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CHAMBER COMMERCE

MET IN MAYOR'S OFFICE MONDAY NIGHT.

A Most Enthusiastic and Congenial Gathering in Mayor's Office.

In accordance with the call of the secretary, the Louisburg Chamber of Commerce met in the mayor's office on Monday night. The meeting was called to order by First Vice-President P. S. Allen, who made a most excellent presiding officer. The secretary read the minutes of the previous meeting and business was taken up.

Mayor James A. Turner in behalf of the entertainment committee, reported the collection of \$56 for the funds donated to the County Commencement and the Louisburg Graded School, stating that he would raise the remaining \$4.00. Upon his request for instructions as to what to do with the remainder of the fund he was directed to turn it over to Mr. Wm. H. Ruffa, treasurer of the graded schools.

The committee on constitution and by-laws, through Mr. S. A. Newell, reported their efforts as given below which were adopted by sections and afterwards as a whole as amended. Only slight changes being made we only give them as amended. They follow:

Constitution.

Article 1. The name of this organization shall be the Chamber of Commerce of Louisburg.

Article 2. The purpose of this organization shall be to encourage, promote and otherwise benefit the mercantile, commercial, manufacturing, industrial, educational and all business interests of the town of Louisburg and the county of Franklin and to advertise the advantage of this locality for trade, industries, agriculture, education and as a place of residence, and to improve, adorn and beautify this town.

Article 3. All white citizens of the town of Louisburg or the county of Franklin shall be eligible to membership, subject to the action of the Chamber.

Article 4. The officers of this organization shall be a President, a First, Second and Third Vice-President, a Secretary and a Treasurer. All officers of the Chamber shall hold office for one year and until their successors are elected and qualified.

Article 5. Ten members of the Chamber of Commerce shall constitute a quorum, at either a regular or special meeting.

Article 6. The constitution may be amended by the Chamber at any regular meeting by a two-thirds vote of those present; but all amendments must be submitted in writing at one meeting and carried over until the next regular meeting before coming up for final vote. The proposed amendment shall be open for discussion at both meetings.

By-Laws.

Sec 1. The president shall preside at all meetings of the Chamber, both regular and special, shall approve all payments of money, appoint all committees and have executive control of the organization.

Sec 2. The first vice-president shall perform the duties and exercise the powers of the president during his absence or disability, the second vice-president in the absence or disability of his two superiors and the third vice-president in like manner in the absence or disabilities of the others.

Sec 3. The treasurer shall receive and safely keep all funds belonging to this organization and shall disburse them out upon order or approval of the president and shall make such reports as the Chamber or its president shall require of him from time to time.

Sec 4. The secretary shall keep the records, conduct the correspondence, act as secretary at all meetings or special meetings as may be ordered by the president from time to time.

Sec 5. All vacancies among the officers shall be filled, election at the next regular meeting; such appointees shall hold office until the next regular annual election.

Sec 6. The annual dues for membership in this organization shall be one dollar, to be paid in advance.

Sec 7. The following committees may be appointed by the president or elected by the Chamber at his discretion, to hold office during the fiscal year of this Chamber:

(a) Committee on Membership, three members.
(b) Committee on Finance, three members.

(c) Committee on New Industries, three members.

(d) Committee on Freight, Telegraphs and Telephone Rates, three members.

(e) Committee on Publicity, three members.

(f) Committee on Entertainment, three members.

(g) Committee on Resolution, three members.

Sec. 8. All resolutions carrying appropriations of money shall be submitted to the committee on finance before coming up for final action.

Sec. 9. These by-laws may be amended, added to or altered at any regular meeting of the Chamber, a quorum being present and two-thirds of those present voting for said amendment or alteration.

This being done a most congenial discussion in the best of feelings prevailed for some little time after which the following resolution in regard to the new ice plant was adopted:

"That the Chamber notes with pride the activities on the part of the Louisburg Coal and Ice Co., to erect an ice plant for the town of Louisburg and expresses its appreciation and encouragement of this movement."

