

## SESSION HELD BY COUNCIL

Complete Settlement with Insurance Companies on Fire Loss Reported; Extra Man for Police Force Authorized

## COMMITTEE WILL BUY CAR FOR COPS

Reports of All Officers Submitted; No Action Yet on Town Clock; Johns Named for Library Board

The city council met in regular session in the council chamber of the city hall at 7:30 o'clock last night. The mayor, all members, the chief of police, the city treasurer, the city attorney and the city clerk were present.

The clerk and treasurer reported the receipt of all the insurance moneys received from the companies carrying the loss, which was incurred by the city in the city hall fire of September 13. The total amount, as per settlement agreed upon, was \$2,577.26.

Upon motion, recommended by the police committee, the chief of police was authorized to appoint an extra police officer for sixty days, and longer should necessity demand, to walk in the negro sections of the city.

Mayor Coffman announced the appointment of Ed F. Johns to serve as a member of the library board. This appointment was, by the council, unanimously affirmed.

Councilman Lorenson, as chairman of the police committee, reported in the matter of auto hire for the police department and recommended the payment of a flat rate to the Shea Powell cab line of \$40 per month for auto hire to police whenever auto should be needed.

On motion the report was accepted and affirmed. The same motion carried a recommendation that the purchasing committee be instructed to act immediately in the matter of buying a five-passenger car for the department.

This committee, composed of the following membership, R. M. Cavett, chairman; H. O. Hays and Jacob Lorenson, will probably close the deal today and the police force will own its own car.

The work upon the city hall not yet being completed, the building committee had no report to submit.

For the same reason the building committee failed to make report upon the possible early striking of the town clock.

Upon motion Mayor Coffman was instructed to purchase a car of coal for use of the city hall.

Report of the city treasurer was received and filed. This report showed total collections for the month of September amounting to \$5,988.68. These collections covered moneys received from all sources.

The disbursements by the treasurer during the month of September were shown to total \$10,576.25. Of this total, however, two items, one of \$5,304.12, and one of \$4,761.87, totaling \$10,065.99, represented the year's payment due Spitzer & Horick on paying account bonds and funds covering the payment of these two items had been collected, prorata, throughout the past twelve months. This shows a total expenditure checked out by the city treasurer, of \$3,144.26. Of this amount \$78.26 was paid out as sewer tax and the total net expense shows \$3,222.06.

Mayor Coffman submitted his report as police judge. This report showed the total amount collected in fines since the present mayor assumed charge of the municipal court, of \$1,474.75. The total cash collections for September, in fines paid, \$402.25. No fines outstanding as unpaid. However, 118 cases are now pending on appeal to the county court. The street work only caught five dollars' worth of the total fines in September. The expenses of the police department's operation amounted to, for September, \$492.10, including officers' salaries, desk sergeant and board for prisoners, thus leaving a balance of \$181.85 over and above the receipts of the department.

Street Commissioner Dan Boets submitted his report showing total

## COLONEL BULLARD AT BROWNSVILLE



Colonel Bullard, commanding the United States troops at Brownsville, Tex., is here seen (left) in front of his headquarters consulting with Captain Johnson, one of his aids.

## "Books Worth Reading"

In order to arouse interest in the reading of the best books, Mrs. J. A. Thompson, city librarian, has arranged to have brief book reviews written and published in the Express. The plan is explained in the letter which she has addressed to a number of prospective co-operators in the movement as follows:

"The Daily Express has offered space for a list of 'Books Worth Reading'; a quarter to half a column comment on one to a half a dozen books, mostly non-fiction, not too scholarly to be above the interest of the average reader, but more scholarly than the average reader would select for himself.

"You are invited to contribute your opinion of some books that have appealed to you as worth reading and

owning. The library has Warner's 'Synopsis of Noted Books,' and several annotated catalogs which you may use to refresh your memory in characterizing your favorites, if you wish. You need not limit your recommendations to books available in the public library.

"Your co-operation in this cannot fail to improve the tone of the reading done by the Chickasha public."

