

## CITY COUNCIL DID NOT BREAK MISSOURI LAW

Mayor Batterton, Fire Chief and City Attorney Reply to "Taxpayer."

## NO PAY FOR ARRESTS

No Violation of State Statutes in Raising Salary of the Policemen.

The purchase of an auxiliary car for the Columbia Fire Department by the city council is still in the balance. The council will hold a special meeting Tuesday but according to Mayor J. M. Batterton the matter of purchasing the car will not even be discussed and it is not known when definite action will be taken in the matter.

In Tuesday's issue of the Missourian there appeared in the Open Column an article signed "Taxpayer" in which the agitation for the buying of a car for Chief Earl Kurtz was again brought to light. In that article also the gavel was used upon the police department, the supposedly unlawful manner in which their salaries had been raised by the council, and the promiscuousness with which the police automobile has been used.

### Mayor Batterton Replies.

When asked today what he had to say regarding the statements made in the open column of the Missourian by "Taxpayer" relative to the purchase of the car for the fire department and also in regard to the comment made upon the manner in which the policemen's salaries had been raised, Mayor Batterton said:

"It seems there is a lot of unnecessary comment being made about the council buying a car for the fire department. I do not think the councilmen are even considering such a thing just at this time and at our meeting Tuesday I don't think the matter will even come up for discussion.

"So far as raising the salaries of the police is concerned the council did nothing whatever that was unlawful when the policemen's salaries were increased from \$70 to \$80 per month. When the salaries were raised the officers had already handed their resignations to the council and when an officer resigns beforehand the council has a lawful right to reappoint the same official or another man in his place. Had the officers received their raise without first resigning, then the state law would have been violated. But as the matter stands nothing has been done that in any way has been a violation of the law."

### City Attorney Starrett Gives Views.

City Attorney George S. Starrett said this morning that he had nothing to say in reply to the "Taxpayer's" statement regarding the purchase of an auxiliary car for the fire department. In regard to the other points Mr. Starrett said:

"In any business in the world as large as Columbia's in which there are as many calls as come to the police department here, a car is absolutely needed. No individual, operating a business that large, would think of answering the various calls over the city unless he had an automobile in which to do it. No doubt, Mr. "Taxpayer" can walk over the town to look after his business but no doubt he hasn't enough business to make walking very much of a task.

### Don't Get \$1 For Arrests.

"I notice that "Taxpayer" remarks that the way in which the policeman's salaries were raised was against the laws of Missouri and that the police get \$1 for every arrest made. This is absolutely wrong and anyone who knows anything about the city ordinances knows that it is wrong. In the first place the salaries of the policemen were raised only after the officers had resigned.

"And at the council meeting the time the salaries were raised I made absolutely sure that the resignations of the officers was absolutely unconditional and without any expectation whatever. The Mayor told me that the resignations were so and then I instructed the Mayor and council that they were at liberty to appoint any other men for the offices that they could find who would take the work at \$70 a month and give equally good service. In other words when the officers resigned they had no reason to believe that they would be re-

## THE CALENDAR

September 14, 15, 16, Thursday, Friday and Saturday—University entrance examinations.  
September 18, 19, 20, Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday—University registration.  
September 20, Wednesday—Opening Convocation, University Auditorium, 11 a. m.  
September 21, Thursday—University class work in all divisions begins.

## TRAPSHOOTING MATCH TODAY

Grand American Handicap Is Being Shot in St. Louis.

By United Press.

