

TRAINING COMPLETED

ADJUTANT GENERAL FOR PRESIDENT WOULD REFUSE VARIOUS OFFERS NOW OFFERING SERVICES.

Gen. Moore says by intensive training men could take field in thirty days.

Columbia, June 26.—In answer to numerous inquiries and telegrams offering units of various sorts for the reserve battalion of the South Carolina National Guard, Adj. Gen. Moore today declared that it would be his policy to refuse to recognize such commands or receive them into the service until the regiments now at Stux have been recruited to full war strength.

The Richmond Volunteers, which is among the oldest and most distinguished commands of South Carolina, is to be reorganized for service. The company was organized some time ago, but in response to the call of the governor a number of young men who wish to enter the service have undertaken the reorganization of this command.

Although unable to venture a positive statement, Adj. Gen. Moore today gave it as his opinion that by hard and intensive training for the next thirty days the troops now at Stux would be ready to take the field. He pointed out that, although 80 per cent of the men of the two regiments have some degree of training, there is a considerable number who need training in the essentials. It takes at least thirty days, he said, to harden and shape an ordinary militiaman and give him sufficient endurance to stand active field service.

Qualitative Veterans Now Can Receive Pensions of Their Sons Killed in Army.

Washington, June 26.—Through the efforts of Congressman Ragsdale of South Carolina and Huddleston of Alabama, the house today, while the militia appropriation bill was under discussion, agreed that hereafter there should be no obstacle standing against the pensions of persons killed in the military service of the United States, no matter from what section they may come, or whether their forefathers were in the Confederate service or not. Hereafter, under existing law, if a man went into the federal service and was killed his father could not receive his pension if the father was loyal to the Confederacy. This today was eliminated and the result is that hereafter no matter what part a man took in supporting the Confederacy, it will not bar him from receiving the pension of his son should the latter be killed in the federal service.

"In other words," Mr. Ragsdale said, "a man was not entitled to receive a pension from the government if his people were in the Confederate service; this has now been changed and this obstacle will no longer exist. It is a big step toward wiping out sectional lines and making us one united country."

WOULD WORK IN RED CROSS.

Young Woman of Sumter Anxious to Go to Border.

Columbia, June 25.—The following letter was received today at the office of W. W. Moore, the adjutant general, the second of such appeals within a week:

W. W. Moore, Adjutant General, Columbia, S. C.—General: I want to volunteer to be a Red Cross nurse to go to the battlefield to care for the wounded and dying soldiers. I have never been in training, but it has always been my desire to become a nurse. I am 18 years of age. If you possibly can arrange for me I will be ready to go at any time. Please let me hear from you by return mail. Trusting that you can get me in as a Red Cross nurse, I remain, Bettie Hewitt, Sumter, S. C., 303 South Main St.

Sacramento, Cal., June 27.—Gov. Hiram W. Johnson, one of the Progressive leaders, today announced that he would support Charles E. Hughes, "because I believe his record warrants it."

GERMANY DENIES 'BARGE.'

NOT INSPIRING CARRANZA TO HOSTILITY.

Friend of Mexicans, But Only Maintaining Ordinary Relations, High Official Tells Associated Press.

Berlin, June 26 (via London).—From a highly competent source the Associated Press today received authority to deny completely tales which have reached here from the United States intimating that the German legation in Mexico City is inspiring Gen. Carranza to hostility to the United States.

"That is an unmitigated lie," said an official when these reports were called to his attention. "We recognized Carranza because the United States asked us to, and have no further interest in the question. Once he was recognized it was natural that our representative should keep on good terms with the head of the government and maintain friendly relations with him, but that is the limit of our activity in Mexico."

RELIEF COMMANDER IS SOUTH CAROLINIAN.

Maj. John M. Jenkins, Head of Rescue Party, Son of Palmetto General.

Charleston, June 26.—Maj. John M. Jenkins, in command of the cavalry detachment, that has gone to the relief of the members of the Tenth cavalry trapped at Carrizal by the Carranzistas, is a native South Carolinian and was commandant of the Citadel from 1893 to 1897.