Upon motion the secretary was instructed to learn at what time the petition in regard to the Louisburg railroad would be presented to the Corporation Commission and he was appointed the chairman of a committee to be with Attorney-General Blockett at that time. The remainder of the committee to be the regular railroad committee appointed by the president under the by-laws if said appointment can be made in time, otherwise the vice-president will name the other members.

A motion prevailed making the regular meetings for the Chamber every second and fourth Friday nights and the place, the courthouse, unless it was otherwise employed when announcement would be made.

No other business presenting itself adjournment was taken.

To Build Residence.

Mr. H. C. Taylor has purchased the Furman corner lot on Nash and Cedar Streets and we learn will build a handsome residence thereon in the near future. This will be quite an addition to that portion of the city.

Too Much Booze.

On Monday morning John Jones, Colored, was tried before Squire S. P. Boddie, for violation of the search and seizure law and bound over to court under a \$100.00 bond. The papers were served by Constable R. W. Hudson, who found two one gallon glass bottles in his possession in the home of Daisy Ruffin, in about twenty minutes after they had been carried in. Both bottles were full with the exception of about a pint.

Plenies at Lovers Leap.

A number of Louisburg's gallant young men treated the college girls to a most enjoyable picnic at the old historic Lovers' Leap about three miles out from town on last Monday. The day was fine and added greatly to the pleasures always available at this beautiful place.

New Postoffice Fixtures.

The new postoffice fixtures that arrived last week have been installed and present an appearance equal to a city office. The rearrangement adds greatly to the convenience of the office and gives much more room for the lobby. Mr. Ford is having the office repainted and treated to a new coat of paint.

Meeting of U. D. C.

A called meeting of the Joseph J. Davis Chapter U. D. C. was held on Tuesday at which the matters of discussion was the arrangements for the unveiling. As a result, it was decided to have four little girls to pull the ribbons and little Misses Mary Turner, Francis Barrow, Bertha Pearce, Pattle Gee Hill were selected. Hon. T. W. Beckitt, attorney-general, was made master of ceremonies, and Mr. J. M. Allen was selected as chief marshal.

Four floats were agreed upon and were to represent, first, the War of 1865; second, Tenting Tonight; third, Wounded Soldier; fourth, Home Scene. Following this will be the old soldiers in line led by a brass band.

If you want to vote in the coming elections you must pay your poll tax before May 1, 1914. This means you.

Atlantic Fleet Ordered To Mexican Waters

LARGEST FIGHTING FORCE SINCE WAR WITH SPAIN.

President Wilson Demands That Federal Salute Stars and Stripes and Secretary Daniels Notifies Warships to Mobilize.

Washington, April 14.—President Wilson today ordered virtually the entire Atlantic fleet to Mexican waters to force a public salute to the Stars and Stripes from the Huerta government as an apology for the arrest of American marines at Tampico last Thursday.

No ultimatum has been issued, that is, no specified time has been set within which the Huerta government must comply, but the naval demonstration has been ordered as a concrete evidence of the fixed determination of the United States to back up Rear Admiral Mayo's demand for a salute up to tonight Gen. Huerta had not made satisfactory response to that demand.

All Depends on Huerta.

"Future developments depend on Huerta himself," was the way a high administration official close to the President summarized the situation.

The decision to send the fleet was reached after the President and Secretary Bryan had conferred for an hour with John Lind, personal representative of the President in Mexico and after a two-hour cabinet meeting, during which dispatches from Charge O'Shaughnessy revealed that the Huerta government disputed the right of American marines to be ashore at Tampico, and contended that its recent public statement of apology was ample.

Immediately after the cabinet meeting adjourned Secretary Daniels issued his order to the Atlantic fleet, and wireless message flashed up and down the Atlantic coast to put the fleet under steam for Tampico.

Great Fighting Force.

It will be the largest fighting force the American government has assembled for possible action since the Spanish-American war. Eleven great battleships with auxiliaries carrying in all about 15,000 men will comprise the force off Tampico. Every where, at the White House the State Department and the Navy Department, the hope was expressed that the dispatch of the fleet would not lead to serious consequences, and there was a confident prediction among administration officials that Gen. Huerta would satisfy the American demand and close the incident. Officials were careful to point out that negotiations with the Huerta government had not ended, and that the way was still open to Gen. Huerta to make amends.