ST. LOUIS, Aug. 24.—The Grand American Handicap, the feature event of the international trapshooting contests being held on the public Trapshooting Grounds here, will be shot off today. State champions from virtually every state are entered for the event, which will be the sixteenth in the history of the association. Tomorrow the consolation handicap will be shot. No contestant ever has won the Grand American Handicap twice. Entrants are as follows: Alabama, H. C. Ryding; Arizona, H. P. DeMund; California, H. P. Pfirman, Jr.; Colorado, R. A. King; Connecticut, A. L. Chamberlain; Florida, T. H. Evena; Georgia, Brad Tims; Idaho, E. M. Sweeley; Illinois, C. G. Burmeister; Indiana, Le Roy Pickett; Iowa, William Ridley; Kansas, George Grubb; Kentucky, J. D. Gay; Louisiana, P. T. Wadley; Maine, T. A. Randall; Maryland, M. G. Gill; Massachusetts, G. L. Osborne; Michigan, Jos. Bryant; Minnesota, S. W. Hamilton; Mississippi, F. P. Fitzgerald; Missouri, C. B. Eaton; Montana, C. P. Tilzey; Nebraska, F. Rudat; New Hampshire, H. B. Thompson; New Jersey, C. W. Speer; New York, H. J. Pendergast; North Carolina, J. B. Penington; North Dakota, F. Holland; Ohio, M. S. Hootman; Oklahoma, J. N. Walker; Oregon, P. H. O'Brien; Pennsylvania, Allen Hill; Rhode Island, W. J. Weaver; South Carolina, J. H. Staples; South Dakota, A. C. Buzzel; Tennessee, Thos. Hale; Texas, E. P. Forsgard; Utah, A. P. Bigelow; Vermont, D. M. Barclay; Virginia, W. D. Runnels; Washington, E. M. Troeh; West Virginia, W. A. Weidenbusch; Wisconsin, A. Bushman; Wyoming, Max Weick.

NOTE: The championship contest did not start until after 1 o'clock this afternoon and the Missourian was unable to get the final scores before going to press. Complete results will be published tomorrow.

## MRS. W. H. DENTON DIES

Is Mother of Mrs. F. C. Norris, of 311 North Eighth Street.

Mrs. W. H. Denton, the mother of Mrs. F. C. Norris, 311 North Eighth street, died at Denver, Colorado, at 9:15 o'clock last night. Mrs. Denton went to Colorado about two months ago in search of health but her condition continued to grow worse until her death came.

Mrs. Denton was formerly Miss Margaret McIntyre, the daughter of T. C. McIntyre, a well known farmer residing a few miles east of Columbia. She married W. H. Denton on December 11, 1872 and the two moved to Calloway County to make their home.

Mrs. Denton leaves her husband, two brother and one sister. The three children, two brothers and one sister. The children are Mrs. T. C. Bates of Calloway County, C. C. Denton and Mrs. F. C. Norris, both of Columbia. The brothers and sister are: W. T. McIntyre and A. G. McIntyre of Kansas City and Mrs. Mary Smith of Excelsior Springs.

The burial will be in the Columbia cemetery. The full arrangements for the funeral have not been made. The date of this will be announced in tomorrow's papers.

## RAILROAD GETS A NEW CHARTER

St. Louis and San Francisco Has Capital Stock of \$450,000,000.

By United Press.

JEFFERSON CITY, Aug. 24.—The St. Louis and San Francisco Railroad was granted a charter today. The capital stock of the new company is \$450,000,000, of which \$200,000,000 is preferred and the remainder common stock. The incorporation covers 1,322 miles of main and branch lines in Missouri out of a total mileage of 3,467.

Dividends to be paid on the preferred stock shall never exceed 7 per cent, according to the articles of incorporation. Any amount due preferred stockholders must be paid before dividends are declared on the common stock.

## Leaves for St. Louis.

Miss Susie Blythe, 23 Williams street, left for St. Louis this afternoon to visit relatives.

## S. C. HUNT NOW LEADS IN SELLING TICKETS

Called on Seventeen Persons and Sold 16 Tickets to Hall Benefit.

## TOTAL NUMBER IS 736

E. W. Stephens to Be Speaker—Show Will Last at Least 3 Hours.

The ticket sale for the benefit performance of the Hall Theater, to be given August 28, has reached 736. Yesterday the committees "came back," and 129 tickets were sold.

The star salesman yesterday was S. C. Hunt, who called on 17 prospects and sold 16 tickets. Many of these were second and third calls, and at the meeting this morning of committees in the Commercial Club rooms, Mr. Hunt, lead the procession with 76 "star salesmen."

The committee composed of S. F. Conley, and Rex Magee, assisted by Mr. Hunt, lead the procession with 76 tickets sold. The race is close, a different committee leading each day.

The largest number of tickets sold yesterday was to the Prewitt Building Company, Ninth and Broadway, who bought 50 tickets for the benefit performance.

The committee will work the remainder of the week, and try to cover the entire city in that time. It was decided this morning to call by telephone the farmers living near Columbia, and announce the benefit to the rural communities in that manner.

