

CITY COUNCIL MEETING.

COUNCIL HOLDS SHORT SESSION AND TRANSACTS UNIMPORTANT BUSINESS.

Letters Referring to A. C. D. Crossing Discuss Garbage Ordinance.—Rev. P. A. Murray Asks Damages of City for Injuries Received.—Railroad May Furnish Gravel for Yard at Rear of Station.—Water Works Matters.—As to Shifting on Sunday.—Horse Not to Be Sold.

City Council met in its semi-monthly session Tuesday night with all the members of Council and City Manager Washington present. A number of matters were discussed and action was taken on several of them.

The water works report was received and turned over to Mr. Rowland to be checked up and approved.

Mr. Booth reported an agreement with the trustees of the Ricker estate by which the city was allowed to lay its storm drain across a corner of the lot provided the drain be removed at any time the owner requested.

Letters to A. C. L. officials from Mr. Hurst and in reply from the officials were received relating to the recent occurrence when Dr. Birnie's buggy was smashed by a box car. It was stated by Mr. Hurst that the matter would be investigated and efforts taken to avoid such collisions in future.

The newly framed garbage ordinance prepared by Mr. Hurst was read. Mr. Booth stated that as there would be so many nails in the coal ashes put on the street from private residences, it would not be safe to put such ashes on the street. The ordinance was therefore held over until the next meeting of council.

The matter of insurance on the fire department house and on other city property was discussed, but no change was ordered.

A letter from Mr. Stubbs and Mr. P. A. Murray of Clemson College was read. Mr. Murray called attention to the fact that he had been injured by a fall into an open sewer ditch and had expended several hundred dollars in treatment. He requested the city to do what it would for him in the matter. On Mayor Jennings' suggestion the clerk was instructed to write Mr. Murray stating that as three years had elapsed since the occurrence, and he had not mentioned the matter before, the city did not feel liable for the damages.

The question of continuing the publication of the police reports as formerly, or allowing a change to be made according to the wish of the present chief was discussed and it was decided to continue the publication of reports as formerly. Chief Sumter stated that he was against his opinion, but that he would follow instructions.

The police report for the month of February was read.

Mr. Booth reported the purchase of uniforms for the force at a cost of \$14.50 each, and a cost of \$20 for the chief.

A number of bills were passed over to be paid on approval of the City Manager.

The City Manager reported that Mr. Thomas Wilson had informed him that he would request the Atlantic Coast Line to furnish a trainload of gravel for Telephone street and the yard in the rear of the passenger station provided the city would haul and spread the gravel. The matter was discussed for some time and finally left with Mr. Booth and the City Manager with the understanding that the city would agree to this proposition, if the proper kind of gravel was provided.

The report of Mr. White, the expert engineer who had been here to investigate and report on needed changes at the pumping station, was discussed. Mr. White stated that the changes he would recommend would cost approximately \$4,000. It was decided that the work must be done and the City Manager was ordered to go on with it at as small an expense as possible.

Mr. Jennings called attention to the fact that the city ordinance against the shifting of cars in the freight yard on Sunday was not explicit. The matter was discussed and it was left to the discretion of the Mayor and any member of Council as to whether or not engines should be allowed to shift cars on Sunday, request for the permission being necessary, however. This is the custom which has been followed previously.

The report of J. R. Buid for permission to operate lunch cart on the streets was granted, provided his license of \$25 be subject to revocation at any time that Council sees fit.

A letter from the Marion Hose Company as to the purchase of one of the fire horses was read and upon recommendation of Mr. Booth it was decided not to sell the horse and the clerk was instructed to notify the Chief of the Marion Department.

The report of the City Manager was next heard. He reported having installed lights on Magnolia and Dugan streets.

He stated that the superintendent of the fire department had asked for an automatic fire alarm box at corner of Main and Liberty streets and that the attention of the public be directed to the ordinance giving the hose wagons the right of way when going to fires. The first of these matters was deferred until the cost could be ascertained and the chief of Police was directed to call the attention of the public to the ordinance through the press.

A request from the Civic League that hands be furnished them to work on the triangle at the foot of Main street was granted for Friday, the City Manager being instructed to allow them two men for their work.

SUMTER COTTON MARKET. Corrected daily by Ernest Field, Cotton Buyer.

