

MISSOURIANS TO GATHER AT FAIR

GEN. JOHN B. O'MEARA DEPARTS TO MAKE ARRANGEMENTS.

MAY 3 TO BE MISSOURI DAY

Estimate That 35,000 Natives Will Be On Hand to Celebrate—Occasion to Be Made a Memorable Affair.

Adjutant General John B. O'Meara has departed for San Francisco to meet the exposition commission, Maj. Gen. Arthur Murray, commanding the Western Division of the United States Army, and the Adjutant General of California, to make arrangements for the Missouri Day celebration, May 3, and the reception of Gov. Major.

It is estimated that 35,000 former citizens of the state will visit the fair on that day.

Gen. Murray is a Pike County man from Bowling Green and a personal friend of Gov. Major. He has sent assurances to Gen. O'Meara that he will do all in his power to make the occasion a memorable one.

Grand Jury Drops Lobby Inquiry.

Through its foreman, Charles E. Dewey, the county grand jury, which has been in nearly continuous session since March 1, the date on which it was convened, has made a partial report to Judge J. G. Slate and took a recess for a few days. A number of indictments accompanied the report. They were bills alleging gambling by Jefferson City residents.

The report says that the jury fully investigated the charges of lobbying made by Representative Charles U. Becker of Polk, during the session of the general assembly.

There was no evidence of bribery in this connection; the jury found no evidence that there were more lobbyists and legislative agents in Jefferson City during this session than at any of its predecessors.

With reference to the gambling report says that while the "wide open" name that Jefferson City has gained has not been through the connivance of the police of the city it has been no doubt through their inactivity that this condition has prevailed to some extent.

Wilson is Coming.

President Wilson gave the members of the Missouri state capitol commission a private audience in the blue room of the White House. The Missourians were escorted to the White House by Secretary of State Bryan.

Mr. Wilson had just returned from the golf links, and was in a happy frame of mind. He pleased his visitors with humorous stories, and promised to visit Missouri just as soon as the international problems growing out of the European war permit him to leave Washington.

Former Governor A. M. Dockey entertained the commission at dinner. Chairman Stephens declared that the commission was not on a "junket," every member paying his own way.

Ozarks Boomed.

That the wondrous beauty of the Ozark region of Missouri would attract thousands of visitors to the state in the vacation season if properly exploited, is the belief of the senate committee appointed to investigate the feasibility of purchasing a state park and creating an immense game preserve at one of the beauty spots which abound in this region.

The members of this committee are: Senators Buford and Reynolds county, Brunk and Brogan of St. Louis, Alle of Miller county, Carter of Clark county and Casey of Kansas City.

Blind Workers Encouraged.

Since the creation by the last legislature of a commission to look into the condition and needs of the blind in Missouri, workers of the Missouri Association for the Blind and blind men and women conversant with local affairs and finances, are hopeful.

This should be the greatest tribute the Missouri Blind Association can pay itself—its cheerful willingness to have men of the commission look into its affairs. It is hopeful for an appropriation after an investigation.

Can Issue Bonds.

The state public service commission has granted the application of the United Railways of St. Louis for authority to issue half a million dollars of bonds, bearing 4 per cent interest, and payable July 1, 1934, with which to take up a like amount of bonds issued by the old Southern Electric line, falling due May 1, 1916.

Forfeited Bonds Remitted.

After a conference with the proper officials, Gov. Major ordered the remitter of two forfeited bonds in criminal cases and declined to remit the forfeited bond in another.

There has been some question raised as to the power of the governor to remit a forfeited bond, but Gov. Major says the statute is clear and that all of his predecessors have taken that view.

He declined to remit the \$1,500 forfeited bond of Harry Lasker, a pick-pocket, who left St. Louis, went to West Virginia and is now serving a 10-year sentence in that state.

Sam Welsman, his bondsman, asked a remitter on the ground that Lasker, very obviously, could not be produced when wanted.

