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CAPPER DID NOT PUBLISH ALL OF ATTORNEY NOTE

Robertson Warning to Volland Deliberately Garbled.

U. S. Officer Absolutely Told Him To Report Disloyalties.

HAS BEEN OF NO AID IN WORK

"Not a Scratch of Pen" From Volland, Robertson Says.

Readers of Governor's Paper Led To Believe Differently.

Fred Robertson, district attorney, never authorized Fred Volland to handle disloyalty complaints. In fact he warned him against such action.

Governor Capper and Fred Volland deliberately garbled the letter published from Fred Robertson, United States district attorney. Had the letter been published in full, it would have established the charges of the State Journal to the effect that the governor and Volland had authority to meddle with disloyalty complaints in Kansas and interfere with the administration of justice.

By the adroit use of double meaning words, readers of the governor's paper were also led to believe the letter from Robertson was written in connection with a case being investigated jointly by Volland and Robertson's office. Yet the letter concerned a card index of Red Cross and Y. M. C. A. subscribers and liberty bond purchasers. Robertson had merely been asked to approve a card form. The district attorney knew nothing at that time—May 4—of the plan which placed the governor's disloyalty letters in Volland's hands.

He Warned Volland.

Yet Robertson's letter contained an admonition which defined to Volland clearly and emphatically the limited authority of independent investigators. It stated clearly that all letters concerning illegal acts of aliens or American citizens must be sent promptly to Robertson's office.

Volland never answered that letter. He never consulted either Robertson or L. S. Harvey, first assistant district attorney, concerning one enemy alien case.

Robertson has directed the prosecution of scores of disloyalty cases the last few months. He has caused the internment of many enemy aliens. Yet when asked today concerning the cooperation of the governor and Volland, he said they had failed to provide information in one of the cases he has prosecuted. As a consequence of this statement, added mystery will surround the direction by Volland of the hundreds of disloyalty letters which he admits came into his possession.

Left Out Part of Letter.

The instructions to Volland as to his lack of authority to meddle with government matters and especially disloyalty cases, was made clear in Robertson's letter. Yet when portions of this letter were printed—in a frantic effort to establish a relationship with some branch of the government—the portion of the letter strictly in point was not mentioned.

After discussing with Volland the card index form of listing war activities donors by the state council of defense, Robertson warned:

> Reports of alien enemy property should be made to A. Mitchell Palmer, custodian, Washington, D. C.
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> "Reports of disloyalty, where they be the acts of aliens or our own citizens, should all be made to this office—no one else has any authority to deal with them. It will be of great service if you will see that all your workers throuut the state are particularly instructed to make all reports of disloyalty and alien enemy activities direct to me promptly, and if they will advise all with whom they come in contact that they should likewise make such reports to this office, will be a great help."

Yet Volland never heeded the admonition. He never answered Robertson's letter. He never sent information concerning one of his many really important cases to the district attorney—the authority and only legally constituted authority for handling these matters.

Robertson Tells Facts.

"From that day to this, I haven't received the scratch of a pen from Volland," said Robertson. "He has transmitted me one or two copies of very unimportant matters. Until very recently, I had no idea he assumed to handle disloyalty cases or pass on the course they should take. His authority is that of any self constituted investigator who stands in the department's path.

"We have handled hundreds of dis-

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KANSAS RESERVE STATE BANK

The New Prosperous Institution Declares Another Dividend.

At the quarterly meeting of the board of directors of the Kansas Reserve State bank, held yesterday in compliance with the law, the report submitted for the state bank commissioner showed the institution to be in a prosperous condition.

After setting aside $1,000 as an addition to its surplus fund, and $2,500 for the payment of taxes due next December, the board declared a dividend of 3 per cent, payable at once to the stockholders of record July 1.

Altho the bank will not be two years old until November 1, this is the second dividend that has been earned, the first one having been paid in January of this year.

Twelve of the directors were present, the only absentee being Mr. L. C. Clark of Independence.

The officers and directors are naturally proud of the showing made by this new bank, which is the only one in Topeka which is both a member of the Federal Reserve bank and at the same time whose deposits are guaranteed under the guaranty law of the State of Kansas.

BRITISH THROWN BACK, LOSE THEIR GAINS OF SUNDAY

Hun Attack Preceded by Heavy Artillery Bombardment.

