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SUGAR BILL PASSES THE HOUSE

By the overwhelming vote of 346 yeas to 14 nays the lower house of congress on the 16th instant passed the administration bill repealing the clause of the tariff act of 1913 under which the tariff on imported sugar and molasses is to be discontinued on and after May 1, 1916.

The negative vote was cast by thirteen Democrats and one Socialist. In his argument closing the debate on the pending measure, Majority Leader Kitchin candidly admitted that the sole cause for the repeal of the free-sugar clause was the falling off of the government's income because of the European war conditions, and the absolute necessity of providing adequate revenues to meet the outlay for public purposes.

The senate finance committee was ready to report the repeal bill favorably on Wednesday, but action was delayed at the urgent request of Senator Hardwick of Georgia, who desires to present an argument against the measure before the committee.

It is not anticipated that this delay, accorded through the powerful influence of "senatorial courtesy," will affect the final passage of the bill before the 1st of May. The vote in the senate may not show as large a comparative preponderance in support of the repealing measure as was recorded in the lower house, but no doubt is felt that the bill will pass the senate by a decisive majority.

THE MEXICAN INVASION.

A strict censorship over reports concerning the movement of United States troops in Mexico having been established for prudential reasons, in order that Villa and his followers may not be thus enabled the more easily to evade pursuit and capture, it is to be expected that a flood of sensational and unfounded rumors will find circulation through the press and other news mediums, hence it will be well for the public to take with a liberal modicum of salt the accounts of startling events likely to occupy much newspaper space during the pendency of the American operations on Mexican territory.

It is plain there have been no occurrences of importance beyond the border up to this time, but there can be no question that the gravest complications are possible of development at almost any moment. Mexican agitators will do their best to arouse hostile sentiment among the people of that country against the United States, and it is impossible to foresee to what extent the relations between Mexico and this country may be affected by this agitation.

Strong Parker Club at St. James.

A Parker Club has been organized in the sixth ward of St. James parish with a membership of one hundred and fifty. The following officers were elected: Octave Roussel, a Confederate veteran and life-long Democrat, president; G. L. Morris, superintendent; Burton-Swartz Cypress Co., first vice president; Henry Schexnaydre and J. Gragnaud, prominent planters, second and third vice presidents, respectively; A. R. Aderman, secretary. Dr. J. S. Allison, of Burton, addressed the meeting in behalf of John M. Parker's candidacy, urging the voters present to assert their independence and help redeem the state from boss rule. Parker clubs are being organized in each ward of the parish, and St. James may be counted in the Parker column, notwithstanding the claims of the opposition.

Louisiana is fortunate in having two of its congressmen assigned to committees having to do with flood control, and river and harbor improvement. Hon. Riley J. Wilson of the fifth district has been appointed a member of the new house committee on flood control, while Hon. Garland H. Dupre of the second district was selected by Speaker Clark to take the place on the rivers and harbors committee of Representative Humphreys of Mississippi, who relinquished the assignment in order to become chairman of the flood control committee.

Caddo Goes Dry Again.

Another election on the liquor question was held in Caddo parish March 21, and the anti-saloons were victorious by 363 majority. The vote of the city of Shreveport showed 140 majority for licensing saloons, but the country wards registered a majority of 503 against the proposition. Col. Pleasant and Lieutenant Governor Barret both voted against the saloons, and Mr. Barret was one of the speakers at a jollification meeting following the announcement of the result of the election.

The esteemed Daily States is just as confident and emphatic now in forecasting the overwhelming defeat and discomfiture of John M. Parker as it was in predicting the triumphant election of J. B. Aswell four years ago.

Elk Appointive Officers Named.

Exalted Ruler Alex. Bloomensiel of Donaldsonville Lodge No. 1153, B. P. O. E., announces the following appointments of officers and committees to serve for the ensuing year: Esquire, W. D. Williams; chaplain, J. C. Dabadie; inner guard, D. Israel, Jr.; finance committee—Leon Levi, J. E. Blum and Jos. N. Giselard; sick and relief committee—Fred Landry, Henry Netter and Sidney Harp.

The chair officers of the lodge will constitute the house committee, namely: Alex. Bloomensiel, Jas. Maurin, Ferrier Blanchard, Chas. Von Lotten and Clarence Bouchereau.

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A SPURIOUS ISSUE CONDEMNED.

