. Lyons; treasurer, Fred Harrington.

MRS. FRANK NOT SURPRISED

Widow of Murdered Man Reported Bearing Up Well.

Mrs. Leo Frank received the news at Milledgeville, Ga., that her husband had been lynched in a manner that led those present to believe that she had been expecting it. She was preparing to go to an uncle's home at Athens, Ga., when she was told what had occurred. She is reported bearing up well.

BASEBALL SERIES COMING

Annual Game Between Bennington and the North Village.

The annual baseball game between Bennington enthusiasts and followers of the game in North Bennington will be played a little earlier in the season than usual to allow time for a possible series of these interesting matches. This friendly contest of prowess between the two villages has become such an established feature and such an enjoyable one to the fans that the mere mention of the coming event should assure a large and enthusiastic crowd of spectators.

The first game will be played Saturday afternoon, August 21 on the playground diamond. Tags will be sold to spectators for 10 cents each, the proceeds to go toward the playground baseball fund.

SCHEME TO LYNCH FRANK PLANNED FOR WEEKS

Had Organization and Leaders and Worked Carefully

FACTS WERE GENERALLY KNOWN

State Authorities Had Plenty of Warning But Took No Precautions to Save Frank.

Atlanta, Ga., Aug. 17.—A business man of Marietta in discussing the lynching of Leo M. Frank, said this afternoon:

"The public will never know the identity of the twenty-five brave and loyal men who took into their own hands the execution of a law that had been stripped from them by Governor Staton. I would not advise inquisitive authorities or persons to try to reveal them. They are as zealous as I am at the moment they invaded the State Prison."

This man knew of the movements of the lynching clansmen, of their organization, of their plans and of their painstaking system of advance preparations. He would neither admit nor deny that he was a member of the mob.

"The men who hanged Leo Frank," he continued, "did not go about it with a spirit of lawlessness or vindictiveness. They felt it a duty, a duty to their State and Commonwealth, a duty to the memory of Mary Phagan, whom all Cobb County loved and whose memory is cherished in every household in the hills you see over there to the west."

"They would have lynched him more than a month ago if some one hadn't got careless and permitted a 'leak.' Governor Harris was apprised of the plan and ordered the militia to be in readiness. That was the day when the county police were scouting in the edge of Fulton and Cobb counties, on the lookout for automobiles from Marietta. Governor Harris and the military authorities no doubt received widespread censure for this apparently unnecessary action, but if the truth were known it gave Leo Frank at least one month of grace he would not have received from the hands of the men who were about to go to Milledgeville for him.

VERMONT GOLF TOURNAMENT

Large Number of Entries Forecasts Close Competition

The 14th annual tournament of the Vermont Golf Association will begin at 8.30 o'clock tomorrow morning on the course of the Mount Anthony Country club. The entries are coming in rapidly and in such number as to indicate one of the best gatherings of Vermont players in the history of the association. The entries include the names of many young players from clubs that have not been largely represented at the tournament in past years and competition is expected to be close.

The qualifying round will be played tomorrow forenoon in which the first sixteen will qualify for the Championship. The first round, match play, comes in the afternoon.

Friday morning is the second round match play and in the afternoon is the semi-final round.

Saturday morning opens the competition, 36 holes, for the championship. The handicap match will be played during the forenoon.

PAVILION DEDICATED

Exercises at Playground Tuesday Afternoon.

The dedication of the local playground pavilion was held Tuesday afternoon before a good sized audience who enjoyed the very appropriate patriotic exercises. After the dedication the public was invited to inspect the building and to witness the various activities which were taking place upon the grounds.

The exercises began at 3 o'clock with a flag raising by the playground children and visitors. Following this was the dedication address by Mrs. Warwick Carpenter, president of the Civic League. Mrs. Carpenter spoke of the difficulties encountered in the erecting of such a fine building and thanked the public spirited citizens who gave their aid and support for the project. The response in behalf of the playground children was given by Miss Vossler, the playground supervisor.

A flag drill, dialogue and folk dances by the children completed the afternoon's entertainment. After the program a flag party was held for the children with games and stories. Candy was given away to each child.

Those in charge of the playground work are especially indebted to W. C. Bull, the architect, who, through his generosity and kindness, designed and supervised the work on the pavilion and insured its successful and speedy erection.

CHILDREN CRY FOR FLETCHER'S CASTORIA

Colorado Court Prohibits Hillyer From Trying Strike Cases

Denver, August 17.—The Supreme court of Colorado today issued a writ of prohibition barring Judge Granby Hillyer from presiding at future trials resulting from disorders in the recent strike of coal miners. The Supreme court also granted a superedeas in the case of John R. Lawson, labor leader, convicted on a charge of murder growing out of Colorado coal miners strike and ordered sentence of life imprisonment. The action allows the Lawson appeal to come before the court on its merits.

