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GOV. RYE WANTS TO SELECT OWN CAMPAIGN MGR.

The following was sent out from Nashville in the last week-end:

Nashville, Tenn., July 6.—L. D. Hill, chairman of the state Democratic committee, who was recently re-elected despite the party custom of yielding to the wishes of the Democratic nominee for governor in the selection of a campaign committee, called on Governor Rye at the capitol this afternoon.

It is said he stated that he regretted the friction over his election as chairman, but that self-respect would not permit him to resign or withdraw. Report has it that Governor Rye reported that an equal amount of self-respect on his part compelled him to exercise his right of selecting a campaign committee of tried and true Democrats and loyal supporters, and that he would name his committee in due time.

Hill left for Sparta in the afternoon, but declined to discuss the matter. Governor Rye and friends had nothing to say. It is said Hill came to Nashville following a talk with Senator Shields at Knoxville, but Hill says he was in Knoxville on legal business before the court of appeals.

GOOD ROADS FOR HARDIN COUNTY

Savannah, Tenn., July 6.—The Hardin county court has been called in extra session for the first Monday in August to authorize the issuance of bonds to build the roads laid out at their last regular session, to employ an engineer and to make all necessary arrangements for the construction of the roads. With the improved condition of the roads in the Fourth Civil district, around the town of Savannah and with the other favorable condition that the gravel will not have to be hauled more than three miles in the construction of any of the roads laid out, it is estimated that the roads may be put in all-year-auto-passable condition for an average of a thousand dollars per mile.

SUBMARINE DOES WONDERFUL FEAT

Possibly the greatest feat ever performed by an underwater boat was accomplished last Sunday night when a German submarine came to anchor in the Chesapeake bay, bearing a cargo of a thousand tons of German dyestuffs and without the vessel or any member of the crew bearing arms. The vessel is styled a super-submarine, named the Deutschland, is 315 feet long and claims to have left a German port on the 23d of June. The trip across the ocean is 4,180 miles and the Deutschland claims to have made 1,800 miles of that distance under water. This particular submarine is said to be the largest vessel of that type afloat. The Deutschland carries a crew of 29, all of whom were drawn from the German merchant service and not from the navy. On the way across the Atlantic the Deutschland was chased for 30 hours by British and French warships, but she submerged and eluded her pursuers by going eight hundred miles out of her intended course. What will happen next in this wonderful world?

Later.—The submarine's commander denies being chased and says he did not go out of his course.

SOUTHERN HOTEL JACKSON, MAKES IMPROVEMENT

While in Jackson one day recently, THE PROGRESS man was shown in detail, by Mr. Robert L. Burgess, the genial and hustling manager of the Southern Hotel, the extensive improvements now being made to the hotel structure on Baltimore street, opposite court square, and rapidly approaching completion. The Southern has long been a favorite with THE PROGRESS man, who first began stopping at that place in 1884, when the late Capt. Jim Bright was the proprietor of the leading hotel of Jackson, then known as the Bright House and located on the Southern's present site. Later, the late Mrs. J. H. Day bought the property, improved it and named it "The Southern." After the death of Mrs. Day, the Southern fell into the hands of her brother, Mr. Robert L. Burgess, as manager, who has conducted it in a manner especially pleasing to the commercial travelers, who are its greatest friends and patrons. While we regard the Southern as one of the best and most homelike hotels in West Tennessee, it is gratifying to the friends of the establishment to note the extensive addition and improvement now rapidly approaching completion. These improvements in detail show fifty rooms, each one with private bath; eleven new sample rooms, barber shop, billiard hall, new toilet, baggage room, store room, cold storage and baking department; also a palm court with a fountain which will be the prettiest in the South; a day and night cafe which will open out on Baltimore street. The original dining room will be used just the same, only will be European plan. A new Otis elevator will be installed, the car carrying from twenty to twenty-five people. The old part of the hotel will be refurnished and remodeled with running water in every room—hot and cold—in fact Mr. Burgess thinks the Southern will be the best equipped hotel to its size in the South.

If war news can be transmitted to the Great Beyond, Earl Kitchener, the "War Lord" of England, is proud of the work done by his "yearling" soldiers.