That the attempt of a coterie of politicians and partisan newspapers to inject a negro issue into the pending Louisiana campaign is a "trick of the trade," pure and simple, is a use to influence the ignorant and thoughtless vote by the imaginary fear of a revival and return of conditions belonging to a dead and buried past impossible of resurrection—is such an apparent proposition it seems almost a waste of time to discuss it.

Two of the most consistent and influential Democratic newspapers in north Louisiana, the Shreveport Journal and Ruston Leader, have condemned the raising of this fictitious issue in particularly plain and forceful terms. The Journal said: "With every desire to serve, to the extent of its ability, the interests of the state Democracy and its nominees, the Journal cannot subscribe to the senseless fear of some of its Democratic contemporaries, who see in the possible election of Mr. John M. Parker the threat of a return of the negro to politics. Whether the apprehension of negro domination voiced by the Democratic journals referred to is real or simulated, we have no means of knowing. But we do know that it is groundless and foolish. The negro is out of politics in Louisiana and is going to be kept out, whether Mr. Parker or Colonel Pleasant is elected governor. The constitutional limitations that bar the black man will not be abridged or abrogated in this age and generation, if, indeed, they ever will. The Democracy has higher claims to the continued confidence of the people of Louisiana than the spurious one that it alone can save the state from the return of the negro."

No less clear and emphatic is the condemnation expressed by our Ruston contemporary: "It should be a matter of regret that the negro question has been injected into our state campaign. It can accomplish no good, while its agitation always revives unpleasant memories and rekindles animosities that should have been relegated to oblivion long ago. The negro has been eliminated from the political affairs of this state and the issue should remain buried forever. Such is the desire of the best element of the race, because they know that it is for the best interest of their people to remain at peace with the white people among whom they live and who have the inherent right to rule the country. While there may be a few demagogues who, for personal motives, may wish to revive this dead issue, they are few and far between. There is not an intelligent, patriotic citizen of Louisiana who has any such desire, no matter what may be the political views in other respects. They all realize what a harmful effect it would have on the social, political and material welfare of our beloved state, which is in such a progressive and prosperous condition under the present regime. For the sake of peace, the good of society, the prosperity of the state, let the negro alone in his contentment, except to encourage him and assist him in working out his destiny, as an important factor in the industrial activities of the country."

As the New Orleans Times-Picayune pertinently says: "This is good, sound common sense and should be echoed and taught everywhere in Louisiana. With the peace, quiet and order that now prevails in this state, the politician who seeks to stir up this old and dead issue, to disturb the peace and prosperity of the state, is, as the Leader properly designates him, a demagogue who is trying to revive a dead issue to his own advantage; in other words, he is trying to get a job for himself and does not care how much it may cost Louisiana and its people or how much trouble it may stir up. The movement deserves to fail and we are glad to see that it is failing."

GREAT FIRE LOSSES.

During the twenty-four hours between Tuesday and Wednesday nights of the past week a remarkable series of large and destructive fires took place in different parts of this country.

The most disastrous of these conflagrations occurred at Paris, Texas, where some 2000 residences and nearly every business house in the city were destroyed, entailing a financial loss of \$10,000,000 and rendering 8000 people homeless. All the hotels, restaurants and newspaper offices were burned and three persons lost their lives. Organization has been effected in the stricken city for the relief of the destitute victims of the disaster, and tents, provisions and clothing were being received by every incoming train on Wednesday.

In East Nashville, a suburb of the Tennessee capital, a fire that started from a burning ball of yarn thrown into the dry grass on a vacant lot by a little boy, swept over thirty-five blocks, destroying 600 buildings, mostly residences, and involving a property loss of \$1,500,000.

At Augusta, Ga., a fire that broke out in the Dyer building on the main business street of the city Wednesday afternoon, was driven furiously by a high wind and had consumed property valued between \$5,000,000 and \$8,000,000 up to the time the final press reports were telegraphed that night, when the flames were still raging.

A fire in the Drumright oil field, near Tulsa, Okla., swept four sections of oil leases, burning sixty well-rigs and a large quantity of crude oil, valued together at about \$1,500,000.

On the same fateful day McKinney, Texas, had a \$500,000 fire; Chattanooga, Tenn., and Natchez, Miss., lost each \$500,000 worth of property, and prairie fires caused similar loss in western Kansas. Fairfax, Ga., also had a \$10,000 blaze.