Sumter, March 13. Good Middling 12 1-4. Strict Middling 12 1-8. Middling 12. St. Low Middling 11 5-8. Low Middling 11. Staple cotton, nominal.

NEW YORK COTTON MARKET. New York, March 13. Opening. Close. Jan. 11.38 11.41. March 12.20 11.25. May 14.85 11.91. July 11.79 11.84. Aug. 11.69 11.75. Oct. 11.44 11.44.

FOR DISPENSARY ELECTION. Orangeburg, March 10.—In a short while petitions will be circulated throughout this county for signatures asking for an election on the question whether or not a dispensary shall be reestablished in Orangeburg county. The petitions will be placed in the hands of the county supervisor by June 1.

THE BALKAN SITUATION.

DIPLOMATS AND STOCK MARKETS KEPT IN STATE OF NEUROUS TENSION.

Fighting Resumed at Tchatatala and Solved—As Soon as one Problem is Solved Others of a Difficult Nature Present Themselves.

London, March 11.—The chancelleries and stock markets are being kept in a condition of nervous tension. No sooner does any one thorny problem seem in the way of solution than another crops up.

Tonight the long expected agreement for Austro-Russian demobilization is published; the allies have accepted the powers' offer of mediation under certain conditions and arrangements have been completed for the settlement of the dispute between Bulgaria and Roumania by a conference of ambassadors at St. Petersburg, presided over by Sergius Sazonoff, the Russian foreign minister.

Thus the way seems prepared for restoration of peace in the Balkans. But at the same moment a new difficulty has been raised by Austria which objects to Serbia going to the assistance of Montenegro and is endeavoring to enlist the powers to her side to coerce Serbia. Further, Austria declines to demobilize as far as the Serbian frontier is concerned.

It appears, therefore, that the fate of Scutari still is a menace to the peace of Europe. Austria is determined to make Scutari the capital of autonomous Albania.

Montenegro is equally determined on the possession of Scutari, and in the present temper of the allies it seems hardly likely that Serbia will desert in her intention.

According to dispatches from Vienna and Belgrade, Greek transports are landing more large Serbian forces at San Giovanni di Medua. These will assist in the capture of Scutari and a general attack on the town will begin next week.

It is understood Russia will disband 230,000 reservists under agreement with Austria but on Austria's side it can hardly be described as demobilization, since a much smaller number will be dispersed and only from the Russian frontier.

A Constantinople dispatch tonight reports that fighting has been resumed both at Tchatatala and Bulair. No particulars are given except that the Bulgarian advance posts have been attacked on both sides of the Turkish positions on the Gulf of Saros.

AUSTRIA PROTECTS SCUTARI. Forbids Serbia to Send Any More Troops to Aid of Montenegrins Attacking Town.

Belgrade, Serbia, March 11.—The Austrian government today took a step regarded as equivalent to forbidding Serbia to send troops to assist the Montenegrins in capturing the Turkish fortress of Scutari.

The Austrian minister objected to Serbian troops assisting in the siege of Scutari which was to be the capital of Albania. He requested the immediate recall of any Serbian troops which had been dispatched there.

The Serbian premier in reply pointed out that, under treaty arrangements, Serbia was compelled to assist her allies without regard to the future of Scutari.

The situation is regarded as extremely delicate. Feeling here is at a high pitch over the attitude taken by Austria.

The fortress of Scutari, near the Montenegrin frontier has been besieged by the Montenegrins without material success since the beginning of the Balkan war. Its capture and inclusion in the kingdom of Montenegro were the chief reasons for King Nicholas' joining in the hostilities.

When the European powers decided in principle on an autonomous Albania, in which Scutari was to be included, the king of Montenegro declared he would enter the fortress at the head of his troops, otherwise the reign of his family was doomed.

In the meantime the Serbian troops had completed their campaign in Macedonia and Albania and advanced to the Adriatic coast at Durazzo, whence on March 7 they dispatched on board transports 5,000 Serbian troops, including artillery, to aid in the siege of Scutari.

It was this activity of Serbia which called forth the Austrian protest today.

RUSSIA AND AUSTRIA. Two Nations are Desirous of Maintaining Peace.

