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LANHAM COUNTY BILL IN LOWER HOUSE TODAY

EXPECTED THAT VOTE ON BILL OF ARCHIE PARR CREATING LANHAM COUNTY WILL BE REACHED IN HOUSE TODAY.

BITTER FIGHT IS EXPECTED

Lanham, Corbett, Luby and Other Property Owners Are in Austin Fighting the Lanham County Bill—Rumor Says Ferguson May Veto Bill.

Advices from Austin received last night stated that the proposal to divide Duval County and create a new county to be known as Lanham County will be presented in the house today for passage and a bitter fight between those favoring and those opposing the creation of the new county is assured.

The Lanham County bill is authored by Archie Parr, Senator from the Corpus Christi district, who has already passed the Senate by a unanimous vote. In the House its passage is being urged by Representative Pat P. Dade and a majority of the house committee on new counties. A minority report will be presented in the house, arguments against the bill.

J. C. Lanham, J. G. Luby, H. H. Corbett, Milton Tobin and many other property owners are vigorously protesting against the passage of the bill contending that its passage is desired solely by Archie Parr for his political aggrandizement and that a new county is not needed. Chester Terrell, former speaker of the house and James H. Daugherty of Beeville are representing the property owners in their fight against the passage of the bill.

May Veto Bill.

The Austin Statesman intimates that if the bill is passed that it may be vetoed by Governor Ferguson, saying this yesterday there.

Senator Parr's bill to create Lanham County out of a portion of Duval County is expected to come up in the House tomorrow. Chester Terrell speaker of the Thirty-third Legislature, who is attorney for the opponents of the bill, is here. He said yesterday he was confident of the measure's defeat. It was also rumored about the Capitol that Governor Ferguson would veto the measure even if the House passes it. Although little credence is given the rumor, for the reason it is said to have originated from supporters of opinion relative to the bill. An interesting fight is expected when the bill comes before the House. It received a favorable committee report.

Newspaper Fights Parr.

Archie Parr is being vigorously assailed for his efforts to form the new county by the Austin Tribune, an afternoon paper, which for the past few days has been printing items relating Duval County that are anything but complimentary to the Senator from Duval.

D. W. Yoakum of Houston represented the Parkland subdivision company in the city on business.

ONLY NEGRO MUNICIPALITY TEXAS HAS SET OF OFFICERS

MAYOR AND COMMISSIONERS TOOK OATHS OF OFFICE MONDAY NIGHT—SEVERAL TALKS WERE MADE.

HOUSTON, Texas, Feb. 8.—The only negro municipality in Texas, Independence, Brazoria, now has a perfectly legal mayor and two commissioners. At a special election the officers were chosen and the citizens decided on a commission form of government. Mayor G. O. Burgess and Commissioners S. C. Lemotte and A. M. McCulloch were inaugurated Monday night at a celebration by the elected citizens and the oaths of office were administered by Charles F. Smith.

In his inaugural address Mayor Burgess discussed the Hogan form of government and spoke of Mayor Campbell's administration. He urged the citizens of the new city to stand together for the good of their city. A number of addresses were made and the pupils of the Independence Heights schools rendered a program.

BATE TENANT BILL OCCUPIED DAY IN SENATE

LEADING PLANK OF FERGUSON PLATFORM IS BEFORE THE SENATE AND MANY AMENDMENTS ARE BEING OFFERED.

LOCAL MEASURES IN HOUSE

Penitentiary Commissioners May be Cited to Appear Before House to Tell What They Know About Management of the State Penitentiaries.

(Caller-Herald Special.)

AUSTIN, Feb. 8.—The land tenant plank of the Ferguson platform was the topic of extended debate in the Senate today and no vote was taken on the measure. Two decided factions have sprung up and are fighting to practically nullify the bill by amendments.

In the House side local measures were given consideration.

The Duval county bill will be fought on the floor tomorrow according to present plans. A legal paper has circulated somewhere during the past few days opposing the passage of the measure.

Not a single measure passed the Senate. Tomorrow the committee hearing the matter of a single board of control for the Texas University and A. and M. College and for the direction of the two institutions was set for a hearing.

