

STREET CAR FARE BOOST COMES UP TO-MORROW

Public Hearing on Ordinances Increasing Cost of Ride to 5 Cents.

WOULD ELIMINATE ALL TICKETS

Strong Opposition to Increase, Especially to Cutting Out School and Labor Tickets—Committee Is Expected to Reject Ordinances.

Persons opposing or favoring the proposed plan to substitute a straight 5-cent car fare in lieu of six-for-a-quarter tickets, abolition of school and labor tickets as well as universal transfers will have an opportunity to express their views a special hearing before the Council Committee on Finance at 5 o'clock to-morrow night.

Chairman Grundy, patron of the measure, declares that he introduced the purely revenue measure of the power company a chance to earn a reasonable profit and at the same time add to the city's revenue.

COMMITTEE EXPECTED TO REJECT ORDINANCES

Thomas S. Wheelwright, president, and Fritz Sitterling, vice-president, have been invited to attend to-morrow night's meeting. While these officials of the power company will undoubtedly be present or represented, it is certain that there will also be a large number of citizens on hand who will argue against the proposed change.

CONFERENCES AT MONTREAT

Several Richmonders on Program of Summer Gathering of Presbyterians.

Beginning to-day, a conference on Christian life and doctrine, will be the outstanding feature of the program at Montreat, N. C., where hundreds of members of the Southern Presbyterian Church are assembled for their summer conferences.

WEATHER DATA FOR MAY

Government Publication Says Average Temperature Was Far Below Normal.

The Virginia section of climatological data issued by the United States Department of Agriculture shows that unusual conditions prevailed during the month of May. The temperatures of the cool weather averaged 10 per cent below normal, and light frosts occurred in practically all sections of the State, causing the retardation and growth of crops to remain almost at a standstill.

REX ON VACATION

Charles W. Rex, manager of the Lyric, left yesterday for a week's vacation where he will spend a week. From the seaside resort Mr. Rex will go to New York, looking after the theatrical interests with which he is associated, and will return to Richmond about August 1. Mrs. Rex left Saturday morning for a visit at her old home in Hazelton, Pa., and will join Mr. Rex in New York next week to accompany him on a tour of points of interest in the North and East.

CHARGED WITH FALLING TO REGISTER

William King and Eugene Miles, colored, twenty-two and twenty-four years old, respectively, were arrested yesterday by Second District officers for failing to register on June 5 for military service. They were taken last night at the station house, and will be delivered to Federal authorities this morning.

Many Trees Lost in Violent Storm

Gale of Saturday Night Does Great Damage According to Police Reports.

Trees suffered severely in Richmond during the storm Saturday afternoon and night, when for a few minutes the wind that swept across the city reached the velocity of a gale, and city nurserymen will face much work this fall when the season is proper for re-planting. In every section of the city, according to yesterday's police reports, trees were blown down, limbs were torn from the bodies of the trees and telephone and electric poles were razed. Lightning also interrupted telephone and electric light service for a short time, but "trouble men" quickly made the necessary repairs.

Electric poles on the Hermitage Road, from Broad Street to the Fair Grounds, went down during the first moments of the storm, and the splinterings from the live wires made weird flashes of blue and yellow light in the blackness of the night. Guards were immediately placed around the danger zone, and the wires were restrung yesterday. Three poles on Laburnum Avenue, near the Hermitage Road, also were blown down, and a live wire fell in Cherry Street.

At the corner of Mulberry and Broad Streets a large oak tree was razed by the gale, while another freak play was the destruction of Police Patrol Box No. 71, recently removed to the Hermitage Road and the Fair Grounds.

Police reports showed last night that trees had been blown down as follows: On Belviders, between Main and Franklin; Henry and Grace, St. John and Baker, Hanover Avenue and Rowland Street, Main and Marshall, Broad Street, between Mulberry and the Boulevard; Fifth and Leigh, 2300 West Cary, Addison and Franklin, 200 and 500 blocks East Franklin, Mulberry and Bronco, Hanover Avenue and Sheppard Street, First, between Clay and Leigh; Lombardy and Franklin, 600 block West Marshall, 2000 block Grove, Fourth and Cary; Third and Leigh, two on east side, between Ash and Nicholson; Twenty-seventh and Marshall in bad condition; Eighth Street, between Marshall and Clay; 700 block North Twenty-fifth, between Marshall and Nicholson; and Eighteenth, Grace, between Eighteenth and Nineteenth, and at the corner of Twenty-seventh and P. Streets.

