

SOVIET RUSSIA HOPEFUL OF INVITATION ATTENDED PARLEY ON DISARMAMENT

WORK IS PUSHED ON NEW HIGHWAY OPEN BEFORE FALL

MAURY COUNTY SOON WILL HAVE FIRST PERMANENT HIGHWAY OPEN TO PUBLIC.

ASPHALT WORK MAKES PROGRESS

Weather Has Been Ideal for Work and Much Has Been Accomplished. Stone Work Has Nearly Been Completed.

In an effort to have Maury county's first permanent highway thrown open to the public before the end of September, work on the Maury county link of the Jackson Military Highway was resumed in earnest this morning, after a one day lay off on account of Wednesday's rain.

During the past month a great deal has been accomplished, the weather having been ideal for the work. Stone has been placed on all but 8,000 yards, or a little more than one mile of the twelve mile link extending between Columbia and the Williamson county line, and it is believed that the stone work will be completed within another month.

The rolling of asphalt has also been resumed, and it was indicated that within the next two or three weeks the road would be completed to a point beyond the Rutherford Creek hill.

Finding that the type of base first used did not prove satisfactory, a different type has been used this year, and engineers claim that the style base now being used will last for many years.

The cost of this road to the county is some \$12,000 per mile at the old war time prices when the contract was entered into, but since that time there has been a material reduction in the cost of construction, but even at \$12,000 per mile the road engineers and good roads boosters claim that it is sure to prove the biggest paying investment the county has ever made. Those who favor chert or gravel roads estimate that cost of a road between Columbia and the Williamson county line would have not less than \$3,500 or \$4,000 per mile and would never have given the satisfaction which the permanent highway will give, and at the same time would cost not less than \$350 to \$500 per mile annually for repair work, while the permanent highway will not cost one penny, the state having assumed the maintenance of the permanent road. Engineers, however, declare there will be practically no maintenance cost as the present road should last for twenty years.

MUST PAY POLL TAX FOR CITY ELECTION

TAX MUST BE PAID IN AUGUST IN ORDER TO QUALIFY VOTER TO PARTICIPATE.

Under the state law passed at the last session of the legislature, it will be necessary for voters who participate in the approaching city election in October to pay poll tax in August, up until this time very few voters with the exception of property owners, have paid this tax, and it is expected that within the next two or three weeks there will be a heavy rush at the trustee's office.

Although no very great interest has thus far been manifested in the municipal election this fall, it is evident that there will be a warm fight. Mayor W. O. Cherry is certain to seek endorsement of his first term, and he is just as certain to have opposition. Many have been mentioned as possible candidates for mayor to succeed the incumbent, among them being Clinton Hendley, Fred Latta, W. S. Beasley, former Mayor Dedman and others.

Former Mayor Dedman has been urged by many friends to again seek this office, but he declares he has done his bit and will never serve as mayor again. Friends are strongly urging W. S. Beasley to make the race.

MUST BE RADICAL CHANGE OF RUSSIAN METHODS BEFORE INVITATION IS ISSUED.

MAKING READY FOR CONFERENCE

Indications Today Are That Japan Will Accept Without Reservation Invitation to Participate in the Pow Wow.

(By United Press.)

LONDON, July 21.—Soviet Russia is hopeful that she will be invited to attend the Washington disarmament conference, it was learned here today. Preparations have already been made for dispatching foreign minister Tchitcherin and Under-Secretary Zinovieff to Washington if the invitation is forthcoming.

(By United Press.)

WASHINGTON, July 21.—Russia will have to bring about a radical change in her methods before she would even hope to be welcomed at the Washington disarmament conference, it was stated authoritatively today.

(By United Press.)

WASHINGTON, July 21.—The great nations of the earth today were "clearing the decks" for the Washington disarmament and Pacific conference.

Within the last twenty-four hours there has been renewed confidence that Japan will give complete acceptance to coming into the parleys and the arranging of dates and the preliminary program is now ready to proceed.

