

Some Counties are Under Control of Night Riders.

Adjutant General Johnson Returns to Frankfort After Tour of Western Kentucky.

Governor Willson's Scathing Letter in Reply to Trigg County Resolutions.

Refuses to Withdraw Troops Because Lives and Property of Brave Men Would Be Endangered.

Frankfort, Ky., Aug. 22.—It is a question in the mind of Adjutant Gen. P. P. Johnston whether some of the counties in Western Kentucky are controlled by the civil authorities or the night riders, and he is inclined to believe that the night riders have a little the best of it in one or two counties.

General Johnston returned today from a trip through the night rider infested counties where he has been making an investigation of conditions and endeavoring to determine what ought to be done to restore law and order.

Gen. Johnston found that the situation is somewhat tense in many counties and the need for the soldiers still exists.

However, Gen. Johnston found that there is a nucleus of determined and brave men, around which is being gathered an array of law and order men who will eventually bring order out of the present chaos.

In every county there are men who do not believe in the night rider raids, and in fact some men who first started the night rider organization are now trying to break it up.

Authorities Seek Aid.

Gen. Johnston hopes that the tobacco growers of the better class finally will join with the State authorities in putting down the raiders.

In Lyon county, at Eddyville, Gen. Johnston found a peculiar situation. The grand jury returned no indictments and declared that it was unable to secure witness, as county Attorney Krone would not produce the witnesses.

On the other hand, Krone says the grand jury not only never asked him for witnesses, but never even asked for him and never invited him into the grand jury room.

Krone has not stood for raiding which has been done, and has tried to do his duty.

Gen. Johnston found that two of the grand jurors would not sign the report exonerating Judge Cook from connection with the lawlessness unless the report also commended Krone.

The others refused to put in a clause commending Krone and a juror named Dodds refused to sign the report. That night Dodds' barn was burned.

Fire is Suspicious.

The reports sent out are to the effect that the fire was accidental, but it is regarded as suspicious that the fire should have followed so soon after the refusal of Dodds to sign the grand jury report.

Governor Willson today made public the text of the scathing reply to a letter and resolutions which had been forwarded to him by county officials of Trigg County, stating that the presence of troops was not desired in

that county and intimating that the soldiers had committed acts of lawlessness.

Trigg county, which is in the dark tobacco district, near the Tennessee line, has been the scene of an unusually large number of night rider depredations.

Judge's Name on Paper.

Gov. Willson, before proceeding to reply, quotes in full the letter and resolutions, which are dated August 18, and forwarded from Cadiz, Ky., and written on the letter heads of the Planters' Protective Association—the organization of the dark tobacco growers.

The signatures are led off with the names of County Judge G. E. Bingham and Sheriff W. C. Broadbent, of Trigg County.

The letter and resolutions recite that at a meeting attended by 500 citizens of Trigg county those present pledged themselves to make every effort to restore order and peace.

Among other statements the resolutions contain the following:

"Without reciting the various acts of violence, and without touching on any acts of lawlessness on the part of the soldiers, we desire to assure you excellency that we can do all or more than soldiers can."

The resolutions state that the presence of the soldiers is a hindrance to the execution of justice by the civil tribunals and declare that their withdrawal would be in the interest of law and order.

In his reply Governor Willson commends the spirit shown by the mass meeting and expresses his belief that those present can restore order in Trigg county if they will do all they can to live up to their pledge.

Hundreds Intimidated.

If such a pledge had been taken at the outset of the depredations, eighteen months ago, and carried out, there would now be no need of soldiers in the county.

"But," says the Governor, "during that eighteen months hundreds of people have been intimidated by a secret-bound league and a long list of crimes recorded."

"And during this time not one of you who offer this pledge has caused the arrest of any body, although many of the crimes were so open and shameless that many of you who sign these resolutions not only knew of the outrages but knew where officers could have laid their hands on the perpetrators."

"You have not made a single affidavit, caused a single arrest, or even asked for a warrant."

Citizens are Scared.

The people of your county were made to feel that they could not rely for help on either yourselves or the peace officers. And while you did nothing yourselves you never asked aid of the State Government, but showed hostility to the State Government's measures to protect life and property."

In conclusion the Governor takes a parting shot at the signers of the resolutions for engrossing them on the stationery of the Planters' Protective Association—a name which, he says, recalls the raids on Princeton, Hopkinsville, and a number of other places.

On the ground that the lives of the few brave men who have attempted to persecute night riders, and who have asked for protection, would be endangered and their property put to further risk of destruction, he refuses to withdraw the troops.

Such a step, he says, would remove what little protection has of late been afforded and leave the district at the mercy of the raiders.