Carey L. Casey's \$1,200 bond was forfeited and he was brought back for trial. The state nolleed the charge. His bondsman, George Scullin, need pay only the court costs and fees.

The other remitter was of bonds for John McHugh totaling \$3,000, Charles L. Geraghty being the surety. McHugh, "an icebox" robber, was recaptured and is now serving a long term in the penitentiary. Geraghty must pay all of the court costs and fees due the circuit attorney.

Centennial Celebration.

The first step toward the celebration of Missouri's centennial of statehood was taken when a resolution was unanimously adopted requesting the board of directors of the Missouri Historical Society to officially consider the question.

No definite plan was suggested, as the celebration is not to be held until 1918.

The announcement of the plan to celebrate the 100th anniversary of Missouri as a state followed formal election of officers.

It was decided at the meeting to celebrate, next year, the semi-centennial of the founding of the Missouri Historical Society.

"The formal proclamation of the president of the United States recognizing Missouri as a state," said a member in speaking of the proposed celebration, it was felt should be held under the auspices of the Missouri Historical Society, "was not issued until August 21, 1821.

"But the petition for the admission to statehood was presented to congress January 8, 1818. For three years and six months the struggle over the admission of Missouri was the chief issue before congress."

Lined With Limestone.

Missouri's new state capitol is to be lined with Burlington limestone instead of plaster, as originally planned, and is to have a terrace, the design of which has not been determined.

These two important decisions were reached at a protracted meeting of the Missouri capitol commission, headed by E. W. Stephens and Tracey Swartwout, architect. In addition, it was virtually agreed that the columns in the new capitol shall be of American marble and granite, the former to be used in the senate and the latter in the house.

Mr. Stephens is jubilant over the prospects of being able to have the building ready for occupancy in 1916.

State Board Falls to Meet.

For the second time Secretary of State Cornelius Roach convened by himself as the state board of equalization to assess the public service corporations of the state for the present year's taxes. The law requires this board to convene the third Tuesday in April each year. Roach was the only member of the board in the city. Governor Major is available after an absence of 16 days, but even his presence will not make a quorum. The other three members of the board are:

Four Sites for Preserve.

There is much in the report of the committee selected to investigate sites offered for a proposed state park game preserve that will strike a responsive chord in the breast of every sportsman in Missouri.

The committee recommended four sites that could be purchased at a reasonable figure. One is Ha-Ha-Tonka Park, in Camden county; another a great tract of wild land in Reynolds county. The third is in Iron county near Arcadia, and the fourth in Crawford.

Farm Index Planned.

To enable his department and its free employment offices to provide Missouri farmers with the desired kind of labor at the right time, State labor commissioner is sending a blank which when filled out will enable his office to bring men and jobs together, as the system is an index.

Supreme Court Marshal Ill.

Word was received here that Maj. Joseph H. Pinks, marshal of the Missouri supreme court, is ill at the home of his daughter in Fayette, and is not expected to live.

A SMALLPOX FIGHT

Carranza Sends Supplies by Special Train to Mexico City for the Sick.

EFFORT TO PREVENT EPIDEMIC

Serious Condition Threatens People as Disease Spreads—Fifth is Now the Greatest Menace.

Washington, April 26.—Vaccine and other medical supplies to combat smallpox and prevent spread of the disease in Mexico City is to be forwarded from Vera Cruz by special train. The medical supplies were ordered from New York some time ago and are now due in Vera Cruz.

State department officials say there is no epidemic of smallpox or other contagious disease in Mexico City, but it has been known for some time that there were a large number of cases and they have been taken care of from time to time. To prevent further spread of the disease an extra supply of vaccine was ordered and the state department was advised that it had been forwarded from New York on the steamer Morro Castle.

Guayamas, Mex., by Radio to San Diego, Cal., April 26.—The Villa forces have been badly defeated in southern Sonora, evacuating the town of Navajoa after having lost and retaken it before their final defeat and losing many pieces of artillery, machine guns and ammunition.