Following is a list of those who have been asked to contribute:

Rev. G. Lyle Smith, Rev. G. B. Teis, Supt. W. F. Ramey, Jonas Cook, Judge E. Hamilton, S. C. Durbin, R. H. Fash, Miss Lora Linn Garrison, Miss Marjorie Graham, Miss Melissa Stewart, Miss Annie Waffie O'Neill, Mrs. R. E. Davenport, Mrs. T. B. Losey, Mrs. Cora Gorman.

cash collections for September of \$64.50. The report further showed that 132 men had worked their street tax out on the streets.

Water Commissioner Scrimmager's report showed a total collection of \$1,695.62; total disbursements for all purposes, \$1,136.44.

E. L. Dawson, M. D., city health officer, submitted his report showing for the month of September, cases of diphtheria, 3 cases of typhoid and 3 cases of scarlet fever. No deaths for the month of contagious diseases were reported.

On motion, ordinance No. 584, authorizing the payment of expenses amounting to \$4,421.68, was passed.

No further business appearing before the council, the body stood adjourned, subject to the call of the mayor.

## Slander Suit is Taken Up in District Court

The suit of Margaret Brown vs. M. E. Harris, wherein the plaintiff asks \$10,000 damages of the defendant for defamation of character, was taken up in the district court this morning, and the following jurors selected to try the case: Joe Anderson, Ben Hampton, J. R. Mosley, J. S. Ikard; Logan Hanks, Walter Rice, J. H. Hartman, A. L. Anderson, J. W. Mounds, A. F. Coleman, W. C. Dunn and U. N. Church.

The entire morning session of the court was taken up in the examination of witnesses for the plaintiff. The case may be submitted to the jury at a late hour this evening.

## LICENSED TO WED.

Court Clerk Newman this morning granted a marriage license to Fred Bryan, aged 20, and Miss Laura Hornbeck, both of Minco. The couple will be married at the home of the bride's parents, it was stated, at Minco this evening.

## ULTIMATUM TO UNDESIRABLES

Mayor Coffman and Chief of Police Phillips have jointly issued another ultimatum. This ultimatum carries forth to those who toll not, neither do they spin, the information, "Those who would stay in Chickasha must work."

"There are decidedly too many of the class commonly known as loafers," said Mayor Coffman this morning. "They are composed of the undesirables who wear good clothes, sport diamonds as big as hens' eggs and eat porterhouse steaks and mushrooms, all at the expense of the poor and sold creatures who have strayed from the straight and narrow paths of virtue, rectitude and good demeanor."

"In my opinion," the mayor continued, "there cannot be a more undesirable class of citizenship than is the class composed of such vamps. They are despicable and unscrupulous and the sooner the city is cleared of their presence the better off the city will be. We are going to hang out the sign conveying the information that all who would live in Chickasha must earn their bread by their honest toil and we are going to clean the city of the undesirables."

## WEATHER FORECAST.

For Oklahoma. Tonight, rain, colder in west portion. Saturday, generally cloudy, colder in last portion.

Local Temperature. During the twenty-four hours ending at 8 o'clock a. m.: Maximum ----- 77 Minimum ----- 45 Rain during twenty-four hours ending 7 o'clock a. m., .28 inch.

## TURK FORTS AGAIN GET HEAVY FIRE

Allies Fiercely Bombarding Dardanelles; Suggestion Operations There Be Abandoned Casts Shadow in England

## SERBIA DECLARES WAR ON BULGARIA

Last Hope Bulgars Will Keep Out is Gone; Roumania in Precarious Position and Trouble Probable

By United Press. LONDON, Oct. 15.—The allied forces are bombarding the Turkish forts on the Dardanelles more fiercely than ever today, it is reported.

Despite the suggestion made in the house of lords yesterday that operations there be abandoned, a strong attack on the Turkish defenses is in progress, advices say. The public has no means of knowing whether this will be the final attack.

