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LOUISIANA HAPPENINGS

News of the Pelican State Arranged in Condensed Form

Arcadia.—The Arcadia bonded cotton warehouse containing 1,000 bales of last year's cotton crop was destroyed by fire of undetermined origin. The loss is estimated at \$100,000.

Washington, D. C.—While the total milk production in the United States increased 15.6 per cent to a daily output of 7,500,000 gallons during the decade from 1909 to 1919, both Louisiana and Mississippi showed marked decreases in the output of this product, according to preliminary figures made public by the Bureau of the Census at Washington. Milk production in Louisiana fell off 15.4 per cent during the period.

New Orleans.—The Boys' Club team that will represent Louisiana in the International Judging Contests at Atlanta, October 18, has a good chance of winning over all other teams, according to W. C. Abbott, State agent in charge of juvenile club work. The Louisiana boys will be pitted against a number of other State teams in the judging of live stock. The winners will get as a prize a free trip to the Royal Live Stock Show at London.

Monroe.—The Caldwell parish police jury has asked the Louisiana State Highway Department to take over and operate the Ouachita river traffic bridge at Columbia. The jury members state that it is advisable that the State Highway Department assume control at the earliest possible date, as the bridge is greatly in need of repairs, and it is impossible for the parish to make these repairs, having expended all its funds on the construction of the Pelican highway.

Shreveport.—Major John McW. Ford and Finance Commissioner L. F. Clawson officially announced the sale of \$1,440,000 of local municipal improvement bonds, being the balance of an issue of \$1,200,000 authorized last September, at Caldwell & Co., Nashville, Tenn., at a price of 98 and accrued interest. The sale was made subject to an enabling act to be passed by the State Legislature. A public library, municipal courthouse and jail, new central fire station, storm sewers and parks and playgrounds are to be built from this bond issue.

Monroe.—The Bayou Macon Association, which is composed of 25 Baptist Churches in four or five parishes of this part of the State, will hold its fifty-ninth annual convention at Mer Rouge, October 2-6 inclusive. Moderator L. P. Arreder of Oak Grove will preside. The executive committee, composed of: L. P. Arreder, Oak Grove; H. L. Driskell, West Monroe; S. D. Bachman, Mer Rouge; S. W. Spolles, Rayville; L. W. Sloan, Bastrop; C. E. Reed, Soreat, and Walter Bassett, Kilbourne, will meet here to outline plans for the coming convention.

New Orleans.—Census figures received here indicate that in East Carroll, Madison, Tennessee, Concordia and West Feliciana parishes, negroes constitute 75 per cent or more of the population. In Bossier, Morehouse, East Feliciana and West Baton Rouge parishes the negro population varies between 61.2 and 75 per cent. In Claiborne, Richland, DeSoto, Natchitoches, St. Landry, Point Coupee, East Baton Rouge, St. Helena, Iberville, St. James, St. John the Baptist, St. Charles and Plaquemines parishes, the negro population ranges from 50 to 62.1-2 per cent.

New Orleans.—Suit brought by former Governor Luther E. Hall against Judge Emile Godchaux, contesting his recent nomination by the Democrats as a justice of the Louisiana Supreme Court, was decided in Civil District Court in favor of Judge Godchaux. The contest was entered by Mr. Hall who ran second in the race, who claimed that Judge Godchaux was a resident of Pass Christian, and not eligible to hold office in Louisiana. Forty-eight hours is allowed for an appeal to be taken to the Supreme Court, and that court must meet and hear the case and hand down the decision within five days.

Three Killed After Arrest.
Hibbing, Minn.—Police Chief Daniel Hays, Chief of Detectives Gene Cassidy and William Kohart, traffic officer, are dead as a result of a gun battle fought at Nelson, south of here, when the officers attempted to arrest John Webb on a statutory charge. Hays and Cassidy were killed outright by bullets from Webb's rifle, and Kohart died in a hospital. Webb was a fugitive.

Car Line Shows Profit.
Chicago.—Profits of the Chicago Car Lines for the first seven months of this year reached \$9,912,515, the largest in history.

German Mark Nearly Valueless.
New York.—German marks fell to the lowest valuation ever given them in the United States. At one time this morning the best price obtainable was one cent. The normal value of a mark is 23.50 cents.

Money Fund for Law Enforcement.
Memphis, Tenn.—The Publishing Company, also known as the Memphis Press, has a fund of \$50,000 for the purpose of providing a fund for law enforcement.

NO TIME LOST BY LEGISLATURE

BOTH BODIES HEED URGE TO LIMIT SESSION TO NECESSARY SUBJECTS IN CALL.