VIRGINIA GUARDSMEN ARE GOING TO ANNISTON

Permanent Training Ground Eight Miles Long Has Been Acquired By Government.

In being ordered to Anniston for intensive war training, the Virginia National Guard is fortunate, according to reports, in that the new training ground, located in Alabama, is an ideal one, and will be ready for occupancy on August 10, according to the War Department. It has been officially designated as Camp McClellan.

Conditions at Anniston are described as fine. The guardsmen will not suffer from oppressive heat in the day, as the weather here is moderate. The camp is located on a plateau 900 feet above sea level and between two mountain ranges. Anniston is famed in Alabama as the mountain capital, and thousands spend their summers there.

The Anniston water supply comes from a huge spring in the hills, which is capable of supplying 300,000 persons. There are also four large springs on the camp site. Health conditions in the city and surrounding country are said to be of the best.

The Anniston camp already has a notable record in its history. It has been the site of military training since 1862, and after the Spanish-American War troops from Arkansas, Tennessee, Wisconsin and Alabama were encamped at Anniston. Some of the soldiers who served in Cuba and came there in a run-down condition. They showed marked improvement in health and practically every man left Anniston a well man.

The Virginia troops are going to one of the four or five permanent military training camps in the United States. Last spring the War Department bought the site where the guardsmen will have a permanent camp for the Southern troops. The health record, the climate and the water of that section are responsible for its selection.

The camp site contains 15,000 acres. It is eight miles long. On one side it is flanked by a magnificent state road, as smooth as asphalt streets, which runs from Mobile to Rome, Ga. On the other it is flanked by the mountains. The mountain forms the background for the artillery range, which the army officers have declared to be the best in the world. The camp is established there a range for training machine gunners, and this has been praised as the best of its kind in the country.

There will be plenty of amusement around Anniston for the Virginia boys when they have a day or night off. At Oxford, 30 minutes ride by trolley, is a lake, which is a noted summer resort. The Virginians will find a charming community at Anniston. It is a new city of about 25,000 people, was founded during the boom days of the early nineties, and is one of the few Southern boom towns that has continued to thrive. The people are hospitable and will extend the typical Southern welcome to the soldier boys. Anniston also has the reputation of being one of the cleanest cities in Alabama. Whisky has not been sold there since 1848. The morals of the city are high, and there will be no need of picking orderly places. The construction plans call for 135 kitchens, 135 messhouses, eighteen bathhouses, warehouses and streets and roads. The men will be housed under tents instead of wooden barracks, like those being constructed at Petersburg for the selective draft army.

Fresh-Air Camp Needs Funds

The directors of the Colored Children's Fair and Fresh-Air Camp are making a supreme effort to continue the work of the camp until October 1, the end of the season. The camp is at present so overcrowded that unless as much as \$300 can be raised by August 1, the camp must be discontinued. The camp must be discontinued now being given a temporary home in this camp. Groceries, dishes, cuts and funds, however small, will be gratefully received by the director, Dr. Anna H. Cooper, at the Fulton Settlement, Home, where there is an especial need of tents, since several were lost in the fire.

DR. HOWARD W. BASSETT DIES AT SANATORIUM

Well-Known Physician and Surgeon Passes Away After Brief Illness.

IS STRICKEN WITH APOPLEXY

Funeral Will Be Held Privately From the Home This Afternoon, and Interment Will Be Made in Sacramento, Cal.

Dr. Howard W. Bassett, fifty-five years old, 108 West Grace Street, died yesterday morning at 4:50 o'clock at the Tucker Sanatorium. Dr. Bassett, who had been ill for the last nine weeks, was undergoing treatment when he was stricken with apoplexy on Saturday morning.

The death of Dr. Bassett removes one of the best-known surgeons and practicing physicians in Richmond. Although a native son of this city, Dr. Bassett had resided in California for the last eighteen years. The funeral services will be held privately from the home this afternoon. Interment will be in Sacramento, Cal.

Dr. Bassett was a graduate of Hahnemann Medical College of Chicago, where he finished his course in 1886. After serving as an interne at the Cook County Hospital, Chicago, Dr. Bassett started to practice in that city. In 1892 he moved to Richmond, and in 1893 he graduated from the College of Virginia, where he took a post-graduate course.

Essentially an outdoor man, Dr. Bassett took a great interest in automobiles, and was instrumental in the national automobile organizations in Virginia, and was an advocate of good roads and movements of a similar nature. Besides his affiliation with automobile organizations, Dr. Bassett was a member of the Royal Arcanum.