The aggregate of property loss resulting from these disasters is estimated between \$18,000,000 and \$19,000,000.

REASONS FOR CHANGE OF POLITICAL ALIGNMENT.

Under the interrogative title, "Why Are We Progressives?" the Lafourche Comet meets with practical and effective logic the reported efforts of Democratic politicians in that parish and district to discredit the Progressive movement and its leaders, to deceive voters into the belief that some disgrace attaches to a change of their political affiliation, and to propagate the manifestly false impression "that the Democratic party stands for needed protection for our industries and should therefore be upheld and continued in power."

The Comet cogently suggests that intelligent voters calmly consider these claims in the light of the history of the past three years. Let them first ask, "Why are there any 'Progressives' in this district? Why are we not all Democrats, just as we were four years ago? Why did we forsake the Democratic party after having worked so hard in 1912 to elect Woodrow Wilson to the presidency? Did we forsake the party just for novelty, or for spite, for gain, or for what was conceived to be the best interest of ourselves, friends and fellow citizens?"

Palpable answers to these timely and practical questions are thus furnished by our able and luminous contemporary, the Comet: "The desertion from the Democratic party was prompted solely by the reason that far-seeing Democrats realized that they were being led on by false economic and political promises to certain financial ruin and final repudiation by an outraged populace. They realized that if a halt in the policy of Democratic free trade were not called the time would come when our industries would be too far paralyzed to permit of redemption and our labor would be so far cast down and impoverished as to be on a level with the pauper labor of foreign countries."

"To stop the downward and destructive trend, thinking men—men who could have easily remained as leaders in the Democratic ranks—resolved to forsake Democracy and champion the principles of a party that stands for protection—protection such as the revered McEnery stood for; protection such as the lamented Gay and Price (good Democrats) fought for; protection such as Senator Foster voted for; protection such as Bob Broussard championed, although he was repeatedly elected as a stalwart Democrat."

"Why not be honest and admit that Louisiana cannot successfully compete with the imports of foreign countries unless we have protection, and if we need protection so urgently as to have caused all of our Democratic senators and congressmen for years to be Democrats at home and Republicans when a vote on the tariff came up, why should we not come out openly and honestly, as the Progressives are now doing, and advocate and vote for men who favor protection through principle?"

Poverty Versus Piety.

The publisher of the Delhi Progress has suspended the paper, ostensibly because he wishes to devote all his time to the ministry, a calling into which he recently backslid from the non-sectarian editorial pulpit. Judging by the following significant excerpt from the pious publisher's swan song, we strongly suspect that lack of lucra as well as excess of piety led to the change of professions:

"We would thank all those who are indebted to the Delhi Progress to call and liquidate their indebtedness. You who owe us know it, and it is useless for us to continually present you with a bill, and receive a smile. Smiles are all right but they don't pay bills. Don't force us to use legal methods to collect from you and add this expense to your long standing account."

It isn't our practice to encourage election bets, but we're dead game sport enough to show the color of our money on a two-to-one basis in support of the proposition that the next governor's name starts with P.

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HIGH SCHOOL HAPPENINGS.

Institutional and Student Activities
Interestingly Reported.

By ROLAND BINNINGS.

The state spelling test was held Thursday and Friday, March 23 and 24. The pupils spelling all the words correctly will receive certificates of honor, signed by men of prominence. The names of the pupils securing a perfect grade will appear in The Chief of next Saturday.

Mose Bloomensiel talked very interestingly to the senior class last Tuesday on the subject of insurance. This talk was greatly appreciated by the members of the class and proved very helpful.

Mrs. Walter Lemann and her guest, Miss Bertha Scharff, were welcome visitors to the high school Tuesday.

A spelling match was held between the fifth, sixth and seventh grades last Wednesday. Father Chauvin officiated as judge. The seventh grade proved the victors.

The next meeting of the Senior Literary Society will be held Friday, March 31. Visitors are cordially invited. The following is the program for this meeting:

Vocal solo, Mildred Buquoi.
Recitation, Minnie Bush.
Debate, "Resolved, that the United States should intervene in the affairs of Mexico." Affirmative—Olive Stuart, Leonie Guigou, Miller Young, Negative—Gay Martin, Vivian Morgan, Irma Werner.

Essay, Geneva Ramirez.
Quotation contest: Side A—Beulah Mathews, Sadie Schaff, Lenard Folse, Regina Courreges, Side B—Victor Maurin, Lillian Wintter, Elma Michel, Bessie Young.

