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SAFELY WITHDRAWN FROM THE VILNA SALIENT

Bulk of the Russian Army is Yet Able to Wage Battle

PEOPLE OF MOSCOW AND OTHER CITIES PETITION EMPEROR TO RECALL THE DUMA TO PETROGRAD

(Associated Press)

London, Sept. 22.—Petrograd specialists agree the Russians have withdrawn safely from the Vilna salient, the strategic value of which was so great the Russian staff felt justified in risking some of the best troops to hold it to the last moment.

but they did not see where they could do anything about it at this time. The following communication was read from the mayor.

The Mayor's Communication Ocala, Fla., Sept. 21, 1915. Hon. J. M. Meffert, President, and Members of the City Council, Ocala, Florida.

Gentlemen: Referring to sewer contract between the city of Ocala and Bryan and Company of Jacksonville, dated Sept. 15th, 1915, and executed on behalf of the city by your honorable body, wherein the said city of Ocala becomes liable to the said Bryan and Company for \$66,740.35 for the installation of sewer system in accordance with plans and specifications agreed upon, has this day been submitted to me for my signature as mayor of Ocala, and is returned to you herewith without my signature for the following reasons:

First. Because the surety bond executed and delivered to the city of Ocala by Bryan and Company with Fidelity and Deposit Company of Maryland as surety, dated Sept. 16th, 1915, in the sum of \$17,000 has left blank the name of the city official to whom the bond is payable, and I therefore think it advisable that this bond should specify to whom the \$17,000 should be paid in case of default in any of the terms thereof.

Second. Because the records in the office of the treasurer show, and I am informed by Mr. W. W. Clyatt, city treasurer, that the funds derived from the sale of the sewer bonds have not been turned over to the city treasurer, so as to be subject to his check or voucher, nor am I advised when said funds will be turned over to the treasurer. Therefore there is at the present time no available funds from which to pay for any work under this contract, and I do not wish to subject the city to a liability of \$66,740.35 without available funds.

It is possible for the city to become involved in legal entanglements with the bond purchasers at any time until the money is in the hands of the city, and I think the city should not subject itself to so large a liability until all matters pertaining to the delivery of the sewer bonds and the receipt of the money therefor have been fully consummated; and I can not with any degree of prudence, sign and deliver the attached contract until these funds have been placed to the credit of the city treasurer, made subject to the check or voucher of the city, when in due form, and the depository in which same has been placed has delivered to the city a good and sufficient bond for the same.

Respectfully submitted, J. D. Robertson, Mayor.

Messrs. Carmichael & Son presented the following offer of a water works site, etc., to the council, which was filed for information:

Mr. Carmichael's Letter Ocala, Fla., Sept. 21, 1915. To the Honorable City Council, Ocala, Florida.

Gentlemen: We will deed the city all the property necessary for water works, electric light plant, municipal docks and park if you can consistently place them at Silver Springs.

Before deciding on this location we feel it would only be prudent to have the water thoroughly analyzed and tested. If found good, healthy water we feel it would be an asset to Ocala never to be dreamed of.

Yours very truly, Carmichael & Son, By C. (Ed.) Carmichael.

has been published in the local papers. The proposition was filed for information. The report of the bond trustees was read and adopted, but later on in the session, under the head of bills, the matter of Mr. Hampton's bill for \$150 for legal services for the board was read and as it was a part of the expense of the board and should have been taken out of the proceeds of the sale of the bonds, the action was rescinded and the report referred back to the board, with a request that the board settle this bill, at which time its report would be in shape for acceptance.

Report of the Bond Trustees Ocala, Fla., Sept. 21, 1915. City Council, City of Ocala, Fla.

Gentlemen: We beg to advise that we have received returns from the sale of the \$1000,000 sewer bonds and beg to hand you herewith our report as follows:

Table with 2 columns: Description and Amount. Includes items like Sale of \$100,000 sewer bonds, Interest July 1st to Aug. 23rd, Amount paid Hoehler, Cummings & Prudden for attorney's fees, etc., as per agreement, Paid clerk circuit court for validating certificates, Postage on bonds to Toledo, Ohio, Insurance on bonds to Toledo, Ohio, Exchange transferring funds, Amount turned over to city treasurer for which we hold his receipt.

We have turned over to the city treasurer net proceeds together with indemnity bond of 50 per cent given by the Commercial Bank of Ocala for the safe-guarding of these funds.

We also beg to advise that items of expense as shown by the statement above are all necessary expenses for the safe-guarding of these bonds while in transit and collection and transferring of funds.

