

Alexandria Gazette

WEATHER REPORT
Partly cloudy with somewhat lower temperature today; tomorrow fair; light, variable winds.
High tide 8:25 a. m. and 6:55 p. m.
Sun rose 4:43. Sun sets 7:38.

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CITY'S FISCAL YEAR EXHIBITS

Receipts and Expenditures and Operations of Gas Works

REPORTS RECEIVED

Committee on Light Turns Over \$16,000 to General Fund During Year Ending May 31, 1916

The receipts of the city during the past year were \$337,357.36, and its operating expenses \$286,089.16 leaving a balance on hand of \$51,268.30, on May 31, 1916, according to the annual report of City Auditor E. F. Price and the report of City Treasurer Thomas W. Robinson showed the same.

Councilman Albert Bryan, vice president of the finance committee, who presided over the meeting in the absence of President Howard W. Smith, left the chair for a few moments and Councilman Marbury, occupied it, and Mr. Bryan called attention to the fact that the finance committee had estimated the receipts of the city for 1915-16 within a thousand dollars.

The report of J. B. Waller, clerk of gas, showed the receipts from that plant during the year were \$53,666.65 and the expenditures \$37,170.19 and that the sum of \$16,000 was turned over to the sinking fund leaving a balance on hand of \$4496.46.

This report was read by Councilman Nicholas J. Lawler, of the light committee of city council. Steps to compel the Washington-Virginia Railway Company to erect a suitable waiting station and ticket office at what is known as Spring Park Station, at the head of King street, where there is now simply a small shed labeled "Union Station," were taken when a resolution of Councilman Ballenger, having for its object this purpose, was again brought up.

The Street Committee was authorized to confer with the corporation attorney and ascertain the proper legal steps to be taken in order to formally present the matter before the state corporation commission.

An opinion, written some time ago by Corporation Attorney Fisher, set forth that the matter could be handled by the commission and added that the mayor or members of the city council would be the proper parties to enter complaint with the commission on behalf of the city.

Mr. Bendheim suggested that a form of complaint be made to the commission by the mayor.

Mr. Marbury suggested that it be referred to the street committee.

A resolution that the five per cent discount be allowed on tax bills which will be late this year and which are ordinarily due July 1, was referred.

Councilman Bryan asked that it be referred to the finance committee, adding that the bills might not be ready until August or September and this was done.

Resolution appropriating \$3,600 to purchase Armory Hall from Alexandria Light Infantry, to be used in liquidating a mortgage and paying off its indebtedness, was adopted. The city will henceforth have control of this hall.

The sum of \$2,800 was appropriated for construction of sewer on Duke street between Payne and Peyton streets, a distance of two squares.

Resolution of Councilman Wattles appropriating \$146.50 for purchase of sixty-one metallic signs for streets corners, was adopted.

Resolution of Councilman Pohl that the city engineer make estimate cost of new fire engine house in or near annexed territory for the accommodation of the new motor truck recently purchased by the city. This was referred to joint committee on fire and public property.

Petition signed by a number of property owners on St. Asaph street between King and Cameron streets, asking the city to improve that street with vitrified brick or tar mac-

adam was referred to joint committee on finance and streets.

Resolution appropriating \$350 or as much thereof as may be necessary to improve Cameron street between Washington and Columbus streets, was also referred to joint committee on finance and streets.

Bill of George Meade of \$10.50 to pay for damage done his wagon by a fire engine was ordered paid on the recommendation of the claims committee.

Ordinance granting the Southern Railway Company permission to construct switch on Henry street between Oronoco and Madison streets, to connect with plant of National Fruit Product Company on Henry street between Pendleton and Wythe streets, was adopted.

Petition of E. D. Vernon to make improvements to house 1021 Oronoco street was granted and petition for improvements at house 309 S. Columbus street was referred to Street Committee.

BOARD OF ALDERMEN

Six aldermen were present last night, and the business present was disposed of without discussion.

Mr. Fitzgerald presented the report of the operations of the light department of the city during the past fiscal year, together with the report of the Superintendent of Gas. The light committee turned over \$16,000 to the general fund during the year.