SCHOOL BOARD IS ORGANIZED.

Second Educational Trustees Meet At Earlinton Public Graded School Building.

SUPERINTENDENT FOX PRESENT AND TRUSTEES ARE QUALIFIED.

The school trustees recently elected under the new school law held a meeting at the Earlinton Public Graded school building Monday for the purpose of organizing the Second Educational District Board. The following minutes of the meeting state the proceedings fully.

Earlinton, Ky.,

August 24th, 1908.

Minutes of a meeting held for the organization of Division Board of the Second Educational Division of Hopkins county, under provisions of the "County School District Law," which became a law by approval of the Governor March 24th, 1908.

Pursuant to official call of A. J. Fox, Superintendent of Schools for Hopkins county, dated August 17th, 1908, the newly elected trustees for the various subdistricts of the Second Educational Division assembled at the Earlinton Public Graded school building at 10:30 o'clock, Monday morning, August 24th, 1908, for the purpose of organizing the Second Division Board. The meeting was called to order and presided over by Superintendent Fox.

Present in the meeting were: W. R. Whitfield, Moss Hill No. 23; R. H. Smith, Stanley No. 72; W. V. Brooks, Grape Vine No. 50; Paul M. Moore, Earlinton No. 45; J. D. Greer, Hecla No. 48; O. C. Adcock, McCord No. 20; George R. Finley, Southard No. 81. All being present except Mart Crawford, of Barnsley No. 83.

Supt. Fox made a statement as to the provisions of the new law and the purposes of the meeting, after which the meeting proceeded to the election of officers. Paul M. Moore was nominated for chairman of the Second Educational Division and R. H. Smith was nominated for secretary. These nominations were made separately and the vote being separately taken each was unanimously elected to the offices as named.

As under the law one half of the newly elected trustees are to serve for a period of one year and one half for the period of two years, to be determined by lot, the meeting proceeded to draw lots to determine this matter. Result:—The trustees holding for one year are W. R. Whitfield, Moss Hill; Mart Crawford, Barnsley; R. H. Smith, Stanley; W. V. Brooks, Grapevine. Those holding for two years are Paul M. Moore, Earlinton; J. D. Greer, Hecla; O. C. Adcock, McCord; George R. Finley, Southard.

The trustees present were duly qualified by Superintendent Fox, who administered the oath of office to each.

After a discussion of certain points in the new law and the expression of general interest on the part of the trustees, and after numerous questions had been asked of and answered by the Superintendent, the meeting, upon motion duly seconded and carried, adjourned to meet again upon call of the division chairman, or, as provided by law, on the last Saturday in June 1909, for the consideration of applications and the election of teachers.

R. H. SMITH.

Secretary Second Division. PAUL M. MOORE. Chairman Second Division. The chairmen of the various county divisions constitute the County Educational Board, which will hold its first meeting at Madisonville early in September.

TOBACCO TRUST QUILTS LOUISVILLE.

American Tobacco Company Withdraws its Agents From Kentucky.

WILL OPEN HEADQUARTERS IN OHIO METROPOLIS.

Louisville, Ky., Aug. 22.—A story is published here this afternoon that the American Tobacco Company has withdrawn its twenty-two country buying agents from Kentucky.

The announcement comes as a complete surprise to local tobacco men and has caused quite a flurry among those interested in the situation throughout the State.

Furthermore, it is known that the company intends to open headquarters in Cincinnati.

The rumor is persistent that the company intends to entirely quit Kentucky. Officials of the American Tobacco Company decline to discuss the outcome of the move.

Louisville has for years been the largest tobacco market in the world, thousands more hogheads of tobacco being handled on the local "breaks" annually than at any other point.

It is generally accepted that the numerous "night rider" troubles and the intense feeling which exists against the American Tobacco Company in many sections has caused the officials of the company to withdraw the country agents from the State.

FARMER BRAVE ENOUGH TO SHOOT NIGHT RIDER.

While His Barn Was Burning From Fire Started By the Band.

Brooksville, Ky., Aug. 22.—Walter Galloway, a farmer who lives five miles east of Ealmouth, gave a band of twenty night riders a warm reception last night.

Twenty masked men, armed and mounted, surrounded his tobacco barn. Several of them dismantled and applied the torch to the barn. Besides losing his barn Galloway had 8,000 pounds of tobacco burned, Galloway had not been molested, but was awakened by the glare of the flames.

He seized a shotgun and fired from a window into a group of the raiders.

The fire was returned without damage and the raiders galloped away.

Galloway's charge of shot struck one of the men, who rode to Falmouth for surgical attention.

The identity of the wounded man has been disclosed and he may be arrested. He is said to reside on a farm near that of Galloway.