Dr. Bassett was survived by his widow, who was Miss Effie Thornton, of Chicago. He also leaves one daughter, Miss Virginia Bassett.

VIRGINIA MILITARY INSTITUTE DESIGNATED

Named by War Department as Junior Training Camp for Preparing Officers.

Information that the Virginia Military Institute had been designated by the War Department as a junior training camp was received yesterday by the War Department. The title of the Department of the War. This honor was given on account of the excellent service already voluntarily done by the institution in the training of men prior to the opening of the training camp.

Colonel Peter N. Traub, assistant to the adjutant, wrote to General Sale in regard to the establishment of the junior training camp, which is for the purpose of instructing men from eight to twenty-one years of age and preparing them for officers in the army. His letter was a highly complimentary one. Its full text follows:

"I am directed by the commanding general to say that the Virginia Military Institute, established on July 3, 1917, your justly celebrated institution of learning a camp of intensive military training in conjunction with your regular quarters, to establish a junior training camp for the members of the senior classes as instructors. That 139 members were enrolled in said camp at the moderate cost of \$100 for the three months.

"That from April 8, 1917, until June 5, 1917, the 400 students at Washington and Lee University, a neighboring institution, were given military instruction by the members of the senior class, a member of your faculty being detailed as instructor. It is noted that there being no charge absolutely to the Virginia Military Institute authorities for this instruction.

"3. It still further appears that under date of June 20, 1917, you established a camp of intensive military training, which it is proposed to conduct until August 20, 1917, your enrollment to the present date being thirty-eight members, necessitating special provision for subsisting and quartering of the members of the senior session of your institution having ended on June 15.

"4. Finally you have just applied for and have received authority from these quarters to establish a junior training camp under conditions laid down by the War Department.

"5. This record of your efforts in the interests of patriotic service you may well be proud of, and shows that the Virginia Military Institute, true to its reputation, is alive to the needs of the times, and is making every use possible of its facilities to further the cause of intensive military training. The commanding general desires to say that he heartily endorses your patriotic work, and he feels assured that all the young men who have had the opportunities thus offered by the Virginia Military Institute will be the great gainers, thereby, not only in their military training, but also in their general education. It is his wish for your continued success."

CAMPAIGN FOR PREVENTION OF SICKNESS IN SOUTH

Public Health Branch of Woman's Committee Council of National Defense Resumes Its Work.

"Preparedness for the South" in all medical and public health work is the advice urged in a letter to the chairman of the public health committee of the woman's committee, Council National Defense, auxiliary to the State Council of Defense, from Dr. W. H. Walsh, secretary American Hospital Association, who, in a letter relative to the movement on foot to establish a State Orthopedic Hospital, agitated by the Virginia Antituberculosis Association, says:

"Personally, I would be inclined to urge the inauguration of the project contemplated at the earliest moment, if for no other reason than that such a hospital would be of inestimable value to the government in the work of restoring wounded soldiers to usefulness. If the war continues for the next two years, there will be an immense number of cases thrown upon civilian hospitals, and now is the time to prepare to meet an emergency.

"I doubt the wisdom of delaying any activity at this time that contemplates the care of the sick and the wounded, and I honestly believe that your campaign should have as its slogan, 'Preparedness.'"

"The public health committee woman's committee, State Council of Defense, is now at work on a plan to co-operate with the State Board of Health in the prevention of sickness."

BRIQUETTING PLANT IS DAMAGED BY FIRE

Sharp Blaze on Boulevard, North of Broad Street, Lights Up City.

LONG DISTANCE TO WATER

Firemen Have to Send Back for More Hose to Make Connection With Infrequently Placed Water Plugs in Vicinity.

Fire of undetermined origin badly damaged the plant of the Southern Briquetted Coal Company, manufacturers of a heating composition, on the Boulevard, a short distance north of Broad Street, early yesterday morning, and caused damage conservatively placed at between \$10,000 and \$15,000. The loss is covered by insurance. It was stated yesterday afternoon, when several streams of water were still being thrown on the smoldering timbers by half dozen firemen, more than twelve hours after the blaze had been discovered.

Firemen said the blaze was the hottest they had come in contact with for the past six months, and at times they were forced to cover the hose with sheet metal to prevent it from catching fire. Because of the length of the hose, the fire was unusually stubborn, and firemen were many hours in finally extinguishing it. Investigation failed to disclose the cause of the blaze, but two probable reasons were advanced by firemen: a spark from a railroad locomotive or lightning.

