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## COLUMBUS IS AFTER WHITE WAY SYSTEM

SECRETARY WEATHERLY OF CIVIC CHAMBER BEGINS MOVEMENT.

## LIGHT COMPANY SUBMITS OFFER

Matter Will be Submitted to City Council at Regular Meeting Tuesday Night.

Mr. J. G. Weatherly, the enterprising secretary of the local chamber of commerce, is endeavoring to secure a White Way for Columbus, and has obtained what he considers a liberal proposition from the Columbus Railway, Light and Power Company for the installation of the system and the furnishing of current therefor.

The proposition submitted by the Columbus Railway, Light and Power Company provides that property holders or tenants install the columns and globes and the city pay 5c per kilowatt hour for current. The columns are to be placed 75 feet apart and lights are to burn until 11 o'clock each night. The company agrees to install the system free placing the wires in underground conduits and to keep it in thorough repair, renewing the globes as often as necessary and repainting the columns once each year.

The company asks the city to guarantee payments for the lights, and that a contract extending over a period of ten years be entered into. There is some difference as to whether the municipality should divide the expense of the White Way system with property owners and tenants, and this feature will be discussed and threshed out Tuesday night, when a committee from the Chamber of Commerce will go before the City Council and ask that the proposition of the lighting company be taken up and favorably considered.

## Services at Second Baptist Church.

The revival meeting at the Second Baptist church is still in progress and will continue until the middle of the week.

Much enthusiasm and interest has been aroused at the meetings, which have proven very profitable, quite a number of additions to the church having been made.

There will be three services today. The morning service will occur at the usual hour, 11 o'clock, and in the afternoon a special service will be held when Rev. J. W. Hickerson, who is conducting the services, will speak on "An Old Fashioned Home." The evening service will begin promptly at 7:45 o'clock. A cordial invitation is extended to all to attend these services.

## Fined for Stealing Pistol.

Roland Gaither, a young negro who has been holding a position as elevator boy for a local business concern, took possession of a pistol belonging to a prominent citizen the past week, and after taking a joy ride to West Point returned to this city. In the meantime, however, he pawned the revolver which he stole, and it was in this way that Chief of Police Morton found him to be the guilty party. Gaither was given a hearing before Justice of the Peace Cummings yesterday morning, and sentenced to pay a fine of \$25 and serve sixty days. The case was appealed.

Jeff Evans, another negro boy, was also given a hearing before Mr. Cummings yesterday morning on a charge of stealing a gun from Robert Mann, Jr., and was given thirty days and costs. He was also sentenced to serve thirty days and pay cost on a charge of disturbing the peace in "Bailey Town."

## June Sale at Leigh's.

The annual June Sale of R. E. Leigh will begin tomorrow morning, and in his advertisement in this issue many wonderful bargains are offered. This big store has recently received a large shipment of goods, which will be placed on sale this week. Read his ad in this issue.

Dr. and Mrs. W. H. McCracken and children returned today to their home at Alligator, Miss., after a pleasant visit to their sisters, Mrs. Beattie Baxter and Mrs. R. F. Weaver. They were accompanied home by Misses Inez and Elizabeth Baxter.

Hon. B. A. Lincoln is spending today in Jackson with friends.

## WEST POINT HOST OF HAY GROWERS

MEETING HELD THURSDAY TO DISCUSS FORMATION OF ASSOCIATION.

## COLUMBUS MAY BE HEADQUARTERS

City is in Center of Territory, and May Secure Main Office of Organization.

For the purpose of considering plans to form an association to promote and conserve their interests farmers from various counties in East Mississippi who are extensive producers of hay met in West Point Thursday, and a steering committee consisting of seven members were appointed to look into the matter thoroughly and formulate plans for a permanent organization.

The production of hay in this section has grown so rapidly during the past few years that producers of the legume feel the need of a strong organization to protect their interests, and the first plan proposed was to incorporate under the laws of Alabama, and establish headquarters in Birmingham, with a competent man in charge as manager whose duty it would be to sell the products of members and look after their interests generally. Some of the largest growers think, however, that as Columbus is the center of activities for the territory affected the proposed association should establish and maintain headquarters in this city, and are now working with that end in view.

The steering committee, which was appointed by Hon. W. E. Stokes of Macon, president of the Mississippi Hay Growers' Association, who presided over the meeting, is composed of the following gentlemen: Messrs. W. C. Banks, Columbus; S. L. Beach, Tibbee; W. E. Stokes, Macon; W. T. Donelson, Srung's Station; George Phelps, Okolona; Wm. Roberts, Tupelo; Prof. F. T. Brunson, Starkville.