Trusting this will meet with your approval. Yours very truly, R. S. Hall, E. J. Crook, Bd. of Bond Trustees, City of Ocala

A communication was read from Mr. J. C. Caldwell, superintendent of the electric light plant, wherein he stated that for lack of certain appliances the plant was now badly overloaded and could not possibly take on any more lighting on the street department circuit. The cost, he said, of the new appliance to remedy the shortage would be about \$700 but the city could get adequate second-hand substitutes for from \$200 to \$300. Pending the rebuilding of the plant, the matter was referred to the light and water committee to see what the appliance could be had for and report to the council.

A communication was read from the engineers, Messrs. Twombly & Henney, also another from Messrs. Bryan & Co.

A petition of property owners for a light on Herbert street was referred to the light and water committee. Contractor P. D. O'Dell asked for permit to make an addition of several rooms to the property owned by Mr. Smith on North Main street, next to Col. Nash. Same was referred to the building committee.

The Ocala Bicycle Shop asked for a reduction on its taxes as its stock was only half what it had been. It was informed that the council had no authority in the matter as the time had passed for these complaints.

Heart touching communications were read from the Eureka Fire Hose

FIERCE FIRING ALONG THE WESTERN FRONT

ALLIED ARTILLERY MAKES PARTS OF THE GERMAN LINES UNTENABLE

(Associated Press)

Paris, Sept. 22.—The allies for days at a time are dropping artillery projectiles on every fifty yards square of the German lines along the western front. Heavy caliber guns are sending storms of shells upon the encampments of the first reserves. Official reports from observers say that photographs taken by aviators show parts of the opposing lines rendered untenable.

ATTACKS BY INFANTRY London, Sept. 22.—Infantry attacks have relieved the protracted artillery duels on the western front.

BOARD OF TRADE

Arrangements for Entertaining Confederate Veterans to be Discussed Thursday Evening

Representatives from the United Confederate Veterans, Sons of Veterans and Daughters are earnestly requested to meet with the Board of Trade Thursday, Sept. 23rd, at 8 p. m. to arrange for handling the reunion on Oct. 27-28-29. This is important and may be the last time Ocala will have the privilege of entertaining the veterans, so let us make this occasion the best one.

J. D. Rooney, Secretary, Marion County Board of Trade.

Co. for payment of its bill of \$500 with a year's interest, the Florida Metal Products Co., for \$150, the Sullivan Machine Co. of Chicago for \$2044.99 for pumps, etc. The clerk was instructed to inform the people that their bills would be taken care of as early as possible.

City Attorney Frederick Hoeker prepared and presented a resolution, which was adopted, to proceed with the suit against Mr. R. L. Anderson on certain paving certificates under the special act of the last legislature, giving the city power to re-assess the property, the original certificates being faulty. Mr. Hoeker was authorized to incur the necessary expense to take the suits to the supreme court.

An ordinance was read for the first time and referred to the judiciary committee, discontinuing the alley between lots 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 on the north and lots 6, 7, 8, 9 and 10 on the south in Hodge's addition to Ocala, in lieu of the right and privilege to cross certain lands adjacent to the property owned by Mrs. George Blitch.

The city officers made their reports and were excused.

The matter of the mayor's communication was discussed and, as the objections had or would be overcome, the clerk was asked to so notify him and ask him to sign the contract with the Bryan Co.

The report of the finance committee was read and adopted.

Report of the Finance Committee Ocala, Fla., Sept. 25, 1915. To the Honorable City Council of the City of Ocala:

We your finance committee have the honor to report as follows: First. That we have had a list of delinquent city taxes upon real estate from the year 1911 prepared for publication and that the same is now in the hands of the newspapers. We agreed with them for a rate of 30 cents per double column line, this being the best terms obtainable.

Second. That we have secured a bond from the Commercial Bank of Ocala in the sum of \$48,000 to secure the deposit of the sewerage bonds funds and that the same is now in the hands of the city treasurer.

Third. That the proceeds of said bonds have been turned over by the bond trustees to the city treasurer. Respectfully submitted, D. W. Tompkins, Chairman of the Committee. M. J. Roess.

The matter of repairing streets soon to be more or less torn up by excavations for sewers was discussed, but without any definite result. The council adjourned at 10:30 o'clock.

Try one of those frosted pints of Pabst Blue Ribbon at Johnny's.