LONG LINE OF HOSE

TO REACH FIRE PLUGS

The fire was discovered shortly before 3:30 o'clock yesterday morning, and firemen quickly responded to the still alarm sent in over the telephone. When they arrived, however, they found the building to be in a light box at the Richmond, Fredericksburg and Potomac Railroad bridge. Assistant Chief Wray arrived a few minutes later and quickly ordered the firemen to use two additional engines to cut a way through the nearest water plug—and there was only one in the immediate vicinity—was some distance away, making it necessary to send back to Engine Houses Nos. 10 and 12 for many sections of hose.

The roof was burned from the building housing the machinery for the briquetting plant. The machinery, a frame structure was practically destroyed, and the roof was burned from the one-story brick office building. Firemen, however, succeeded in saving the engine room which caught fire in several places at different points. They were hampered in their work further by the danger from electric wires, and the men were slightly shocked before the fire was out.

Trainmen removed an empty oil tank car from the siding adjoining the plant shortly after midnight, and a locomotive might have started a fire. The belief was also expressed that lightning might have struck the building early in the night, but the watchman said he had not noticed it. The burning oil, tar and briquetted coal, the sky for some distance around, and, despite the lateness of the hour, the fire attracted many spectators.

ENLARGED ARMY PLANS

INCREASE Y. M. C. A. BURDEN

Must Spend Much Money at Cantonments and for Work With American Troops in Europe.

Efforts are now being made by the State executive committee of the Young Men's Christian Association to raise additional funds for the Y. M. C. A. cantonments to be established in various sections of the country. General Chairman John T. Wilson said yesterday that committees were still working to raise the fund, and he expected that with the cooperation of the citizens of Richmond this city would be allowed to fall behind the goal set for it in the army work.

F. S. Brockman, of the war council, has just written Mr. Wilson, in part, as follows:

"Evidently there has been an entire misunderstanding as to the way in which the \$3,000,000 fund was arrived at and also as to the suggestion that each section of the country should contribute \$2,000,000 fund was a rough estimate made in March, based upon experience in our work on the Mexican border. It was before mobilization had taken place, and before the plans of the government had been determined. It was based upon the assumption that the force would be sent to France for more than a year. It was also based upon prices that prevailed before war was declared."

"After the declaration of war, as you will recall, prices jumped immediately, particularly for building materials. The buildings which we had erected on the border for less than \$2,000 we find now are costing us \$5,000.

"The cost has increased enormously in price, and the same is true of practically all supplies and to freight rates. This made it necessary to increase our expense in America from 25 per cent. Moreover, another factor in the situation which we had not contemplated, namely, the supplying of the needs of the expeditionary force abroad.

"As you will remember, the French commission influenced the government to change its entire policy. We shall now be appropriate for the use of our soldiers in Great Britain not less than \$250,000 before January 1, and for the men in France not less than \$1,000,000 on \$1,250,000. No one knows what the plans that the government are. It is National Guard, and that we shall need of \$2,000,000 to \$2,500,000. Building is from three to five times as expensive in France as it is in this country. We have just had to appropriate 600,000 francs for six buildings in France. I go into these details so that you may see that it has been simply impossible for us to keep to the \$3,000,000 which was the first estimate."

PROSPERITY BULLETIN

No. 25

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PRIVATE GUARDS TO TAKE PLACES OF SOLDIERS

Munition Plants Will Do Their Own Policing When National Guard Goes to Camp.

RESERVES TO BE TRAINED HERE

Camp at Sherwood Park, Adjoining Fair Grounds, Will Accommodate Recruiting Details and Men Being Given Preliminary Training.

Arrangements are now being made for the substitution of private guards on railroad and manufacturing property in this State now operating under the watchful eye of the National Guard. All Virginia units now doing police protection duty will be withdrawn in ten days to prepare to move to the concentration camp in Alabama for intensive training for actual war service.

All private property now being guarded by militiamen will be protected by employees of the concerns operating the various plants. Railroad detail to patrol now on duty points. Municipal utilities will come under the supervision of the police departments of the cities in which they are located.

Units are now being prepared by Adjutant-General W. W. Scales for the mobilization of the Virginia organizations not in the Federal service. These commands will be instructed to assemble at their home stations on Wednesday of next week. They will spend fifteen days in recruiting up to war strength and in making preliminary for the transfer of their property from State to government control, and will then move to the designated camp.

Virginia units will train at Anniston, Ala., under the direct supervision of Major-General Leonard Wood, commander of the Department of the Southeast. The Old Dominion organizations form a part of the Eighth Division of the National Guard, being connected with New Jersey, Maryland, West Virginia and the District of Columbia.