Mr. Wilkins introduced a resolution providing for the resurfacing of Cameron Street, between Columbus and Washington, which was referred to the committees on streets and finance.

Resolutions appropriating \$3,600 for paying trusts on Armory Hall and meeting claims against the Alexandria Light Infantry and appropriating \$2,800 for a sewer on west Duke street, were laid over according to rules.

The Aldermen concurred in the action of the Common Council on all papers sent in.

ESTIMATES AND RESULTS.

On March 23rd, 1915, the following was offered in the Common Council:

"A resolution of Mr. Smith requesting the finance committee to report at the next meeting of council the gross revenues of the City for the year 1914 and a statement for the year 1915, showing the estimated loss or gain in revenues with authority to employ clerical assistance if necessary," was adopted.

The finance committee in compliance with the wish expressed in this resolution prepared and had printed and placed on the desk of each member of Council certain data and information in

"A Paper Relating to the Finances of the City submitted by the Finance Committee." This paper dated April 13th, 1915, gave in detail assessments and taxes for the years 1912-13 and 1913-14. It also reviewed the settlement with the Tax Collector in order that Council should fully understand the method of settlement. The paper began with these words:

"It does not require the services of an expert accountant or one trained in intricate mathematical problems to outline the probable receipts of our city for any one year. We have only some six or eight sources of revenue, and these are given in the receipts of the city in each annual statement." The concluding paragraphs of the paper as we read from page 9 (after some comments) close with these words:

"With these figures as to taxes and licenses and estimating as to other sources of revenue based upon the present fiscal year's receipts, it may be stated our income for years 1915-16 will be approximately (from these sources):

From taxes \$127,000; paving bill notes \$3,250; licenses \$20,000; electric light franchise, \$2,500; State of Virginia, capitulation taxes, \$4,000; gas works \$15,000; or a total of \$168,250.

The foregoing estimates were submitted to council at its meeting April 13, 1915. Now compare them with the results as shown in receipts of the city reported to council Tuesday night last for year 1915-16. From taxes \$126,810; licenses \$19,870; paving bill notes \$3,355; State of Virginia capitulation taxes \$976; electric light franchise \$2,206; gas works \$16,000, a total of \$169,217.00. The

2,500 VIRGINIA TROOPS IN CAMP

Guardsmen From All Sections of Old Dominion in Richmond

AWAITING COMMAND

Orders to Move South Expected From The War Department Before the End of the Week

It was reported in this city this afternoon that the Alexandria Light Infantry would leave Richmond for the border tomorrow afternoon.

Richmond, June 28.—When taps was sounded in Camp Henry Carter Stuart last night, 2,461 enlisted men and more than fifty officers blew their candles out and shuffled in the darkness to their cots. There was no sound then save that coming from the patient sentry on his beat and occasional call to the corporal of the guard. In the sternest sense, it is now a military encampment. Officers and men sleep with their arms near them. The commissary wagon train is ready to move to the freight cars standing idly in the yards of the Richmond, Fredericksburg and Potomac Railroad. All is in readiness for the final call.

Definite orders as to the time of movement of the Virginia troops had not been received by the Adjutant-General yesterday, but he has been asked to have his organizations ready to move upon a moment's notice. It is understood at the office of the Adjutant-General that the Virginia soldiers will be placed at El Paso, Tex., which lies just this side of the Mexican border, where turbulence and anxiety have seethed since the first threat of hostilities. Here the militiamen, if the final summons comes, will be put through camp routine until they are fit for the field.

"Recruits are coming in from every direction, but we need more and at once."

This was Governor Stuart's summing up of the situation last night after returning from the mobilization of the State Infantry and artillery at Camp Henry Carter Stuart.

"If Virginia is to hold her proud place in the history of the country she must realize and fulfill quickly the demands that rest upon her in this hour of national need," continued the Governor. "We must have men to fill the ranks depleted by the rejection of members of the Virginia Volunteers for minor physical defects. Virginia has never been found backward in defending the honor of the country, and she must not now fail to send her full

excess in receipts of \$1,033 is about the amount paid the Commissioner of Revenue for making the assessment of 25 cents under the segregation plan, and the City Treasurer for collecting the amounts being respectively in their order \$477.81 and \$623.78.