ONLY GAVE HIS OWN OPINION

SAYS COL. HOUSE, IN REGARD TO STATEMENTS IN THE DUMBA LETTER

(Associated Press)

New York, Sept. 22.—Col. Edward M. House, President Wilson's friend and unofficial adviser, whose name appeared in the letter Dr. Dumba wrote the Austro-Hungarian foreign minister, made public last night, declared today he never quoted the president regarding stopping the exportation of ammunition to any country, but gave his personal opinion. Dr. Dumba said Col. House told him the United States in a crisis would have to get ammunition from neutral foreign countries, and President Wilson, at no price and in no case, would allow this source to dry up.

TWO HOURS TALK

BUT NO INFORMATION GIVEN OUT BY WILSON OR BRYAN

(Associated Press)

Washington, Sept. 22.—President Wilson and former Secretary of State W. J. Bryan were closeted in conference for two hours today. Neither would discuss the conference. Mr. Bryan talked casually to newspaper men for half an hour, and asked them to help him sell his farm in Texas and home here. He plans to tour the south and visit his home at Miami, Fla.

SPECIAL SESSION OF THE SENATE

May be Called by President Wilson to Meet Next Month

(Associated Press)

Washington, Sept. 22.—The president is seriously considering calling an extra session of the Senate next month. He saw Senator Stone, who told him he believed a session should be called to consider executive business and revision of the rules to curtail debate.

ADMIRALTY DISCLAIMS THE ATTACK

Germans Declare No Sub of theirs Sunk the Hesperian

(Associated Press)

Amsterdam, Sept. 22.—In a semi-official statement, Berlin says the admiralty, after an investigation, declares that no German torpedo boat attacked the Hesperian.

VILLA WILL MAKE A FLANK MOVE

(Associated Press)

Washington, Sept. 22.—State department advices confirm reports that Villa is moving troops in Sonora, with the evident purpose of attacking the Carranza troops under Callos.

FLORIDA MAN FIRST

G. A. R. Man from St. Cloud in Washington for the Annual Encampment

Jacksonville, Sept. 22.—A Washington special to the Metropolis says: "One of the first men to arrive here to attend the national encampment of the Grand Army is Peter Lamb, of St. Cloud, Osceola county, Florida. Dr. Lamb was a drummer boy in the civil war."

OUR prescription department is at YOUR service at all times. Accuracy is the watchword which insures you careful compounding. The Court Pharmacy.

BULGARIA MAKING READY FOR BATTLE

Evidently Going In Against the Allies

(Associated Press)

MILITARY HAVE TAKEN CHARGE OF RAILWAYS AND ARMY IS RAPIDLY MOBILIZING

Sofia, Sept. 22.—Bulgaria is apparently on the verge of war. The military has taken possession of the railways. Ordinary traffic has been stopped. The people generally believe hostilities are imminent.

AGAINST THE ALLIES

The entente diplomats generally recognize that their cause is lost and Bulgaria is manifesting clearly a tendency toward the Germanic powers. This is due to dissatisfaction of the government at Serbia's reply in the negotiations for territorial concessions in Macedonia, and the conduct of Greece.

Government circles said the military measures were of a preventive nature.

ATHENS IS ALARMED

Athens, Sept. 22.—On receiving the news that Bulgaria had ordered a general mobilization of her troops, King Constantine summoned to conference Premier Venizelos and members of the army general staff. A cabinet meeting will be called later.

OF SPECIAL INTEREST TO ODD FELLOWS

Grand Master will be Present at District Grand Lodge Session Next Tuesday Evening

On next Tuesday night the Ocala Odd Fellows meeting will be turned into a district grand lodge session after the routine business has been attended to. Grand Master Lathrop of Bradenton is expected to be present.

Some weeks ago a preliminary meeting of the district was held here and committees appointed for the completion of the district lodge. These committees will make their reports Tuesday evening, at which time representatives of the lodges of adjoining counties will be present, and a permanent district organization will be completed.

Despite more or less adverse conditions for the past six months Florida Odd Fellowship is on the increase, and the officers of the grand lodge are very much encouraged over the outlook for a continuance throughout the term.

Tulula lodge has set itself a pace for the coming four months in that a competitive arrangement has begun which it is hoped will largely increase its present membership. Two classes have been organized to help boost and the losing class will entertain the lodge on installation night of the next term.

CROSSED THE MARNE CANAL

French Have Made Important Gains on the Western Front

Paris, Sept. 22.—Paris heard better news yesterday than for some time. The morning's official dispatches stated that French troops have at last succeeded in effecting a crossing of the Marne canal. If they can succeed in holding the newly gained position, they will be able to threaten the entire German line running through Berry Aubac and the sector of Neuville. Progress has also been made by the French at Hartmans-Weillerkopf.

BIG DITCH BLOCKED

Earth Slide Into the Panama Canal is Extensive

Washington, Sept. 22.—Earth slides in the Panama canal near Gold Hill, are more extensive than first reports indicated. The "big ditch" will be tied up for ten days at least.