Lowndes county hay growers who attended the meeting were: Messrs. Carey Coker, C. W. Evans, Wm. Simson, W. C. Banks, N. D. Guerry, A. E. Herring, Jr., and John B. Sale. Mr. J. G. Weatherly, secretary of the local Chamber of Commerce, and Mr. W. H. Carter, former secretary of the same organization, were also present.

## Funeral of Hamilton Hardy.

Funeral services over the remains of Mr. Hamilton Hardy, the twenty-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Hardy, who died late last Wednesday afternoon at his home in the prairie were held Friday afternoon being conducted by Rev. W. V. Frazer, and interment took place at Jennings cemetery. The pall bearers were his three brothers, Messrs. Allison, Edward and Eugene Hardy, and three cousins, Messrs. Bailey, Robert and Harris Hardy.

The young man had been in bad health for some time past. He retired about 10 o'clock Wednesday night, and when one of his relatives went to awaken him the following morning it was found that he had passed away. The Commercial joins the many friends of the heartbroken parents in extending to them deepest sympathy.

## May Contest Demands.

New York, June 3.—Every point in the demands made by the four leading organizations of railroad employees upon virtually all the rail lines of the United States for a basic eight hour day, will be sharply contested, it became apparent here at the second conference between the 19 officials representing the roads and the delegates of the labor organizations. Acting as spokesman for his associates A. B. Garretson, president of the Order of Railway Conductors read into the record the formal request for an eight hour day and the supplementary demands of the people.

As each clause was read, Elisha Lee, chairman of the railroad committee, and his associates, asked questions designed to bring out its meaning. There were several sharp disputes regarding present working conditions.

Mr. R. P. Barnard, who for some time past has held the place as linotype operator at the Keith Printing Company, left yesterday for Columbia, S. C., where he goes to accept a position.



—Hodge in Spokane Spokesman-Review.

## HARDING SAYS WILSON IS GAINING STRENGTH

MEMBERS OF FEDERAL RESERVE BOARD GIVES INTERVIEW IN BIRMINGHAM.

In an interview given out during a recent visit to his former home in Birmingham, Hon. W. P. G. Harding, a member of the Federal Reserve Board, after denying the rumor that he intended to resign his present position and enter the race for governor of Alabama, said, "I believe, made the following statement regarding President Wilson's strength and his chance for re-election next fall:

"President Wilson has gained strength throughout the country within the past few months," declared Mr. Harding. "His election now seems to be practically assured, barring some unforeseen difficulty which cannot now be forecasted. The manner in which the President upheld the honor and dignity of the nation in his controversy with Germany on the submarine issue and his final triumph in this matter when Germany acceded to his every contention, has served to add to his hold on the American people. The people of the country appreciate his ability and they are grateful for the manner in which he has solved some of the most trying problems which have ever confronted a president."

"Regarding the candidate who will be named by the Republicans, the best opinion in Washington seems to be divided between Justice Hughes and Roosevelt. Of course, the Republicans are in a peculiar situation and it is impossible for anyone to state with any degree of certainty who will be selected to oppose Wilson. Their main difficulty is in finding someone they think can beat the President and I am of the opinion that no matter who may be chosen, they are doomed to failure."

Mr. Harding stated that he could not discuss the turn taken by the Mexican situation following the receipt of the note from Carranza demanding the withdrawal of American troops. "I am not familiar enough with the changes of the last few days to vouchsafe an opinion," declared Mr. Harding. "However, I am confident that President Wilson will handle this question with the same diplomatic skill which has marked his action in all foreign controversies during his administration. I do not expect him to take any step which will sacrifice the honor of the country. We have been confronted with many situations during the past few years which were far more delicate than the present one and on each occasion we have come out with honor. We shall doubtless do the same this time."

Mr. Joseph Dickson, editor of the Lakeland, Fla., Daily Tribune, spent several days of the past week in the city as the guest of Mr. Thomas Keith, editor of the Columbus Advertiser. Although more than 70 years old, Mr. Dickson is still hale and hearty and is generally recognized as one of the most vigorous editorial writers in the Peninsula state.

## SELECTION OF HIGH SCHOOL SITE DELAYED

BOND BUYERS MAKING INQUIRY INTO LEGALITY OF ELECTION.

Architect P. J. Krouse of Meridian, who on May 3 was awarded the contract to draw plans for the new \$50,000 high school building which is to be erected here, was in the city yesterday, but stated that he has not as yet commenced work on the plans, as the site is still to be selected, and this must be done before the structure can be intelligently planned.

The school bonds were sold to the Interstate Trust and Banking Company, of New Orleans, and attorneys for the company are now making the necessary inquiries to assure themselves that all requirements have been complied with and that the bond issue is in every respect legal. While city officials feel confident that no inaccuracies will be found, they must nevertheless await the final decision of the attorneys, and it will probably be several weeks before any action in the matter is taken.

Nearly a dozen sites have been offered, and final action of the council in making a selection is being awaited with interest.

