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## GUFFEY COMPANY GETS ANOTHER BIG GAS W

AT 3:30 O'CLOCK FRIDAY AFTERNOON THIRD GASSER FOR THE WHITE POINT FIELD WAS BROUGHT IN GAS SHOOTING INTO AIR THREE HUNDRED FEET

### DERRICK WAS DESTROYED

So Strong is the Pressure That the Drillers May Not be Able to Get Near the Well for Several Days—Estimated Flow 30,000,000 Cubic Feet Daily

The big gasser that was brought in Friday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock on the Guffey lease in the White Point field, seven miles from Corpus Christi, is probably a larger producer than the first well brought in November 30, 1914, according to those who yesterday afternoon viewed the gasser. While estimates as to the flow may not come within several million feet many of those posted in such matters believe that the well will produce better than 30,000,000 cubic feet of gas daily. And there is not a drop of salt water in the flow!

The blow-out came while the drillers for the Guffey Petroleum Company were baling the well, which was well number one of the new drilling operations and only a short distance from the first big well which was never controlled and which was finally "swabbed" only a great sink in the ground indicating the site where drilling was formerly underway.

While the baling was in progress the roar of the gas was heard and within a few minutes the gas was shooting into the air a full two hundred feet above the 110 foot derrick. Within thirty minutes the derrick had been thrown away by the tremendous pressure and it was impossible to get nearer than two hundred feet of the gasser. The roar of the escaping gas could be plainly heard seven and eight miles away.

Whether or not it will be possible to control the flow and save the well is something that no one appears to be able to answer. Drillers for the Guffey Company with years of experience at their backs frankly state that the White Point field is the greatest gas producing section in the world and that it will probably take several days before they will be able to tell whether the flow can be handled.

The gas was encountered at a depth of 2,700 feet. Authoritative advices state that the eight, ten and thirteen inch casing has been set for a distance of 2,500 feet and cemented, which is a splendid asset to the Guffey people and offers material hope that the well may be controlled.

It is understood that officials of the Guffey Company will reach the White Point field this morning from Houston and that a conference will be held today with the drillers relative to the work. The Guffey Company in option and drilling expenses has spent approximately $700,000 in drilling operations in the White Point field during the past sixteen months and is prepared to expend every energy and all the money required to ascertain if oil is to be found in the field.

### PREDICT WAR END IN JULY

NEW YORK, Dec. 31.—"The war will end on July 26, 1916. On October 12, 1916, San Francisco will be bombarded and destroyed by a hostile fleet."

Gunnery Sergeant Thomas G. Sterrett, United States Marine Corps, makes this dire prophecy, not from any advance military knowledge, but from the fact that he is a seventh son of a seventh son with no girls between, and his comrades in the Marine Corps think him something of a forecaster.

Sterrett first gained fame when, in 192, he predicted a new railway station for Kansas City. In 1912, 1913, 1914 and 1915, he foretold with unerring accuracy the overflow of the Allegheny's banks and the flooding of Pittsburgh's downtown section.

### TODAY'S CALENDAR.

Local forecast for today: Unsettled with rain; moderate to fresh southeasterly winds.

**At the Theatres.**

Kinemas—J. Warren Kerrigan in "When a Queen Loved O'Bourke" a three reel feature; two other reels.

Grand—Hobart Bosworth in "The White Scar" a five reel Universal feature.

Bijou—Charley Chaplin in his latest comedy scream "Shanghaied." Two other reels.

**Today's Local Calendar.**

New Year's Day will be observed in Corpus Christi today by a general suspension of business.

THE old year's heart was full of greed;
With selfishness it longed and ached,
And cried, "I have not half I need."
My thirst is bitter and unslaked
But to the New Year's generous hand
All gifts in plenty shall return:
True loving it shall understand:
By all my failures it shall learn.
I have been reckless: it shall be
Quiet and calm and pure of life.
I was a slave; it shall go free
And find sweet peace where I leave strife."

—Helen Hunt Jackson.