St. Petersburg, March 11.—Demobilization by Russia and Austria-Hungary was announced tonight in an official communication issued by the two countries. This sets forth that the exchange of letters between Emperor Francis Joseph and Emperor Nicholas have proved the continued friendship of the two nations and that both are desirous of maintaining peace.

"The two governments, therefore," continues the communication, "have arrived at the agreement that certain measures of a purely defensive character in the frontier provinces are no longer required, and accordingly have decided to reduce the Austro-Hungarian forces in Galicia to a normal footing, while Russia will disband the reservists, which should have been disbanded in the autumn."

A semi-official Russian agency is authorized to state that as a result of the explanations exchanged with the Vienna cabinet, Austria cherishes no aggressive policy against her neighbors in the south.

DETAILS OF NEGRO FIGHT. London, March 11.—A Saloniki dispatch to The Times gives further details of the fighting at Negrita between the Bulgarians and Greeks over the possession of that town. The fighting which began Wednesday, March 5, continued Thursday and Friday. But Friday night the Bulgarians retreated across the Karasu river. They were followed by four companies of Greeks who burned the bridges. The Bulgarians then hoisted the white flag.

The Greek losses are reported as 15 killed and 49 wounded. One hundred and twenty Bulgarians were taken prisoners.

DOESN'T HELP SERBIA. Vienna, March 11.—It is stated here that the Austro-Russian agreement to demobilize will affect only the Russian frontier. It makes no provision with respect to Austria's southeastern frontier.

DEMAND INDEMNITY. Sofia, March 11.—The official newspaper Mir says that the Balkan allies have accepted the proposal of European mediation. The allies stipulate, however, that Turkey must pay an indemnity. Hostilities, it is stated, will continue during the negotiations.

TURKS PREPARED TO ATTACK.

WILL ENDEAVOR WITH FLEET TO PREVENT SERBIANS FROM ASSISTING ALLIES.

Believed That Adrianople Will Fall Within the Week with Capitulation of Turkish Army or Bold Strike for Freedom.

London, March 12.—News from Adrianople, the invested Turkish fortress, is meagre, but dispatches from Constantinople say it is believed that the end of the present week will see either the capitulation of the fortress or a desperate attempt by Shukri Pasha to break through the lines of the enemy.

The allies' reply to the powers regarding mediation again is delayed and will not be delivered before Friday and there is little doubt that before European diplomacy can get to work on the problem Adrianople will be in possession of the allies.

The Turks are seemingly preparing for another attack by their fleet in an attempt to prevent the Serbian army from assisting the Montenegrins in their attack on Scutari. The Turkish cruiser Hamidieh today bombarded the Greek transports with several thousand Serbian troops aboard.

It is reported that the entire Turkish fleet of 18 units, has been repaired and is concentrated at Naghara, in the Dardanelles.

It is confirmed that Austria will disband only about 35,000 reservists in Galicia.

HAMIDIEH IS BUSY. Turkish Cruiser Bombarads Two Towns.

Belgrade, March 12.—The Turkish cruiser Hamidieh bombarded the town of Durazzo at noon today. The cruiser then proceeded to San Giovanni di Medua, which she soon bombarded. It is not known whether any damage was inflicted.

The Hamidieh disappeared finally in the direction of the Italian coast. Her activity causes alarm here as a large number of Serbian troops are being transported to the Adriatic to assist the Montenegrins in the attack on Scutari.

REPLY IS DELAYED. Allies' Answer Will Not be Delivered Until Friday.

Sofia, March 12.—The reply of the allies to the offer of the mediation by the powers will not be delivered until Friday. One of the members of the Balkan league had asked that certain modifications be made in the draft.

Fighting on Frontier. Constantinople, March 12.—Serious fighting has been in progress along the Bulair frontier since yesterday. The Turkish fleet is cooperating with the troops.

Some Random Thoughts. Last Friday the Sumter County Union expressed its hearty approval of the efforts of Commissioner Watson to prevent our people from going cotton crazy this year.

This union has always stood for conservation in cotton planting and the use of fertilizers. And for greater efforts to grow home supplies. So that its action Friday was in keeping with its record.