They have retreated north forty kilometers to Fundacion station. Orders were received by the Southern Pacific railroad at Empalme to dispatch every available car to Fundacion for wounded. The latter are arriving at Guayamas now.

The Carranza forces are pushing northward under Generals Iturbe and Flores, while General Calles is working northeast toward Hermosillo and is reported as being now at Ures.

Yaqui Indians recently attacked a ranch owned by two Americans named Jones and Stevenson in the Yaqui valley. After a pitched battle in which several of the ranch peons were killed, the Indians were driven off. The governor has sent the Americans fresh supplies of ammunition.

Capital is Quieter.

City of Mexico, April 24.—Authentic reports of the signal defeat of General Francisco Villa's forces near Celaya in Northern Mexico by General Obregon, the Carranza commander, have had a quieting effect on conditions here and the best interests of the city are hopeful that the worst is over for the country.

It has been felt for some time that conditions would remain chaotic so long as rival revolutionary leaders were about equal in strength and continued to fight for domination of the republic.

General Villa's propaganda has not been popular with the class of people who hold property, because he declared it his policy to take from the rich in order to better conditions among the masses.

General Carranza's policies were considered to be somewhat along the same lines but much more conservative. Hence the support given him by the wealthy interests, following the collapse of the Huerta regime. Even if Villa had driven Carranza and his followers to cover and become the dictator of Mexico, or if he should by some turn of fate yet secure control, it is believed he could be prevailed upon to do the fair thing by all classes.

But what the intelligent classes now consider necessary above all other things for the country's good is a cessation of hostilities—no matter which side is in the ascendancy. Business, or commerce, is in dire need of an opportunity to operate, and unless the rural folk can grow some crops this year the outside world surely will be called upon to feed a starving, helpless, penniless nation.

Americans Get Out.

Washington, April 23.—Two hundred and eighty-five Americans, ten British and five German subjects are aboard the United States army transport Buford, en route from Tampico to the United States.

Consular dispatches received by the Washington government from various points in Mexico indicate that while temporarily disorganized by the defeat sustained at Celaya, General Villa and his forces have by no means been removed as a formidable factor in Mexico's civil war.

Officials at the state department are guarding closely the reports received from consuls in the territory occupied by General Villa, as it is not desired to give out military information, but it is known that plans for another battle with General Obregon, the Carranza commander, are proceeding rapidly.

HAPPENINGS of the week IN MISSOURI

At a meeting of the board of regents of the Warrensburg Normal School recently the firm of Smith, Rea & Lovitt, architects of Kansas City, was selected to furnish plans to rebuild the school buildings destroyed by fire March 6. It was decided to erect a main building, a science hall and to rehabilitate the training school, which was damaged the least by the fire. The board also elected E. L. Hendricks a member of the faculty for a term of two years.

Mrs. Mary F. Robinson, aged 69, the first successful woman operator in the Joplin mining district, is dead of pneumonia. Mrs. Robinson came to Joplin seventeen years ago from Chicago and developed the King Jack, one of the biggest zinc producers ever opened there.

Edward Shaller, 30 years old, was drowned when a motor car in which he was riding plunged into a 20-foot ditch on a highway twelve miles north of Hannibal the other morning. Three other occupants were uninjured. There was two feet of water in the ditch which had been excavated by a drag line machine. The uninjured men said there were no warning lights.

A voluntary petition in bankruptcy was filed in the United States Circuit Court at St. Louis recently by the Tyler (Mo.) Land and Timber Company. The liabilities are given as slightly more than \$172,000 and the assets as \$255,000.

In order to save the Pleasant Valley school house, three miles east of Webb City, from fire, the Cruzan residence, about fifty feet west of the school, was dynamited while it was burning. The loss is estimated at \$500.

Ernest See, a son of Filmore See, a scientific farmer of Montgomery county and brother of Dr. T. J. J. See, the famous astronomer, is dead of pneumonia. He was about 28 years old and leaves a widow.

George Catlett Russell, 77 years old, veteran of the Civil war and a pioneer citizen, is dead in Sedalia. He was a native of Kentucky and fought in the Confederate army.