In the estimated receipts as given in the finance committee's paper dated April 13, 1915, appears this:

From Sewer Permits \$2,500. The amount received from this source was \$7,638, but, it must be remembered that no appropriation was made in the general appropriation bill of 1915-16 for sewer construction, all the work being under special orders of council from time to time, and as there was charged to sewer construction \$3,712, and sewer pipe account \$1,173, a total of \$4,885, that net revenue in excess of \$2,500, is only \$253, as thus shown.

Received from Sewer Tappers, \$7,638. Expended on sewers \$4,885, estimated in statement \$2,500, excess in net receipts over estimates \$253.

This review is interesting by reason of the closeness of the receipts to estimates and no effort was made to create any such results. Chairman Bryan of the finance committee commented on the remarkable closeness of these figures in his remarks in presenting the receipts and expenditures last night.

quinta into the field in this hour of emergency.

"The President's call should be responded to heartily and promptly before the forward march is sounded. Only two or three days may be left. Men of military age and fitness are urged to present themselves at the mobilization camp to answer their country's call."

LOCAL BREVITIES

Troop No. 1, Girl Scouts, of Alexandria county, gave an entertainment last night in the Mount Vernon schoolhouse, Del Ray.

An enjoyable garden party was given last night in the rear of Trinity M. E. Church by the Sunday school of that church.

Funeral services for Mrs. Margaret Ragen, who died at the home of her son, Daniel Ragen in Fairfax county, on Monday were held this morning from St. Mary's Catholic Church.

"The Time of His Life" was repeated last night at the Young People's Building by the Phi Mu Sigma players, for the benefit of Martha Washington Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star.

Arrangements are being completed by the Catholic Women's Benevolent Legion for an excursion to Colonial Beach on Wednesday, July 12th, for the benefit of the Y. M. S. L. As this will be the only excursion to Colonial Beach given by any of the parish organizations, it is expected that a large number will attend.

POLICE COURT

(Justice L. H. Thompson presiding)

But one case was disposed of in the Police Court this morning. Robert Galloway, colored, was charged with being drunk and disorderly. He was fined \$5.

James Brown, colored, was arraigned yesterday afternoon charged with disorderly conduct toward C. H. S. Cobb. He was dismissed with an admonition.

SAYS WAR IS IMPROBABLE

Europe Anticipates No Clash Between The United States and Mexico

New York, June 28.—An Amsterdam cable to the New York Sun says: American diplomats in Europe have been informed confidentially by the State Department that there will be no war between the United States and Mexico.

This was learned by the Sun correspondent from an absolutely reliable source close to the American legation. The American diplomatic representatives themselves refused to confirm or deny the statement. The correspondent is in a position to state however, that the information was disseminated among the official representatives of the United States in Europe some time between Saturday morning and Sunday night.

The informant asserts the statement from Washington was positive and added that his personal belief was that only unexpected radical developments in the situation more serious than anything that has happened thus far, could change the resolution of the American government to keep "hands off" Mexico.

Europe does not take the so-called crisis between America and Mexico seriously. The general feeling in the European capitals is that both Carranza and President Wilson are "bluffing," and that there will be no war.

These views are to be read in the leading French, English and German newspapers and are frankly expressed by representative men from these countries at present in Holland. As for the opinion of the Dutch, the Mexican situation has thus far elicited little discussion and seems to be of small interest to the bulk of the press.

In other words the idea seems to prevail throughout Europe that the Mexican situation is being used by the Wilson administration to make a grand impression upon Europe by presenting a "nation in arms" quite in contrast with the neutral and ultra pacifist America that Europe has beheld in the war.

Meanwhile it is curious to observe how the "wish, the father of the thought," speaks out of nearly all press utterances in Paris, London and Berlin regarding the Mexican affair.

GOOD ROADS IN OLD DOMINION

Virginia Senators and Representatives Are Actively Engaged

STATE TO GET \$591,214

Solid Vote of Virginia Congressmen Can be Depended Upon For Highway Improvements

(By Special Correspondent). Washington, D. C., June 28.—Virginia's interest in the Good Roads appropriation bill, now pending, is sure to be well taken care of through the presence on the conference committee between the Senate and House of Representatives of Senator Claude A. Swanson and Congressman Edward A. Saunders, of Virginia, both rampant road improvement enthusiasts.