Fighting Was Near Bouzincourt, North of Albert.

YANKS WIPE OUT A REGIMENT

Capture Trench Mortars and Over 60 Machine Guns.

French Advance Half Mile on Mile and a Half Front.

London, July 3.—German troops last night after heavy preparatory shelling attacked and recaptured the greater part of the ground taken by the British in their local operation near Bouzincourt, north of Albert, on Sunday evening, the war office announced today.

Yanks Inflicted Heavy Loss.

Washington, July 3.—General Pershing's communique for yesterday announces that one German regiment practically was annihilated in the heavy losses inflicted by the Americans when they stormed and held the village of Vaux, the Bois de La Roche and neighboring woods, advancing the American positions a thousand yards on a mile and a half front.

War material captured included some trench mortars and over sixty machine guns. Three American aviators are reported missing from squadrons which participated in fighting northwest of Chateau Thierry.

French Take 220 Prisoners.

Paris, July 3.—French troops last night attacked the German position along a front of three kilometers north of Moulin-Sous-Toutvent and improved thier positions.

In the attack on the Moulin-Sous-Toutvent front the French troops penetrated the German positions to a depth of 800 meters. So far the number of Germans taken prisoner in this operation has reached 220.

BARS TOWNLEY

Boise Mayor Orders Police Not To Let Him Speak.

Is on Program Nonpartisan League State Convention.

Boise, Idaho, July 3.—Mayor S. H. Hayes this morning issued orders to the police to see that A. C. Townley, president of the Nonpartisan League, be not allowed to speak in Boise at the Nonpartisan state convention which opens here today.

THE NEW SANTA FE FEDERAL MANAGER

W. B. Storey, until Tuesday afternoon vice-president in charge of operation of the Santa Fe. By appointment by Hale Holden, federal director, he is now federal manager of the model transcontinental system of the country.

FUNSTON OPEN JULY 4

Big Kansas Camp Will Be Free to Public Inspection Tomorrow.

Camp Funston, July 3.—The camp will be thrown open to the public on July 4, as on a regular visiting day, so that the public at large may view the big celebration planned for the men, commencing with a road race in the morning and finishing with the big historical pageant in the evening. Thousands of visitors are expected from all portions of nearby states.

ONE REASON WHY THE HUN LOOTS

A German soldier's pay is roughly equivalent to 9 cents a day. But out of this he must contribute about 3 cents a day toward the cost of his dinner. Apart from the dinner, generally some kind of Irish stew, he gets nothing but black bread and alleged coffee, so most of his remaining 6 cents must be expended on additional food.

Even the meager balance is not at his disposal. It is carefully kept in a small bag suspended from his neck. This is opened periodically for the inspection of the soldier's officers and if he can be convicted of the least extravagance he will be severely punished.

PICNICS, POPCORN AND POLITICIANS FOR THE FOURTH!

But Little Fireworks Will Be Exploded Thru Kansas.

"Give Our Powder to Pershing" Is Most Acceptable Motto.

BIG RIPLEY PARK FEATURES

Dedication at Resort of City Service Flag of 1,600 Stars.

Patriotism Never Meant as Much as It Means Now.

The glorious Fourth!

More glorious, more significant, more inspiring than ever will be the celebration of the national holiday this year, with our country in its second year of the world war, with a million American men overseas and thousands more under arms preparing to cross.

Tomorrow is the day that 100,000,000 patriotic Americans will quit work to celebrate the memorable day 142 years ago when that little band of patriots assembled in Independence Hall, Philadelphia, to proclaim to the world the right of man to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. And today our boys are bleeding in the trenches to uphold for the world the doctrine which the American Declaration of Independence made immortal.

As is always the case, Topeka will be on the job in paying a fitting tribute to the men of 1776 as well as the boys of 1918, and to honor with appropriate ceremonies the oldest and best beloved flag in the world. But this Fourth of July will be safe and sane. No fireworks will be sold in Kansas except those left over from last year, and they are very few.

Picnics, Pop Corn, Politicians.

It will be a day for picnics, pop corn and politicians and altho the "kiddies" may lament the absence of firecrackers and other explosives, the fond parents will be comforted with the knowledge that every child will come home in his sturdy entirety after the day's play.