JAMES CRAIK HERE FROM BRITISH HONOURAS

MRS. CRAIK WILL ARRIVE LATER FROM VIRGINIA, WHERE SHE IS VISITING PARENTS.

James Craik, formerly of Maury county, is here from British Honduras, and is the guest of his sister, Mrs. A. E. Sheldon. Mr. Craik is a champion golfer and has played on practically all of the important golf courses of the east. He goes to New Orleans Saturday where he will meet several champion players.

Mrs. Craik is visiting her parents in Virginia, but will come to Columbia the latter part of the month to visit Mr. and Mrs. Sheldon. Mrs. Craik is the holder of several championship cups for British Honduras and South America.

SESSION INSTITUTE BEGINS SEPTEMBER 21

CALENDAR FOR THE TERM OF 1921-1922 IS ANNOUNCED BY THE PRESIDENT.

Announcement of the calendar of the Columbia Institute for the coming session has been made. The next term will begin on September 21, Thursday, November 24, Thanksgiving day, will be a holiday. The Christmas holidays will last from Saturday, Dec. 17, to January 3. The Easter term will begin on January 25, and the commencement season will begin on May 21. The final day of the session will be May 23.

BELIEVE RANDOLPH BE SELF ABDUCTOR

CHARGE OF CONSPIRACY TO OBTAIN \$50,000 FROM FATHER MAY BE BROUGHT.

(By United Press.)

SHARON, Pa., July 21.—Thomas Randolph, alleged "self abductor," was offered a chance today to deny in court that he plotted a ransom of \$50,000 from his father.

With the entire surrounding country excited over the sensational "kidnaping," and the ensuing demand for \$50,000 ransom, the "victim's" plea that the money be paid to save his life, and finally Randolph's sensational flight and surrender late yesterday, today Randolph himself lay listless and exhausted on his jail cot. Charges of conspiracy will probably be brought against him.

Telephone Company Is Making Hard Fight For Higher Rates in State

PHYSICIANS WILL CO-OPERATE WITH RED CROSS NURSE

INTERESTING MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON—TO ESTABLISH CLINICS.

DENTISTS WILL ALSO CO-OPERATE

Miss Addison, Public Health Nurse of Maury Chapter Hopes to Have Health Center Open Within Next Thirty Days.

Physicians of Columbia and Maury county, at a meeting held with Miss Sarah Addison, Red Cross public health nurse of Maury county on Wednesday afternoon, readily agreed to co-operate with her in every way possible in the establishment of the public health center of the county.

The physicians have agreed that one or two physicians shall serve one or two days each week in the medical clinic to be established in connection with the health center.

The dentists had previously agreed to substantially the same plan in the establishment of the clinic. Child welfare work will first be taken up at the health center.

Miss Addison hoped this morning to have the health center fully equipped and in operation within the next thirty days.

The Red Cross health center is a most important factor in the prevention of diseases and the promotion of health in the community. It is a real clearing house for health resources, making it possible for the community to benefit by the accumulated experiences of modern medical science, and brings to the public the wealth of both public and private health organizations.

Miss Addison, during her short stay in the county has already discovered conditions which should be corrected, and through this health center she hopes to stimulate interest in all matters pertaining to the promotion of the general health of the county.

As soon as the schedules of the clinics are definitely arranged, announcement will be made through the columns of The Herald.

COUNCIL DIRECTORS WILL MEET SATURDAY

MEETING PRELIMINARY TO THE GATHERING OF COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE AT NASHVILLE

It is believed that the full board of directors of the county council will attend the meeting to be held at council headquarters at 2 o'clock Saturday afternoon for the purpose of discussing matters of great importance preliminary to the Nashville meeting of council representatives held for the purpose of discussing the organization of the Tennessee State Farm Bureau Federation, to be affiliated with the national federation of farmers.