Admiral Badger Gets Instructions.

Meanwhile the Navy Department sent complete instructions to Rear Admiral Badger, commander-in-chief of the Atlantic fleet, on board the battleship Arkansas at Hampton Roads. Rear Admiral Fiske, Chief of the Bureau of Operation, left here for the Roads tonight to personally explain to Admiral Badger the diplomatic side of the situation and dispatches from Rear Admiral Mayo, indicating the exact ships which will accompany Admiral Badger, the Navy Department issued the following:

The Ships That Will Go.

"Admiral Badger will take with him the battleships Arkansas, Louisiana, New Hampshire, Michigan, Vermont, New Jersey, and South Carolina, which last ship has been intercepted on her way from Haiti to Hampton Roads.

"The gunboat Tacoma now at Boston, Mass., also has been ordered to Tampico by way of Newport, R. I., and will start today or tomorrow.

"The gunboat Nashville, now at Monte Cristi, San Domingo, has been ordered to Guantanamo to coal, and thence to Tampico.

"The Rhode Island, Nebraska, Virginia, and Georgia are now docking; it has not been decided yet whether they will join Admiral Badger's forces.

"The transport Hancock will leave New Orleans for Tampico today with the first regiment of the expeditionary force of marines."

The foregoing ships are in addition to the Utah, Connecticut, Minnesota, Des Moines, Chester, Dolphin, and San Francisco at Tampico, and the Florida and Prairie, at Vera Cruz.

emphasis that no other phases of the Mexican situation beyond the affront to the flag at Tampico were involved in the dispatch of the fleet, though officials admitted the strategic value of having so big a fighting force in proximity to a country in which emergencies might arise at any time.

Act Instead of Talk.

No direct statement of explanation of the developments of today was issued either by the White House or the State Department; the announcements from the Navy Department of naval orders alone furnishing the key to the situation.

"Action, not words," was the way the Cabinet officers described the answer of the United States to Huerta's unwillingness to fire a salute when demanded by the American Government.

Incidentally a copy of the naval orders issued by Secretary Daniels is understood to have been transmitted to Charge O'Shaughnessy so that the Huerta government might be informed of the course which the United States had adopted. It was said that there was no necessity of informing other foreign governments unless a state of blockade was declared.

Congress Applauds Action.

News of the dispatch of the fleet to Mexican waters was received in Congress with general satisfaction. In the House, Representative Murdock, of Kansas, publicly proclaimed the news of Secretary Daniels' order, and there was a wild demonstration of approval. No public announcement was made in the Senate, but the news quickly spread.

Tomorrow the situation will occupy the attention of the Senate foreign relations committee. Members of the House foreign affairs committee today also manifested keen interest in developments and Representative Flood, chairman, conferred with his colleagues about preparation for any emergency that might arise. Beyond asserting that the situation seemed to be a serious one, Acting Chairman Shively, of the Senate foreign relations committee, made no comment.

Many Senators and Representatives expressed themselves in sympathy with the action of the administration in ordering more ships to Tampico, but declined to be quoted in view of the uncertainty as to what might eventuate.

Reporters Go With Fleet.

The dispatch of the fleet created only mild excitement in the National Capital generally. Newspaper ordered their representatives to Hampton Roads, and tonight the Navy Department had granted permission to twenty reporters and photographers to accompany the fleet on its cruise.

It will be fully a week before the Atlantic fleet is assembled at Tampico, though the ships are expected to be steaming away tomorrow. Rear Admiral Badger will rank both Rear Admiral Fletcher and Rear Admiral Mayo and will take complete charge of the situation.

Huerta Has Week's Grace.

While the ships are under way, Gen. Huerta will have about a week in which to answer the American demands. The crisis in the situation is expected to come if Gen. Huerta declines to yield by the time the Atlantic fleet arrives. Various succeeding steps were being discussed among naval officers today, and those familiar with precedent said there was no exact parallel in international law.