Maj. Jenkins is a son of Gen. Mich Jenkins, who laid down his life on the field of battle for the Southern Confederacy. He entered the United States Military Academy at West Point in 1882. Upon graduation, he was assigned to the Fifth cavalry with which organization he served until 1894 when he was appointed first lieutenant in the Ninth cavalry. He was then transferred to Third cavalry and from that organization to the Fifth cavalry. In 1901 he was appointed a captain. He received his majority in 1911.

TOBACCO MARKET READY.

Manager J. W. Glenn Will Arrive About July 1st to Open Warehouse.

Mr. J. W. Glenn, of Elkins, North Carolina, the lessee and manager of the tobacco warehouse of this city for the 1916 season, has written Chamber of Commerce that he will be in Sumter on or about July 1st to begin the preliminary work for opening up the local tobacco market.

As is customary every year reports intended to injure the Sumter tobacco market, are being circulated. It is said to be generally circulated among the tobacco growers that the Sumter warehouse will not be open this year.

The American Tobacco Company, and the Export Tobacco Company, of Richmond, Va., the J. P. Taylor Tobacco Company, of Henderson, N. C., R. J. Reynolds Tobacco Company, of Winston-Salem, N. C., and Liggett and Meyers Tobacco company of Durham, N. C., have already notified the Sumter Chamber of Commerce that they will have buyers on the floor of Glenn's Tobacco Warehouse, as the Sumter warehouse will be known this season.

Mr. Glenn will take pleasure in visiting and instructing tobacco growers in the pulling and curing of tobacco. Those desiring this expert information will please notify Chamber of Commerce, phone 200, Sumter, and their wants will be transmitted to Mr. Glenn, who will have his headquarters at the tobacco warehouse and Chamber of Commerce until the selling season opens.

TO AID MOVEMENT OF TROOPS.

Mr. Pegram, of Southern Railway to Cooperate With Major Raines.

Columbia, June 26.—R. B. Pegram, of Columbia, general agent of the executive department of the Southern Railway company, has been appointed by the American Railway Association to cooperate with Major Henry E. Raines, camp quartermaster at Stux, in the movement of the South Carolina National Guard to the border. The American Railway Association has been asked by the secretary of war to nominate a railroad officer of experience to attend at each point of concentration to advise and help the quartermasters of such camps in the use of all railroads.

GERMAN ASSAULTS FAIL.

Hill 304 Still Holds Out—French Advance in Artois.

Paris, June 27.—The German battering ram assaults against Hill 304 and west of the Meuse again fail, although they make some progress. The Germans maintain a foothold in Fleury village. Their attempts to advance on the Souville and Belleville fronts were repulsed. The French advance in a dozen places on the front from Artois to Flanders.

GREENWOOD HEARS SPEAKERS

INTERESTING SPEECHES MADE AT CAMPAIGN MEETING.

About 2,500 People Present for Purpose of Looking Over Aspirants for Offices.

Greenwood, June 27.—A crowd of 2,500 people gave the State candidates a good hearing here today. The candidates were in good form and made interesting speeches.

The meeting was held on the court house lawn, W. H. Nicholson, county chairman, presiding. The Rev. E. J. Smith, D. D., offered prayer.

Former Gov. Blease opened the speaking today, advocating extension of the warehouse system, 6 per cent interest, a constitutional amendment to allow the governor to order extra terms of court without delay, biennial sessions of the legislature and building up of the common schools and attacked the Manning administration. He was presented with flowers.

R. A. Cooper asked the people to measure him by the Democratic standard and on his merits. He stressed impartial law enforcement, building up of the country schools and rural credits. He appealed to the voters to do away with factions and to get together.

J. M. DesChamps gave the crowd a talk on the race question and told them he wanted to rid them of their prejudice. He came out for the "insurance trust" as he called it. In saying what corporations have done, Mr. DesChamps referred to the Southern railway's handling of 16,000,000 people last year with only one fatality.

John T. Duncan also spoke.

Gov. Manning told of the need for 1,000 recruits and appealed to the audience to respond. The governor said he was not running to stir up factionalism, for he wants the people united, but "I am here to tell you what I have done and to let you decide whether or not I have kept my promises." He then reviewed his administration. He was given flowers.

A. J. Bethea and E. C. L. Adams for lieutenant governor, G. W. Wrightman and W. B. Dove for secretary of State, Albert S. Fant, W. H. Kelly, G. McDuffie Hampton, James Candler and W. T. Throver for railroad commissioner addressed the voters. The meeting tomorrow will be at Abbeville.

