

MAJ. E. P. LAWTON, EX-ARMY OFFICER, IS DEAD IN PARIS

**NATIVE OF SAVANNAH,
HAD SEEN SERVICE IN
SEVERAL WARS**

A cable was received in Savannah this morning telling of the death of Maj. Edward Percival Lawton at the American Hospital in Paris.

He sailed from Savannah a few weeks ago, going direct to Germany. He had been in bad health for some time, but the news of his death was a great shock to his family and friends. He really expected to take the cure in Germany, but probably warned by increasing illness after his arrival in Europe, he proceeded to Paris. Major Lawton resided in Porto Rico and in Savannah. He has a fine farm in the islands.

Native of Savannah.

Edward Percival Lawton was born in Savannah February 2, 1863. He was the only son of the late Dr. William S. and Mrs. Elizabeth Jones Lawton. He was educated at private schools, and entering West Point he was graduated from the United States Military Academy in 1885. He entered the military service as second lieutenant in the Thirteenth Infantry. He became first lieutenant in 1892 and captain in 1899. He retired from the army as major of infantry in 1908 on account of ill health contracted in a campaign against the Indians in the Far West.

War With Spain.

Major Lawton served in the Spanish American War, having been actively engaged in the Porto Rico campaign. In the Philippine insurrection he commanded a column at the Battle of Bud Dajo, which resulted in the destruction of the last Moro stronghold.

To Switzerland.

Major Lawton was appointed military attache to Switzerland in 1914, serving during the first year of the World War. He was active in relief work, and had charge of transporting Americans, who at that time had crowded into Switzerland, to France and England, where they took ship for home. Major Lawton was prominent in military and social circles in Berne.

His Family.

He married Mary Leslie Basinger, daughter of Major W. S. Basinger of Savannah. He is survived by his wife, two sons, Edward P. Jr., and American vice-consul at Cairo, and William, American vice-consul at Santo Domingo; four daughters, Mrs. William Gartard, Jr. of Savannah, Mrs. William Howard Read of Charleston, Miss Emily L. and Genevieve Lawton. His two surviving sisters are Mrs. William Gartard and Mrs. A. C. Read of this city.

Mr. Lawton was an active man who had given his best years to the service of his country. He was devoted to his military duties and did not shirk exacting physical service. In Switzerland he would take long walks to meet Americans who were held up in different parts of the country, striving to allay their anxiety during the World War.

Dies In Paris Hospital



MAJ. EDWARD P. LAWTON, U. S. A., RETIRED

SAYS RADIO PLANT COMMUNITY ASSET

**BORTON, PRESIDENT OF
WQAM AT MIAMI, IS
VISITOR**

The value of a broadcasting station to any community from a standpoint of advertising is stressed by F. W. Borton, president of the Miami Broadcasting Co., who today conferred with Chamber of Commerce officials with the view to having Savannah join with Miami, Gainesville and St. Petersburg in a movement to have the four stations taken into the Columbia Broadcasting System.

HEFLIN PROMISES AID MRS. OLSEN

**EFFORT BE MADE HAVE
DEPORTED HUSBAND AD-
MITTED TO COUNTRY**

Mrs. E. G. Olsen of 18 Price street, whose husband was deported to Prosgrund, Norway, and according to the present immigration laws will never be able to return to the shores of the United States, has received a letter from her husband.

Received Cable.

In the letter Mr. Olsen acknowledges receipt of the cablegram advising him not to return to the United States further notice. Mrs. Olsen expressed her appreciation.

RAILROAD VALUATION HAVE LITTLE BEARING UPON RAIL. RATES

**T. MAYHEW CUNNINGHAM
OF CENTRAL DISSENTS
YESTERDAY'S FINANCIAL**

There was much interest in the railroad and shipping circles here yesterday in the report of the Press of the finding of the court of the United States in the rate case of the St. Louis and O'Fallon railroad. In this case the methods used by the Commerce Commission in valuing the St. Louis and O'Fallon railroad, 9 miles in length, were upheld by the court and the decision of the lower court reversed.

Decision reviewed.

The decision which has been rendered by the court has caused much comment among railroad circles in Savannah, was discussed yesterday by T. Mayhew Cunningham, vice president and general manager of the Central of Georgia. He said the decision would have very little bearing upon the rates.

"The government will have to go back and recompute the rates. In reproduction, this will be a heavy expense to the government and will have no effect upon the rates of a theoretical value," Cunningham declared.

"Rates are fixed upon the condition of the traffic will bear and the carrier, he declared.

Not Present Figure

Mr. Cunningham stated that the case was of interest to all railroad men because the commission was placed upon the valuation of railroads upon a basis of ten and eleven years and not upon present value. Everything is taken into consideration in valuation, from the bolt to the largest item of equipment.

The earning power, the fixed by the commission, a railroad earns above the given by the commission, 10 per cent. of the earnings a stated figure goes to the man, and 50 per cent. to the railroads.

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In speaking of the interest of the commission, Mr. Cunningham said that the most important thing is to get the rates fixed.