There is a warm argument at every meeting on account of encroachment of territory by rival salesmen. J. C. Schwabe is the chief offender, but he is away and on duty again before he can be reprimanded.

The reservation of seats started at 9 o'clock this morning at the box office of the new theater, and when the window opened there was a long line waiting to get reserved seats. Any of the seats sold can be reserved, and the sooner the holder gets to the theater, the better his chance for good seats though there will be enough for all.

"There are many who prefer to go direct to the office and get the choice of seats," said S. F. Conley this morning. "We are expecting a large sale at the box-office, for we will miss many people, though it will not be done intentionally."

According to Homer Woods, manager of the theater, the program is not yet ready to be announced, but he hopes to be able to make it known soon.

Prof. L. M. Defoe, who was appointed to select the speaker for the opening show, announced this morning that he had arranged to have E. W. Stephens make the address. Mr. Stephens will make only a short speech, as the show will last a full three hours.

The additional subscribers yesterday, as reported by five of the seven committees for the Hall Theater benefit tickets were:

T. O. Robinson 1, M. G. Quinn 2, Dr. J. B. Cole 2, F. W. Cody 2, W. C. Knight 2, L. W. Berry 2, The Busy Bee 1, W. S. Et. Clair 1, Michael Bright 1, Judge W. T. Johnson 2, J. H. Laughlin 2, C. M. Sneed 1, J. N. Belcher 2, Moscow Brothers 5.

Prewitt Building Company 50, J. O. Rankin 1, J. A. Heibel 2, J. D. Wilcox 2, Herald-Statesman 2.

Maurice Barth 1, Joseph A. Barth 1, Hetzler Brothers 15, E. W. Stephens Publishing Company 7, C. O. Seiders 2, C. C. Lightner 2.

J. E. McPherson 2, Mrs. J. C. Jones 1, T. T. Simmons 2, Christian College 5, J. C. Whitten 1, Dr. Guy L. Noyes 3, E. B. Branson 2, J. N. Fellows 2.

## DIXIE L. NICHOLS, 16, IS DEAD

Succumbs to Tuberculosis at the Home of Her Aunt.

Dixie L. Nichols, 16, died of tuberculosis last night at eight o'clock after a long illness, at the home of her aunt, Mrs. Sally Brown, on Pannell street. The burial will be tomorrow in Howard County.

## Revival Meeting at Sturgeon.

Prof. Walter C. Gibbs of the Bible College of Missouri will go to Sturgeon on September 4 to begin a two-weeks' revival meeting. Frank R. McDonald, a soloist, who was in Columbia two years ago, assisting in a meeting at the Christian Church conducted by the Rev. C. M. Chilton of St. Joseph, will sing.

## STRIKE TROUBLE IS NEARING SETTLEMENT

Chiefs With Sub-Committee of Eight to Draw Up Tentative Plans.

## CONCEDE 8-HOUR DAY

But Chiefs Refuse to Allow 10-Hour Pay for Shorter Working Periods.

By United Press.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 24.—The climax in the effort to prevent the threatened general railroad strike appeared to have been reached at 3 o'clock this afternoon.

At that hour the sub-committee of eight railway presidents, representing the greater systems of the country, met with the full committee of sixty-five executives to draw up a tentative plan for settlement.

This plan included acceptance of an 8-hour day provision, similar at least to that proposed by President Wilson.

Concession of the 8-hour day was to be offset, it is understood, by assurance of immediate consideration by the Interstate Commerce Commission of requests for rate increases, remedial legislation for the railroads by Congress and the creation of a permanent commission to settle future labor disputes.

A big clash among the presidents was confidently predicted.

After conferring with President Wilson today, Judge Chambers of the federal reserve board of Mediation and Conciliation discussed with the sub-committee of executives what they had in mind regarding a commission to settle labor differences in the future.

There was no repetition this afternoon in the employees' session of the insurrection of yesterday in favor of an immediate strike.

The four brotherhood leaders took to the session a message from Chambers as spokesman for the President, but refused to reveal what it was.

"The situation is now depressing," said A. B. Garretson, speaker for the men. "We are still sitting tight."

By United Press.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 24.—They will concede, railroad presidents say:

An 8-hour day for eight hours' pay at present rates.

