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REG. COUNCIL MEETING HELD

To Suppress Open Muffler—Refuse to License Pool Hall, Other Business Transacted.

The city council met in regular session Tuesday night and transacted a volume of new business as well as the routine. J. M. Johnson, one of the water commissioners, was present and a discussion was entered into with regard to flushing the mains for the purpose of cleaning up the water on account of numerous complaints with regard to by users. The fire department also wanted a freer use of water for practicing. Mr. Johnson stated that material had arrived to connect up the other pumps and that it would soon be possible to do more flushing.

Two fires during the month were reported by the fire department, both of which had been successfully controlled before serious damage was done. The boys have been practicing three days each week, and have responded promptly to all fire alarms.

The mayor was instructed to hire a man to clean off both cemeteries as soon as one could be found.

A check which had been received from a party in Louisiana for pool hall license was ordered returned with the instructions that pool halls in the future would be prohibited. The last legislature passed an act giving towns that authority. The old pool hall has recently gone out of business voluntarily, and it was thought to be the best time when it would cause no financial loss to pass prohibitive laws.

An ordinance was passed to cause motor vehicles to keep their mufflers closed in town, thus preventing unnecessary noise. (This is a regulation enforced almost everywhere.)

OFFICERS TO FORT

Captain Harris and Other Local Officers Will Train at Little Rock.

Capt. G. C. Harris of Company I has received an order to report at Ft. Roots at the officers' training camp on the 10th of July with a number of the company officers for training. They will remain for twenty days. Those who will go are: Capt. Harris, Lieutenants J. Toland and Ben Sain of Nashville with two sergeants from that place. From Ashdown the following will go: sergeants Clyde Phillips, Miller Johnson, Kennie Waldrop, Ing will go; sergeants Clyde Phillips, Corporal Hugh Hedgecock, Mechanic Hal Perkins, Cooks Walter Caulder and Rufus Cooper.

CERTAIN T-BOATS ARE FAILURE

Only 15 Ships of Over 1,600 Tons Sunk in Last Week.

London, July 4.—The weekly shipping summary issued today shows that 15 British merchant ships of more than 1,600 tons were sunk and five vessels of less than that tonnage. Eleven fishing vessels also were lost.

Field Marshal von Hindenburg's prediction on his return from Austrian headquarters that Germany's enemies "would be forced to make peace in the not too distant future if the Germans held their ground until the submarine had done its work," received a prompt and convincing reply in the weekly figures of sinkings of vessels issued today. The total was the smallest in several weeks. The conclusion has been reached that it is impossible for the submarine to obtain any average of sinkings which will have an appreciable effect on the overseas communications of the allies.

The total of 20 merchant ships sunk compares with 28 the previous week, and 32 for each of the two weeks preceding.

The probably heavy falling off in tonnage sunk is emphasized by the fact that, in contrast with the 15 vessels of more than 1,600 tons now reported sunk, the sinking of 21 vessels in this class was announced last week, 27 the week previous and 22 the week before that.

It is not until the report of June 3 is reached that figures as low as those for the current week are encountered. In the height of the destructive submarine campaign in April, 40 large vessels were sunk in one week and 38 in another, while the total of large and small vessels reached 55 in the week ending April 21.

ORDER RESTORED

East St. Louis Race Riots Seem at an End.—No Additional Troops.

St. Louis, July 5.—Both Adjutant General Dickson and the local authorities believe there will be no further outbreaks and no additional troops will be called.

Authorities estimate that more than half of the city's negro population has left. Many negroes fled over the bridges into St. Louis, Mo., during Monday night's rioting, and thousands were escorted out of the city by the military authorities yesterday. Scores of homes in the negro sections are deserted. Many left today. It is estimated that before the rioting more than 20,000 negroes lived in East St. Louis. Negroes remaining in town today were un-molested.

Hundreds of visitors from St. Louis, Mo., across the river, came today to look over the acres of charred debris which formerly was "Black Valley."

\$50,000 VERDICT AGAINST K. C. S.

Big Personal Injury Suit Tried Here—Grand Jury Advises Wednesday, Finding 25 Indictments.

The grand jury adjourned Wednesday forenoon after having been in actual session only two days. They reported having examined 47 witnesses and finding only 25 indictments. Most of these indictments were for misdemeanors. This is a record and indicates that crime has been on the ebb in this county during the past six months.

A few civil cases were disposed of Tuesday, prominent among which were the following:

A. B. Bishop vs. Ino. W. Guice et al. Verdict was found for plaintiff for \$286.40, and that money belonged to Mrs. Guice.