## EXPLOSION OF DYNAMITE KILLED FIFTEEN PERSONS AT MONTERREY

*Several Cars Of Explosives For Carranza Exploded While In Railroad Yard*

### MANY BUILDINGS COLLAPSED AS A RESULT OF SHOCK

LAREDO, Dec. 31.—Word reached here tonight of an explosion in the railroad yards at Monterrey, Mexico, several cars of dynamite and hand grenades for the Carranza army exploded killing fifteen non-combatants and injuring many others.

The force of the explosion was so great that many buildings collapsed and the natives thought that it was an earthquake. There were twelve soldiers among those killed, the other three were children who died from burns. The bodies of the soldiers were blown to atoms.

### TO URGE DIVERSIFICATION

VICTORIA, Dec. 31.—The second week in January is to be a busy one in this county, according to arrangements made by J. W. Rutland, president of the Victoria Chamber of Commerce.

This organization in conjunction with representatives of the Texas Industrial Congress, is to conduct an extensive farm diversification campaign over the county, having arranged to visit and lecture in eighteen communities.

The schedule opens Monday, January 10, and continues through the week with from three to five lectures each day. Representatives of the Texas Industrial Congress to be here include Prof. D. N. Barrows, a member of the congress advisory board; Dr. A. S. Parker and L. S. Franklin. Diversification will be impressed upon every farmer in the county.

### WOULD UNIFY CLAIMS

FORT WORTH, Dec. 31.—The live stock committee representing the Texas railroads in the matter pertaining to live stock claims held a meeting in the Exchange Building this afternoon and made a rough draft of the plans and forms to be adopted to be presented to the commission firms representing the shippers.

It is the purpose of the shippers and railroad officials, if possible, to curtail the number of claims presented for damages arising out of live stock shipments.

The railroads also are anxious to have the claims presented in a uniform manner, carefully prepared so that they may be handled with greater dispatch and earlier returns made after an investigation.

### FORMER KANSANS ORGANIZE

PORTLAND, Dec. 31.—Yesterday was a great day in Portland for former Kansans, as it had been thoroughly advertised that all who hailed from the Sunflower State should come here and bring a well-filled basket to the public school building.

The gathering was held and it was decided to make it an annual affair. H. G. Hoskinson was elected president and Mrs. T. C. Rawsil secretary.

### INVESTIGATE GASOLINE PRICES.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 31.—Official government figures today disclosed that in the face of rising gasoline prices, the petroleum production during the last year was greater than in 1914, although production was "purposely retarded as much as possible."

The figures further show that the reserve stocks now being held are the largest ever recorded, and that reports of gasoline, to which the rise has been often attributed, have been less during the last ten months than for the corresponding period of last year.

Both the department of justice and the federal trade commission are preparing an immediate investigation of the present high prices of gasoline.

### TELEGRAPHIC BREVITIES

HOT SPRINGS, Va., Dec. 31.—Wilson's first official New Year's reception will be held tomorrow in the lobby of the hotel where he and Mrs. Wilson are spending their honeymoon. Word of the reception quickly spread, and hundreds of people from miles around are planning to attend the affair.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 31.—Director John Barrett of the Pan-American Union, speaking before the Pan-American Scientific Congress here today said that after the war both the victor and the vanquished would be hostile to America; the former would resent that it was done despite the American attitude and the latter would attribute their loss to the American attitude. He said that the American republics must stand together for any eventualities which may develop.

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 31.—Matthew A. Schmidt, convicted yesterday of first degree murder in connection with the Los Angeles Times dynamiting said today that his case would be carried to the highest courts of the country if necessary.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 31.—Jeff McCarn, former United States district attorney for Hawaii arrived here tonight and explained that he resigned because he could not be honest and happy in that position. "I was honest and asked to be happy," he said.

HOT SPRINGS, Dec. 31.—The last day for prisons here was celebrated with hilarity, especially in the incident of a circus manager leading five elephants into a saloon where each was given a tub of beer which they drank with relish.