The court reserved its decision on the request of Lawson's counsel that he be released from jail on bond until after briefs are filed in September.

BAND CONCERT

Weekly Concert This Evening at 8 O'clock.

The regular weekly band concert by the Bennington city band will be held this evening and the following will be the program: March—Supremacy Crosby Overture—Nabucodonosor Verdi Serenade—Love in Idleness

Waltz—Roseda Mabeth Davis One-steps—Kentucky Home Donaldson Loyde Selection—The Highwayman

Caprice—Love and Kisses Tabani Harris Losey March—The Speed Kings The Star Spangled Banner

MONDAY'S BOXING BOUT

Good Deal of Conflicting Opinion Over the Matter.

The Banner has received several communications and a score or so of opinions relative to the sparring match at Hunt's upper grave Monday. The matter is too voluminous to print and anybody who has an opinion on the subject is entitled to it.

The writer saw the bout, not from the ring side, but from the slope several yards away. To him it looked as though both Foster and Hillingworth were guilty of repeated fouls and attempted fouls and that Foster's foul at the end was merely more flagrant.

The management of the affair advertised a boxing match, but the bout hadn't been going ten seconds before it developed into an attempt on the part of each of the principals to knock the other fellow out. The referee, Mr. Cummings, warned them repeatedly but it did no good and it was perhaps as savage a two rounds as was ever fought in Vermont.

In view of the occasion it was wise to stop the bout and the question of supremacy can be settled at some later date. Hillingworth has challenged Foster and when the bout is pulled off it will draw well. To the Banner reporter the young men seemed pretty evenly matched and the difference of opinion among those who saw the match supports this view.

Whatever the technical decision of the referee or of a spectator who knows the rules of the game it did not appear to the reporter that either man was beaten when the bout was called off, but that both had been exposed.

Referee E. J. Cummings gave the decision to Hillingworth on Foster's foul, but the general impression of the audience was that Chief of Police Brazil stopped the bout because the men wouldn't spar, but insisted on trying to knock each other head off. Partisans of each now insist that their man was a sure winner.

CHALLENGES KID FOSTER

Young Hillingworth Wants Another Meeting with Bennington Boxer

Young Hillingworth, through his manager, D. A. Hillingworth, has issued a challenge to meet Kid Foster of Bennington before any club that will stage the bout in New York, Massachusetts or Connecticut. The conditions of the meeting made by Hillingworth are that Foster shall weigh in at ringside at 135 pounds and that the winner shall take the entire percentage of the gate receipts offered by the club that stages the bout. Hillingworth is willing to post a forfeit of \$100 to guarantee his appearance.

PLAYGROUND NOTES

The Athletic Badge Tests advanced by the National Playground and Recreation Association of America, will be held at the Playground Friday afternoon for boys and girls. This year the badge will be given free to all those who qualify. These badges are of a very attractive design, finishing in bronze and well worth trying for. Besides being a symbol of accomplishment, they establish a fellowship between the children of all the playgrounds in the United States. The boys' events consist of chinning, running and jumping; the girls of balancing, potato race and basket ball throw. Further details may be obtained from Miss Vossler or Mr. Stevens at the Playground and entries should be made at once.

Tennis sets have been won as follows: T. Gregg from W. T. Meyer, 8-6; G. T. Jenney from A. Pellerin, 6-1; C. Graves from W. Bartlett, 6-4; G. S. Levin from R. Sexton 4-6, 9-7, 8-6.

Girls' night at the Playground, Thursday night. Open at 6.30.

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STOCK HOLDERS OF ROCK ISLAND R.R. WERE ROBBED

Looted of Twenty Million By Their Directors

SCORED BY I. C. C. REPORT

Promoters of Holding Companies Took All the Road's Money and Credit.

Washington, Aug. 17.—The Interstate Commerce Commission's report on its investigation of Rock Island railroad financial affairs made public here today shows millions of dollars in losses in stock transactions, charges the railroad officials with misrepresentations in their reports to stockholders, discloses great profits to promoters of the Rock Island holding companies and arraigns the syndicate operations which began in the early 90s.

The department of justice has been waiting to go over the reports and the Interstate Commerce Commission broadly suggests action by the legal branch of the government. It says those "guilty of misleading reports to stockholders should be subject to adequate penalties."

The aggregate losses to the Rock Island in the Altou, Frisco and other deals are summarized by the commission as follows:

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