A. H. Hambleton vs. K. C. S. Dismissed.

Hill & Harper vs. McDonald & Ranson. Verdict for plaintiff for \$200. Damage Suit.

The personal injury suit of Nick Leinen vs. the Kansas City Southern Railway Co. was placed on trial Wednesday morning and closed Thursday night with a verdict for the plaintiff for \$50,000. The amount sued for was \$60,000. This was the largest verdict of the kind ever rendered in this court and equals the highest verdict ever returned in Arkansas, which was secured by Ex-Governor Jeff Davis, in the noted Brown case a number of years ago. This case had been transferred from Joplin, Mo., on account of the great length of time required in that state to get a case reviewed by the supreme court, and the defendant not being able to wait. The jury was out only a short time before returning a verdict. Leinen was represented by Chas. Stephens of Columbus, Kansas. He was assisted by A. D. DuLaney as local attorney. The counsel for the railroad was J. B. McDonough of Ft. Smith. Mr. Stephens conducted the case in a masterly way. A. D. DuLaney was complimented on his summing up of the evidence in his eloquent argument. The argument of Mr. Stephens was one of the best ever heard in the local courtroom, as was that of the able McDonough. Leinen was a brakeman on the K. C. S. and received his injuries while at work near Joplin Nov. 23. His skull was badly fractured from the base to the forehead with also a cross fracture. He lives but is a mental and physical wreck. The testimony of the defense showed that the emergency signal and the emergency act in stopping the train on which Leinen was braking were unreasonably far apart, thus throwing him from his place and causing the injury, which will permanently blight his life.

The court appointed the following as jury commissioners for the next term: H. L. Toland, Geo. Burris, J. N. Honnell.

Court adjourned until Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Honsucker, Miss Mary Gilliam and Mrs. Arch Stewart motored over from Lockesburg Sunday to visit Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Dritt. Bonnie Jean returned home with them.

BRITISH CAPTURE MANY

Take 117,776 Prisoners, Lose Only 51,588 During War.

London, July 5.—Since the beginning of the war the British have taken 117,776 prisoners, exclusive of natives taken prisoner in the African campaigns, many of whom have been released, said Major General F. E. Maurice, director of military operations, at the War Office today. The British have lost to the enemy, 51,588 men, including Indian and native troops. These figures take in all theaters of war.

The British have captured 739 guns during the war and lost 133. Of the guns lost, 37 were recaptured and of the 96 remaining in enemy hands, 84 were lost by the British on the West front early in the war.

"The British have not lost a single gun on the West since April, 1915," said the general.

HORATIO BOY WAS DROWNED

Two Children Near Cerro Gordo Killed by Lightning Thursday Morning While at Play.

Winthrop, July 6.—The 12 or 14 year old son of J. B. Martin of Horatio was drowned at Greenwood Shoals near this place the 4th of July while in bathing with other boys. The parents of the boy are well known and prominent people. While full particulars were not learned it was learned that he was a member of a company of Boy Scouts, and was all on the river with a scout master. The man left the boys cautioning them not to go in the water until his return, but the boys grew tired of waiting and went in. Children Killed.

Two little daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Finley of near Cerro Gordo were struck by lightning and instantly killed Thursday morning during a thunder storm. They were playing together beneath a tree when struck.

CIVIL WAR HAS BEGUN IN CHINA

Northern Monarchists and Southern Republicans in Clash.

San Francisco, July 3.—Reports of a clash between loyal troops of the republic and the soldiers of the emperor over the restoration of the monarchy in China reached here today in a cablegram received by the Young China, a local newspaper. According to the cable the northern army fighting for the emperor is commanded by General Cheong Fun, while the southern troops united to preserve the republic are commanded by General Chuck Wong Yuen.

According to the same report the Manchus plan to govern by constitutional monarchy and existing treaties with foreign countries would be recognized. According to a message received today by the Chinese Nationalist League, President Li Yuan Hung has issued a proclamation that he will lay down his life in the fight for the preservation of the republic rather than submit to the restoration of a monarchy.

PARIS GIRLS KISS TROOPS

Enthusiastic Crowds Watch Battalion March Through City's Streets.

Paris, July 3.—The American troops now at a French port will begin going to training camps for instructions behind the lines by the end of the week. The first contingent may start thence after the Fourth of July celebration.

A battalion of American troops arrived in Paris this morning to parade tomorrow. The Americans were greeted by wildly enthusiastic crowds when they marched to Neuilly barracks, where they were quartered. Headed by their own band, the soldiers carrying their rifles and field packs, fell in and marched off to the barracks. The crowds waved American and French flags. Hundreds of Americans were in the throng.