## NEGRO NORMAL TO BE HELD IN COLUMBUS NEXT MONTH

WILL OPEN JULY 17, AND CONTINUE FOR TERM OF SIX WEEKS.

Announcement is made that a summer school for negroes will open at Union Academy in this city Monday, July 17, and continue in session six weeks.

The school will be directed by Prof. H. G. McGowan, who has charge of the horticultural department at the Mississippi Industrial Institute and College, who will be assisted by a competent faculty, the members of which have not yet been selected.

A full course of instruction in compliance with the new school laws of the state will be given, and special effort will be made to prepare young negroes who have decided to become teachers to take up their work in an intelligent manner when the schools open next fall. It is expected that about 200 teachers and embryonic teachers will attend the normal.

## Supervisors to Meet.

The regular monthly meeting of the board of supervisors of Lowndes county will be held beginning tomorrow morning. Quite a number of important matters will be brought up. Besides awarding many bridge contracts, the board will name a commissioner for district 4 to succeed the late S. F. Potts.

Misses Josephine and Lisette Duncan are visiting their aunt, Mrs. C. H. Quinn, at Reform, Ala.

## HAPPENINGS OF INTEREST GATHERED HERE AND THERE

GIST OF NEWS FROM OVER THE COUNTRY GIVEN IN A BRIEF FORM.

President Wilson, marching on foot, will lead the preparedness parade in Washington on Flag Day, June 14. Afterwards he will review the procession and deliver a Flag Day address to the marchers. When asked by a committee to view the parade, the President replied enthusiastically that he not only would review it but would march in it. The President also promised that it is possible he would give permission for government employes in Washington to march.

More than 46,000 persons were killed and injured in the United States by accidents during the three months ending September 30, last. The Interstate Commerce Commission figures made public Thursday show 2,531 of this number were killed and 43,518 injured. This is a net decrease of 217 in the number killed and 3,697 injured as compared with the corresponding quarter of the year before.

Steamship service to Nome, the most northerly city in the world, which has been isolated since last October, was resumed the past week with the sailing of the steamship Umatilla from Seattle, Washington. As a special inducement to contractors to speed the completion of warships, the House last week wrote into the navy bill an amendment permitting the navy secretary to offer bonuses of 20 per cent to contractors completing the work in the specified time limit.

Phenomenal cold for this time of the year prevails throughout Russia. Street cars have been stopped by snow at Kazan. The temperature at Nizhni, Novgorod, is at the freezing point.

The House has approved the appropriation of \$6,000,000 for equipping the Norfolk, Charleston, New Orleans, Puget Sound, Portsmouth, and Philadelphia navy yards to build battleships.

## Krone Finishes at Tulane.

Dr. W. F. Krone, son of Mr. and Mrs. M. Krone, of this city, has completed his course in the School of Medicine at Tulane University in New Orleans, and invitations to attend commencement exercises at this big institution on June 7th have been received here by many of his friends.

Dr. Krone graduated here several years ago from the Franklin Academy and later attended the University of Mississippi. For the past two years he has been at Tulane and has completed his course with highest honors, being among a few of the graduates who won places as internes. The Commercial joins his numerous friends here in extending to him congratulations upon the success that he has already made, and predicts for him a bright future.

Mrs. C. A. Eubanks leaves tomorrow for Helena, Ark., where she will spend a month with Dr. and Mrs. Morris Henry. She will later visit relatives in Wabash, Ark. and in Greenville.

## CARRANZA FOLLOWS FUNSTON'S ORDERS

TROOPS DISTRIBUTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH AGREEMENT.

## SMALL SQUAD IN SEVERAL PLACES

Department Receives News of Renewed Activities of Gen. Zapata.

Washington, June 2.—Despite the threatening tone of General Carranza's last note, his military forces in Chihuahua state are being disposed in general accord with the plan disclosed by Gen. Obregon during his conference at El Paso with Gens. Scott and Funston. This was shown today when Gen. Funston sent word that 20,000 Carranza soldiers mobilized within the last few days at Chihuahua City and had been spread over the region not controlled by Gen. Pershing's column in a way to carry out an active pursuit of bandits.

The distribution of Carranza forces is given by Gen. Funston as follows: 4,000 infantry at Chihuahua City, 2,000 at Ojinaga, 2,000 south of Chihuahua City, 5,000 in the vicinity of Madera, and the remainder divided into smaller commands, being disposed over the territory described and into the Big Bend country.

Army officers who studied the Mexican troop disposition as reported by Gen. Funston said they appeared to be in accord with a plan to police the country and did not indicate the preparation of an unfriendly act toward Gen. Pershing's force. The Mexicans have been for the most part distributed in small commands to police definite sections. So far there has been nothing to show that military preparations for an attempt to drive out the Americans have been set in motion.