Overtime at present rates, or arbitration of the over-time question.

They say they will not concede an 8-hour day for which they must pay the same wages they now pay for a 10-hour day. It would mean an increase of 21 per cent in wages to the brotherhood members, the presidents say.

"The employees haven't demanded a day of eight hours," said Julius Kruttschnitt of the Southern Pacific. "They would work just as many hours as at present but at much higher cost to the railroads."

"If the brotherhoods are willing to work eight hours for a day's pay, this controversy could be settled in twenty minutes," said E. P. Ripley of the Santa Fe. "Let them declare for that and I will take off my coat and put in my best ticks for them."

The railroad presidents' sub-committee went into conference with President Wilson again at 1 o'clock this afternoon.

## ZEPPELINS RAID BRITISH COAST

Indications Are Germans Will Make Big Aerial Attack Soon.

By United Press.

LONDON, Aug. 24.—A Zeppelin raided the east coast shortly before midnight last night, it was officially announced this afternoon. No damage was done. There were no casualties.

Last night's Zeppelin visit and others of the past few weeks are believed to have been reconnoitering flights for the purpose of testing out England's new air-defense, in preparation for a great aerial attack.

For the last fortnight word has been coming from Germany of the construction of huge Zeppelins, capable of carrying several tons of explosives. The German correspondent hinted that the new sky-dreadnaughts would move against London and Paris during September and October, when weather conditions are apt to be more favorable.

## Dr. Jonas Viles Returns.

Dr. Jonas Viles returned this afternoon from Massachusetts where he had been visiting.

## THE WEATHER

For Columbia and vicinity: Fair tonight and Friday; slightly cooler Friday. For Missouri: Fair tonight and Friday; slightly cooler Friday north portions.

### Weather Conditions.

Low pressure centers still continue along the northeastern, eastern, and southwestern borders, and high pressure conditions prevail throughout the interior of the country. There has been, however, a general fall in pressures during the past twenty-four hours, that has resulted in a slight rise in temperatures over the lower Missouri Valley.

Fair skies continue over all western and central sections, while rather showery and unsettled weather prevails along the upper Ohio Valley and along the Atlantic slope. Thunderstorms also occurred at Shreveport, Loswell and San Diego.

Fair, moderate weather is expected in Columbia for the next thirty-six hours, with a slight change to cooler Friday.

Local Data.  
The highest temperature in Columbia yesterday was 83, and the lowest last night was 58; precipitation, .00; relative humidity 2 p. m. yesterday, 33 per cent. A year ago yesterday the highest temperature was 78, and the lowest 64; precipitation, .22.

### The Almanac.

Sun rose today, 5:20 a. m. Sun sets, 6:52 p. m.  
Moon rises 1:28 a. m.

### The Temperatures Today.

7 a. m.	62	11 a. m.	83
8 a. m.	65	12 m.	84
9 a. m.	67	1 p. m.	86
10 a. m.	70	2 p. m.	87

## SLAVS DEFEAT TURKS

Capture 80,000 Prisoners and Cannon—Greeks Are Forced to Retreat.

By United Press.

PETROGRAD, Aug. 24.—Russian troops have defeated four Turkish divisions, 80,000 men, in a great battle near the village of Racha, near Mosul, capturing two entire Turkish regiments, it was officially announced today. Much cannon and other booty was taken.

### Greeks Vacate Seres.

LONDON, Aug. 24.—The Greek troops around the ancient city of Seres are evacuating their positions and retiring southward, under orders from the Greek government, it was said in an Athens dispatch this evening.

The retirement was ordered after the Greek forces had been heavily bombarded by the Bulgars for several hours.

The Greek garrison had been cooperating with the French force in defending the city. The French artillery is replying vigorously to a heavy Bulgarian bombardment.

### Bulgarians Are Victorious.

BERLIN, Aug. 24.—Bulgarian forces defeated the enemy in fresh fighting on the Struma River, the Anglo-French troops escaping by flight on the right bank, said a Bulgarian official statement received here today. In their flight the Allies abandoned several hundred dead.

"The ground near the villages of Enikney, Mevory and Towlova was covered with enemy dead," the statement continued. "we have counted thus far 400 enemy corpses, among them several officers. We captured 250 prisoners."