On account of the attitude assumed by members of the penitentiary commission and other prison officials in criticising the report of the House investigating committee which recently inspected the prison farms, a resolution will be introduced in the House by Representative Reeves directing those willing to appear before the House and tell what they know about the management of the penitentiaries.

Should the resolution be adopted Commissioners George Sims and Murray and Auditor Welsh who has been at work on the books of the system, will be cited to appear before the committee here.

WAR IS CAUSING NERVOUS BREAKDOWN MANY OFFICERS

STRAIN OF CONFLICT CAUSES MANY MEN TO BECOME INSANE.

(Correspondence of Associated Press.)

LONDON, Feb. 8.—The number of British soldiers and officers who have suffered nervous breakdown since so long approaching insanity as a result of the strain of war, has shown such increase that some of the leading medical journals are pleading for special consideration and treatment for this class.

"Some cases," says the Lancet, "are certainly hopeless, but there are others—and happily these are in considerable numbers where there are good grounds for believing that they may again become useful citizens."

The effects of warfare on the nervous system are more marked in the case of officers than in the case of enlisted men, the latter in many cases after "much incidents" recovering "tone" after a continuous sleep of from twenty-four to forty-eight hours. Officers commonly affected are generally sent to special hospitals for a rest of a week or ten days, but if they fail to show satisfactory progress after that time they are invalided home, on the ground that it is impossible that they could be again employed on active service.

The powerful effect which modern warfare has on the mind is shown. Writes a surgeon attached to a British ambulance, "by the dreams and nightmares which disturb soldiers' sleep in dangerous positions. Nervous subjects react in a most striking way to the shock of explosions in their immediate vicinity. Some develop a tendency to sleep-walking and are found wandering about the premises with faces expressing the utmost terror and anxiety. In the soldiers' dreams, the dread of being contact with his fellows seems to be felt with extreme frequency, and the horror of isolation constitutes the commonest nightmare of men in the fighting line."

GATHERING UP THE BODIES OF FALLEN COMRADES

French soldiers with the "dead cart" on a battlefield picking up the bodies of those who fell in the combat.

PROMINENT CITIZEN COLORADO IS HERE TO SPEND WINTER

COLONEL FRANK HALL OF DENVER A GUEST AT THE NUECES.

Former Secretary of Territorial Governor and New Mining Editor of Denver Post.

Colonel Frank Hall, former newspaper man, formerly of this Territorial Secretary of Colorado back in the 60's, now and for many years past, Mining Editor of the Denver Post is a visitor in Corpus Christi staying at the Nueces. He is accompanied by his wife.

Why he was come to Corpus Christi Colonel Hall was asked last night by a Caller reporter.

"I wanted to spend a little vacation on the seashore and I had heard so much of Corpus Christi as a beach that I came and a point of special interest to Texas Writers for the reason he (pointing to the citizen) was when I spoke of coming to Texas, and the city's name was mentioned to a friend, I was at once directed to my old friend. I expected to see Antonio for a great man, a newspaperman, though a Corpus Christi newspaper. You know, he was in the place. We talked about old times and we now more (laughing).

"We are retired today and of course have had little opportunity of seeing all our old friends yet so think this, our Kansas friend is a most delightful place in which to live. Locate in the world for it. The building boom is at one of the most favorably known spots in the Southland, that is Memphis Tennessee. But the management of your Nueces is also much ahead, more than the usual approval for the splendid service notwithstanding the close, melting atmosphere of the place.

"Mr. Revill gives me of the wonderful agricultural and livestock development of the section of the country and of the magnificent undeveloped resources in these lines as well as others and I must say I can appreciate what he says having looked with almost jealous eyes the great farms that line the railroad for north of the city. By the way, he has sold them plantations.

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CAPTAIN A. J. BROWN OF DALLAS DIED IN ROCKPORT

PROMINENT CONFEDERATE VETERAN AND DALLAS COMMISSIONER PASSED AWAY.

(Caller-Herald Special.)

ROCKPORT, Feb. 9.—Captain A. J. Brown of Dallas died of pneumonia at his summer home near here today. He was attended by his brother in law, Dr. S. Millikan of Dallas.