The weather man, as if seeking to establish himself firmly in the hearts of his fellow humans, is distributing lavish promises of a beautiful day. Parasols and rain coats, rubbers and umbrellas may be left behind in the general exodus to the parks of the city which will take place from so many homes tomorrow morning, and mohair suits and dresses conspicuous in their insufficiency, may be donned with the blissful knowledge that moisture and cold weather will not mar the pleasure of the day.

Programs at Parks.

There will be programs at practically all the parks. At Ripley park a regular old-time celebration will be held, including a concert by Marshall's band, various athletic contests and the dedication of the city's service flag with its 1,600 stars. At Garfield all the usual festivities except fireworks will be in evidence. The park will be decorated with the national colors,

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MORE TO FUNSTON

Local Draft Boards Send 21 Men to Camp Friday.

Take the Places of June 28 Quota, Discharged.

Twenty-one Topekans in class No. 1, local draft boards will have to go to Camp Funston Friday to take the places of this number of men who went in the last draft and who have been discharged on acount of physical disability.

The discharged men have been sent home and the draft boards today immediately selected the men who must take their places.

The list from local board No. 2 follows:

John Baird, 1116 Lawrence.
Donald R. Alexander, 407 Lafayette.
Robert Nichols, 426 Larch.
Ray Busey, 833 N. Kansas.
Ira R. Elswick, Caldwell, Kan.
Arlie E. Friebie, Versailles, Mo.
Walter McMillan, 220 N. Madison.
Mel C. Foley, 506 Jefferson.
Ernest Levett, 1241 N. Monroe.
Arthur G. H. Wolff, 307 Harrison.
Jacob Alsdorf, 723 Adams.
M. L. English, 534 Madison.
John A. Crow, 410 Buchanan.
Harry W. Johnson.
Frank Barclay, Hiswatha.
Carl Hirschberg, 619 N. Harrison.
Alf R. Halstrom, 435 Tyler.

Ray Hall Must Go.

Ray Hall, popular orchestra leader, whose fight for exemption from military duty created a sensation in Topeka a short time ago, will be inducted into the army next Monday and sent to Camp Funston. Hall's name appears on the list of four men who will be sent by local draft board No. 1 to fill the place made vacant in the quota of June 28 by men who are being sent home because of physical disqualification. The four men are:

Ray Hall.
Francis Pribble, 1275 Tyler.
Chas. A. McHenry, 919 Madison.
Jay S. Welsh, 711 West street.

OUT AT NOON TOMORROW

Last Edition of State Journal Will Be Issued at 12:30 O'clock.

That the employes may enjoy the Fourth of July festivities in the city, the main, home and postscript editions of the State Journal will be issued at 12:30 o'clock tomorrow noon.

The first and second editions will be issued on time—the noon edition appearing on the streets at the usual time.

KANSAS WANTS THE FACTS.

The State Journal deliberately charged that the government sent Arthur T. Bagley, chief of investigators for this district, to Topeka, to inquire concerning an obstruction of the administration of justice thru the holding of disloyalty letters sent to Governor Capper. It charged that Governor Capper and Fred Volland directed the handling of these letters. Volland was appointed by the council of defense at the instance of the governor.

To the charges the governor and Mr. Volland allege "politics" and childishly urge "pro-Germanism." Herewith the State Journal reiterates the charge that Bagley came here to conduct an investigation. The governor and Mr. Volland say there has been no investigation.

Very well.

The government records are closed to inspection by this paper. They are closed to the general public. It is a well founded, time honored federal custom.

But possibly those records can be produced. Certainly, if the statements of Governor Capper and Mr. Volland are correct, no one should be more anxious to open them to the public. Certainly a war governor, who says he prides himself on keeping Kansas 100 per cent patriotic, will be most willing to go to any length to give his people the facts. Certainly Mr. Volland, with his zeal to maintain a proud record in war activities, will cooperate.

Consequently the State Journal herewith requests Governor Capper and Mr. Volland to publicly join this paper in urging the department of justice in Washington to release all reports made by Mr. Bagley to his chiefs concerning his trip to Topeka. The State Journal—in order that the public may know it all—proposes also that Governor Capper and Mr. Volland join this paper in securing from the departments the privilege of publishing the correspondence leading up to this investigation.

Should trouble be encountered in securing the Bagley report and the correspondence even under the above plan, the State Journal offers another suggestion. This paper is possibly able to meet any reasonable civil judgment. Consequently it proposes that in event the department of justice refuses to release the records, that Governor Capper and Mr. Volland join in a civil action against this paper for damages for libel. Under a subpoena from a Kansas court, there is little doubt that any records may be brought into court.

