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## U. S. TO CONTINUE SELLING SUPPLIES

AUSTRIA'S NOTE ANSWERED — REFUSE TO STOP EXPORTING OF MUNITIONS.

### CITES BOER WAR INSTANCES

Recalls That Teutons Furnished Material to Great Britain When Her Enemies Could Not Import Necessities.

Washington.—The State Department made public the reply of the United States rejecting views set forth by the Austro-Hungarian government in a recent note contending that exportation of war munitions from America to Austria's enemies was conducted on such a scale as to be "not in consonance with the definition of neutrality."

Though friendly in language and tone, the note flatly denies the Austro-Hungarian contentions, and recalls that that country and Germany furnished munitions of war to Great Britain during the Boer war when England's enemies could not import such supplies. It insists the American government is pursuing a strictly neutral course in adhering to a principle upon which it would depend for munitions in the markets of the world in case it should be attacked by a foreign power.

"The principles of international law," the communication concludes, "the practice of nations, the national safety of the United States and other nations without great military and naval establishments, the prevention of increased armies and navies, the adoption of the peaceful methods of the settlement of international disputes, and finally neutrality itself, are opposed to the prohibition by a neutral nation of the exportation of arms, ammunition or other munitions of war to belligerent powers during the progress of the war."

### St. Louis Strikers Riot.

St. Louis.—A running fight between 500 strikers and sympathizers on one side and three non-union drivers and a score of policemen on the other, which terminated in a riot in front of the St. Louis Transfer Company's stable, was the first act of violence in the strike of 1,500 transfer drivers and chauffeurs. About 20 people were hurt with bricks and stone, but none seriously.

### Expect Reduction in Coal.

Washington.—Ultimate reductions in hard coal prices were predicted as a result of the Interstate Commerce Commission's decision making sweeping cuts in rates on the product. The decision is expected to put independent owners on the same footing as companies controlled by the hard coal carrying roads.

### Civil War Officer Retired.

Washington.—The last officer on the active list of the United States army who saw service in the war between the states, was placed on the retired list when Col. John L. Clem, quartermaster's department, reached the age of 64 years and wound up his official duties. He retires with the additional rank of brigadier general.

### U. S. Army Aviator Killed.

Fort Sill, Okla.—Military honors were accorded the body of Captain George H. Knox, who was killed here when an aeroplane which he was piloting over the United States army maneuver grounds fell a distance of 320 feet. Lieut. R. B. Sutton, who also fell with the aeroplane at the time Captain Knox was killed, was not seriously injured.

### Business Men For Army Officers.

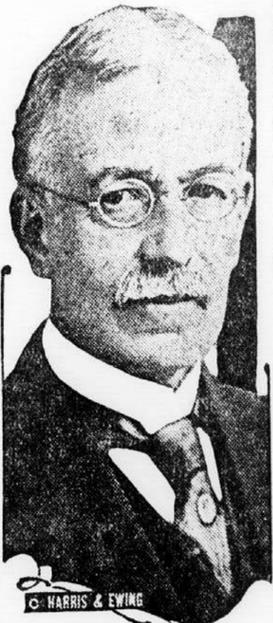
Chicago.—Fifty Chicago business men left for the United States military instruction camp at Plattsburg, N. Y., where they will be under military discipline until September 6. The group is composed of college men. The object of the camp is to train business men for the command of volunteer troops in case of war.

### Would Increase Army Officers.

St. Louis.—Speaker Champ Clark said he would introduce in the next Congress a bill doubling the enrollment at the West Point Military Academy and at the Annapolis Naval Academy.

### Eastland to Be Raised.

Chicago.—A huge steel crane, towed from Cleveland, has arrived in Chicago. The crane will be used to aid the tug Favorite in raising the Eastland.



DR. A. C. TRUE.

Dr. A. C. True of the United States department of agriculture is the chief of the new bureau of the states relation service, which takes over the department's work of farmers' co-operative demonstration, agricultural schools, farmers' institutes and the maintenance of agricultural experimental stations in Alaska, Hawaii, Porto Rico and Guam.

## MEXICANS WOULD RETAKE OLD LAND

SECTION OF TEXAS IN DANGER FROM IGNORANT AND IRRESPONSIBLE PEOPLE.