BEAN SEED

We have just received our new bean seed for the fall planting; all varieties. Ocala Seed Store. 8-11-15

DESTRUCTION CAUSED BY DYNAMITE

SEVERAL KILLED AND MANY INJURED IN ONE OF NEW YORK'S STREETS

(Associated Press)

New York, Sept. 22.—Seven were killed and over fifty seriously injured today when a dynamite explosion in an excavation in the new Seventh street subway caused a block between Twenty-fourth and Twenty-fifth streets. The cave engulfed a surface car with seventy-eight passengers and numerous pedestrians. Over half the injured were women and girls on their way to work. The car remained upright but partly buried. Many were badly crushed. Gas and water mains were broken. Police reserves were called out, with two fire alarms and fifteen ambulances. The police report that they have taken five dead out, and two of the injured died.

LATER LIST

2:35 p. m.—The known dead number six; injured, between eighty-five and one hundred.

A NEEDED PRECAUTION

If You Haven't a Fire Card in Your Home, Secure One at Once

Winter is coming on, and with winter will come more fires. If a fire breaks out in your home or the home of your neighbor, your possession of a fire card may save your property, or that of your friend.

If you haven't a fire card, repair the omission at once. Call at the fire station and Chief Chambers will be glad to supply you.

PRIMARY SCHOOL

The Ocala primary school, situated on South Third street, will open on Monday, September 27. The teachers for the school year are as follows:

Beginners, boy's room 1, Mrs. W. T. Evans, teacher. Beginners, girls room 2, Miss Eunice Marsh, teacher.

Advanced first, boys room, 4 Miss Lula Griffin, teacher. Advanced first, girls room 8, Miss Fannie Clark, teacher.

Second grade, boys and girls, room 3, Miss Edith Griffin and Miss Nellie Stevens, teachers.

Third grade, boys and girls, room 6, Mrs. Maud Rochford, teacher. Third grade, boys and girls, room 7, Miss Marcella McLain, teacher.

The principal of the school will be at the building on Friday afternoon from four until five o'clock to see any patron who may wish to confer with her.

The first faculty meeting will be held on Saturday afternoon at four o'clock. Patrons are requested not to get any supplies until they receive the lists from the teachers, and not to ask admittance for pupils who are not of school age.

Nellie G. Stevens, Principal.

NOTICE

Ocala, Fla., Sept. 21, 1915.

Stockholders Ocala Transportation Co. A meeting of the stockholders of the Ocala Transportation Co. will be held at the Board of Trade room Thursday, Sept. 23rd, 7:30 p. m. Be sure to be on hand.

C. (Ed.) Carmichael, Chmn.

Big supply of silver skin Bermuda onion sets just received. Bisting & Co., 410 N. Magnolia street. 18-15

LOCAL LEGISLATION

LONG AND BUSY SESSION OF THE CITY COUNCIL TUESDAY EVENING

The city council met last night in regular session with the following members present: President Pro Tem G. A. Nash, Councilmen Knight, Tompkins, Roess, Moore, Smith and Faussett, Messrs. Meffert and Gerig being absent.

Roll call and reading of minutes of the last regular and two special sessions. Minutes were approved as read.

Mr. H. W. Tucker asked to address the council and was given permission. Mr. Tucker asked the members if they had read carefully the bid and the contract of Messrs. Bryan & Co. with the city. He told them there was a wide field for differences in the bid made by him and that of Bryan & Co.; that he had bid on taking up the brick paving all around the square and figured what that work was worth, expecting to have to do it. That Bryan & Co. had a very low figure on this work and he had since learned that they did not intend to take up any of this brick, or at least very little of it, but would lay the sewers in alleys and rear of blocks and connect with them in that way, etc., all of which would be much better and would probably be decided on by the city, the contractors and the engineers, and if this had been plainly stated in the proposals, his bid would have been right down to that of Bryan & Company's. Mr. Tucker stated that Bryan & Co. were going to give the city service to the amount of their bid and no more, and it would be well for the city to decide at once about the sewers around the square and the connections thereto, for if the sewers were laid in the brick paving, all around the square, the connections to private property there alone would cost the property owners more than \$7,000, whereas they could be laid on the rear of the blocks and in alleys and connect from the rear and save a great part of this, as well as the heavy expense to the city. The court house connections could all be run through one pipe, under the street, to the main sewer. Mr. Tucker's talk evidently made an impression on the members of the council and set them to thinking. Later on when they came to the matter of the contract it was discussed,