It is believed that every county council in the state will be represented by the best farmers in which these respective councils are located, and the action expected to be taken at Nashville during the latter days of next week will be epoch making.

ILLINOIS GOVERNOR PLEADS NOT GUILTY

DECLARES HE IS INNOCENT OF CHARGE OF HAVING EMBEZZLED \$3,000,000.

(By United Press.)

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., July 21.—Lew Small, Illinois governor, protested his innocence today of the charge of embezzling nearly \$3,000,000 in state funds.

Governor Small was accused with Lieutenant Governor Fred E. Stirling and Vernon Curtis, banker, of juggling millions of dollars of public money for personal gain.

Indictments charging the trio with embezzlement of public funds and conspiracy to defraud, were voted by the Sagamon county grand jury after two weeks investigation.

Special to The Herald.

NASHVILLE, Tenn., July 21.—Statistical data was put into the record in the telephone hearing before the public utilities commission this morning by Allen B. Cruden, assistant chief statistician of the American Telephone & Telegraph Company. The fact is apparent to all who have attended hearings that there has never been a more comprehensive analysis of the various departments handling intra-state and inter-state telephone business submitted in any case.

Important Meet Merchants Will Be Held Tonight

A most important meeting of the Columbia Retail Merchants Credit Association will be held at 8 o'clock this evening at the county council headquarters. Among the vital questions to be taken up this evening will be that of another "Pay Up" campaign, which proved so successful here last winter. A full attendance of the membership is urged.

JAPAN RECOGNIZES GOVERNMENT MEXICO

SPAIN TAKES SIMILAR ACTION, ACCORDING TO STATE DEPARTMENT TODAY.

(By United Press.)

MEXICO CITY, July 21.—Spain and Japan have given the Mexican government de jure recognition, according to the foreign office. It was announced that the foreign office has autographed letters constituting such authority.

EXPECT BIG CROWDS SEE DEMONSTRATIONS

RURAL ENGINEER COMING TO MAURY TO EXPLAIN IMPORTANCE OF TERRACING.

From the interest being manifested in the ditching and terracing demonstrations, to be held in the county on Wednesday and Thursday of next week, it is expected that all of them will be largely attended.

The first demonstration will be held at 2:30 o'clock Wednesday afternoon, July 27, on the farm of Robert Howser, near Roberts Bend on the Williamsport pike.

The next of the series of demonstrations will be held at 3:30 o'clock in the Hampshire community under the auspices of the Hampshire community club, and the final demonstration will be held at 2:30 o'clock on the farm of J. W. Russell at Williamsport.

H. B. Bliss, rural engineer of the division of extension, will be in charge of the demonstrations and will be assisted by the county agent, who expects to conduct further demonstrations in the county before the fall rains set in.

MASONS IN SESSION FOR MASTERS DEGREE

WORK WILL BEGIN AT EIGHT O'CLOCK—FULL ATTENDANCE OF MEMBERS IS URGED.

There will be a called meeting of the Masonic lodge tonight at 8 o'clock for the purpose of conferring the master's degree. A full attendance of the members is urged.

MOORE'S GIANTS TO PLAY HERE SATURDAY

Moore's Giants, of Groveland, will play Harrison's Mills ball team at Pilow Park on Saturday afternoon. Between these two teams they have lost but one game out of twenty that they have played this year and it is expected that the contest Saturday will be a hair razor.

VOGUE MOTION PICTURE SHOW OPENS MONDAY

ENTIRE INTERIOR OF THIS WELL KNOWN HOUSE BEEN REDECORATED AND RENOVATED.

MECHANICAL EQUIPMENT NEW

Paramount and Realart Pictures Will Be Featured Shown to the People of This Community—Manager Jubilant Over Attractions.

With the formal opening next Monday of the Vogue motion picture theatre, theatregoers of Columbia will have the opportunity of priding themselves upon possessing one of the most modern and up-to-date picture theatres in the state.