## LAPSE OF MEMORY PLEA OF FORMER DUVAL OFFICIAL

TOLD COURT IN CASTRO HEARING THAT HE COULD NOT REMEMBER $10,000 PAYMENT

### HEARING NEARS A CLOSE

SAN DIEGO, Dec. 31.—Cristofer Hinojosa, treasurer for Duval County during 1910, testifying for the defendant officials to the Duval county suit to remove from office Judge Oliver Parr and Commissioners Carrillo, Garcia, Allen and Hinojosa today testified that when he quit the office that there was ten thousand dollars to the credit of Duval County in his possession but that he could not remember whether the money was turned over to his successor.

"Now, Mr. Hinojosa," said Attorney Dougherty for the plaintiff lawyers, "you say that you remember that there was ten thousand dollars to the credit of Duval County when you quit office. Cannot you remember how the money was turned over to your successor, if it was turned over?"

The witness swore that he could not positively say whether any dollar or ten thousand dollars was turned over. His next answer was even less satisfactory, he saying, "I would not say that I could turn some within nine thousand dollars of the amount."

To refreshen his memory plaintiff attorneys asked if during the same year he had engaged in any other money transactions. "I remember that during the year I bought a home paying for it three hundred and fifty dollars," answered the witness. Asked if he could remember whether he turned over to his successor any money when he retired from office the witness answered that he could not.

Leon Garcia, who succeeded Hinojosa as treasurer of the county testified that when he assumed the office that the county books were clean and that there were no funds on hand, he assuming the office with a clean slate and the county "being broke." Hinojosa had testified that he turned the treasurer books over to Garcia. Garcia testified that he did not get any books, or money from Hinojosa.

Garcia testified that he was removed from office one year after being elected for the reason that the commissioners refused to approve his bond which was signed by Charley Hoffman and Manuel Rogers.

A. Levy, president of the Mercantile Exchange Bank, the county depository was a witness called by the defendant officials during the afternoon. The plaintiffs in the present hearing allege that Levy and his bank is notoriously insolvent and that his checks at times are turned down on presentation and the giving of the county depository to Levy is one of the reasons asked for the removal of the members of the County Commissioners' Court.

The plaintiffs allege that under the contract between Levy and the county his bank is to pay the county five per cent on daily balances and that the balances are not paid regularly or credited. Levy testified that he did not always compute the interest. He testified that "he made up for this" by cashing the warrants of Duval county teachers.

He testified that during April 1915 he received a check from the state for four thousand dollars on the coun-

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# OFFICIAL TEXT OF AUSTRIAN REPLY WAS MADE PUBLIC FRIDAY

*The Note Conforms In Its Essential Details To The Press Reports Made Public Thursday*

### GREECE PROTESTS ARRESTS.

LONDON, Dec. 31.—The arrest of the German and other consuls at Salonika yesterday by order of the French general is reported to be the outgrowth of a German aeroplane attack on Salonika, which the French regarded as an act of belligerency. A Reuters correspondent from Athens says that Greece has protested the arrest.

## PROS CARRIED SAN PATRICIO COUNTY BY MAJORITY OF 147

ARANSAS PASS THE ONLY TOWN TO RETURN A MAJORITY FOR THE ANTIS

### ENTIRE COUNTY NOW DRY

San Patricio county Friday moved into the prohibition column by precincts two and four composed of the towns of Sinton, St. Paul, Aransas Pass, Taft, Gregory, Portland and Ingleside, voting a prohibition majority of one hundred and forty seven. The other precincts of the county were already dry with the exception of the old town of San Patricio, but in that town no saloon has ever been able to do any business.

The results:

| | Drys | Wets |
|---|---|---|
| Aransas Pass | 85 | 20 |
| Ingleside | 27 | 1 |
| Gregory | 37 | 4 |
| Taft | 30 | 5 |
| Portland | 37 | 10 |
| Sinton | 152 | 187 |
| St. Paul | 16 | 8 |
| Totals | 282 | 235 |

Officers early Friday morning served papers on the election judges at Aransas Pass advising that the previous injunction granted by District Judge Chambliss enjoining the election had been dissolved and the election proceeded in all precincts as scheduled.

The county on January 15th votes on the question.