COLONEL TO OFFER DIVISION.

Roosevelt Willing to Raise 12,000 Men and Head Troops as Major General.

New York, June 27.—Theodore Roosevelt is preparing to offer a division of approximately 12,000 men to the United States government, accompanied by his application for a commission as major general in the event of war, with Mexico and a call by the president for volunteers, it was learned here tonight from authoritative sources.

Elaborate plans have been made quietly to recruit the organization from picked men throughout the country, and it is said that Col. Roosevelt had worked out every detail that would expedite the mobilization of the large fighting unit. Even the horses and mules necessary are said to have been pledged.

The division will consist, it is reported, of four brigades instead of three as prescribed in the army regulations. In the division will be cavalry, infantry, field artillery, aeroplane detachments, engineers, signal corps and the most modern field hospital equipment. An ample number of machine guns will accompany the division.

It is understood Col. Roosevelt and his aides have consulted with his friends in the regular army holding high rank and the entire scheme has been received with approval.

If it is possible the principal commanding officers will be drawn from the regular army. Recruiting for the division has been done to a large extent in the West and Middle West, principally among men who have had previous military experience.

The main equipment for the division, it is said, will have to be supplied by the war department. It is reported machine guns and aeroplanes are being manufactured by private concerns.

Col. Roosevelt's friends say he has been receiving many offers from heads of military organizations to supply him with men should he contemplate raising a force.

NATIONAL DIVORCE LAW.

Chicago Preacher Calls On President To Urge Constitutional Amendment.

Washington, June 28.—Rev. Francis Moody of Chicago called today at the White House and urged President Wilson to support a constitutional amendment giving congress the right to pass a uniform divorce law. President Wilson said he was too busy to do so at present.

CITY COUNCIL MEETING.

LARGE NUMBER OF MATTERS DECIDED ON AT REGULAR SESSION.

Governor and Mayor Exchange Letters on North Main Street Paving Matter—Various Petitions for Street Paving—Police Report on Liquor Cases—Other Matters.

City Council had a long meeting last night, their regular session being held, and a number of matters, most of them relating to the work which is being done on the streets, were considered and acted upon. Mayor Jennings read a letter from Gov. Manning in which his reasons for opposing the widening of North Main street were stated and the mayor's reply.

Chief Sumter made a report on the trial and results of the liquor showing what had been done by the special officers and recorder.

Mr. H. C. Haynsworth asked an extension of the sewer system on Magnolia street beyond Calhoun street. Supt. White reported that this work would cost approximately \$300 and it was postponed for the present on account of the other more pressing work at this time.

W. T. Andrews appeared to request sidewalks on Manning Avenue. Council decided that this would be done, but that it would be the last paving done, as drainage system had to be put down before the sidewalks were laid.

The attention of City Council was called to the large number of cases handled by the city physician and the clerk was instructed to write him to endeavor to keep them down as much as possible.

M. J. Frederick and others asked that South Main street from the railroad to Williams street be sand-clayed with the surface which was being removed from other streets and Council seemed to consider this request favorably.

The mayor notified Council that he had been served for the city with papers of a suit by W. F. Rhame and had given the case to R. D. Epps for defense. The suit was brought out of alleged injuries to Rhame and his wife and child when he ran his automobile into a ditch which had been left open without a light on it.

The matter of lowering Sumter street so as to provide a better drainage for property on the street was discussed and it was decided to leave the street as it was, the mayor voting to lower the surface of the street.

It was called to the attention of Council that gasoline or kerosene would injure the asphalt and bitulithic pavement and it was decided to formulate an ordinance against the spilling of these on such streets.

Mr. Sandifer requested permission to erect a gasoline filling station on East Liberty street at his garage, the matter being referred to Supt. White for investigation and report.

It was decided to pave Church street for a width of twenty-six feet all the way the paving was extended.

The request of the Sumter Lighting company that asphalt or bitulithic be put on Manning Avenue in front of their plant instead of brick was refused, as Council deemed it best to put the same paving on Menning avenue and South Main street from Bartlette street to the railroad.