Of course if there are no records, Governor Capper and Mr. Volland have nothing to fear. If there has been no investigation, certainly these men have been most unjustly accused. In such case they would be entitled to and should receive public apology at the hands of the State Journal.

The question of the investigation has caused a sensation in Kansas. No broad, fearless war governor should tolerate the insult if the charge be based on idle gossip, rumor or—as the governor's own paper says—politics and pro-Germanism. Friends, neighbors and business and political associates of Governor Capper and Mr. Volland have been insulted if the charges are groundless. Surely Governor Capper and Mr. Volland will enter into a stipulation with the State Journal in order to bring these facts officially before the public.

People of Kansas want to know.

They have a right to know.

Gentlemen, what is your pleasure?

DOUBTFUL ABOUT CZAR

Correspondent Says It Cannot Be Confirmed or Disproved.

London, July 3.—Reports of the murder of Nicholas Romanoff, former Russian emperor, can be neither confirmed nor disproved, says the Petrograd correspondent of the Times under date of June 23. He says the report of the escape of Michael Alexandrovitch, brother of the former emperor, seems to have better foundation.

The correspondent says he is unable to throw any light on the reported death of Alexis, the former heir apparent, and adds:

"Every time this kind of prominence is given the Romanoff family, the people think something serious is afoot. The Bolsheviki are getting impatient at these frequent surmises about the deposed dynasty and the question again is raised of absolutely settling the fate of the Romanoffs so as to be done with them."

RUN PULLMAN CARS

Railroad Administration Will Keep Control—No Eight-Hour Day.

Washington, July 3.—The Pullman company will be operated under federal control, the railroad administration announced today.

In the ruling today it was specified that inasmuch as the character of their employment forbids, Pullman conductors, porters and maids will not be given the basic eight-hour day recently extended to railroad workers. At the same time the 19,000 employes in the services were extended wage increases of $21,750,000 a year, including back pay from January 1.

THE NONPARTISAN LEAGUE.

Governor Capper is to be commended for finally putting his emphatic repudiation upon the Nonpartisan league propaganda. He does this by reprinting this morning from the Larned Chronoscope, an article which says:

Governor Capper makes this statement:

"I would not accept the Non-Partisan league indorsement for United States senator if it was offered me. I have no interest in that organization, directly or indirectly, nor in its officers, organizers or members, and I do not indorse their program. I am still very anxious to get hold of anything that will put the 'kibosh' on the Non-Partisan league, if it is spreading pro-German propaganda in this state or advocating anything that will make it more difficult for the government to win the war."

A few weeks ago the organ of the Nonpartisan league was quoting a statement from Governor Capper, which was circulated broadcast, as indicating that the governor was not opposing the league. This change of front upon the part of the Kansas executive is refreshing; it is, of course, patriotic and most commendable, altho the governor does not yet go quite far enough; nor as far as other governors go.

There has been much evidence that league leaders have been working along disloyal lines. So assured on this point have been many Kansas communities that citizens of Salina, Smith Center, Colby and Ellsworth have driven out Nonpartisan league organizers. Topeka has not done so. On the contrary, she is nursing a nest of Nonpartisan league organizers in this city and their supporters and abettors.

These men are parties named Stevic, Trapp and Brown, members of the Chamber of Commerce. Stevic is "office manager of the National Nonpartisan League," according to his card recently distributed, and has an office at 526 New England building, tenants of which have asked to have Stevic ousted.

How long will President McEntyre, Secretary Kirkpatrick and the board of directors of the Chamber of Commerce permit these men, who are liabilities to Topeka, to remain in this organization?

How much longer will Governor Capper permit the editor of his labor column, Luce, to defend such men as Stevic and denounce the State Journal before the reputable laboring people of Topeka, for exposing the nefarious work of alleged leaders?

The Topeka Industrial Council, with its hundreds of fine, loyal members, needs a new president, one who is not a manager of the Nonpartisan League like Stevic.

Governors of the middle west are awakening to the insidious invasion of their states by Nonpartisan Leaguers. Governor Neville, a Democrat, of Nebraska, in a vigorous statement requesting the organizers of the Nonpartisan League to leave Nebraska, says:

"Your organization has been used to promote the circulation of seditious literature, calculated to arouse anti-American sentiment, class hatred and in general to interfere with the successful prosecution of the war."

