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## STRENGTH

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### WILL OPPOSE THE TARIFF

DEMOCRATS TO FIGHT HIGH PROTECTION SCHEMES.

Claude Kitchin Denies Reports That Party Might Co-operate With Republican Plans.

Washington.—House Democrats will oppose tariff legislation at the coming extra session of congress, leaders indicated. Representative Kitchin of North Carolina, ranking Democrat of the next house ways and means committee, answered reports that Democrats might co-operate with Republicans in framing a substitute for the present Underwood tariff law, with the statement that he does not believe a new tariff either necessary or possible at this time.

"If the Democrats controlled the next house, I am sure there would be no general tariff revision," Kitchin said.

"I do not believe that a tariff can be framed at this time that will stand up. Conditions are changing so swiftly that 30 days after a new tariff were enacted it might be found inapplicable to the new conditions."

Asked concerning the proposal of several Democrats to levy a tariff for revenue on non-competitive articles, such as tea and coffee, Kitchin declared he believed the money could be raised in some other way that would prove less burdensome to the public.

Kitchin's declaration against tariff legislation, coupled with the intention of house Republican leaders to reenact protectionist schedules, makes it virtually certain that the tariff question will be before congress and the country with all its old-time vigor during the next session.

### GIBSLAND ON THE BOOM AND ALIVE WITH NEWS

Mrs. R. S. Brown spent Tuesday in Homer.

Mr. J. H. Honck was a business visitor to Monroe Monday.

Mr. Leslie Hamner was a business visitor to Shreveport Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Phillips spent Sunday with friends at Doyline.

Miss Mattie Langford spent the week-end with homefolks at Sibley.

Mrs. Paul Hammett is visiting her mother, Mrs. P. C. Taylor in Alexandria.

Mrs. Madden and daughter, Miss Lela Mae, spent last Friday afternoon in Arcadia.

Miss Gussie Brown spent several days this week in Bienville visiting Mrs. Richard Gantt.

Mrs. E. H. Payne, S. I. Colvin and O. L. Kidd attended the medical convention in Shreveport this week.

Mrs. F. M. Van Cleave is preparing to have a beautiful new two story residence built on her lot in the suburbs of town.

Mrs. Sloan, of Haynesville, and daughter, Mrs. Roy Hayes, of Haughton were guests of Mrs. Wm. B. Stall last week.

Mr. J. W. Langford has sold his brick store building to Mr. W. R. Dunn who will open a grocery store soon. Mr. Langford has moved into his building on the corner opposite the town hall.

A very interesting meeting will be held at the school auditorium on the evening of April 25th. The occasion will be the dedication of the beautiful new school building, and welcoming the home-coming soldiers. Dr. Dodd of Shreveport, and other prominent speakers will be present, and a great time is expected.

Miss Myra Gallion's room entertained at the school auditorium Monday afternoon. The little folks rendered their parts well. Old Mother Goose with all her children was there. Mary carried a real live lamb, and the stolen pig was on the stage squealing. Quite a number of the school's patrons enjoyed this interesting program.

Mr. L. M. Phillips accompanied the high school ball team to Ruston Friday afternoon, where they went for a game. The Gibsland boys were badly defeated by the Ruston team, the score being 3 to 18 in favor of Ruston. Many of the high school pupils went over for the game, and were disappointed that Gibsland did not win.

### POTATO CURING PLANT FOR ARCADIA ASSURED

In a previous issue the DEMOCRAT called the attention of its readers to Arcadia's need of a potato curing plant and mentioned some of the benefits to be derived by farmers and business men alike.

We now have the pleasure of announcing that Arcadia is assured of a potato curing plant, and in addition the farmers of the surrounding community are assured of a better money crop than cotton, as they will be able to realize \$1.00 a bushel for their potatoes delivered at the curing and storage plant, according to Mr. Thomas H. Euton, president of the Thos. H. Euton & Co. Mr. Euton was here Friday afternoon looking over the situation, and purchased the Farmer's Union Warehouse from the Arcadia Compress Co. The warehouse will be converted into a curing and storage plant, just as soon as this work can be done.