There is no question that Lord Milner's insistence upon the transfer of troops from the peninsula of Gallipoli to some other field caused deep discouragement in England. If the Dardanelles campaign is to be abandoned, it is believed that the troops now there will be sent to Salonika, from which point they will proceed to the Balkans to aid Serbia.

## Serbia Declares Against Bulgaria.

LONDON, Oct. 15.—Serbia has declared war against Bulgaria today. This announcement we received here from Nish via Salonika and Athens. The declaration of hostilities against Bulgaria by Serbia ended all hopes that Bulgaria might not actually fight with the Teutonic allies.

The report that Bulgaria declared war against Serbia several days ago has not yet been verified, and while it was certain that fighting was in progress on the frontier, it was thought that prudence might lead Czar Ferdinand to halt the invasion of Serbia.

There is small hope now that Roumania will remain neutral. Should the Bucharest government refuse passage to Russian troops through Roumania and the allies is deemed probable. In the event such passage should be allowed, it is predicted that Germany will strike at the Roumanians.

The diplomatic rather than the military side of the situation was the subject of Sir Edward Grey's eagerly awaited statement relative to the Balkan situation which he delivered yesterday to a crowded house of commons.

"I propose to confine myself," the British foreign secretary said, "to a resume of our diplomatic objectives since the war. At the outset we desired that the war should not spread, and in common with our allies, we assured Turkey if she remained neutral, Turkey and Turkey's territory should not suffer. This situation was completely changed by the entrance of Turkey into the war and all obligations on the part of the allies then ceased.

"We and our allies then concentrated upon securing an agreement among the Balkan states and we used all our influence to secure an accord. Unfortunately, the feeling in the Balkans is not one of union, but of division. It was clear nothing but a decisive, preponderating advantage for the allies would have enabled us to secure a policy of union. We were given to understand in the course of negotiations that with except in regard to Thrace the central powers had offered to Bulgaria more to secure her neutrality than the allies could in fairness offer. The promises which induced Bulgaria to declare war were given by the central powers at the expense of her neighbors and without any corresponding advantage to them.

"We have remained throughout on friendly relations with Roumania, who has favored the policy of a Balkan union."

## MEETING TONIGHT

A meeting of merchants and property owners will be held tonight at 8 o'clock p. m. at the Commercial and Farm bureau, to plan a campaign to reduce fire insurance rates in Chickasha.

Every owner of business property, as well as all of the merchants is urged to attend. F. J. Meek, representing the Oklahoma Retail Merchants, will explain the provisions of the new fire insurance law and assist in planning the campaign.

## INTERNED GERMANS MISSING

By United Press. NORFOLK, Oct. 15.—The mysterious disappearance of six warrant officers of the interned German raider Kronprinz Wilhelm gives impetus to reports that a new German raider is to operate off the Mexican coast against British merchantmen.

Captain Thierfelder said the officers had been missing since Sunday. A yawl belonging to Lieutenant Hoffman, one of the officers, he said, was also missing, and he believed that the missing men had been drowned, although the yawl was large enough to sail in the open sea.

## May Be On Yacht.

By United Press. WASHINGTON, Oct. 15.—The navy department believes that the six German officers from the Kronprinz Wilhelm escaped on the yacht Eclipse, and may be trying to damage British commerce in the South Atlantic. The department has revoked orders for leave of absence for all Germans who were on the Kronprinz Wilhelm and the Prinz Eitel Friedrich.

## DESTROYER IS SUNK BY SUBMARINE

By United Press. COPENHAGEN, Oct. 15.—According to reports reaching here today a British submarine attacked a German cruiser and two destroyers south of the entrance to Der Sound.

The report says one of the destroyers was sunk while the other vessels succeeded in escaping.

No details concerning the engagement were contained in the advices received here.

## German Generals Arrive.

By United Press. BERLIN, Oct. 15.—Mackensen, Gallwitz and Elchorn have arrived at Belgrade to take charge of the Austro-German operations against Serbia, it is reported today.