Governor Burnquist, a Republican, of Minnesota, as one paper expressed it, "burned" the league in a scorching letter, recently defeated Lindberg, the Nonpartisan League candidate. In Minnesota the league helped nominate Van Leer, the Socialist mayor of Minneapolis. Governor Norbeck of South Dakota also denounces the Nonpartisan League. Governor Harding of Iowa has done the same.

The Wichita Rotary club, in its report on the Nonpartisan League, after a thoro investigation, said: "The Nonpartisan League is doing its best to get into Kansas. It is endeavoring to elect members of the legislature. Every loyal Kansan should carefully investigate every candidate for the legislature, and find out whether or not he is in league with or in sympathy with the Nonpartisan League, which has been making a desperate attempt to gain a foothold in this state."

The Rotary club report continues:

"The Farmers' union, the largest farmers' organization in Kansas is opposed to the Nonpartisan league. Maurice McAuliffe, president of the union, has thrown the full weight of his influence against the league and its program.

"Substantial farmers' organizations of North Dakota, South Dakota and other states have shown a similar attitude toward the league. In view of these and other important considerations your committee does not believe that the Nonpartisan league should be considered as a farmers' movement, but as a propaganda which goes deeper, and has an insidious and dastardly purpose."

The report in strong language condemns the league leadership as pro-German and finds further that the leaders are of questionable purpose, being connected with the I. W. W., and other dangerous elements.

The executive board of the Saline County Council of Defense submitted to the people of Saline county this information:

As loyal supporters of the national government in the crisis of this world war, we condemn the utterances and official statements of the leaders of the Nonpartisan League, for the reason that their words and actions tend to disrupt the unity of the people, hamper the efforts of the government and lead to a condition of helplessness against the treacherous and despicable German enemy.

Garbage a War Baby.

Chicago, July 3.—Garbage is Chicago's latest war baby. "Don't sell garbage; save it. Let the city make glycerine out of it and thereby kill Germans with your bread crumbs," are instructions from city officials.

ADVANCES FROM A CHICKEN THIEF TO REAL ROBBER

Police Believe They Have Professional Burglar at Last.

George L. Smith Caught With Much Stolen Loot.

ONCE ROBBED A HEN ROOST

Latest Stunt, It Is Said, Includes West Side Houses.

Cache at Cremerie Was Full of Valuable Jewelry.

Following the arrest Tuesday night of George L. Smith, 124 North Monroe street, an employe of the Cremerie restaurant, who, the police say, recently dropped the role of chicken thief for that of professional burglar, it is believed today by George Frost and Ed Ransom, plain clothes men, that the mystery surrounding the robbery in the last few nights of several West side residences has been solved. Smith was arrested at the Cremerie after he had pawned a diamond ring at the Jacobson pawn shop, identified as the one stolen Sunday night from under the pillow of Miss Myrtle Keller, 723 West Tenth street, while the girl was asleep. About $250 worth of jewelry, silks and wearing apparel were found on Smith's person and locked in a room in the basement of the Cremerie where Smith was allowed to keep his belongings, Frost and Ransom assert.

A search was found in Smith's pockets has been identified as the one stolen about two weeks ago from the residence of Fred Cooper, 818 West Eighth street, while the Cooper family was downtown at a theater. Other jewelry and wearing apparel found in Smith's cache and in his pockets included a pair of glasses, a gold wedding ring, a gold bracelet, a gold watch—this one in addition to the one identified by Cooper—several breastpins, a pair of earrings and women's wearing apparel, including silks, valuable white shoes and other articles. Frost and Ransom say most of the articles were stolen.

Once in Reformatory.

Smith has come under the notice of the police and county officials before and his career has been a varied one. He was sent to the Hutchinson reformatory some time ago for robbing a hen roost. About a month ago he was convicted, officials say, in the court of Topeka on a misdemeanor charge for a similar offense.

Recently Smith has been working at the Cremerie and has been in charge of the storeroom, it is asserted. At work he was a trusted employe. After working hours, he "dressed up" and was something of a fashion plate. His wardrobe, investigation showed, is elaborate, including a half dozen pairs of fashionable shoes and as many silk shirts. The robberies which he is alleged to have engineered were daring. At the Keller home the robber pried

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DROP 2,000 ROADS

Government Will Operate Only 200 of Short Lines.