Cloverport Dry by 80 Majority.

Cloverport, Ky., Aug. 22.—This city went dry today by a majority of 80. This city has been dry for eight years and several elections have been held in this time but this is the largest majority yet secured by the temperance people. The election passed off very quietly. The church people and especially many women took a deep interest in the election and the victors are rejoicing greatly tonight.

Place your ad in The Earlinton Bee

Substantial Movement For Handsome New Church.

Service of Giving Signalizes Closing Meeting of Series of Revival Services.

Earlinton to Have a New Methodist Church Very Soon—More Than \$1500 Subscribed

At Meeting Sunday Night at Auditorium Rink—Meeting Conducted by Rev. Brown, the Missionary Evangelist.

Sunday night the series of meetings that had been in progress for three weeks under leadership of Rev. R. T. Brown, of Elizabethtown, Ky., was closed with an enthusiastic and unique service of giving, at which the sum of \$1,525 was pledged for the beginning of a fund with which to build a handsome new church in Earlinton.

Mr. Brown is a missionary evangelist for the Louisville conference, Methodist Episcopal Church, South. Rev. J. D. Frazor, preacher in charge of the Earlinton station, had arranged with some trepidation for the meeting to be held during the hot weather, but it could not be otherwise arranged so as to get Mr. Brown to do the preaching and the meeting was begun under difficulties with the purpose to continue for two weeks. At the end of the first two weeks the interest seemed to be at its height and the congregation could not be accommodated in the little church in the valley.

After consultation it was decided to move into the Auditorium Rink and continue the services for another week. This in spite of the fact that Mr. Brown was well worn out and needed a good rest before he should enter the next meeting which he had promised to hold at Columbia, Ky., beginning on Sunday, the 30th of August. The heat was intense but the people came and attended the services, filling the seats available in the larger building. The last week was the best. The closing day saw sixty-five additions to the Methodist church, besides those who will join other denominations. Quite a number of these chose to be immersed and were baptized in Loch Mary.

The service of giving to the new church fund was a surprise to the most sanguine, though it had not been thought or planned for more than a few hours in advance and few knew such a movement would be attempted. The list was opened for sums from any amount down to twenty-five cents a month for twelve months. As the list grew numerous liberal pledges were made by people of other denominations and others not members of any church. The amounts pledged are payable monthly in twelve equal installments, beginning in October next, or in lump sums as the subscriber may elect. The next morning \$100 additional was subscribed in two lots and several other smaller sums are reported.

The church already owns a good lot, recently bought of Mr. Dan M. Evans, on corner Robinson street and Moss avenue, where they have built the new parsonage, now occupied. The lot was bought this year and

with the purpose of building a church there when the congregation could do so. Nobody, unless it be the preacher in charge, through whose quiet perseverance and unflinching faith the official membership of the church were brought to act, had any hope that their desires were anywhere so near fulfillment as now appears.

The Missionary Baptist Church will begin a series of meetings at the Auditorium Rink on Saturday next. The services will be conducted by Rev. Gregston, pastor of the local church.

The benches from the Methodist church, which have been used for the meeting just closed, will remain at the rink for use in coming meeting. The Methodist prayer-meeting and Sunday-school will be held in the rink until the close of the Baptist meeting because the church is without seats.

Mr. Ben Ashby, of Madisonville, secretary of the county Y. M. C. A. organization, is generally spoken of for his excellent work in directing the music and conducting the singing, he having been engaged for the meeting by the choir committee.

FIND NO INDICTMENTS.

And County Attorney Krone Says Justice Is Paralyzed.

SAYS NO ATTEMPT MADE TO BRING GUILTY TO JUSTICE.

Eddyville, Ky., Aug. 22.—The grand jury adjourned without having returned any indictments against Night Riders in this section and, as a result, some 180 warrants, based on "information and belief," and sworn out against men charging them with having committed various depredations in this section will probably be dismissed.

Following the discharge of the grand jury, County Attorney Walter Krone made a sensational statement in which he declared that no attempt had been made to bring the culprits to justice and that the work of the grand jury had been a farce. He declared that the grand jury had contented itself with demanding the testimony of but two men, Sanford Hall and Tom Stevens, who are now at Jeffersonville, Ind., when it was a matter of public knowledge that the two men stood in danger of being killed if they came.

The men, according to the county attorney's statement, gave important testimony and will come when any serious attempt is made at investigating the troubles and returning indictments. According to Mr. Krone no attempt was made to get the testimony of other witnesses. The county attorney declared that his own life would be in grave jeopardy if it were not for the presence of soldiers, and said that the administration of justice in this district is paralyzed.

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