The laying of the bitulithic on Liberty street was discussed, Councilman Booth stated that he did not think that a good job was being made of the work. Engineer Lee stated that he thought that, while it was not the highest class of bitulithic which was being laid, the city was getting its returns for the money expended.

It was decided to require those persons doing the hauling for the contractors to pay license the same as other drays.

The matter of additional insurance on the fixtures in the office of the City Clerk was discussed, but it was decided not to increase the insurance.

The application of Mr. D. James Winn to have West Calhoun and Purdy streets sand-clayed was received. It was decided to sand-clay north Salem Avenue, Chestnut, Haynsworth and Hazel streets in the order named.

A petition to have Haskell street from Calhoun street to Hampton avenue paved was received.

The City Clerk reported that owing to the uncertain condition of the money market at this time, because of the threatened war with Mexico, four and a-quarter per cent. was the best he could obtain money for at this time. He was authorized to borrow \$85,000 at this rate putting the amount with the local banks at four per cent. daily balance.

The City Clerk requested that a change of the end of the fiscal year from July 31st to June 30th be made, which was agreed to.

Mr. Rowland reported that accountants for Alonzo Richardson & Co. were in the city and asked that an audit of the city and school books be made, starting from the time where the audit ended up to the present time. This was agreed to.

ANDERSON'S PRIVATE'S FUND.

TO CARE FOR COMFORT OF SOLDIERS.

Business Men Who Find it Impossible to Go Will Contribute to Better Conditions of National Guardsmen.

Anderson, June 27.—Several business men got together tonight and started a movement to organize "the privates' luxury and necessary fund" to be Anderson county-wide with a limited membership of 100 persons.

Each of these 100 persons will sign an agreement to pay into the fund \$5 per month "as long as the Anderson county soldiers are in service during the Mexican troubles," and the \$500 monthly will be remitted to Lieut. Col. P. K. McCully, Jr., of the First regiment, who will disburse it as he sees fit among the privates of the several companies from Anderson county. This money is to be used by the privates in any way they want to spend it.

There are hundreds of business men in Anderson county who can not leave their business to respond to the call to service, and these men will gladly take advantage of the opportunity of showing the soldier boys that they appreciate and have high regard for those who have so readily and eagerly answered the call and gone into service.

Anderson county has led all counties of this State and possibly those of adjoining States in furnishing men and the people here at home wish to raise this fund as long as the men are in service to show in a material and substantial way their great respect and appreciation.

The matter of providing a license for near beer joints was discussed, there being no license provided for such establishments at this time, but no action was taken. Councilman Rowland suggested that a license be fixed at \$1,000.

Council decided to put down asphalt on Oakland avenue from Sumter to Main street instead of brick. The clerk reported that a petition for the paving of Oakland avenue from Main to Harvin streets had been received and it was decided to pave this with asphalt also.

Letters between Gov. Manning and Council and between the mayor and Gov. Manning were read. Gov. Manning stated as his reasons for opposing the giving of the strip wanted for the widening of North Main street at his place that he did not see where it would benefit to alter North Main street, that it would injure his home, that it would throw the street out of proportion and that probably the row of trees in street would be removed at some time soon, saying that the street would lead only to Morris College. He stated that there were others who also opposed the widening of the street when it forced them to give the land for this purpose, but that if it was the wish of all of those on the street to have it widened, he would give the land to the city.

In his reply Mayor Jennings stated that the street would not lead only to Morris College, that the matter was first taken up by Mr. Moise, who had stated to him that all of the property owners except Miss White and Mr. Manning had consented to the widening, and he thought that it would be a distinct advantage to widen one of the main thoroughfares of the city. He stated that deeds which had been returned to Messrs. Scarborough and Fraser had not been accepted by them and that the deed which had been returned to Miss White had been received by her with the statement that she would consider whether she would accept it or not.

The matter of widening the street was left the same as it had been at the last meeting of Council. The request of Mr. T. B. Kennedy for fire alarm box at the eastern end of Liberty street was refused, as there is a box now at the corner of Liberty and Levi streets.

Mr. Henry Spann requested that instead of putting a sidewalk on the south side of Calhoun street between Haskell and Purdy streets, that one be put on Haskell street between Hampton avenue and Calhoun, which request was granted, as no one lives on the former block and it will be needed where it was requested.

An application for a place on the police force was received from W. H. Brunson.