It was pointed out by some that the United States might land marines and seize Tampico, to obtain satisfaction for the incident, but this raised the question of whether or not an act of war would be involved. The Washington administration has pronounced itself on the subject of landing marines or marching armed forces into Mexico, as regarding such acts in the nature of war unless permission is given by the government in control of the territory invaded.

Marines May Be Landed.

Inasmuch as no government is recognized in Mexico, but a state of anarchy exists, the American government may establish its own precedent in the case. It is not considered likely that, if marines actually were landed and the American flag taken ashore in satisfaction for the affront occasioned by the arrest of the marines and further measures would be insisted on. Some officers pointed out that the Huerta commander might not resist the landing of American marines inasmuch as he is hemmed in on land by the Constitutional forces. Should he consent

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THAW TO GET FREEDOM

WINS CASE TO BE RELEASED ON HABEAS CORPUS.

Star of Liberty Brighter for Harry Thaw—Court Holds That Petitioner's Actions Have Convinced It.

Concord, April 14.—Harry Thaw's petition for a writ of habeas corpus was granted by Judge Aldrich of the United States district court here today. The court said, however, that no order would be issued for Thaw's discharge from custody until arrangements had been completed to take the case to the United States supreme court on appeal.

Thaw's petition for admission to bail, the court left undetermined, taking the ground that it would be more appropriate for this to be passed upon by the supreme court. The result of the decision is that Thaw's guardianship condition will be unchanged for the present, but that his petition for writ of habeas corpus will go to the highest court in the land with the decision of the lower court in his favor.

The decision filed with the clerk of the court here makes more than 10,000 words and discusses exhaustively the various phases of the case at present in the United States court, concluding:

"My conclusion is that the constitutional right of extradition for crime does not reasonably apply to such a situation as this, where the right of control by the demanding state resides in the degree of custody based on insanity and where its papers upon their face present the negative side of personal or criminal responsibility. It is further thought that it would involve forced or fictional reasoning to make a fight of the character of one in question, the kind of a fight contemplated by the constitution as a basis for extradition."

The court says that the report of the commission supplemented by his own observation at several hearings satisfied him that any supposed danger to the community through Thaw's liberty was so remote as not to warrant his being deprived of bail upon that ground. "I am not at all certain that I am not denying a plain right and doing the prisoner an injustice by leaving this question undecided."

Putting in New Fixtures.

The Hill Live Stock Co. have received and are putting in place the new furniture and fixtures for their store on Main Street. This comprises showcase counters, clothing cases, etc., and when completed will be one of the prettiest and most handsome places of business of its kind in the State. Mr. K. P. Hill, its president, is an hustler and has a store that will always be a monument to his energy and progressiveness.

Easter Picnic.

The young folks of the town had a very enjoyable picnic at Mt. Misery on Monday.

The crowd left on wagons and buggies from Miss Lynn Hall's about 11 a. m. Fishing was the chief amusement and Mr. Elliott Egerton broke the record with a ten pound catch.

A number of interesting pictures were taken but the crowning event was the big picnic dinner.

After dinner a letter was written, placed in a bottle and sent downstream. The letter was signed by each member present with a request for post cards from the receiver.

Those attending were, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Mann, Mr. and Mrs. Garland Ricks as chaperons. Dr. and Mrs. D. T. Smithwick, Misses Lynn Hall, Julia Barrow, Margaret Hicks, Susie Meadows, Grace Hall, Sadie Pleasants, Ethel Early, Ina Harris, Lonnie Meadows, Sallie Taylor, Mary Stuart Egerton, Sallie Louise Macon, Mattie Allen, Alla Allen, Una Mae Hayes, Mamie Jones, Helen Smithwick, Beulah Tucker, and Messrs. Henry Paschall, J. D. Lee, William Barrow, Will Collier, William Neal, William Bickett, Tom Ruffin, William Ruffin, George Walker, Elliott Egerton, Daniel P. Smithwick, Sam Turner and Mr. Cobb.

Burned by Lightning.

Mr. Dob Wright, of Dunn's township lost his stables on Wednesday by fire caused from lightning. At the same time his pair of mules were killed by the stroke.