ROAD MEASURE INTRODUCED

This Class of Bills Predominated the Early Days of Session—Ex-Governor Sanders Sponsor For Several Bills So Far Introduced.

Baton Rouge.—The Louisiana legislature lost no time in getting down to business after the formalities of opening had been dispensed with. The first few days of the session witnessed many bills introduced.

Leaders in both bodies have made it a point to urge the members to confine legislative activities to the subjects for which the legislature was called and also urged quick dispatch of all business.

Road legislation predominated in the early days of the session. David M. Evans of Madison introduced a bill imposing license taxes on automobiles and other vehicles and requiring the secretary of state to collect the tax. A. M. Smith of Vermilion offered a bill fixing the tax on gasoline at one cent per gallon and making the state supervisor of public accounts the collector of the tax. S. E. Tobin of Natchitoches put in a bill regulating traffic on public highways. These four measures, if it is understood, were drafted by ex-Governor J. Y. Sanders, who was the chairman of the highway committee of the constitutional convention. Mr. Sanders is here supporting the bills and will assist the introducers in presenting them in the Legislature.

The fifth road bill introduced was by R. C. Parker of Franklin. The Parker bill provides for a commission of three men at salaries of \$6,000 a year each, to be appointed by the governor, from three highway commission districts in the state, and are subject to removal by a two-thirds vote of the Legislature or by the governor for cause. The commission is given control of the disbursement of the state highway fund and is clothed with authority to employ engineers and such other employes as may be necessary.

Begin Task of Revising Revenue Laws.
The ways and means committee of the House has begun the task of revising laws governing the revenue and fiscal policy of the state. Members of the Senate finance committee have been invited to participate in order to save time. The revenue bills must originate in the House. Among the bills to be drafted is one revising the general revenue act of the state and another recasting the inheritance tax law so as to fit the requirements of the new constitution.

Wants Expenses Reduced.
Senator A. H. Mouton of Evangeline started a movement in the Legislature for a reduction of expenses of government, both state and parochial, if such a thing is possible. To that end he favors the appointment of a joint committee to sit during the recess, to investigate where the pruning knife can be applied, and to report at the next session of the Legislature.

Bill For Building Commission.
Building commissions having authority to investigate all conditions pertaining to the cost of building material and the shortage of buildings and houses will be created by the Legislature if a bill introduced in the Senate by Senator A. H. Johnson of Jefferson parish is passed.

House Bills and Resolutions.
The House adopted a resolution by Mr. Baynard, of Rapides, directing the printing of all bills on the subject of roads and highways.

Mr. Tanner.—Amending the laws relating to the consolidation of corporations.

Mr. Wilkinson.—Making it necessary for a wife to concur in and sign the act of sale of community property.

Mr. Wilkinson.—Amending the law relating to movable property.

THE RANK AND FILE FAVOR CONFERENCE

UNDERWOOD MOST PROGRESSIVE ON THE LIST—OTHERS LISTED AS "STAND-PATTERS."

TALK OF DUAL MONARCHY

Idaho Senator, Who Originated Idea of the Conference, is Entirely Snubbed—Labor Plans Big Demonstration.

Washington.—Democratic criticism was leveled at President Harding because he did not appoint Senator Borah of Idaho a member of the American delegation to the disarmament conference.

Senator Hitchcock of Nebraska, ranking democratic member of the senate foreign relations committee, said Borah's appointment "would have been a guarantee of a very earnest and determined effort to produce immediate results."

At the same time Hitchcock called on all democrats to give "moral support to the effort being made by this conference to promote armament reduction."

He said he realized that the American delegation must, in the end, represent Harding's views and policies. In this respect the selection of Hughes, Root, Lodge and Underwood "should cause general satisfaction," Hitchcock said, as "they constitute a strong committee," and one in thorough accord with Harding's moderate program.

"Some of us would have been glad to see men on the committee who hold more advanced views on disarmament than President Harding is supposed to hold," Hitchcock added.

Comment here on the personnel of the American delegation centered around the fact that Harding selected four men whose public careers have been marked by the same characteristic—conservatism.

A "safe and sane" delegation is the political opinion characterized Harding's selections. In ultra-progressive circles the delegation is regarded as "stand-pat" and reactionary, with the exception of Underwood.

GEORGIA WOMEN MAKE APPEAL

Protest in Eloquent Words Against Report to Mob Law.

Atlanta, Ga.—An appeal against mob law was issued by a committee of very prominent women who are members of the Georgia state committee of inter-racial co-operation. The special committee, headed by Mrs. A. W. Lawton of Savannah, adopted resolutions stating that while they appreciate the chivalry of men who will give their lives for the purity and safety of women,

they feel constrained to declare our convictions concerning the methods sometimes employed in this supposed protection.