"A squad of enemy cavalry lured into our fire by our cavalry was literally annihilated."

"French attacks directed for ten days against our positions south and west of Lake Doria have failed completely."

### HIS FATHER ACCIDENTALLY SHOT

Zincil Deakin, M. C. Student, Receives Word of Injury.

Zincil Deakin, a student in the University during the last Summer Session and now an employe in the business office of the University, received word this morning from his home in St. Joseph that his father had been shot in the leg while hunting yesterday with two other men on the Missouri River.

Deakin told a Missourian reporter this afternoon that the message he received this morning stated that his father was accidentally shot by one of his companions who pulled the trigger of a shotgun thinking that it was unloaded. He said that although the shot was not fatal his father's leg will probably have to be amputated below the knee.

Deakin left for St. Joseph on the 4:30 Wabash. He will return to Columbia next month to enter the College of Arts and Science of the University.

### Returns From Camping Trip.

L. M. Fischer, a student in the University, returned to Columbia yesterday after a three weeks' trip to Oklahoma. Mr. Fischer visited in Oklahoma City and Southern Oklahoma and spent a week on a camping trip in the Wichita mountains.

## DEUTSCHLAND LANDS SAFELY AT BREMEN AFTER 21-DAY TRIP

Super-Submersible Eludes Eight British Warships And a Whole Fleet of American Fishing Schooners.

## U-BOAT'S CARGO IS VALUED AT \$250,000

Captain Praises U.S. Neutrality—Sister-Ship, Bremen, Is Reported to Have Sailed Only a Few Days Ago.

By United Press.

BERLIN, Aug. 24.—The German super-submersible Deutschland eluded at least eight English warships and a whole fleet of American fishing schooners in the employ of the Allies when she dashed to sea from the Virginia capes on the night of August 2, it was learned here tonight.

Great crowds greeted Captain Koenig and his crew when the first super-submersible to cross the Atlantic returned to her home port, Bremen, last night.

Captain Koenig had no fear of the Allied warship patrol when he steamed south from Baltimore, but he had not counted on the American schooners hired to help capture his vessel.

Passing out of the capes the Deutschland encountered a great number of these schooners plying just outside Chesapeake Bay.

### Evades Schooners' Nets.

The schooners had dropped their nets, ostensibly to fish. Their real purpose, however, Captain Koenig said, was to make soundings for the Deutschland, aiming to signal Allied warships if the submersible plunged through their nets.

Koenig telegraphed the Ocean Company, owners of the vessel, that the American government observed correct neutrality throughout the Deutschland's stay. He said that the United States not only protected the submarine in every way in her departure but increased the precautions after a British warship entered the port of Baltimore one night, presumably to reconnoiter.

During the whole journey the Deutschland was submerged only for 110 miles. The weather was splendid at the beginning of her voyage but became stormy later, which delayed the Deutschland's arrival several days.

On entering the North Sea, Koenig said he encountered severe storms. The Deutschland proved herself an excellent sea craft, her engines working perfectly, despite the fact that she was being rolled by mountain waves.

But few vessels were sighted and not an iceberg was encountered. The Deutschland promptly submerged when another ship appeared on the horizon, and her captain expressed doubt that she had been seen by any other vessel.

The members of the crew were all in good health and showed no sign of having undergone any hardship.

### U-Boat Is Slightly Damaged.

THE HAGUE, Aug. 24.—The submarine Deutschland was slightly damaged on her return trip from the United States, according to Bremen dispatches today. She took the same route on her return trip as on the first to Baltimore, the crew declared.

The Bremen dispatches also carried the statement that the submersible Bremen, sister ship of the Deutschland, only left for America a few days ago. She was held in port until the Deutschland owners received positive information that the Deutschland had eluded the British patrol along the Atlantic Coast and probably would reach Germany safely.

The Deutschland brought three bags of mail from Ambassador Von Bernstorff and a cargo of rubber and nickel valued at \$250,000.

### Bremen Is on the Way.

By United Press.

COPENHAGEN, Aug. 24.—The submarine Bremen, sister of the submersible Deutschland, will arrive in America within a few days, Director Lohman of the Ocean Company told a German newspaperman at Bremen today. The Ocean Company has received a message from the Bremen since she left port, he said.