Others All Go Back Into Hands of Original Owners.

Washington, July 3.—More than 2,000 short line railroads, electric feeders and plant facility lines have been relinquished by the railroad administration, according to estimates made today on the basis of orders issued in the last week. There remained in the hands of the railroad administration control of approximately 200 roads classed as short line railroads, but the bulk of such enterprises which were taken over with the general transportation control and which the administration found unessential, are now back in the hands of their former independent management.

FOURTH TO BE FAIR

No Fireworks Allowed, So Why Should It Rain?

Today's Temperatures.

7 o'clock	68	11 o'clock	83
8 o'clock	72	12 o'clock	86
9 o'clock	77	1 o'clock	88
10 o'clock	80	2 o'clock	90

The temperature for the day averages 3 degrees above normal. The wind was blowing twenty-four miles an hour from the south at 3 o'clock this afternoon.

The superstition that it always rains on the Fourth of July is unfounded, says S. D. Flora, meteorologist of the local weather bureau. He declares that his records show this to be untrue, and as if to prove it, predicts fair weather for tomorrow's celebration.

The forecast calls for fair weather

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DUTCH CABINET QUITS

Will Hand Resignations to Queen Wilhelmina Tomorrow.

Rotterdam, July 3.—The Dutch cabinet will place the resignation of its members in the hands of Queen Wilhelmina tomorrow says the Nieuwe Rotterdamsche Courant.

NATIONAL BANK CALL

Statements Will Cover Condition at Close of Business June 29.

Washington, July 3.—The comptroller of the currency today issued a call for the condition of national banks at the close of business on Saturday, June 29.

PRICE OF WHEAT MAY BE RAISED TO $2.50 BUSHEL

House Likely To Agree to Senate Amendment.

Impressed by Overwhelming Vote in Upper Chamber.

DRY LAW ACTION IS DELAYED

Will Probably Go Over Until After Summer Recess.

Congress Probably Will Adjourn About Saturday.

Washington, July 3.—Agreement between the senate and house on the amendment increasing the guaranteed price for wheat to $2.50 appeared likely today after weeks of discussion in conference. It was intimated that house managers would agree to a compromise on the price in view of the overwhelming vote in the senate against lowering the wheat guarantee. It was generally believed that wartime prohibition would go over until after the recess in view of the inability of prohibition leaders in the senate to get the amendment up for consideration yesterday.

May Recess Saturday.

The resolution authorizing the president to take over telegraph and telephone lines, the $12,000,000,000 army appropriation bill, the proposal to increase the government guaranteed price for wheat to $2.50 a bushel and wartime prohibition today stood in the way of the proposed recess of congress this week. Leaders in both the senate and house were not hopeful that this legislation could be disposed of in time to recess Saturday until August 10 while the new revenue bill is being drafted by the house ways and means committee. In the opinion of Speaker Clark, recess plans had "gone glimmering."

Some members, however, had not given up hope today of being able to leave Washington this week.

Still in Deadlock.

Washington, July 3.—Another effort to have the senate recede from its proposal to increase the government minimum wheat price to $2.50 failed today, leaving in deadlock the agricultural appropriation bill to which the legislation is attached.

TILLMAN IS DEAD

Senator Was Popularly Known as "Pitchfork" Tillman.

Death Came as Result of Cerebral Hemorrhage.

Washington, July 3.—Senator Ben R. Tillman, South Carolina (Pitchfork Ben) died at 4:20 o'clock this morning.

The senator had been ill for some days as a result of paralysis attacks

Ben R. Tillman.

and all hope for his recovery was abandoned Sunday. Members of his family were with him at the end.

"Died in Action."

The death of the senator from South Carolina marks the passing of one of the most unique and interesting members who ever sat in the upper branch of congress. He represented his state there for 24 years, and as he hoped, "died in action."

The sobriquet of "Pitchfork Ben" was given him because of a habit he had of pitching into opponents when a good fight was on. From early life he was active in politics, always supporting the cause of the farmers.

Chairman of Naval Committee.

As chairman of the senate naval committee he had been instrumental with Senator Swanson of Virginia, in putting thru the great naval legisla-

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EARTHQUAKE SOMEWHERE

Severe Shock Recorded by Seismographs at Washington, D. C.