By a peculiar coincidence Congressman Saunders is ranking member on the House committee on roads and Senator Swanson is ranking member of the Senate Committee on Post-offices and Post Roads, which committees, respectively, have charge of the bill making appropriations for road improvement. So that when committees were appointed by both bodies to hold conferences to compose the difference in the bills passed by each body, both Virginians were placed on the conference committee.

Both Swanson and Saunders come from farming communities and have the welfare of the farmers, who are the principal beneficiaries under the bill, strictly at heart.

There is a marked difference in the bills passed by both houses. The House is more favorable to road legislation than the Senate. The House has passed good road bills for the past three sessions of Congress, but the Senate has failed to concur. This, however, is no fault of Senator Swanson's. The Virginia senator has done his very best but the task of overcoming the sentiment in the Senate in favor of allowing the states to care for their own roads was too enormous.

The House of Representatives bill provides for the appropriation of \$25,000,000 to be expended on improving rural post roads, the sum to be apportioned among the states according to their population and number of miles of rural post roads.

Virginia's share of this sum would be \$591,214. It is stipulated in the bill that the states are to expend a sum equal to that provided by the federal government.

When the bill went to the Senate it was virtually killed and substituted by an almost entirely new proposition. The Senate bill proposed to legislate for five years road construction, instead of a one-year bill as passed by the House.

It makes an appropriation of \$5,000,000 the first year, \$10,000,000 the second year, \$15,000,000 the third year, \$20,000,000 the fourth year and \$25,000,000 the fifth year, the sums to each state to be apportioned in the same manner provided in the House bill.

By the Senate bill Virginia would receive about \$100,000 the first year, \$200,000 the second year, \$300,000 the third year, about \$400,000 the fourth year and \$591,214 the fifth year.

Senator Swanson did his utmost to have the Senate adopt the House bill which is far more liberal, but when it came to the point of again having the entire bill defeated he favored accepting the Senator's proposal in preference to nothing, and in using his best efforts to have the House bill adopted in conference between both bodies or having the appropriation considerably increased as a compromise.

Congressman Saunders will stand by the House bill as long as there is hope of having it adopted by the Senate. He believes \$25,000,000 is the smallest sum that should be appropriated. The administration of a smaller sum than this will cost as

much as a larger sum, resulting in considerable waste.

While both Senator Swanson and Saunders would favor a five year legislative plan for good roads, as a general proposition, in preference to a one year plan, they would oppose it unless the appropriations are made larger than in the Senate bill.

Both Virginians are convinced that if they can succeed in having Congress establish the precedent of passing a good roads appropriation bill, the results attained in the rural communities will be so great that Congress will not be able to overcome the demand for the continuance of a good road appropriation annually. They therefore do not place so great importance to the five year plan, being confident that if a good roads bill is once passed it will thereafter take its place as a regular appropriation bill.

The Mexican campaign is making its effects felt in the sentiment toward the roads bill. The large expenditures that must necessarily be made for the Mexican campaign has greatly increased the sentiment for economy on internal improvements that already existed to a degree on account of reduced customs receipts because of the European War.

This will make much more difficult the task of Senator Swanson and Congressman Saunders in bringing a bill out of conference more liberal than the Senate bill. It will also increase the possibility that the Senate brought face to face with enormous expenditures in Mexico will again abandon passage of the roads bills.

While Senator Swanson and Congressman Saunders stand out most prominently as good roads enthusiasts, Senator Martin and the nine other Virginia Congressmen are not far behind in their insistence upon good road legislation. The solid vote of Virginia can always be depended on for road improvement legislation.

VIRGINIA NEWS

Holding that they are entitled to the increased salaries granted them by the last General Assembly, the State Supreme Court of Appeals, sitting at Wytheville, yesterday, awarded a writ of mandamus to James B. Wood, Superintendent of the Penitentiary, James B. Doherty, State Labor Commissioner, and Davis Bottom, Public Printer, ordering Auditor C. Lee Moore to pay to these officials the increased salaries as authorized by the Legislature.