WAR STRENGTH OF ALL UNITS IS 8,010 MEN

The organizations to enter the Federal service next week include the First infantry, signal corps, field hospital, ambulance company, and two or three new companies of coast artillery.

The Second and Fourth Infantry, four batteries of field artillery, one squadron of cavalry and several companies of coast artillery are now on duty. The war strength of all units, in or out of the Federal service is 8,010 men and officers.

The withdrawal of the troops, State and municipal police authorities will co-operate to protect food and storage establishments. Local home guard companies may receive a taste of active duty in preventing any food or grain from being damaged by fire bugs, cranks or enemies. The war strength will be taken on all hands to prevent any destruction of property of interference with necessary industries.

While the calling of the National Guard into the Federal service, all enlisted members of the reserve will be ordered to report for duty. As these men, numbering several hundred, have directed to report to the nearest organization to their home. When assigned to duty the reserves, as far as possible, will be placed with organizations from which they were furnished with their experience of their three years of active service.

IN THIS STATE IS NOT LARGE

The National Guard reserve of the State of Virginia is not large, being composed almost entirely of men who had finished their three-year enlistment since taking the Federal or dual oath last summer. Many of those whose enlistments expired rejoined the reserve while scores of men furloughed to the reserve were given discharges on the ground of dependent relatives.

Just when the organization of reserve units to supply men for the units in active service will not be settled. It is planned to camp the reserve organizations at Sherwood Park. One battalion for each of the coast artillery regiments and one for the artillery will be formed. The artillery and lesser units will be kept a small reserve organization to keep their ranks continually supplied with trained men. It is estimated that a reserve of 2,000 men will be maintained in Virginia continuously.

Virginia will finish the renumbering of its 182,000 registration cards early this week, and as all exemption papers have been qualified, the State will be ready for these duties which will probably be held next week. The State will furnish 13,750 men for the new national army, in addition to the 5,000 men already in service.

FINDS WAGON LOADED WITH AMMUNITION

Sheriff Snyder, of Henrico County, Is Investigating Suspicious Reports from Lakeside.

Sheriff Webb W. Snyder, Henrico County, hurried to Lakeside early this morning to conduct an investigation into the finding of a wagon on the road from Lakeside to Richmond, said to be loaded with ammunition. The wagon broke down, and was discovered by citizens shortly after midnight, when the men accompanying the wagon were unable to attempt repairs.

Rumors of a serious nature were current in the city pending investigation. The men were unable to give plausible reasons for having a wagonload of explosives, and Sheriff Snyder was immediately notified of the discovery. He started an immediate investigation, calling several special county officers to assist him in the work. No information as to what was found was available from the police until this morning, and it was said that probably nothing would be given out for several hours, pending the completion of the inquiry.

It is probable that the Federal authorities will be asked to assist in the investigation. After having been under surveillance throughout the afternoon and until nearly midnight, an unidentified white man, apparently about thirty years of age, was arrested shortly before midnight last night by the military authorities on Dock Street, just beneath and in the vicinity of the Chesapeake and Ohio Railway Viaduct, which provides a direct railroad connection between the West and the East. The man, who claims that he lives on Twelfth Street, declined to give his name, the name of the family with whom he claims he lives, and would not discuss his actions in any way. During the afternoon he was seen to be handling under his arms, but made way with these before his arrest. He was held in the Henrico County Jail last night for further inquiry to-day.

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MILLER & RHOADS.

CIVIC ASSOCIATION MEETS ON THURSDAY

Address to Be Made By C. J. Driscoll, Specialist on Administration of Police and Fire Departments.

Aside from the election of officers, the annual meeting of the Civic Association, to be held Thursday night at the Jefferson Hotel, will take on additional interest this year because this body of prominent citizens is putting up \$10,000 for the municipal survey now being made in Richmond by a report of the New York Bureau of Municipal Research.

While the course of the Civic Association cannot be mapped out until a report of the operation has been made, it is expected, submitted by the Committee on Resolutions and Policy. Mr. Driscoll served as a deputy police commissioner of New York City under the administration of Mayor Gaynor, and he has studied and rendered comprehensive reports on the police and fire departments of some of the largest cities of the United States and Canada.

Report was made to the police of the Second District yesterday that the vacant store at 618 Randolph Street had been entered by breaking open a rear window, and a suit of clothes stolen. The complaint was filed by R. Shaughnessy, of 2107 Floyd Avenue.

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Mabel Tallafiero, in "PEGGY, THE WILL O' THE WISP." ALSO A KEYSTONE COMEDY.

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