On the other hand reliable information has been received in official quarters that all of Carranza's advisers stand solidly behind him in the expressions of his note.

News of renewed activity by Zapata followers in Southern Mexico officially reported today to the state department may change the military dispositions of the Mexican troops in Chihuahua. If the situation is as serious as indicated Gen. Obregon may be compelled to recall some of his forces in the north. It has been stated, but without specific authority, that 50,000 men were being concentrated in the north. Official reports have placed the number at 20,000. At any rate, officers here think a large enough portion of Carranza's available forces have been moved north to weaken his control over the southern bandit areas.

It is known that officials feel that the purposes of the United States have been stated over and over again in language that would bear no misconstruction. They also feel that the good faith of those statements have been demonstrated on so many occasions that they cannot be questioned seriously. Their attitude in this connection may be reflected in the American reply.

Gen. Trevino, commanding at Chihuahua City, has given orders that all foreigners be treated with consideration, and that any soldier guilty of mistreating an American or other foreigner will be summarily dealt with.

## Summer Normal Starts Soon.

Agricultural College, Miss., June 3.—With the registrations as just reported by Registrar Hugh Critz, rapidly nearing the 300 mark three days before the opening of the school, and other applications coming in by mail, the Mississippi A. & M. College is in a bustle of preparation for the reception of the largest summer normal attendance in the history of the institution. All necessary arrangements have been completed to take care of at least 1000 students.

## Clearance Sale at Beard's.

A big sensational June Clearance sale will be inaugurated at W. C. Beard's Inc., Monday morning when they will place ladies' suits and dresses on sale at half price. Your attention is called to their attractive advertisement on the last page.

Mr. J. W. Smith, Jr., a popular clerk at Lipsy and Chapsky's is enjoying a short vacation which he is spending with his parents at California.

## NAVAL FIGHT BY GERMANS

BRITISH 14 WARSHIPS IN BATTLE NEAR JUTLAND.

## TEUTON LOSS IS RELATIVELY SMALL

Believed That Loss of Life on Both Sides Was Extremely Heavy.

London, June 3.—Captain William Hall of the British admiralty authorizes the statement that the German report of the loss of the Marlborough and Warspite are absolutely untrue, and that both dreadnaughts are safe in harbor. The entire British battle fleet was not engaged in the North Sea battle with the German fleet, Captain Hall asserts, but only a portion of the fleet and that inferior to the German fleet engaged.

London, June 2.—Germany apparently was the victor in what may prove the greatest naval battle in the world's history, so far as details have been made public of the meeting of the German and French fleets off the west coast of Denmark on Wednesday. At least three British battle cruisers and eight torpedo boats, and the German battleship Pommern and two small German cruisers and a number of torpedo boats were sunk in the engagement, which lasted far into the night.

Great Britain admits the loss of battle cruisers and cruisers with a tonnage of 114,810—represented by the battle cruisers Queen Mary, Indefatigable and Invincible and the cruisers Defence, Black Prince and Warrior. Germany's losses, according to the Berlin admiralty, in addition to the Pommern, were the Wiesbaden and Fraunlob, small cruisers, and several torpedo boats.

The text of the admiralty statement follows: "On the afternoon of Wednesday the 31st of May, a naval engagement took place off the coast of Jutland. The British ships on which the brunt of the fighting fell were the battle cruiser fleet and some cruisers and light cruisers, supported by four fast battleships. The German battle fleet aided by the low visibility, avoided a prolonged action with our main forces. As soon as they appeared on the scene the enemy returned to port, though not before receiving severe damage from our battle ships.

"The battle cruisers Queen Mary, Indefatigable and Invincible and the cruisers Defence and Black Prince were sunk. The Warrior was disabled and after being towed for some time had to be abandoned by her crew. It is also known that the destroyers Tipperary, Turbulent, Fortune, Sparrow and Ardent were lost and six others are yet unaccounted for. No British battleships or light cruisers were sunk.

"The enemy's losses were serious. At least one battle cruiser was destroyed and one was severely damaged. One battleship is reported to have been sunk by our destroyers. During the night attack two light cruisers were disabled and probably sunk. The exact number of enemy destroyers disposed of during the action cannot be ascertained with any certainty, but must have been large."

From advices thus far received, it would appear that the greatest naval battle of history has occurred. Never before have two naval forces of such magnitude as the British and German high sea fleets engaged in combat. But apparently the battle was not fought out to a point to determine mastery of the seas, for the losses, serious as they are reported to have been, will not vitally impair the strength of either fleet.

The battle scene was on the eastern waters of the North Sea. It is probable that the German fleet was on one of the excursions into the North Sea which it has taken from time to time during the war, and met, whether or not by design, with the British fleet.

News of the engagement was held back by the British censor, possibly pending the return home of the

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