No expense has been spared in the redecorating of the Vogue and its interior, since undergoing extensive re-novating, presents a most pleasing sight. The entire interior color scheme has been changed, new and expensive floor coverings have been laid and artistic electric fixtures now adorn the interior of the theatre. The entire mechanical equipment has been renewed and when the doors of the Vogue are opened to the public, practically a new theatre will be dedicated.

Clarence M. McElravy, the new manager, who comes here from Memphis where he has been identified with the theatrical business for several years, is especially jubilant over the list of attractions which the Vogue will offer for opening week. These attractions include some of the Paramount super-productions which have played some of the larger cities at increased admission prices.

Paramount and Realart productions, which I consider the best to be obtained on the market, are to be shown in the Vogue," said Mr. McElravy, in speaking of the new policy of his theatre. "I feel that every one who likes pictures, and there are but few who do not, will realize that the Vogue in booking Paramount and Realart attractions, has obtained the best pictures made. It will be our policy to present only the best pictures, from every standpoint, that we can buy."

DAWES FORBIDS SALE PROPERTY

(By United Press.)

WASHINGTON, July 21.—Charles G. Dawes, budget director, has prepared an order forbidding the sale of government property until a system of exchange between the departments has been perfected.

He expects to save the government \$100,000,000 annually in an order sent to the White House for the President's signature.

MANY VARIETIES OF RAIN FELL

WATERS HIGH IN WESTERN SECTION BUT CREEKS NOT OUT BANKS IN SOUTHERN PARTS.

Although the rains on Wednesday were general in the county they were like all others that have fallen in the past three months of a decidedly "freakish nature." For example the rainfall in the Western portion of the county was probably double that in the extreme Southern portion and the rain did not cover the same hours in both sections. It began raining at Hampshire more than two hours before it did at Collooka and the rain at the latter place lasted an hour longer. There never was a heavy down pour in the Southern and Southern eastern parts of the county but in the West the rain was terrific. The creeks and branches at Hampshire and Taylorville were higher than they have been in two years and traffic on the Mt. Pleasant pike was held up at the bridge this side of there by the high waters.

On the other hand Fountain Creek at Collooka did not get out of its banks although two inches of rain fell there. However it was a slow rain.

SILESIAN QUESTION IS CAUSING TROUBLE AGAIN, FRANCE TO SEND TROOPS

FRENCH AND BRITISH RELATIONS AGAIN STRAINED OVER AFFAIRS IN SILESIA.

BRITISH ARE "HANDS OFF"

French Feel That Re-Inforcements Should Be Sent Immediately Into Country and Troops Are Now Ready To March.

(By United Press.)

PARIS, July 21.—French troops were ready to march into Silesia today. The French and British entente appeared to be approaching a crisis over the Silesian situation again today. There was strong disagreement on virtually every point.

The principal cause of disagreement was that France thought reinforcements should be sent into Silesia and on this belief Britain hung back and will refuse to send more troops.

France will act independently, it is thought. This is not the first time that Anglo-French relations have been strained almost to the breaking point because of the Silesian question.

SUNDAY SERVICES FRIERSON MEMORIAL

On Sunday, July 24th, the Lord willing, I will preach on the "Signs of the Times" or "What Do the Signs of the Times Say?"

This sermon was preached nearly nine years ago and has proven almost prophetic. It is more applicable today than it was then. It deals plainly with plain facts. Some good women of the town where it was delivered requested its publication in one of our town papers and it brought forth encouraging commendation by phone and word of mouth.

I must say, if you are all afraid of plain truths you may stay away from this service; however, it was heard and tolerated by as fine people as this country affords. If you do not mind plain truths about our times, come.

T. A. PATTON.

COMMITTEE NAMED FOR FARMERS MEET

RESOLUTIONS BODY OF FARMERS CONVENTION HERE IS APPOINTED.

