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FIRE IN KANSAS CITY CAUSES BIG LOSS OF CATTLE

ELEVEN THOUSAND HEAD OF CATTLE AND 3,500 HOGS WERE BURNED IN FIRE THAT DESTROYED SECOND LARGEST STOCKYARDS IN THE WORLD

ORIGIN OF FIRE PROBED

Officials State That Fire Was Probably Started by Individuals But There is Nothing to Indicate That It Was Incendiary—Reconstruction Work is Started

KANSAS CITY, October 16.—Reports that a fire which early today destroyed a large portion of the Kansas City stockyards and resulted in the death of approximately 11,000 head of cattle and 3,500 hogs was of incendiary origin persisted late today though discredited by the authorities.

While no definite estimates of the loss have yet been placed it is stated that the loss will approximate $750,000. Officials state that the fire without doubt was started by individuals but there is nothing to indicate that it was incendiary.

UNCLE SAM NEEDS MANY STENOGS AND TYPISTS

WASHINGTON, D. C., Oct. 16.—[illegible]

PROTEST AGAINST SPEEDERS

[illegible]

NEW WIRELESS PLANTS

[illegible]

WEATHER BULLETIN

WASHINGTON, Oct. 16.—For East Texas: Wednesday and Thursday, fair. Probably fair Friday.

West Texas: Wednesday and Thursday, fair. Colder Thursday night in the southeast.

West Texas Methodists Here For 59th Annual Conference

Opening Session This Morning at 9 o'Clock at the Methodist Church---Bishop E. D. Mouzon of Dallas Presiding

Dr. J. E. Harrison Is Here For Conference

DR. J. E. HARRISON

CONFERENCE BROTHERHOOD HELD BUSINESS SESSION LAST NIGHT

Two Hundred and Fifty Ministers and Laymen Here for Daily Sessions to Last Until Next Monday Night, With Many Matters of Importance to be Considered

CORPUS CHRISTI'S FIRST CONFERENCE SINCE 1877

The fifty-ninth annual session of the West Texas Conference of the Methodist Church will open this morning at 9 o'clock, Bishop E. D. Mouzon, D. D., of Dallas presiding. Two hundred and fifty or more member ministers and laymen are here for the sessions that will last until next Monday night and many visitors are also attending.

After the devotional hymn and prayer a communion service will follow. The conference will then be organized and the roll called. A secretary will be elected and it is assured that Reverend Sterling Fischer will again be selected for the place.

The presiding elders of the eight districts will submit their reports and every minister will give an account of himself and his work and his charge.

At this time the question will be asked "Is there anything against him?" concerning every minister of the conference.

The presence of the aged ministers, known as the beneficiaries of the Conference Brotherhood, brings a period of tender thought in the first meeting of the conference and a number of those attending the present meeting will make short talks during the day.

CORPUS CHRISTI AND THIRD SESSION RIO GRANDE CONFERENCE

METHODISTS OF SOUTH TEXAS MET HERE FOR FIRST TIME DURING 1877

Early Days of Methodism in the Corpus Christi Country Are Recalled by Pioneer Preacher

[illegible]

PRISONERS IN EAST AFRICA BRUTALLY TREATED BY HUNS

INSULTS AND PHYSICAL TORTURES WERE INFLICTED UPON HELPLESS MEN AND WOMEN IN GERMAN COLONIES

U. S. RECEIVES A REPORT

[illegible]

Conference Brotherhood

[illegible]

Music of the Conference

[illegible]

GERMANS ARRESTED AND INTERNED BY THE U. S.

NEW YORK, Oct. 16.—Fritz Kuhn [illegible]

WOMEN MUNITION WORKERS GET VACATION

PARIS, Oct. 16.—Wives of soldiers [illegible]

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TEN MEMBERS OF CONGRESS OFF FOR TRIP

TRAVELING UNOFFICIALLY THE CONGRESSIONAL PARTY HAS LEFT UNITED STATES FOR TOUR OF FRANCE AND ENGLAND

INVITATION WAS CABLED

Japanese Parliamentary Mission on Errand Similar to the Americans Reach Washington and Today Will Be Received by the President

WASHINGTON, Oct. 16.—Ten members of Congress traveling in an unofficial capacity but carrying special messages expressed by the state department to be on their way to Europe to visit with French and Italian with diplomatic representatives of the Allies.

In the party are Representatives Dale of Vermont, Tavenner and Timberlake of Illinois, Hicks of New York, Johnson, Dill and Miller of Washington, Goodwin of Arkansas, Hersman of Nebraska and Tucker of New Jersey.