Captain Brown was a soldier in the Confederate army, was prominent in the early history of the state and was one of the first commissioners of Dallas. He is survived by his wife, three daughters and a son, Elmer Brown of Clint, Texas. The body will be taken home for burial.

AMERICA TO SEND NOTE GERMANY AND ENGLAND.

By Associated Press.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 9.—It is understood here tonight that the State Department is drafting notes to Great Britain and Germany, pointing out to the former how easily neutral commerce might suffer through misuse of neutral flags and asking the latter for details of what steps her submarines will take to determine whether ships are neutral before sinking them.

TELEGRAPHIC BREVITIES

By Associated Press.

LONDON, Feb. 9.—Coalowners have agreed to pay high wages during the war and there will be no strike of Yorkshire coal miners as threatened.

By Associated Press.

HOLYOKE, Feb. 9.—W. F. Stewart, a former state senator died here tonight.

By Associated Press.

LONDON, Feb. 9.—Scandinavian countries and Holland are taking steps to act jointly regarding Germany's war zone decision.

By Associated Press.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 9.—Joseph Tumulty, Wilson's secretary, today testified in the inquiry into the conduct of James M. Sullivan, Minister to Santo Domingo, that his only connection with Sullivan was in acting as a medium to bring Sullivan's endorsements to Bryan. Representative Hamill of New Jersey testified that he recommended Sullivan previous to the inquiry and that he never heard of any connection between Sullivan and the banking interests which, it is claimed, tried to exploit Santo Domingo.

By Associated Press.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 9.—Learning of the friction between Carranza and foreign governments in Mexico City, Villa has invited them to come to any city he controls guaranteeing every courtesy.

DRYGOODS MEN HOLD BIG CONVENTION.

(Caller-Herald Special.)

NEW YORK, Feb. 9.—Plans for the erection of a $2,000,000 building in which the New York offices of a large number of the country's department stores will be housed, were today presented to the convention of the National Retail Dry Goods Association. An extensive report on an experiment started a year ago in a New York store for the improvement of efficiency among employes will also be presented, and a debate on the minimum wage is also to be a feature.

COTTON GINNINGS OF TEXAS 182,309 BALES IN JANUARY

BIG INCREASE IN TEXAS GINNING OVER PRODUCTION OF 1912.

AUSTIN, Feb. 9.—The Department of Agriculture announced today 182,309 bales of cotton were ginned during January, as compared with 18,296 bales during January 1914.

TAFT OPPOSES LAW TO PROHIBIT THE SELLING MUNITIONS

SAYS TIME MAY COME WHEN U. S. WILL WANT TO BUY.

His Views Were Requested for German-American Neutrality Meeting, But Not Read.

By Associated Press.

NEW HAVEN, Conn., Feb. 9.—Former President Taft opposes the law which will prohibit America from selling war munitions to belligerents, because he believes the United States might be invaded some day by a prepared power and the United States would be unprepared and unable to purchase munitions if neutrals would refuse to sell.

He also thinks it would tend to increase the armaments of all nations, and the passage of such a law now he concerned because it would affect only one of the present belligerents.

This was Taft's reply to a German professor who requested a letter favoring the prohibitory law which he desired read at the "Neutrality Meeting" of German-Americans. Taft made public the letter today which he said was not read.

DINE THE GOVERNOR.

NEW YORK, Feb. 9.—A dinner will be given by the Senate of New Jersey to Governor James Fairman Fielder. Political leaders from New Jersey and Washington will be present.

TWENTY DIED LIKE RATS IN FLOODED COAL MINES

BRITISH COLUMBIA MINERS PICKED HOLE IN ABANDONED SHAFT THAT LOOSED FLOOD.

By Associated Press.

NANAIMO, B. C., Feb. 9.—Twenty-one men were drowned or otherwise killed by a sudden rush of water into the Pacific Coast coal mines near here today.

It is supposed that a part of an old flooded mine nearby was broken into in the workings of the Pacific Coast mine and the stored volume broke loose to drown the miners like rats.