The police report for May was received. It showed sixty-one arrests, twenty cases dismissed; one case not guilty; one case suspended; cash fines \$368.50; days, 106, or \$21.20, making a total in fines of \$387.70.

The special report on the liquor cases showed twenty-four cases, cash collected \$375; and expenditure of \$368.50, with a total of \$1,645.00 charged in sentences. Council was very much pleased with this report, stating that so long as the blind tigers were driven out of business they did care whether the expenses were larger than the receipts or not, as it was enforcement of law they desired.

An application from Herbert Bradford for position as fireman was received. All building and loan associations were exempted from city taxes for the year.

MAJ. LEE TO HEAD COMPANY.

VOLUNTEERS DECIDE ON FORMER MILITIA OFFICER AS TEMPORARY COMMANDER.

Twenty-two Men in Attendance on Meeting When Temporary Organization is Formed—Men Hope to Secure Minimum for Company to Commence Drilling in Short Time.

From the Daily Item, June 27. At a meeting last night of the proposed volunteer company Major Loring W. Lee was asked to assume temporary command of the organization for the purpose of drill until such time as a permanent organization was perfected. A committee consisting of Messrs. Davis D. Moise, Julian Schwartz and W. H. Flowers was appointed to wait upon Maj. Lee and tender him the temporary command, an offer which he accepted, appreciating the confidence which the men had imposed in him.

Maj. Lee is a veteran of the company which went from here in the Spanish war and has seen much service at the militia since that time, having risen to the office of major before he resigned his commission from the service. He is well liked generally by the young men of the city, who have confidence in his ability and integrity, and should make a creditable officer.

There were twenty-two men at the meeting which was called to order by Mr. Geo. D. Levy, who stated the object of the organization. He stated that the men would elect their own officers on his merits and personal popularity with the men in the command. It would not be a militia company, but would serve if the call came from the president for volunteers to go into Mexico, in case of war. It would volunteer as a unit and its members would not be eligible as reserves for drafting into other commands.

It was proposed that in the absence of other arms and equipment that Prof. S. H. Edmunds be asked to loan the arms at the high school to the company for use in drill. This suggestion was adopted.

Mr. D. D. Moise urged the men not to unite with the organization unless they meant business. He stated that he realized that hard drills would be required and much time and effort necessary before the company could be fit for service and warned those joining that they must look at the matter in a serious light and not as mere play.

It was decided to place copies of the pledge with a committee consisting of Messrs. D. D. Moise, J. L. Sibert, J. B. Duffie, Julian Schwartz and L. C. Bryan, leaving the original with Mr. Geo. D. Levy, in order to secure additional names to the proposed organization. Each man was urged to do what he could to secure additional men to bring the strength up to more than sixty-five before the next meeting, which is to be held at the call of the temporary chairman.

Supt. S. H. Edmunds was called up over the long distance telephone this morning and permission was given to use the rifles at the graded school. There are 170 of the rifles at the school and will be sufficient for both of the proposed companies.

BAND TO PLAY ON FOURTH.

Columbia's Famous Jubilee Band Headed by Schumacher to Come to Sumter.

Columbia's Jubilee Band headed by Prof. W. S. Schumacher, formerly of this city, will be in Sumter all day on the Fourth of July to dispense music for the auto races and for the Wesley Bible Federation Convention. The band will have to return to Columbia at 5 o'clock in the afternoon, so will come early and play morning and afternoon.

The big parade of men of the Wesley Bible Class will be held at 12 o'clock, noon, when the biggest crowd ever in a religious parade in the State will participate. Hundreds of men are coming from nearly every section of the State to the convention and the Fourth of July with the big parade will be the big day of the convention.

Sufficient homes for the entertainment of the visitors, board and lodging, have not yet been secured. More are wanted. The visitors pay for what they get. They simply want to be assured of a place to eat and sleep.

ASSAULTS AT VERDUN.

German Attacks Last Night Easily Repulsed by French.

Paris, June 28.—The French easily checked the Germans attempted advance on Verdun last night. Two strong attacks were repulsed east of the Meuse. The Germans tried to storm Hill 321, but failed. An assault on Fluery was also repulsed.

ford for position as fireman was received. All building and loan associations were exempted from city taxes for the year.