Editor's paper, Roland Binnings.
Critic's report, Mr. Mestayer.

Track work will be started the coming week at the high school, so that the boys will be prepared for the state rally which is to be held May 5 and 6.

There will be a parish rally on April 28. This rally will consist of athletic and literary events to decide those who will represent the parish at the state rally.

The fast and snappy team of D. H. S. played its third game last Sunday. The D. H. S. boys rolled up a good-size score on the White Castle High School boys. The teams of these two schools will again lock horns tomorrow, at 3 o'clock, on the local court. Both teams are in the best of shape and doing "some" practicing, and naturally both expect to win. The game is bound to be full of "pep."

A basketball team has been organized, practice has started, and the schedule is being arranged. The team uses the South Louisiana Park as its practice grounds.

The first game of basketball between girls played here in some time took place today between the teams of S. V. I. and D. H. S., on the former's court.

(Last week's notes. Received too late for publication.)

The president of the Senior Literary Society, Gay Martin, called a special meeting March 14 for the purpose of electing new officers for the society. John Hunley was chosen president, and Kline Sims and Minnie Bush were re-elected vice president and secretary-treasurer, respectively. The retiring president gave a very good farewell address and thanked the students for their co-operation while he had the honor of heading the society. Gay was a good and competent president, and we know John Hunley will be the same.

The semi-monthly meeting of the Senior Literary Society was held Friday, March 17, with the newly elected officers presiding. The program rendered was a very good one, and showed the interest in this great training work is increasing. The question for debate was, "Resolved, that the substantial increase in the naval and military establishments of the U. S. would be conducive to peace." Besides the appointed debaters there was a strong general discussion.

The program for the next Junior Literary Society meeting on March 24 is as follows:
Recitation, Mercedes Truxillo.
Debate, "Resolved, that the only way to restore order in Mexico is by armed intervention by the United States." Selma Steinhilber, Ida Kios, Clyde Hazlip and Clarence Peltier will argue the affirmative. Vivian Dill, Pauline Landry, Bobbie Stuart and Stanley Brasnet will uphold the negative.

Leading, Lucille Montet.
Quotation contest: Side A—Darrell Folse, John Borman, Craig Chapman, Frank Allen, Rene Robert, Side B—Ralphine Hazlip, Ruth White, Agnes Buquoi, Beatrice Hebert, Alice Feray.

Editor's paper, Geneva Innes.
Critic, Miss Israel.
Miss Dorothy Israel, English teacher of D. H. S., talked very interestingly on the subject of "How to Study English." This talk was very helpful to the students.

B. B. Frangues, commercial teacher, talked on the subject of "Habits." This talk was interesting and instructive, and pleased the students. The winner of the first prize in the composition on "Petrification" was Olive Stuart. Second place was won by Gergette Richard. Miss Stuart read her essay before the high school Thursday morning, March 16.

The first and second teams of D. H. S. were defeated by the teams of Napoleonville High School last Sunday. The game played by the first teams was the best seen on the local court in recent years. It was a basketball game from start to finish, full of "pep" and spirit. There was a large crowd out to witness the fray.

Supt. H. P. Broussard has moved his office to the high school, and now occupies the room that was previously occupied as the senior den, adjoining the office of the principal.

Miss Bertha Scharff, of Natchez, Miss., delighted the high school students by singing two spring songs. Track work will be started soon.

A Villainous Name.

The correct pronunciation of that Mexican villain's name is not Villah, but Vee-yah. It will be Mud when Uncle Sam's troopers catch up with him.

The first excursion of the season from New Orleans to Donaldsonville and points above will be run by the Texas & Pacific Railroad Sunday, March 26.

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Sheriff, Parish of Ascension.
Donaldsonville, La., March 15, 1916.

PROCLAMATION OF ELECTION.

BY VIRTUE of the authority vested in me as mayor and commissioner of public health and safety of the city of Donaldsonville, I do hereby designate SATURDAY, MAY 6, 1916, as the date upon which there shall be held an election in the city of Donaldsonville for the purpose of electing a commissioner of finance for the city of Donaldsonville for the unexpired term ending June 14, 1917.

In testimony whereof witness my hand and seal of the city of Donaldsonville this 18th day of March, 1916.

WALTER LEMANN,
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