Ed. J. Beaty of San Antonio, is in the city, stopping at the Nueces.

SENATE COMMITTEE FAVORS HORSE RACING IN TEXAS

CLARKE BILL PERMITTING RACING AND BETTING FAVORABLY REPORTED.

AUSTIN, Feb. 9.—Late tonight the Senate committee on Public Health reported the Clarke bill favorably permitting racing and betting in the state. There will be a minority report.

CARRANZA ARMY MARCHING UPON PIEDRAS NEGRAS

UNITED STATES COMMANDER AT LAREDO INFORMED OF APPROACH OF ARMY ON WAY TO PIEDRAS NEGRAS FIGHT.

NUEVO LAREDO IS AROUSED

Border City Hourly Hopes for Reinforcements Expecting Approach of Villistas—Villa Rejects Plea of Convention and Denounces Leaders.

(Caller-Herald Special.)

LAREDO, Tex., Feb. 9.—Brigadier General Evans, commander of the Ninth Infantry, stamped here, was this afternoon informed by telephone by the United States Military Patrol stationed at San Ignacio, forty miles down the river, that a Carranza army force of 400 men had passed there coming to Nuevo Laredo on their way to Piedras Negras. The soldiers left Matamoros recently.

Nuevo Laredo is hourly expecting reinforcements and there is much unrest there as a result of disquieting reports of an advancing Villa army.

CLAIM VICTORY AT MONTERREY.

By Associated Press.

BROWNSVILLE, Feb. 9.—Carranzaites at Matamoros still claim they are winning at Monterrey.

VILLA DENOUNCED CONVENTION.

By Associated Press.

SAN ANTONIO, Feb. 9.—In response to the plea for peace received from Federico Gonzalez chairman of convention held here, Villa has replied rejecting the plea and denouncing those who attended as "big land owners who saw in the Mexican poorer classes nothing but slaves to serve them."

MICHIGAN ARTISTS EXHIBIT.

DETROIT, Mich., Feb. 9.—A three day exhibit by Michigan artists, for the benefit of families of artists in the war zone opened here today at the Hotel Pontchartrain.

THOUSANDS OF BALES OF COTTON DESTROYED BY FIRE

BALLINGER COMPRESS BUILDING AND THIRTEEN CARLOADS CAUGHT FROM BRUSH.

By Associated Press.

BALLINGER, Texas, Feb. 9.—Fire in the Texas Compress Company's plant here this afternoon destroyed 7,300 bales of cotton in the building and thirteen carloads standing in the yards as well as seven residences of the town.

It is estimated that the loss will reach $300,000 and it is believed that a spark from some burning brush started the conflagration.

ADVENTISTS FOR FREE PRESS.

(Caller-Herald Special.)

WASHINGTON, Feb. 9.—a general conference of Seventh Day Adventists from New England, middle Atlantic and Great Lakes states came to an end today at Takoma Park, where presidents and missionary heads of the sect have been holding a week's convention. Believing that the measures recently introduced in Congress by Representatives Fitzgerald and Sullivan are the first steps toward the destruction of the freedom of the press, the Adventists circulated petitions protesting against the proposed legislation. In discussed the issues Elder Prescott of Takoma Park said: "Both of these bills establishes a censorship of the press, and place in the hands of one man, who is himself not elected by the people, the absolute power to exclude from the mails any publication which in his opinion has violated certain provisions, without any opportunity of trying the case before a properly constituted court. Such control of the press is arbitrary and tyrannical."

WHITE POINT GAS COMPANY INCREASES ITS CAPITAL

PAPERS FILED WITH SECRETARY OF STATE BY CORPUS CHRISTI COMPANY.

AUSTIN, Feb. 9.—The White Point Oil and Gas Company of Corpus Christi, filed an amendment with the secretary of state today increasing its capital stock from $20,000 to $25,000.

PITTSBURG SHIPPERS FIGHT NEW CHARGES.