## LECTURE TONIGHT

Prof. P. G. Phelps arrived in Chickasha from Norman this afternoon and will give an illustrated free lecture tonight upon Japan. The object of the lecture will be to arouse interest in and leading to the arrangement for a series of free illustrated lectures to be delivered in the village and rural, as well as the city schools, during the first and closing semesters of the present school year.

Professor Phelps is connected with the state university at Norman and is said to be an agreeable and entertaining talker, well informed upon all educational subjects.

It had been intended to have this lecture in the district court room, but on account of the necessity for a night session this evening the auditorium of the O. C. W. has been secured.

## ROQUE GONZALES GARZA



Roque Gonzales Garza, at one time president of the convention government of Mexico, is now in Washington as a representative of the Villa-Zapata factions. He says any pacification plan that recognizes Carranza and does not include the Villistas as factors in the situation will mean nothing but anarchy in Mexico.

## PROGRAM OF DANIELS APPROVED

Two Battleships Each Year and Six Battle Cruisers in Next Five Years Suggested by Secretary

By United Press. WASHINGTON, Oct. 15.—President Wilson today gave his final approval to the naval improvement program formulated by Secretary Daniels and his advisors.

The program agreed upon contemplates two new battleships each year and six battle cruisers within the next five years.

The estimates of necessary expenditures to carry out this program and meet other expenses indicate that congress will be asked to appropriate one billion two hundred million dollars for all purposes. Discussion of a bond issue to make up the deficit is general.

Yesterday the president talked at length with both Chairman Hay of the house military affairs committee and Assistant Secretary of War Breckinridge, announcing to them his approval of the military policy framed by Secretary Garrison and officers of the general staff of the army, calling for an appropriation of \$182,000,000 or an increase of \$72,000,000 over last year. Much of the increase will be spent for field artillery and coast defenses, expenses to be incurred in the creation of a reserve of 200,000 men every three years by means of short term enlistment and in addition to the regular army.

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## PROMOTE LEAGUE OF NEUTRALS

Warring Nations Tell Women Proposed Peace Move Will Be Welcome, Provided U. S. Takes Lead

## PLAN LAUNCHED AT THE HAGUE MEETING

Statement Issued Setting forth Findings of Delegates Who Interviewed High Officials of Belligerents on Subject

By United Press. NEW YORK, Oct. 15.—Warring Europe has authorized the leading women of the world to say that it wants a peace conference of neutral nations if it is led by the United States. Three neutral nations have agreed. Two are considering. The United States has not decided.

The authorized official of every nation now at war authorized this statement by the International Congress of Women at The Hague, after an authorized delegate of the congress conferred with him.

These facts are contained in a statement issued here today by the international committee of women for permanent peace, with a copy of The Hague Women's Congress manifesto to the governments of Europe and the president of the United States, attached.

In their joint report the leading members of these two delegations unite in stating that the evidence and assurances given them have convinced them that the belligerents would not consider such a conference unfriendly, and that the neutrals would not be unwilling to act, if first assured of American co-operation.

The delegates were not at liberty to give names or nationality of the foreign offices specifically quoted, but in several instances they quote verbatim: "My country would not find anything unfriendly in such action by the neutrals," are the words credited to the foreign minister of one great belligerent. "My government would place no obstacle in the way of its institution," said the minister of an opposing nation. "What are the neutrals waiting for?" said a third, whose name, it is stated, ranks high, not only in his own country, but all over the world.

The envoys were received by the following, among others: Prime Minister Asquith and Foreign Minister Sir Edward Grey in London. Reichskanzler von Bethmann-Holweg and Foreign Minister Von Jagow, in Berlin. Prime Minister Stuerghk, Foreign Minister Burian, in Vienna; Prime Minister Tisza, in Budapest. Prime Minister Salandra and Foreign Minister Sonnino, in Rome. Prime Minister Viviani and Foreign Minister Declasse, in Paris. Foreign Minister d'Avignon, in Havre. Foreign Minister Sazonoff, in Petrograd.

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