Senator Edgar J. Graham, of Centerville, was here this week. Senator Graham was formerly president of the Middle Tennessee Farmers convention and takes a lively interest in that organization. He said that he expected a large delegation to attend this year from Hickman county. In addition to his service with the farmers convention Senator Graham is an experienced legislator, having served several terms in the legislature.

Senator Graham together with Dr. Dunklin, of Sumner County, and President Cunningham, of the Montgomery county council of agriculture, has been appointed as the committee on resolutions of the farmers convention that will convene here on August 9 for a three days session. He is already giving attention to the drafting of resolutions to be presented to that body. The committee is not only thoroughly representative, geographically of the Middle division, but contains three of the most active agricultural workers in the state.

D'VALERA CONFERS WITH COLLEAGUES

NO BASIS FOR FORMAL CONFERENCE HAS BEEN FOUND, GOVERNMENT DECLARES.

(By United Press.)

LONDON, July 21.—The basis for a formal conference has not been found, declared the official government communique issued today after President DeValera and Premier Lloyd George had conferred on the Irish situation. DeValera will go to Dublin tomorrow morning to confer with colleagues, it was stated. He will communicate with Lloyd George on his return.

THOS. H. PEEBLES COUNSEL STATE TAX BOARD HERE

WILL REPRESENT THE EQUALIZERS IN THE ADJUSTMENT OF PROPERTY VALUES.

IN THIS AND OTHER COUNTIES

Expected That State Board Will Make Effort to Raise Values Here As Increase Not As Great As in Other Sections of Tennessee.

Col. Thomas H. Peebles, of the local bar, has been selected as the attorney to represent the state board of equalization in this and several other counties in the hearings before it of the local assessments. Col. Peebles is already hard at work making an investigation here and elsewhere of the assessments that have been made by the county boards and of comparing them with other assessments.

Under the new law the state board of equalization can meet at Columbia or have the hearings at Nashville. It is not improbable that a meeting will be held here. It is regarded as reasonably certain that some increases will be made in this county due to the fact that the board was never satisfied last year with the assessment. In 1920 Maury county's assessment was doubled while that of the rest of the state was multiplied by three. But the question now is whether or not the increases will be made on particular property through the county board or whether it will be made by a horizontal or percentage increase made by the state board.

Maury county's recent assessment as approved by the county board of equalization, shows a decrease from last year of \$5,186,621 on both real and personal property. This is a decrease from the assessment of last year on both kinds of property of 18.9 per cent. The reduction in the value of real estate was 20.3 per cent and that on personal property was 12.6 per cent. The total assessment of the county, real and personal, as certified to the state board, was \$5,186,621, of which \$4,699,977 was on real estate.

Col. Peebles, who will represent the state board in this and other counties, has had long experience in tax matters and has made a special study of the tax laws of the state.

DR. OTIS TROUSDALE HERE FOR VACATION

EMINENT PRESBYTERIAN DIVINE COMES BACK TO DIMPLE FOR ANNUAL VISIT.

Dr. Otis Trousdale, one of the leading Presbyterian preachers of New York, N. Y., is here for his annual vacation. Although Dr. Trousdale has been away from Maury county for many years and has attained a high place in the councils of his church he never fails to visit the old home every summer. He takes his vacation at that time, goes down to the old farm in the Bigbyville section, helps with the harvest and the hay, ca's tired chickens and is once more a lay on the farm. He does not even slight the "old swimming hole." His hundreds of friends are always delighted to welcome him to his home.

MURDERED WOMEN FOUND IN WOODS

NAME AND ADDRESS OF MEMPHIS MAN MAY PROVE CLUE TO MYSTERIOUS CRIME.

(By United Press.)

JONESBORO, Ark., July 21.—A Memphis man may hold the key to the mystery surrounding the murder of a woman and girl, whose partly decomposed bodies were found in the woods by hunters. Heads had been severed from the bodies. A letter found near the bodies with the name and address of a man may be a clue to the killing.