[illegible]

Other Loans Announced

[illegible]

Jap Mission Is Here

[illegible]

Press License Starts

[illegible]

COUNTIES WORKING FOR JEFFERSON DAVIS ROAD

Cameron County Expects to Raise $200,000 for the Road by Levying a Special Tax

Cameron county, the southern terminus of the Jefferson Davis Memorial Highway, has called a special election for Saturday, November 3rd, for the purpose of voting a tax sufficient to raise $200,000 for the construction of this highway through Cameron county. The distance is about 47 miles and it is estimated that a hard surface road will cost from $4,000 to $5,000 per mile which will leave a surplus in the fund for maintenance.

Hidalgo county has already completed its portion of the highway. Brooks county is planning to do so at an early date, and when the road is officially designated between Falfurrias and Corpus Christi the interest of the adjacent counties are expected to immediately furnish the total aid for the building of the highway.

From Corpus Christi to Houston the tentative route that is thought will be selected will be via Gregory, Aransas Pass, Rockport, Victoria, Edna, Wharton and then into Houston.

County Judge Tyson of Cameron county, Commissioner Branom of Brooks, Judge Gossage of Kleberg, Judge Brooks of Brooks county, Judge Wilson and Mayor Ellard of Kingsville, Judge Davis Dickey and Mayor Roy Miller of Corpus Christi, Mayor Bell of Rockport and a number of other officials are combining their efforts to secure the local aid for the highway just as early as possible so that state and federal aid may be secured.

WOODS ORDERS OPENING CERTAIN CLOSED WATERS

AUSTIN, Tex., Oct. 16.—Game, Fish and Oyster Commissioner Will W. Wood, by order issued, has opened closed water to fishing, this action forbidding taxes in the interest of cheaper food. His order addressed to all Coast counties, reads as follows:

"Owing to the scarcity of food, I have decided to open all closed waters, except those that are closed by statute. This order includes the waters that have been closed by proclamation from me or my predecessor and does not include statutory prohibitive waters.

"You will issue post notices in accordance with this order in all fish houses and other public places, trying as far as possible to give as much publicity to this as you did to the closing of waters."

German Progress In Oesal Island Is Rapid

Apparently There is No Cessation in Their Plans to Seize the Russian Island at Head of the Finland Gulf

TEXANS IN RAINBOW DIVISION SOON WILL LEAVE FOR FRANCE

THREE COMPANIES FROM THIS STATE AMONG THE 28,000 MEN AT CAMP MILLS

MINEOLA, Long Island, Oct. 16.—The famous Rainbow Division is now preparing a place in the hearts and homes of the American people second only to the lads of course now in France, for these 28,000 men are the men who will very soon be on the way over there. Practically every state has sent some of its stalwart sons to Mineola to be the vanguard of those who will fight for Uncle Sam in the trenches of France. From the plains of Texas there companies of men to come who form a sight unit. They stand out among the other settings of the camp, for into mingled here and only southern drawl precisely in all these hardy countrymen who hail from the southland. Most of them have had experience as automobile drivers or in handling food supplies in various capacities, and it was for their special knowledge in these directions that they were honored by being chosen for one of the first bodies of troops to go overseas.

They were mustered in at Houston, Dallas, Big Springs and Austin, and were mobilized at Fort Worth, whence they came directly to Camp Mills. In order to check their concentration, the visitor must walk for at least a half mile through seemingly endless rows of khaki-cloth tents which fade off into the distance as though they reached to the end of the world. The cold which cuts the lads down to half in numbers by thousands of miles of heavy army boots. Finally a sign announces the place where the Texas supply train is stationed. They are next to the detachment of California engineers and are separated from them by a large open space. On the middle of which is a large white tent with the letters "Y. M. C. A." conspicuously displayed on its side and a huge red cross to pass the door.

A visitor went to Camp Mills for the purpose of finding out just what this other Y. M. C. A. tent was doing for the men who had come from the sunshine of Texas to the chill fogs of Long Island and who were so soon to face the stark horrors of modern warfare. The camp was enacted in the evening and the Y. M. C. A. tent was approached, its lifted sides disclosed a mass of cheery parcel, khaki-clad men who seemed to occupy every inch of space within. A sudden silence followed the hum of talk and laughter as a tall, broad-shouldered man in uniform trousers and leggings, and a gray flannel shirt which bore the red triangle started speaking. He was introducing none other than Charles M. Alexander, the world-famous singer-evangelist and in a moment Mr. Alexander was in charge of the meeting.