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SENATE APPROVES MELLON'S REPORT

COMMITTEE VOTES RETROACTIVE PROFIT TAX REPEAL—VIC-TORY FOR MELLON.

DIFFER WITH THE HOUSE

Smoot Promises to Launch His Bill, Providing for a Sales Tax—Democrats, Meanwhile, Are Sparring for a Fight.

Washington.—Retroactive repeal of the excess profits tax in order to reduce the tax burden of business during the present year has been decided upon tentatively by the republican members of the senate finance committee.

This was a victory for the administration tax position as outlined by Secretary of the Treasury Mellon.

Four of the six tax changes in the house bill proposed by Mellon were accepted by the republican members of the committee, thus indicating that senate republicans, in general will line up with the administration in opposition to various features of the house tax bill.

The other three proposals urged by Mellon that were adopted were:

- 1—Increase of corporation income tax to 15 per cent as of last Jan. 1.
- 2—Tax on proprietary medicines, perfume and cosmetics as of Jan. 1.
- 3—Elimination of the capital stock tax as of next Jan. 1.

The suggestion of Mellon that the maximum rate on surtaxes be reduced to 25 per cent next Jan. 1 was rejected in the house and the maximum of 32 per cent adopted. His proposals to cut transportation taxes in half as of next Jan. 1, and repeal them on Jan. 1, 1923, was also overridden in the House provision for complete repeal next January accepted.

Repeal of the profits tax caused a hot debate among the republican members, and Mellon's suggestion was adopted by a majority of one. Repeal of the transportation tax provision also was adopted by close vote.

While the committee has definitely decided the tax bill must provide \$3,200,000,000, asked by Mellon, no plan to make up the losses that will result from the elimination of the transportation taxes has yet taken shape.

Senator Smoot, of Utah, the chief advocate of the sales tax, declared he would offer his bill providing for a two per cent turnover tax on all goods, wares and merchandise as a substitute for certain sections of the bill, before it is reported to the senate. If rejected, he said he would offer it in the senate.

Meanwhile, the democrats in the senate are preparing to launch a party fight against the tax bill. Senator Simmons of North Carolina, ranking minority member of the finance committee, declared he would urge Minority Leader Underwood to call a party caucus when he returns to Washington.

MAN, 75, KILLS EX-WIFE

Long Beach, Cal.—E. F. Routt, 75, disguised in a Santa Claus beard, shot and seriously wounded his divorced wife, Mrs. Carrie Routt, 38, while she was celebrating in her home here the thirteenth birthday of their son, according to the police, and then ended his own life with a bullet through his brain.

TO PRESENT MEDAL TO UNKNOWN POILU

GENERAL PERSHING TO GO TO PARIS AT DIRECTION OF HARDING.

UNDER ARC DE TRIOMPHE

Naval Officer Expected to Accompany Gen. Pershing to France—Another Evidence of Friendship Between Republics.

Washington.—Gen. Pershing, acting at the direction of President Harding, will sail for Paris, where on Oct. 2 he will award the medal of honor voted by congress to the unknown soldier of France, whose body was placed in the Arch de Triomphe.

The general, who left France just about two years ago after having led the American Expeditionary Forces to victory, probably will be accompanied by a naval officer, who will participate in the ceremonies to be held in connection with the award of the medal. The naval officer to make the trip has not yet been selected.

Secretary Weeks, in announcing Gen. Pershing's mission, said: "The French government has announced its intention of signaling by appropriate military ceremonies the action of congress as but another evidence of the historic relations which have always prevailed between the two republics."

SAYS ONLY PRESS AGENCY

But Ledoux Continues Offering Idle Men for Sale.

Boston.—The "slave market" on Boston Common, where unemployed men were bought and sold, was admitted to have been from first to last a press agent stunt.

Morris Gest, a New York producer, hired "Mr. Zero," the auctioneer, and arranged the affair to boom a forthcoming production. But Gest confessed to having started something he doesn't know how to stop.

"This thing has got beyond us," said the press agent who launched the "slave market." He was in a quandary, he said, as to how to call off the affair without offending thousands of people who had helped the unemployed of Boston as a result of the publicity given the "auction of slaves."

Hundreds of dollars have been contributed, and other New England cities were taking up the idea. Charles Ledoux, "Mr. Zero," later stood up before a crowd of 10,000 and denied the "slave market" was a publicity stunt.

But Gest's press agent reiterated that Ledoux was an actor, hired by him to play in a forthcoming production and directed to arrange the "auction."

WANT TO END STRIKES

Trades Union Congress Considers Resolution Against Work Stoppage.

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