21,000,000 MEN IN MILITARY LIMIT

It is estimated by the census bureau that the United States has a male population of 21,000,000, between the ages of 21 and 48 years, inclusive. This estimate is based on the conclusion that there has been an increase of 10 per cent in population since the census of 1910. When that census was taken the number over 19 years and under 46 years was 19,183,000 and of that number 14,224,000 were native whites, 2,857,000 were foreign born whites who had become naturalized, 2,052,000 negroes and 50,000 Indians. During the civil war in the sixties, the population, exclusive of the seceding states, was less than one-fourth of the present figure, and there served in the federal army, first and last, 2,500,000 men. By the census of 1910 Tennessee had between the ages of 18 and 48 years 434,841 men, while the whole South had 6,006,139, compared with 13,094,615 in the North and 1,970,322 in the West. These figures might have caught the eye of Gen. Carranza before he wrote that note which alone prevented war between Mexico and the United States.

REPORT OF HENDERSON CO. EQUALIZATION BOARD.

With the aid of Mr. E. E. Muse, one of the tax equalization board, and County Assessor Wright, we present a summary of the work of the assessor for the year 1916, as revised by the equalization board, composed of Messrs. W. W. Rogers, chairman; T. A. Hayes, secretary; E. E. Muse, W. R. Wilson and A. J. Maness.

First District.	
Number of polls	609
Number of acres	83,264
Personal property	\$ 27,461.00
Value town lots	31,180.00
Value lands	375,409.00
Assm't raised by board	7,950.00
Second District.	
Number of polls	620
Number of acres	47,368
Personal property	\$ 23,888.00
Value town lots	6,520.00
Value lands	270,780.00
Assm't raised by board	2,200.00
Third District.	
Number of polls	347
Number of acres	43,063
Personal property	\$ 8,865.00
Value lands	193,438.00
Assm't raised by board	1,400.00

RECAPITULATION:	
Number polls	3,117
Number of acres	347,641
Value personal property	\$ 181,981.00
Value town lots	508,040.00
Value lands	1,639,805.00
Assessment raised by Board	23,737.00

COST OF EUROPEAN WAR IS GREAT TO THE PEOPLE OF THE UNITED STATES

The cost of the Titanic war of Europe has already reached a stupendous total for each of the principal nations that is beyond the comprehension of the average mind. They have already begun to calculate in billions and the figures do not include the losses of property and the demoralization of business. But the little flurry between the United States and Mexico gives us a slight intimation of the financial burdens that would be imposed upon the people of this nation if an actual war should occur.

The mere possibility of war necessitating the mobilization of the national guards has so increased the expenses of government, notwithstanding the \$78,000,000 in the treasury, that the ways and means committee has sent to the national house of representatives the largest revenue measure ever brought in for the approval of congress.

All who would dance must pay the fiddler.

Here are the outstanding features of the revenue bill made necessary only by the rumors of war:

The income tax is more than doubled all along the line.

A new tax on inheritances is proposed, applying to inheritances over \$50,000.

A tax is levied on the profits of the manufacture of munitions of war.

Practically all stamp taxes levied under the first war revenue act are repealed.

Protection is guaranteed to the dyestuffs industry.

A non-partisan tariff commission is created.

Payment of expenses incident to the Mexican expedition are to be met by an issue of bonds.

Anti-unfair competition clause substituted for anti-dumping clause. New method of taxing theaters.

The income tax will be: The present exemption of \$3,000 for a single man and \$4,000 for a married man is retained.

Fourth District	
Number polls	128
Number acres	35,708
Personal property	\$ 16,656.00
Value lands	110,485.00
Assm't raised by board	2,667.00
Fifth District.	
Number of polls	628
Number of acres	53,841
Number of town lots	467
Personal property	\$ 45,606.00
Value town lots	439,090.00
Value lands	255,135.00
Assm't raised by board	2,500.00
Sixth District.	
Number polls	447
Number acres	57,618
Personal property	\$ 27,838.00
Value town lots	8,620.00
Value of land	248,741.00
Assm't raised by board	4,200.00
Seventh District.	
Number of polls	339
Number of acres	26,781
Personal property	\$ 31,167.00
Value 90 town lots	22,630.00
Value lands	186,392.00
Raised by board	2,820.00

RECAPITULATION:	
Number polls	3,117
Number of acres	347,641
Value personal property	\$ 181,981.00
Value town lots	508,040.00
Value lands	1,639,805.00
Assessment raised by Board	23,737.00

NASHVILLE OFFICIALS REPORTED SHORT \$71,187.79

From Nashville, on Thursday of last week, the following was sent as a special to the Commercial Appeal.

James Cameron, who has spent over a year auditing the books and accounts of Nashville, submitted a sensational report to the board of commissioners today. He says that during the years 1910 to 1914, inclusive, a total amount of \$71,187.79 was abstracted or embezzled from the city treasury.