PITTSBURG, Pa., Feb. 9.—At a meeting today of prominent shippers of this city, protests against the new railroad charges for "spotting" service were discussed, and a procedure was agreed upon for presentation of the shippers' case to the hearing which will be held tomorrow by a representative of the Interstate Commerce Commission. The railroads have established a new tariff of charges for service heretofore rendered without charge, such as the placing of cars, which is known as "spotting." Virtually every industrial plant in Pittsburg is affected by the new tariff, and the plant owners welcome the opportunity to present their grievances.

CONSULATES AT BRUGES FORCED TO DISMANTLE

GERMAN COMMANDER IN BELGIAN CITY ORDERED FLAGS OF FOREIGN COUNTRIES DOWN AND COATS OF ARMS REMOVED.

BRITISH MERCANTILE LOSSES

French Announce Slight Gain Near Perenne—Turks Badly Damaged British Cruiser at Suez—Austrians Advance in Bukowina and Capture Village.

By Associated Press.

AMSTERDAM, Feb. 9.—The Telegraaf today publishes a despatch, Belgium, dispatch says that the German commander there forced all foreign consuls to haul down their flags and remove the coats of arms. The dispatch says that many including the Turkish Consul protested, but the order was enforced, the consuls being compelled to surrender their arms also.

FRENCH DESTROY MINERS.

By Associated Press.

PARIS, Feb. 9.—The official statement tonight says that nothing important happened today, but that yesterday the French destroyed a mine gallery, southeast of Perenne, in which Germans were at work.

S. S. WILHELMINA ARRIVED.

By Associated Press.

LONDON, Feb. 9.—A dispatch to Lloyd's from Falmouth announces that the American steamer Wilhelmina arrived there this afternoon.

BRITISH CRUISER DAMAGED.

By Associated Press.

BERLIN, Feb. 9.—The Overseas News Agency today announced: "The Turks badly damaged a British cruiser in the recent operations against the Suez canal."

TRADE SCHOOL FOR CRIPPLED.

By Associated Press.

PARIS, Feb. 9.—The government of the Liverpool Underwriters Association estimates the loss to the British merchant fleet at thirty million dollars since the war began and says it is less than he expected.

AUSTRO-GERMAN STATEMENT.

By Associated Press.

VIENNA, Feb. 9.—The official statement today says there is no change in the situation in Poland or West Galicia and that the artillery action continues. "The Austro-Germans yesterday, after a battle of several days, captured a village north of Yabrow, in the Carpathians, with many prisoners and ammunition.

"On the other Carpathian front there were severe battles. The Russian attack in the western Carpathians was unsuccessful and the Austrians captured 350 men. We continue to advance in Bukowina and have occupied Wama."

By Associated Press.

AVOID SINKING NEUTRALS.

BERLIN, Feb. 9.—Gottlieb von Jagow, the German foreign secretary today told the Associated Press that the German submarines would use all precautions to avoid the sinking of neutral ships in the war zone, which policy he declared was in no sense blockading.

DANISH STEAMER DETAINED.

By Associated Press.

NEW YORK, Feb. 9.—The Danish steamer Hellig Olav, returning today from Copenhagen, reports that on her outward voyage the British detained her at Kirkwall, Scotland, for eight days. The steamer first intended to carry copper, and cabled the fact to London. Then she cabled that she would not carry copper. The British censor for some reason didn't pass the second cablegram.

REED WOULD FORCE VOTE ON SHIP PURCHASE BILL

SENATE CLOSURE AGREEMENT WILL BE ASKED ON THE NINETEENTH.

By Associated Press.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 9.—Senator Reed tonight gave formal notice in writing that he would seek the closure agreement in the Senate rules to end the debate on the government ship purchase bill at 2:00 p. m. February 19th, and cause a final vote to be taken three hours later. The Senate has been in session since noon Monday.

Administration leaders tonight declared they intend to remain until the bill is passed. Republicans and insurgent Democrats tried to adjourn tonight but failed. Republicans tonight are still talking to stave off the vote.

The Republicans again tried to adjourn at 10:45 but failed. Wilson reiterated that he has no intention of withdrawing the ship bill even if it is necessary to call an extra session.

THE WEATHER.

Associated Press.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 9.—For East Texas, West Texas and Oklahoma: Fair Wednesday and Thursday.

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