The Central Missouri Lumbermen's Association held its annual business meeting at Sedalia recently. Thirty-two members were present. These officers were elected: Earl S. Gold, Sedalia, president; Phillip Anweiler, Versailles, vice president; Harry E. Duens, Booneville, secretary; Edward Mooring, Concordia, treasurer.

Five hundred and fifty employees of the Missouri, Kansas & Texas shops at Sedalia have been put to work on a full time eight-hour schedule, six days a week. For several months past the employees have worked only three days a week.

Albert N. Hanson, aged 67, for many years a building contractor, was killed at Springfield when a street car crashed into an automobile he was driving.

Charles A. Bates, 34, is dead at Springfield from injuries he received in a plunge down an elevator shaft from the second floor of an office building.

The Central Missouri Fox Hunters' Association at a meeting in Sedalia decided to hold its annual hunt at Mertgen Springs, Morgan county, May 24 to 28, inclusive. Thursday will be ladies' day. L. M. Monsees of Smithton is president of the association and L. S. Eddins of Sedalia is secretary.

H. T. Bueckhart, editor of the Fayette Democrat Leader, was severely injured in his car as he was returning from the Schumann-Heink recital at Columbia the other night. The lights on the car went out and the car rolled fifteen feet into a ditch. Mr. Bueckhart and Mrs. Callie Griffin, who was riding with him, were pinned under the car and were unable to get out until the car was raised an hour and a half later.

Frank L. Martin, professor of journalism at the University of Missouri, will spend eighteen months in Tokio, Japan, as associate editor of the Tokio Advertiser and as lecturer at the University of Tokio. Mr. Martin will sail May 15 from San Francisco for Yokohama. He will be accompanied by Mrs. Martin and their two children.

The resignation of A. H. Frederick as president of the board of aldermen has been presented to the St. Louis city registrar. Frederick was elected April 6 by 22,000 plurality, but since the election he has been indicted on a charge of forgery in the first degree.

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ASKED MORE MONEY, ANYWAY

Servant Hadn't Exact Idea of What He Was to Purchase, But It Had to Be Good.

A rich baron had a servant who was generally commissioned to make the family purchases, and was very proud of his position. One day the baron sent for his servant and asked him to purchase a jabot for the baroness, that afternoon, on his way back from town. He allowed him to spend five dollars on the article. Observing that the servant hesitated, he asked him the reason.

"I beg your pardon, sir," replied the servant, "but it seems to me that an elegant lady like the baroness ought not to buy such a cheap jabot. She should have one for at least \$100."

The baron would not hear of such a thing; but as the servant was obstinate and insistent, he finally added a few dollars to the amount allowed. The servant, however, was still unsatisfied. He persisted in the argument that the baroness' elegance required a much more expensive jabot. After long wrangling, his employer yielded to the extent of allowing \$20, but would not grant a penny more.

And still the servant lingered. "What are you waiting for now?" asked the baron.

"I beg your pardon, sir," stammered the servant. "Will you please tell me what a jabot is?"—New York World.

Feel Shortness of Flax.

The shortage of flax and flaxseed is a very serious matter for Ireland, and to a question by Sir John Lonsdale, in the house of Commons, as to what steps the government is taking to obtain a supply, Mr. Russell makes the following reply: "The Department of Agriculture have fully recognized the importance of procuring raw flax and flaxseed for Ireland. They have been, and are at present, in communication on the subject with the foreign office and with various associations and persons in the north of Ireland interested in the flax industry. A considerable quantity of flaxseed has already been imported for this year's sowing, and the department understand that more Russian seed is on its way to Ireland. There appears, however, to be difficulty in obtaining guaranties of the nature required by the Russian government in regard to the destination of consignments."

His Clutch.

"How did he accumulate his fortune?" "Every dollar that came his way had a handle on it."—Judge.

A bird in the hand is worth two that begins to warble at 4 a. m.

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A Missouri Case

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