Washington, July 3.—An earthquake of considerable severity this morning beginning at 3:11 a. m. and continuing until 5:20 a. m., was recorded on the seismographs of Georgetown university observatory. Its center was estimated at about 3,000 miles from Washington.

American in Hospital Greeted.

London, July 3.—A message of personal greeting from President Wilson will be delivered tomorrow by the American Red Cross to every American soldier and sailor in hospitals in Great Britain.

ITALIANS STRIKE A NEW BLOW ON THE LOWER PIAVE

Advance Over a Front of About Eight Miles.

Go In to Depth of More Than Half a Mile.

ALLIES HARASS THE GERMANS

Counter Attacks Against French and Yanks Break Down.

Austrian Generals Removed Because of Defeat Last Month.

Rome, July 3.—Italian forces along the lower Piave delivered a number of hard strokes at the Austrian defenses yesterday, fighting their way forward against desperate enemy resistance, the war office announced today. The advance was over the difficult terrain near the river's mouth which is partly flooded.

Advanced on 8 Mile Front.

London, July 3.—The Italians have undertaken a new offensive on the lower Piave, it was learned from an authoritative source today.

Between the old and new Piave, they advanced from 2,000 to 3,500 yards on an eight mile front, it was stated.

Austrians Admit Some Loss.

Vienna, via London, July 3.—"After fighting all day at the mouth of the Piave, the enemy was unable to succeed, except slightly near Chiesa-Nuova," the war office announced today.

(By the Associated Press.)

Last night on the French front was marked by another of the sharp, incisive operations by which the allies are from day to day improving their positions in anticipation of the renewal of the German offensive.

French Go in Half Mile.

General Petain's troops on this occasion drove in on a two-mile front near Moulin Sous Toutvent, between the Oise and the Aisne, and penetrated the German lines to a depth of approximately half a mile. They took 220 prisoners in their advance.

British Driven Back.

The British front, on the other hand, witnessed a minor reverse for Field Marshal Haig's gallant fighters, who were obliged to relinquish a large part of the ground they had gained Sunday night in a local operation near Bouzincourt north of Albert.

Huns Have Been Trying Since Sunday.

The Germans began on Monday desperate efforts to recapture the valuable high ground here from which they had been forced, but were then only able to gain a footing in their old line. Last night they renewed the effort with a furious bombardment and then delivered an attack which gave them back the greater portion of their lost positions.

French and Americans Hold.

The French success in the Moulin Sous Toutvent operation was achieved almost at the base of the German salient which projects to the Marne, along the front to the west of Soissons and on thru the American sector

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WILL NOT STRIKE

Santa Fe Employes Show Fairness in Wage Plea.

Will Take Up Complaints With McAdoo Instead.

Santa Fe shop employes who are members of the newly organized labor unions held a meeting at the city auditorium Tuesday night and declared themselves dissatisfied with their wages and working conditions. They appointed a committee to wait upon W. G. McAdoo, director general, and demand a betterment of the "conditions" and higher wages.

Officials of the road, as they have done since organization of employes began, maintain silence on the actions of the unions. They declare that the matter of wage adjustments are now entirely out of their control and the controversy lies between the men and the government directors.

The majority of the employes have received increases in salaries in the last two years and the general wage scale, officials say, paid in the Santa Fe shops here is the highest it has ever been. The union men claim these wages are not adequate and for a most part dissatisfaction is expressed toward the increase granted by the federal wage commission recently.

When the men were organized, they were promised a higher wage scale by the labor organizers. It came to official ears at that time that the common laborers were promised a scale of from about $3.50 to $4 a day if they would affiliate with the Federation of Labor. Skilled labor, it was said, was promised a corresponding increase. Altho they refuse to make any individual statements whatever, for publication, officials of the road here express considerable satisfaction at the fact that the men who are dissatisfied are using the diplomacy to take the matter up with McAdoo thru a committee and not try to force their demands with a strike. Labor leaders promise that the men will not strike.

The shops are under government control and are performing government work.

27,000,000 Cartridges in Day.

Washington, July 3.—A high record for daily production of rifle and pistol ammunition was set on June 27 when approximately 27,000,000 cartridges of every description were turned out in plants working for the United States, exclusive of commercial production or work for other governments.