### QUIET AT ARANSAS PASS.

ARANSAS PASS, Dec. 31.—The prohibition election held in commissioners' precinct number four which includes the towns of Aransas Pass, Ingleside, Gregory, Taft and Portland passed off quietly today, the injunction obtained by the wets from Judge Chambliss being dissolved last night and orders issued to election officers to proceed with the election.

In Aransas Pass precinct a total of 179 votes were cast, the pro's getting 83 and the anti's 95, Ingleside precinct gave 27 for the pros and one for the anti's.

### BANQUETS MARKED CLOSE OLD YEAR AT KINGSVILLE

Chas. H. Fiato, Jr., Was Host to Eighty Friends at Banquet at the Casa Ricardo

KINGSVILLE, Dec. 31.—Chas. H. Fiato, Jr., was host to the more than eighty friends at a banquet at the Casa Ricardo here last night. This is the second annual banquet given by Mr. Fiato to the employes of the John G. Ragland Mercantile Company, the Kingsville Lumber Company, and the Robert J. Kleberg & Co. bankers, of which three companies Mr. Fiato is vice president. In addition to the employes of these firms a number of other guests were present.

The dinner was given as a token of appreciation of the service of the employes of the companies. The dinner, served by the Casa Ricardo, was elaborate. At each plate was a place card indicative of the department in which the guest was employed.

The principal speaker for the occasion was W. J. Edgecombe, state secretary of the Retail Merchants' Association.

### 500 ATTENDED BANQUET.

KINGSVILLE, Jan. 1.—More than five hundred residents of Kingsville were guests of the management of the Casa Ricardo at a social watch party last night. After a number of speeches in which New Year's resolutions were strongly featured, the lobby and dining room were utilized as a ball room. The guests departed at a late hour after welcoming in the new year.

### PET BROWN THROWS IOWAN

BRYAN, Dec. 31.—Prokop, a Greek of Iowa, was defeated by Pet Brown of Taylor in a wrestling bout here tonight in two straight falls. The first fall was gained in thirty-five minutes and the second in eight minutes.

## AUSTRIA CLAIMS UNITED STATES STATEMENTS IN PART INCORRECT

### ADMITS THAT COMMANDER OF SUBMARINE THAT DESTROYED ANCONA DID NOT TAKE INTO ACCOUNT THE PANIC ABOARD AND THAT HE HAS BEEN PUNISHED, THOUGH THE NATURE OF THE PUNISHMENT WAS NOT ANNOUNCED IN NOTE

### REPLY WILL PROBABLY SATISFY THE UNITED STATES

VIENNA, Dec. 31.—The official text of the Austrian reply to the Ancona note was given out here tonight. The note conforms in essentials to that from London yesterday. The communication recites lengthily from the official investigation of the sinking by the Austrian government, and the statement of the submarine commander.

Austria claims, by reference to the commander's statement, that the first United States note is incorrect in several instances. The note concludes with the statement that the commander did not take into account the panic on the ship, and therefore the commander was punished with existing rules for exceeding his instructions.

Following are some of the more important excerpts from the note:

"The Imperial and Royal Government agrees thoroughly with the American Cabinet that the sacred commandments of humanity must be observed also in war. Just as it has hitherto given, at no time and in no person occasion to doubt its respect for these commandments, in the manner also is the whole course of this war, which presents such pictures of confusion of moral conceptions, has it given numerous proofs of humanitarian sentiments toward enemies as well as toward neutral states and it was not due to this government that it was, a short time ago, not in harmony with the Washington Cabinet precisely on a question which it (the Austro-Hungarian government) in harmony with the entire public opinion in Austria-Hungary, regarding as principally a question of humanity.

"The Imperial and Royal Government is very responsive to the assurance that the Federal Government lays value upon seeing that the good relations which happily exist between Austria-Hungary and the United States of America remains. It reciprocates this assurance most warmly and is now, as heretofore, concerned to render these relations more hearty so far as lies in its power.