Thomas H. Euton & Company have been operating in East Texas very extensively for several years, and have made a success of the potato industry in that section. This company will also organize branch concerns at Winnfield, Ruston and Dodson.

The value of the 1917 sweet potato crop reached \$90,000,000.00 and that of 1918 is estimated at almost \$117,000,000.00, so it is not difficult to understand why so much interest is being taken in this crop, which now ranks second in value among vegetables in the United States.

"The lowly potato, so long accustomed to coming to market along with the farmers' surplus eggs and chickens and other low-priced farm products, is now moving in solid carloads to the markets of the North, East and West. Where only a few years ago it spent its winters in crude and primitive dirt banks in the open field it is now stored in storage houses especially designed and constructed for it, in which the temperature and ventilation are closely guarded by day and by night. From an unstable and perishable product it has been converted by modern methods of storing and curing into a permanent and readily marketable farm crop."

We understand that the curing and storing plant will be completed and ready to take care of the next potato crop.

We are indeed glad to have this new enterprise locate in Arcadia, and feel that everybody will benefit by it.

J. P. Nelson, Jr., celebrated his eleventh birthday Saturday afternoon by entertaining his little friends at his home. Merry games were played on the lawn, delightful refreshments were served and all the children were very happy. J. P. received many pretty gifts, and the day will be long remembered.

### SHERIFF'S SALE

State of Louisiana, Parish of Bienville, D. E. Brown, Jr., vs. John Alsworth, No. 10,000, Third Judicial District Court.

Under and by virtue of a writ of execution issued out of the above named Honorable Court and to me directed, I have seized and will offer for sale to the last and highest bidder for cash, with the benefit of appraisement, at the principal front door of the Court House in the town of Arcadia, Bienville Parish, Louisiana within legal sale hours on

**SATURDAY, APRIL 12, 1919**  
the following described property, to-wit:  
NE 1-4 of NE 1-4, Sec. 25, Tp. 18, R. 6.

Seized as the property of the defendant John Alsworth and will be sold to satisfy said writ of execution and all cost.

This 6th day of February, 1919.  
J. E. CURRIE, Sheriff.

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### DELAY CLOSING PEACE MOVES

HUNGARIAN AND REPARATION QUESTION CAUSE TROUBLE.

President Wilson Demands Immediate Settlement of Important Points Under Consideration.

Paris.—Despite President Wilson's impatience at recent delays there is strong evidence that the "big four" are still encountering bars to much progress.

Reparations, French territorial acquisitions and the Hungarian situation are understood to be the principal subjects for consideration.

Some of the more optimistic delegates believe that the reparation question could be rapidly cleared up, barring unforeseen changes in the present demands of the various interests. Others declare that this question is far from settlement, although admitting there seems to be a possibility of squaring all demands with Germany's ability to pay.

President Wilson's closest friends have started that he would publish to the world the causes of and sources of the delays in peace work if speedier action is not forthcoming. He was represented as being hopeful that this would not be necessary. In all quarters it was agreed that he has brought strong pressure to bear on his associates.

Wilson's warning to his conferees regarding delay is understood to have taken the form of a speech in which he told them that the world is expecting results. He is said to have told them that he hoped they would get his viewpoint and get to work.

### RAILROAD FROM MINDEN TO HOMER LATEST REPORT

Revival of interest in a proposed railroad from Minden to Homer has been the outstanding feature of the week. There are divergent rumors as to what is about to be done in regard to the laying of steel on the railroad right-of-way dump which extends from this place to the Claiborne parish capital. One of these is to the effect that S. Begler of Shreveport, has acquired the right-of-way from Messrs. Clingham & Kinnebrew and will begin the laying of steel in the course of a few weeks.