L. R. Vickers, aged 18 years, of Durham, N. C., employed as a sign painter by the Moody Company, sign painters of Petersburg, was instantly killed yesterday evening by coming in contact with a high-voltage wire of the Virginia Railway and Power Company. Vickers was painting a sign for Edgar Ramsay, at Grove Avenue and Cross streets, and had gone on top of the building to remove the hook ladder, he was using. The wire struck him over the left eye and he was killed almost instantly.

PUPILS ON OUTING

Annual Picnic of Methodist Protestant Sunday School Given at Hume Yesterday

Pupils of the Sunday school of the Methodist Protestant Church gave their annual picnic yesterday at Hume station, on the Washington-Virginia Railway. The day was thoroughly enjoyed by all, a number of interesting athletic events being held, winners being as follows:

Tug of war—Team led by Nevelle Roberts, captain.

Men's 100 yard dash—Rev. E. T. Kirkley.

Ladies' baseball throw—Miss Julia Lindsey.

Ladies' walking race—Miss Mattie Marlow.

Girls' 50 yard dash—Miss Mattie Marlow.

Hopping race—Miss Margaret Merchant.

Baseball game—Team led by Norman Roberts, captain.

Three-legged race—Roberts and DeMoll.

Boys' 50 yard dash—Courtland Roberts.

Girls' potato race—Miss Alice Smith.

Boys' potato race—Louis Young.

READY TO CROSS INTO MEXICO

Orders For Invasion Have Been Given if Hot Trail is Found

REFUGEES ARRIVING

Arbitration of Dispute Between United States and Mexico Will Not Be Discussed at El Paso

Columbus, N. M., June 28.—Orders to cross the border into Mexico if a hot trail is found are believed to have been given strong cavalry patrols and automobile posses searching today for trace of the Mexican bandits who murdered William Parker and his young bride in the latest border raid.

It is not known whether the international line had been crossed by the pursuers. The orders are not understood to have contemplated a long chase into Mexican territory.

About midnight the bodies of the two American victims were brought to Hachita by automobile. Each had been shot three times after being cornered in a room of their ranch house.

A runner who returned from one of the posses stated that the bandits' trail had not been picked up and that the civilian pursuers at least had not invaded Mexico.

Practically the entire civil population of Hachita's cow camp commended automobiles and took up the chase yesterday afternoon and evening following receipt of the first news of the raid.

Several heavy relief columns are still searching the Chihuahu desert today for American survivors of the Carrizal fight.

No other military activity by General Pershing's forces is apparent here. Mainly the expedition is resting on its arms, prepared for anything and awaiting orders expected to follow diplomatic exchanges. Many code messages passed between Generals Funston and Pershing during the night.

El Paso, June 28.—Four American mining men arrived last night in El Paso from Parral, after narrowly escaping being mobbed at Santa Rosalita and again at Chihuahua.

Anti-American demonstrations were held in both towns as the Americans' train was passing through. The presence of armed Carranzista guards prevented the mobs from dragging the Americans off the trains.

The refugees were T. G. Hawkins, Jr., A. M. Morris, H. A. Buick and R. C. Highley.

They reported heavy Mexican troops moving northward, estimating that 10,000 Carranza soldiers were en route to Chihuahua from southern points would bring the total strength of the de facto government's armies in the state to over 55,000 men.

El Paso, June 28.—Arbitration of the United States and Mexican dispute will not be discussed at El Paso by the peace commission now assembling here.

Dr. David Starr Jordan, first to arrive for the meeting, found the sentiment so unfriendly here toward such a proposition that he announced his plan to leave at once for Albuquerque, N. M., where the meetings would be held.

MORE CONTRIBUTIONS.

It was announced in this city today that the Grand Commandery of Knights Templars of the United States, now in session at Los Angeles, Cal., have contributed \$5,000 towards the erection of the George Washington Memorial Temple in Alexandria; also that the Grand Commandery of Michigan has appropriated \$500 for the purpose.

WANTED—Laborers to assist in receiving fruit cars. Apply W. T. Penn, Supt. Mutual Ice Co. Potomac yards. 28-3t.

DEVILED & HARD SHELL CRABS AT JACOB BRILL'S FOOT LOCKING ST.