"Guided by the same spirit of frankness as the government of the union, the Imperial and Royal Government, although it does not find in the note frequently referred to the answer to all the legitimate questions submitted by it, is willing to communicate to the Federal Government the result of the investigation, which in accordance with existing departmental regulations was begun immediately after the receipt of the fleet report on the sinking of the Ancona and which was just recently received.

"As appears from the commander's report, the very esteemed note of December 9 is based in many points on incorrect premises. Information reaching the United States Government that a solid shot was immediately fired toward the steamer is incorrect; it is incorrect that the submarine overhauled the steamer during the chase; it is incorrect that only a brief period was given for getting the people into the boats.

"Since the ship remained a further forty-five minutes above water he would have accomplished his purpose if the crew of the Ancona had not abandoned the passengers in a manner contrary to duty.

"With full consideration, however, of this conduct of the commander aimed at accomplishing the rescue of the crew and passengers, the Imperial and Royal Marine authorities reached the conclusion that he had omitted to take adequately into consideration the panic that had broken out among the passengers, which rendered difficult the taking to the boats and the spirit of the regulation that the Imperial and Royal Marine officers shall fail in giving help to nobody in need, not even to an enemy.

"Therefore, the officer was punished in accordance with the existing rules for exceeding his instructions."

ANSWER WILL PROBABLY PROVE SATISFACTORY

WASHINGTON, Dec. 31.—Austria's reply to the Ancona note now not only meets the cardinal points of American demands but gives assurances for the future considered more satisfactory than those given by Germany.

The American official view will not be known until Wilson studies the Austrian reply. It has already been sent to Hot Springs. The next step in the negotiations will be for America to furnish the desired information on the number of Americans lost on the Ancona.

## CHICAGO FIRE CAUSED DEATH OF SIX MEN

PLANT OF AMERICAN LINSEED COMPANY WAS DESTROYED WITH PROPERTY LOSS OF $2,000,000.

CHICAGO, Dec. 31.—Fire destroyed the plant of the American Linseed Company here today, causing the death of six men who are believed to have been killed by an explosion in the resulting flames.

The property loss is estimated at two million dollars. The fire is supposed to have started from the spontaneous combustion of linseed dust. An oil tank ship in the Calumet river adjoining the factory caught fire and the cargo burned.

### EL PASO MAN KILLED

EL PASO, Dec. 31.—Harry Bishop was shot and instantly killed in the Western Hotel here tonight. Harry Roberts was arrested by the police after going to the police station following the shooting. A woman was with Roberts at the time he was arrested.

COPENHAGEN, Dec. 31.—The Ford peace delegates arrived here today and they were given an enthusiastic welcome by the Danish peace advocates.

### THE WEATHER.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 31.—West Texas: Fair and colder Saturday; Sunday fair.

East Texas: Rain Saturday; Sunday fair and colder.

## CLASH OF RACES CAUSED DEATHS NI GEORGIA TOWN

TWO NEGROES WERE KILLED AND FOUR LODGE ROOMS BURNED BY POSSEMEN FRIDAY

BLAKELY, Ga., Dec. 31.—Two negroes were killed and four negro lodge buildings were burned today in the western section of this county in a renewal of the clashes between the whites and negroes, according to reports tonight. Seven negroes were reported killed yesterday by white posses who sought the negroes who had killed the white overseer of a large plantation.

Affidavits that the prisoners found on the person of a negro a lodge book showing that the murder of the overseer was premeditated are said to have caused the burning of the lodges. It is said that a mob of negroes surrounded the home of a farmer and threatened to kill him and his family but the mob dispersed before the arrival of the sheriff.

### BEXAR COUNTY HIGHWAY LEAGUE ELECTS OFFICERS

SAN ANTONIO, Dec. 31.—Wilmer Cutrer was reelected president and D. E. Culp was renamed secretary of the Bexar County Highway League at the annual meeting of the League yesterday afternoon. T. N. Smith is the new vice-president and J. M. Yancey treasurer.

Secretary Culp reported 185 good roads organizations, which in territory tributary to San Antonio formed during the past year. The Texas road from San Antonio to Austin is reported as practically completed and open to traffic for entire length.

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