Its most significant utterance on this occasion was something like this: We do earnestly urge all good farmers to join the union and present a united force for more business-like methods of farming and marketing; to use our credit wisely and be prepared to hold our cotton next fall, if the market is demoralized by the failure of many farmers to heed the warnings that have been given.

To make this effective we do recommend to our membership more attention to home supplies, stock and some made manures.

If the membership of the Sumter County Union will only live up to this good program, we will be able to meet any and all sorts of conditions that may arise.

The efficient secretary and treasurer, Mr. Hugh Witherspoon who has served most acceptably since the organization of the County Union in 1908, begged to be allowed to retire. His resignation was reluctantly accepted, and suitable resolutions were adopted expressing the appreciation of the union for Bro. Witherspoon's accurate and painstaking work in this important office. Mr. Louis C. Tisdale was then elected Secretary-Treasurer, and a committee was appointed to witness the transfer of the records.

From different sections of this State, and from other States the good news of renewed interest in the Union is constantly coming to my attention. It is this kind of news that is worth something too; the organization of new local unions, or the stirring up of old locals to some real effort for themselves. As one brother puts it: "It is not like a fire in a section with the south wind blowing, but like a mighty force that is slowly but surely breaking up old customs, and systems."

From Texas, Alabama, Tennessee and North Carolina the same quiet moving spirit of progress. What will South Carolina's and Sumter county's place be in the picture? If it is to keep abreast of the other States, the membership must remember that the local union is the place where the inspiration must first be kindled.

DR. VINES TO BE PRESIDENT. Will Divide Time Between Anderson College and Church.

Anderson, March 9.—The congregation of the First Baptist Church of this city voted unanimously today to allow its pastor, the Rev. John E. Vines, D. D., to accept the presidency of Anderson College, dividing his time between the church and the College. Anderson College is a school for women and is owned and controlled by the South Carolina Baptist Convention.

Dr. Vines, who came to Anderson from Elizabeth City, N. C., five years ago, succeeds Dr. John A. Chambliss, who accepted the presidency of the College temporarily until a permanent president could be secured.

Delinquent county taxpayers have until Saturday to settle with the county treasurer, after which time their taxes will be collected by the sheriff and there will be an additional burden.

A FIFTY HOUR BATTLE.

CONSTITUTIONALISTS ENGAGE WITH FEDERALISTS IN FERCE BATTLE.

Rebels Driven Back after Hand-to-Hand Encounter—American Interests in City of Parral, where Fight Occurred, Much Damaged by Bombardment.

El Paso, March 11.—Desperate fighting in an attack on Parral, Chihuahua, entailing a large loss of life in a 50 hours battle was reported in belated advices reaching here late today. Some 15,000 constitutionalists rebelling against Huerta's government in Chihuahua, were driven back by almost an equal number of federal regulars and the city, centre of American mining and industrial interests, greatly damaged by bombardment and street fighting in which townspeople also engaged.

Insurrecto troops who rebelled against the Huerta government and left Parral last week after mobilizing and recruiting at Santa Barbara, nearby, returned March 5 to retake the city. One thousand federalists from Chihuahua City had reinforced the 200 regulars at Parral.

On the afternoon of the 5th insurrectos attacked and the battle continued until the evening of the 7th. On the morning of the last day the rebels took the fortified hills surrounding the city, driving the federalists to cover in the town. Col. Mercado, the garrison commander, and Col. Castro, who had brought the reinforcements to the capital, called for volunteers to retake the outlying positions. Five hundred men responded, and after charges and almost hand-to-hand fighting, drove the insurgents from the hills. Then the constitutionalists concentrated their fire on the southern section of the town, driving the city officials from their houses and killing many residents. At night the insurgents withdrew.

During the fighting some rebel sympathizers began a riot and burned a number of buildings. Volleys from the soldiers soon quieted the internal disturbance.

FIVE HUNDRED KILLED. One Hundred and Seventy Women and Six Children Among Victims in Mexico City.

Mexico City, March 11.—The death toll of the battle fought in front of the National palace on February 9, when Felix Diaz attacked the government, totalled 596, according to a report by the military authorities today. The victims included 170 women, 6 children, 208 non-combatant men, 19 military students and 49 federal soldiers, the remainder being rebels.

AMERICANS MUST BE SAFE. Formal Warning Against Endangering Them Given to Commanders in Sonora by Consul.