A few stories of the speaker's experiences with the English soldiers on Salisbury Plain put everybody in good humor and in a moment the audience of five hundred which crammed the tent was "in him" to a man. Then for an hour and a half the meeting went on. Rich singing as is seldom heard, and a fresh "good-fellowship and lack of formality" which was a joy to behold, made the meeting notable. As the close, a simple street appeal from the evangelist brought every forty among Texans and Californians forward to signify but they had made a Christian decision. Shortly afterward the last tones of the bugle were heard, and the men drifted slowly toward their tents. Another night at the Y. M. C. A. tent had passed, but one which an observer could help but realize had made every soldier there more serious and thoughtful, and the little Testament which every man carried out with him seemed to emphasize a new peace and strength which the spirit of the meeting had brought to him.

At 8:30 the next morning (just an hour and a half after the tent was opened for business) fifty or sixty men were using writing tables, which occupied but about all the space left free for the platform on one end, and a long counter on the other. In front of this counter, despite the early hour and the fact that most of the men were at drill, there was a seemingly endless line of men who wanted something. Behind the counter were three hard-working association men handing out writing paper, writing money orders and travelers' checks, selling stamps, soap, matches, French testaments, etc., and last but not least, giving each man a friendly smile and a cordial greeting that made many a face light up with pleasure. A huge roll of wrapping paper was on the counter for the convenience of the men, while behind the counter was a library of about five hundred volumes. A set of games and a large number of popular magazines were also much in demand.

Watching the secretaries work, and realizing at the same time that this was largely a quiet time of the day, made one wonder whether the famous one-armed quarterback with the itch was as busy as these four men who manned this Army Young Men's Christian Association. And by the way in which they succeeded in imparting an atmosphere of cordial friendliness and good fellowship was a treat to behold.

TEUTONIC WARSHIPS DECLINE TO ACCEPT BATTLE CHALLENGE

In a Small Engagement the Russians Sunk Two German Torpedo Boats While They Lost One Destroyer

BERLIN CLAIMS CAPTURE OF IMPORTANT POINTS

(Associated Press.)

Apparently there has been no cessation in the rapid progress of Germans to seize in its entirety the Russian island of Oesal at the head of the Finland Gulf.

Although the German troops have taken the greater portion of the island the aid that they expected to receive from the German fleet in putting down opposition in adjacent waters is meeting with resistance from the Russian warships. The Russians seem disinclined to throw their vessels into a general engagement with the invaders fearing that the superiority of the Huns would leave the way open through the Finland Gulf to Petrograd.

But in a small engagement the Russians have sunk two German torpedo boats and have damaged two others in Reets sound north of Oesal while the Russians themselves lost one destroyer. The German fleet accompanied by large battleships retired after the engagement.

German land forces are now driving hard against Reech Peninsula with the object of capturing the Russian batteries at Perel which dominate the eastern entrance to Riga Gulf. A Berlin report says that the Russian troops in this section are isolated and that they are fighting desperately.

Berlin also reports that Abro Island off the southern coast of Oesal and Runo Island in the middle of the Riga Gulf have been occupied by the Teutons. They claim that the Germans have captured 2,400 Russian prisoners, 30 guns and 71 machine guns and several airplanes in the Oesal region.

Entente troops are keeping to the trenches in Flanders probably awaiting better conditions following the recent rains which flooded the country. Meanwhile the British and French are pounding the German lines with their big guns.

The great mass of steel is being thrown in the German positions day and night and the Huns are replying feebly in comparison.

In the Alsne sector the Germans succeeded in entering French trenches but as usual they were later driven out.

Little fighting is reported on other fronts. Artillery activity in Austro-Italian sectors indicate that another Italian offensive is pending.

Huge aerial activity has been resumed on the western front the British successfully bombing the Germans in Belgium.

CONTROL OF WATERWAYS

AMSTERDAM, Oct. 16.—Measures are being taken in Germany for the militarization of all canals and inland waterways. Owners of vessels on inland waterways will be obliged to offer transport facilities according to a fixed schedule of rates.

This plan, it is stated, will remain in force for the duration of the exceptional circumstances of war economy. During the transition period after the declaration of peace, the control will continue for the transport of the returning troops and war material, as well as the expected vast increase of business traffic, will strain to the utmost all means of transport.

TODAY'S CALENDAR

Local forecast for today: Fair, light to moderate southerly winds.

AT THE THEATRES

Aimee—Jackie Saunders in "Betty Be Good."

Queen—Mary Lawson's Secret"—five reel drama.

TODAY'S CALENDAR

Opening session annual West Texas Methodist Conference this morning at 9:00 o'clock.