The other rumor is that the L. R. & N. (Ebenborn line), is considering the purchase of the right-of-way between Homer and Minden, which would be connected with the Sibley, Lake Bisteneau & Southern Railway, which runs from Sibley to Hall Summit, in Red River parish. This line would be extended on to Conshatka, which is on the L. R. & N. This road has not been purchased by the L. R. & N., but rumor has it that the matter of acquiring it together with the Minden and Homer right-of-way is under consideration.

If the latter story proves to be well founded and the Ebenborn interests become the owners of a line from Homer to Conshatka, the Standard Oil Company of Louisiana, will have direct connections with the Webster-Claiborne oil fields and can get the product direct to its refineries at Baton Rouge and New Orleans.

Besides the results to accrue from having a direct line to the great oil fields, the road will run through splendid agricultural country, one of the very best to be found in the South, and probably would be a paying investment without regard to the other consideration.

It is stated that the right-of-way under discussion is in first-class shape, and with very little work and expense would be made ready for laying steel. The road was laid out and graded thirteen or fourteen years ago with a view to building a line from Shreveport to Memphis, but the promoters ran aground and had to abandon the project.

Owing to the alleged poor condition of the L. & N. W., both as to rolling stock and trackage, the necessity is keenly felt for a first-class road to handle the business which has come as a result of the opening of the oil field.

According to well-informed authorities, it would appear to be the logical thing for the L. & A. to move to acquire the Homer and Minden right-of-

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### GOVERNOR MOUTON ANNOUNCES FOR GOVERNOR

Lieutenant Governor Mouton, of Lake, formally announced his candidacy for Governor last Saturday night, said his announcement was due to friends who had urged his candidacy, although he had no intention of making a state campaign at this time.

### ANNOUNCEMENT OF GOVERNOR MOUTON

Announcement of Governor Mouton makes the third formal entry for governor in the Democratic primary of 1920. Col. Frank P. Stubbs, Monroe, was the first to enter, and Senator E. M. Stafford, president pro tempore of the senate and the only Orleans legislator to vote "dry" at Baton Rouge, came out one week later. Governor Mouton stated that he would make known his platform at a later date.

### OPENINGS OF INTEREST FROM JAMESTOWN

Mrs. J. J. Cook spent Saturday with relatives at Hope.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Ray were Hope visitors Sunday.

Miss Edna Evans visited relatives in Heflin last week.

Mr. E. A. Hamner and family spent day with relatives here.

Misses Lilla and Mandie Smith spent day afternoon in Castor.

Mrs. Teer was here Sunday on route her home at Hall Eunmitt.

Mr. John Evans from near Center, spent Sunday with relatives here.

Barly Hamner and Levi Shaw left day for Homer to begin work there.

Miss Grace Huey spent the week-end with her sister, Miss Hattie at Castor.

Mr. W. Evans and W. M. Anderson made a business trip to Minden Monday.

A number of the young people from here attended the play at Ringgold Saturday night.

Miss Ethel Evans was a visitor in home of Mr. J. H. Corley, of Ringgold Saturday night and Sunday.

Mrs. Geo. Wiggins entertained her friends with a "Tacky Party" Wednesday.

day night. Miss Lilla Smith and Willard Evans took the prize.

Mr. Mat Stewart is with his son, Aubrey, who is suffering from an attack of pneumonia, at Camp Pike.

Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Graham also Mr. and Mrs. B. A. Madden, were visitors in the home of Mr. W. L. Balliff Sunday.

Misses Iva Nix, Maggie Evans, Lillie and Vicie Todd enjoyed a visit with friends near Madden, Saturday and Sunday.

### LOST

One "Vendor's Lien Note," dated July 1, 1918, for \$300.00, given by R. L. Colon for property recorded in Book 50, Page 640, Conveyance Records, Bienville Parish, Louisiana. All persons are hereby warned that said note is void and valueless and the record thereof has been canceled.

J. M. McCOY.

Creston, La., Mar. 31, 1919. 2-4-19.

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