Nogales, Ariz., March 11.—A formal warning against endangering American lives was given today by Consul Frederick Simplich to both Gen. Oregon, commanding the Sonora insurgents, and Col. Kosterlitzky, in charge of the federal garrison at Nogales, Sonora. The American consul to the Mexican border town journeyed 20 miles south to deliver personally the message to the constitutionalists' chief.

The rebels are preparing to move against Nogales with nearly 1,000 men and several machine guns, Consul Simplich reported on returning here. The State troops are marching north, with intentions of taking positions by sunrise.

BRITAIN ACCEPTS HUERTA. That Government, it is Announced Will Recognize the Present de Facto Administration.

Mexico City, March 11.—Great Britain will recognize the Huerta government, according to official advices received here today by Francisco de la Barra, minister of foreign relations from the Mexican legation at London.

Minister de la Barra announced this afternoon that Bartolome Crabajal y Rosas, recently transferred from St. Petersburg to the post of minister at London, is persona grata to the British government.

At the conclusion of a lengthy cabinet session tonight the announcement was made that 10,000 federal troops would be rushed to Sonora in an effort to crush the secessionists before the movement spreads. The government has received unofficial advices that the constitutionalist party in Sonora has united with that of Sinaloa and Lower California in the secession movement.

Federal authorities have taken cognizance of the reports that American capital is being employed in the constitutionalist propaganda and the threatened invasion of Sonora by an organized band of American filibusters. It is announced that representations will be made at Washington requesting that extraordinary precautions be taken on the border for preservation of neutrality. Forces under Emilio Campa, comprising part of the Orozco army, will be employed in the Sonora campaign. The federalists have been instructed to use every effort to avoid a conflict on the border where there is a possibility of injury to American life or property and to protect foreign interests in Sonora and other States.

The government is determined to exert every possible effort to prevent ex-Gov. Maytorena from precipitating a clash with the United States.

Congress tomorrow will be asked to declare Sonora in a state of rebellion and the nomination of Col. Francisco H. Garcia as military governor will be presented.

Gen. Ojeda probably will direct the federal forces against the constitutionalists and Gen. Gil will have charge of the campaign directed at the subjugation of the Indians in Sonora.

The cabinet tonight discussed the election and a decision was reached to order a presidential vote in July.

The Mexico State legislature has unanimously approved the election of Senor de la Barra as governor.

In contradiction to the ominous situation in the north there has been marked improvement in the pacification in the south.

NOT FOREIGN SCHEME. Tucson, Ariz., March 11.—EX-Gov. Maytorena today denied the assertion made in the Mexican chamber of deputies that foreign capital was interested in the Sonora anti-Huerta uprising.

Maytorena also denied the report from Huerta's secretary that he had offered to assist in subduing Sonora.

Mrs. Clifton Dorn is now with Miss Jacobs, where she will be glad to have her friends call on her.

REBEL LEADERS WANT PEACE.

CARRANZA, GOVERNOR OF COAHUILA, SURROUNDED BY GOVERNMENT FORCES.

Rebellion Raised by Him Will Probably be Failure—Several Train Loads of Troops Leave Capitol City for Scene of Revolt.

Mexico City, March 12.—Surrounded by government troops, Venustiano Carranza, the rebel governor of Coahuila, who refused to recognize the Huerta administration and initiated what appeared to be a formidable revolution, is suing for peace, according to official report. Carranza is said to have 2,000 men.

Manuel Gaza Aldhe, named as minister of agriculture, who was sent north by the government to effect a reconciliation, has telegraphed to President Huerta asking for a pardon for the rebellious governor. Alberto Guajardo, commander of the rurales, who joined the Carranza movement, is officially reported to have surrendered.

Two thousand followers of Carranza are surrounded in the vicinity of Lampasos, Nuevo Leon, by 4,999 federal troops, according to a statement from the war department today.

Gens. Aubert, Blazquez, Anaya and Davila, in command of the federal forces, arrived in the outskirts of Lampasos early today.

A dozen troop trains left Mexico City for the north this morning. Most of the troops went in the direction of Sonora. They included many detachments of the auxiliary branches of the service besides a full battalion of the Seventeenth infantry, a machine gun company and a battery of artillery with heavy siege guns. An additional force of 3,000 regular troops left this evening for Sonora and by Saturday the government troops hope to concentrate a total of 10,000 men against the constitutionalists there.