GIRLS KISS SOLDIERS.

As the troops swung through the streets French girls pinned bouquets and American flags on the soldiers' breasts. Flowers were scattered along the route. The band played "Yankee Doodle," "Dixie" and other American airs. French soldiers on leave grasped the hands of the Americans and marched beside them.

Several times groups of shop girls on their way to work, slipped through the police lines and kissed the soldiers, to their great embarrassment. Now and then an American voice would be heard calling out: "Hello boys," "Welcome to Paris," or "Good Luck."

The soldierly bearing of the men impressed the military observers. They were lean and brown, and the new field packs gave them quite a different appearance from British or continental soldiers.

GUARD PLANS CHANGED

Militia Will Be Mustered In as Was Originally Announced.

Washington, July 4.—The original plan for assembling the National



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ROAD MEETING AT NASHVILLE

For Great East and West Road—People From Little River and Other Counties Present.

Nashville, July 4.—One of the greatest good road meetings ever held in this section of the state was held in this city yesterday, when about one hundred and fifty visitors from Texarkana, Hot Springs, Ashdown, Paragona, Mineral Springs, Brownstown, Murfreesboro and Glenwood came here to meet with the citizens of Nashville and Howard county for the purpose of increasing the interest in the proposed highway from Texarkana to Hot Springs, via. Nashville.

The visitors all came to this city in cars, the largest delegation being from Texarkana. There were about fifteen cars reported from that city.

The meeting was held in the tabernacle in the rear of the Christian church, where comfortable seats were available for the entire crowd, among whom were many of our most prominent farmers and many of the business men of the city.

Hon. J. G. Sain welcomed the guests to the city, and made a nice little introductory talk, after which he introduced Hon. Hamp Williams, of Hot Springs, who delivered a splendid talk on good roads in general, and especially boosted the project in hand. His talk was a gem and was well received by the audience. After Mr. Williams' talk, Stuart Wilson and W. A. McCartney, of Texarkana, made very interesting talks. The meeting was then adjourned until after dinner.

State Highway Commissioner, W. B. Owen arrived on the noon Iron Mountain train and made a splendid talk, explaining fully how to procure federal aid in the building of permanent roads. His address was followed by others, among whom was C. O. Carpenter, of the board of trade of Texarkana.

The visitors all state that the roads are in splendid condition considering the construction, and all seem to think that an improved highway through the county would be easily and cheaply built, as the material is near at hand for the construction.

Guard at its divisional training camps in three increments, will be carried out, according to Secretary Baker, although the entire force will be drafted formally into the army of the United States on the same day to prevent confusion and injustice in the relative rank of guard officers. The mobilization dates are July 15, for the Eastern section of the country; July 25 for the central section, and August 5 for the West.

TO BEGIN DRAFT SOON

Baker Considers Plans Which Probably Will Be Known Today.

Washington, July 5.—Arrangements for the selection for draft in the new national army were taken up tonight by Secretary Baker and Provost Marshal General Crowder.

The drawing will be held in Washington, and it is expected a statement covering the method will be made tomorrow.

Organization of the local and district exemption boards, arrangements of registration lists and other preliminary work must be completed first. This may be done by Saturday. Reports today that selections already had been made probably arose because some boards have numbered their registration cards and are publishing the lists.

GRAND JURY REPORT

For the July Term, 1917, Little River County Circuit Court.

To the honorable J. T. Cowling, Circuit Judge:

We, your Grand Jury for the July term, 1917, for our report beg to submit the following:

We have investigated all crimes that have come to our knowledge, of which we had knowledge or received information and in so doing have examined 47 witnesses and have returned 25 indictments.

We have examined the Courthouse and Jail and find them to be in good repair and sanitary condition; we have also examined the poor farm and find the inmates contented and well cared for; we find the houses and farm to be in good condition with the exception of the house the negroes occupy. We recommend that a new roof be placed upon this house and if the County Court deems it advisable, to tear away part of the negro house and make the remainder thereof more comfortable. The well is also in bad condition and we recommend that it be repaired.

We have carefully examined the report of the commissioners of accounts and are glad to report to the court that all collecting officers have made full and complete settlement. We find the records of the county are being kept and accurately kept, and the constables and justices of the peace are making their reports as required by law.

We desire in conclusion to thank the court and all the officers of the court for their many courtesies, and especially do we wish to thank our Bailiff, Mr. Jim Cheving, for his attentiveness and willingness to administer to our wants, and now having completed our duties, we respectfully ask to be discharged.

Respectfully submitted,
A. J. RUSSELL, Foreman.