"During the years 1909 to 1915 approximately \$84,000 in interest and penalties was illegally remitted and the examiners submit that there is due to the city from the First and Fourth National banks the sum of \$3,563.45, a difference emanating obviously from what we submit to an erroneous construction on the part of the bank of the agreement between the bank and the city." The report is accompanied by an exhibit comprising a statement on deposits in the Broadway National bank from January, 1912, to May, 1915, showing differences in results after computing the interest on daily balances pursuant to the contract. Since the completing of this work the Broadway National bank has turned over to the city of Nashville apparently in settlement of the claim a check for \$985.55.

The report shows that there is still due and unpaid the following amounts on account of overdraft of salaries.

Lyle Andrews, \$1,696.69; A. D. Andrews, \$504.12; R. M. Burns, \$601.57; Charles Myers, \$50.27; W. L. Murray, \$522.25; J. B. West, \$701.79.

"On August 16, 1915, the examiners say, Charles Myers reimbursed the city of Nashville in the sum of \$500 on the assumption, we are informed, that the amount constituted the aggregation of his overdraft.

"One of the most important of the now numerous exhibits which accompany the report is a balance sheet of the city of Nashville as of December 31, 1915, relative to which the report contains the following:

"The balance sheet shows that on December 31, 1915, the capital surplus of the city of Nashville was \$11,143,879.83; that the revenue surplus was \$550,457.17; or, in other words, the excess in assets over liabilities was \$11,694,336.99. The values applied to the respective properties are in accordance with the estimates and data furnished by the heads of various departments and from whatever other sources available. The financial condition of the city of Nashville is sound, etc."

TRAIN KILLS LITTLE CHILD

Waverly, Tenn., July 7.—A horrible accident occurred on the Nashville, Chattanooga & St. Louis railway three miles below Waverly Thursday, when train No. 5 ran over the little two-year old child of Mr. and Mrs. Arco Dean while it was out playing on the track.

It is said that the mother was out on the back porch or ignorant that the little child had got out the front gate. The child's body was badly mangled.

The conductor, not knowing whose child it was, brought the child to Waverly and turned it over to Luff-Bowen Co., undertakers. The whole town and the trainmen were very much distressed over the accident.

7,000 CITIZENS DISQUALIFIED IN MADISON CO.

The following startling statement of political indifference in Madison county has been sent out from Jackson:

Jackson, Tenn., July 6.—Seven thousand citizens of Madison county will be disqualified from voting in the state and county elections of Aug. 3 by their failure to pay their poll taxes 30 days before the election, according to the records in the office of Trustee J. L. Pearson. Only 6,000 of the 13,000 possible poll tax receipts have been issued. Of 4,000 poll tax assessments in the city of Jackson only 910 have been paid, but no city election has yet been called and the failure to pay the city poll tax does not disqualify the voter in the state and county elections.

IMPORTANT DECISIONS RENDERED

Judgments to the amount of \$23,354 were authorized in a decision handed down by Chancellor J. W. Ross in the celebrated Jackson church cases in which a number of Jackson, Memphis and Nashville concerns are much interested. Judge Ross decided that the lienholders could enforce their furnishers' and mechanics' liens on the bondsmen on McKnight & Merz, contracting firm which built the First Presbyterian and First Methodist church, structures of this city, and later became bankrupt.

The cases have been pending in chancery court for over one year. Judge Ross based his decision on an opinion recently handed down by the supreme court.

No appeal has been taken and likely there will be none, inasmuch as the supreme court recently passed on a case involving somewhat the same issues and principles of law.—Jackson Sun

Ripon, a not large town in Wisconsin, has declined to accept a \$75,000 appropriation for the erection of a postoffice, notwithstanding the need of a structure for that purpose. The money was turned back and congress advised to use it in equipping an aerial fleet.

WILL PLACE HERD OF FINE CATTLE

Rezevant, Tenn., July 6.—Efforts are being made by C. H. Denson, the Carroll County farm demonstration agent, to place a carload or more of fine shorthorn cattle in this county. Mr. Denson has already succeeded in placing more than half of the desired number, which is 25 head. To encourage the farmers to buy these cattle, some of the banks of the county have agreed to advance on one and two years the purchase price to farmers desiring to purchase a heifer at the rate of six per cent. The officials of the N. C. & St. L. Railroad Company have also offered as an inducement to place a fine \$250 male in the county for two or three years for the free use of the members of the buying club and at the end of that time to remove him and place another young male in the county to take his place. Experts will select these cattle to see that none but thoroughbred are sold here.

In the "good old days" those who yelled the loudest and proclaimed most vociferously their devotion to party "principle," never knew the difference between a Democrat and a Republican.