Simultaneously with the departure of this army for the north, the first heavy movement of troops took place into the country hitherto overrun by followers of Zapata. The detachments thus sent into the State of Morelos included troops under Col. Manuel Jesus from Santiago, 500 soldiers under Gen. Javier from Puebla and 200 men under Gen. Higano Aguilar from the federal capital.

The three columns will undertake combined action and the operations are to be carried out with the greatest energy.

Pascual Orozco, Jr., returned to the capital tonight and was greeted by the men who have been fighting him for a year.

Orozco has signed no agreement of peace but it is expected that he will do so. He had entered into only partial terms with the commissioners sent north by the government.

The final conference regarding a peace settlement between Orozco and the government will be held this week, probably at the National palace. It is believed that the revolution so far as Orozco and his advisers are concerned is ended. Most of Orozco's army will join the government forces and it is regarded as not improbable that Orozco himself will be governor of Chihuahua.

BURNED HIS CHILDREN. Marion Capps, Millionaire Miner, Sentenced to Death.

Fort Smith, Ark., March 12.—Marion Capps, miner and former millionaire, was found guilty tonight of burning three of his five children to death, and sentenced to be hanged.

Capps, it was charged, bound his children to an oil soaked bed in their home in the village of Boranza, near Fort Smith, and set the building on fire.

STATE TEACHERS MEET.

GATHERING OF EDUCATORS OF THE STATE IN COLUMBIA.

Association Will Be in Session Two Days—First Meeting in Columbia Theatre Thursday Night—1,500 Teachers Expected.

Columbia, March 13.—Columbia will be the scene today of the greatest gathering of educators which has ever been held in South Carolina. The State Teachers' association of South Carolina, which 1,500 members of the profession are expected to attend, will hold its opening meeting tonight in the Columbia theatre at 8.30 o'clock and continue in session until Saturday. Interspersed with the meetings of the State Teachers' association, there will be sessions of its allied organizations, the Association of Town and City Superintendents, the Association of Elementary Schools, South Carolina School Improvement association and the Association of County Superintendents.

The headquarters of the State Teachers' association in Columbia will be in the lobby of the capitol. All members of the association are expected to report there immediately upon their arrival in Columbia. Information about board and lodging can be obtained by members at the association's headquarters.

The City Federation of Women's Clubs will entertain the association at 5.30 p. m. in the library of the State capitol. The president and faculty of the University of South Carolina have also extended an invitation to the teachers and their friends to visit the library, museums and other places of interest on the campus and to attend a reception given in their honor Friday afternoon from 5.30 to 6.30 in the gymnasium of the university.

The University Glee club and the music department of the colleges and women will contribute to the attractiveness of the programme of the two general sessions of Thursday and Friday nights. The boys of the city high school will serve during the convention as pages and guides. The moving picture houses have promised attractions of special interest to teachers. The merchants have contributed generously to the local expenses of the association. The citizens of Columbia generally are keenly interested in making this the largest and most successful convention in the history of the association.

To Attend Teachers' Meeting. The County Superintendent of Education has heard from the following teachers of Sumter county who intend going to the State Teachers' Association in Columbia this week: Miss Marie J. White, Wilder School. Miss Daisy Parrott, Jordan School. Miss Hattie Lou Jones, Lawrence School. Miss Tessie McKnight, Graham School. Miss Lessie Jones, Graham School. Miss Maggie Corbett, Ingram School. Miss Eunice Osteen, Reed School. Mr. H. L. Rembert, Wedgefield School. Miss Lucie Gasque, Wedgefield School. Miss Martha Platt, Wedgefield School. Miss Alma Bradley, Borden School. Miss Mary Colough, Providence School. Miss Ila Truluck, Shloh School. Mr. J. B. Kay, Oswego School. Miss Sarah Bailey, Oswego School. Miss Leila Maie Gatewood, Bossard School. Miss Sallie G. Ellis, Pleasant Grove School.

The work on the turn table and coal chute in the Atlantic Coast Line freight yard has advanced rapidly during the past week and is now nearing completion.



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