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ADMINISTRATED ON HIGH TAX RATE

Special Committee Will Make Final Report Tuesday to Secure Reduction to Rate of \$2.

WOULD PROVIDE HALF MILLION OVER 1918 Collections Outside of Tax Levy 67 Per Cent Over 1918 During Five Months of Present Year.

A final effort will be made Tuesday afternoon to persuade the mayor and city commissioners to reconsider their determination to fix the tax rate at \$2.20 for the current year.

No statement was forthcoming from the city hall Monday, but it is generally understood that Mayor McGhee and Commissioners Mason, Quinn and Quinlan intend to disregard the recommendation of the special tax committee.

Members of the special committee will meet Tuesday afternoon to formulate their supplemental report. That report will state that in the opinion of the committee the city of Memphis can meet every legitimate and necessary expense for the current year with a rate of \$2.00.

The committee will show that aside from tax collections from the regular tax levy, estimates based upon receipts from other sources, such as licenses and privileges, fines and forfeitures collected in the city court, collections from the weights and measures department, and other sources, will bring in not less than \$500,000 more revenue this year than last year.

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Charley Doherty Sends Monsters To Local Zoo

Two fine specimens of gila monsters, only poisonous of all American lizards, were received by J. W. Challen, superintendent of the Memphis zoo Monday.

Mr. Doherty, in a letter to the zoo keeper, said that he might expect an increase in the family within three weeks. The reptiles measure 18 inches from head to tip of tail. They consume five eggs each a week.

Before the \$200,000 issue of school bonds can be offered for sale a sinking fund to take care of the payment of same will have to be arranged.

The court also authorized the registration of communications with Germany on the program for discussion of the situation of the council this afternoon.

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AIRSHIP DAMAGED BUT WILL RETURN TUESDAY

American Balloon Army Troops Rescue Big Dirigible After Heroic Battle With Sudden Heavy Wind Blasts.

MINNOLA, N. Y., July 7.—The R-34 was torn from her mooring rope this morning by a violent gust of wind. The cross girder to which the rope was attached broke under the strain, ripping a hole six feet by three feet in the gas bag.

The breeze stiffened as the sun arose and the American balloon army mechanics had all they could do to hold the mammoth ship. As she swayed in the wind the clinging men were swept off their feet in relays.

The officers in charge of the dirigible ordered the work of overhauling rushed in order that she could start on her return voyage at the earliest possible moment, in view of the danger to which she was exposed.

As one result of the accident, it has been decided to abandon any further attempt to moor the dirigible to the concrete pillars which were built for that purpose.

Major T. H. Scott announced definitely at noon that the R-34 would start on its return journey at 5 o'clock tomorrow morning, flying over Boston. The R-34 will not circle New York before turning east, he said.

Major Scott announced today that an effort would be made to shape the R-34's course so that it would pass over the George Washington, which is bringing President Wilson home.

WHISKY NOT HARD TO BUY IN MEMPHIS PROVIDED ONE HAS THE PRICE TO PAY \$12 A QUART.

Liquor still is flowing in Memphis. True, the price has risen until the authorized man must forego luxuries such as food, clothing and the like if he indulges in alcohol to any great extent.

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Here's Man Who Piloted Big Bag



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FOR JURY SERVICE

First Twelve Veniremen Fail to Develop One Juror—Most of Them Had Formed and Expressed Opinions.

Exactly 20 per cent of the 200 veniremen, summoned on a special venire for the C. Hunter Raine trial, answered their names were called in second court room by Judge Tom Hersh, before a voir dire examination, while available members of the regular jury panel were examined.

Many of the veniremen of the special venire were anxious to be excused. Judge Hersh would listen to no excuses, except illness, when the roll call and property qualification was inquired about. Two men were excused for physical disability, one who claimed his over age exemption, and Dooney H. White, who had \$200 worth of wheat from his farm in Arkansas, and who had to superintend the work in person.

Examination of the special venire took from 10 o'clock until 10:40 o'clock. Fixed opinions, as to the guilt or innocence of C. Hunter Raine, former head of the wrecking Mercantile Trust, were the stumbling block in the selection of a jury.

When the voir dire examination, Judge Tom Hersh asked the preliminary questions himself, as is his custom in all criminal cases. Preliminary questions were asked of the veniremen, and against C. Hunter Raine, and led almost immediately to the question of formed or expressed opinion.

Because of this stumbling block, not a jury had been selected when court adjourned for the morning session, although 12 jurors had been examined.

Typical Examinations. Examination ran somewhat as follows: This is the case of the State of Tennessee vs. C. Hunter Raine, who is under indictment on three counts, the first of which is for the murder of Dooney H. White. Do you have any opinion as to the guilt or innocence of the defendant, and give both the state and defendant a fair trial? "I have formed an opinion," came the answer, in almost every case.

ARM OF LAW FALLS ON POOL HALL OWNERS

Two arrests were made Monday by United States marshals on warrants charging attempt to evade the federal tax on pool tables. Owners are expected to go to court Tuesday.

ARKANSAS—Generally fair, not much change in temperature.

KENTUCKY—Generally fair, not much change in temperature.

LOUISIANA—Partly cloudy, continued warm.

ALABAMA—Generally fair, little change in temperature.

EAST TEXAS—Partly cloudy in north, unsettled with local showers in south.

FLORIDA—Generally fair except showers probable in extreme south.

ANNOUNCE LEADERS OF C. OF C. SECTION