Every American citizen, in the remotest counties of Texas, Cameron, Hidalgo and Starr, is resting under arms in fear that the overwhelming population of this section may break out in a racial fight.

The Mexican disturbances spread rapidly westward until rumors of troubles developed at Laredo, 200 miles up the border from here. The disturbance came out definitely in its true colors, an attempt to turn part of Texas back to Mexican control, a wild scheme, backed partly by ignorant classes of Mexicans, helped by escaped convicts and fugitives from justice on the American side, assisted by a fairly large influx of irresponsible Mexicans from the other side, including some Mexican soldiers.

Rangers in Hidalgo County, pursuing some of the gang which killed an American trooper near Mercedes, captured a flag bearing the words in Spanish: "Army of Liberation for Mexicans in Texas."

They took a horse, some literature urging Mexicans to revolt and some telegrams, one dated Monterey.

### Invents Protector From Gas.

Paris.—Hiram Maxim is credited by the London correspondent of the Petit Parisien with having invented a simple and inexpensive contrivance to protect soldiers from the effects of deadly gases. This device is designed to cause the gases to rise, pass over the heads of the men against whom they are directed.

### Ignores Official's Resignation.

Nashville, Tenn.—Circuit Judge Thomas E. Matthews suspended J. D. Alexander, city commissioner of fire building inspection, under ouster proceedings recently filed. Commissioner Alexander resigned and will seek vindication in the coming primary. Judge Matthews held that the resignation did not terminate the ouster proceedings.

### Begin Brewery Cases in Texas.

Houston, Tex.—At Austin taking of testimony began in the case of the State of Texas against the seven brewing concerns of Texas for alleged violation of the state anti-trust act, illegal contributions of corporate funds to political campaign funds, the state asking penalties of forfeiture of charter and ouster.

### New Cattle Disease Appears.

Lansing, Mich.—Puzzled by a disease which is killing cattle in Saginaw County, members of the State Live Stock Sanitary Commission were confronted with another problem when a report was received at Standish, Arenac County, that cattle there were being stricken blind.

Ottawa, Ont.—Canadian casualties up to date number 10,680, made up of 1,877 dead, 6,738 wounded and 2,065 missing.

## WOULD BOND BIG HIGHWAY SCHEME

SYSTEM OF GOOD ROADS WOULD REQUIRE A \$5,000,000 ISSUE BY THE STATE.

### PARISHES TO PAY INTEREST

Baton Rouge Chamber of Commerce Approves Plan—Matter May Be Brought Before the Constitutional Convention.

Baton Rouge.—At a special meeting the board of directors of the Chamber of Commerce of Baton Rouge endorsed the Louisiana Good Roads Association's plan to have the state issue \$5,000,000 in bonds to build three model highways through the state.

Colonel William Polk of Alexandria met with the directors and explained to them the association's plan. It is proposed to ask the Constitutional Convention to authorize the bond issue. The bonds are to run for fifty years at a low rate of interest.

It is proposed to use the money in building a model road from New Orleans to Lake Charles, another from Shreveport to New Orleans, via Alexandria and Baton Rouge, and another from Shreveport to the Mississippi line. The principal it is intended will be assumed by the state and the parishes are to pay the interest, each parish paying on a basis of the cost of the road within its boundaries.

## BRIEF NEWS AND NOTES.

Rice harvesters conceded that million parishes saw the crop do not apply to this section. The north winds and dry weather during July caused many numbers of rice heads to blast or grow straight, this materially reducing the yield, which will average about six bags to the acre.

The race for sheriff of Tangipahoa parish at the next election gives every promise of equaling those for governor in Mississippi. Point of interest at least. Already candidates are in the field as follows: The incumbent, Sheriff Ballou Wm. M. Alford, I. W. Ott, Reald Mullins, Lemuel Bowden, Daverrey.

Having heard nothing further from C. C. Durden, who lately disappeared from Kentwood where he was editing the New Era, said that the plant will be sold at auction to satisfy creditors. It is believed that another paper will be established there.

Edward Everett, Farmerville, former secretary of the filling of the unexpired portion of last term of John T. Michel, has Sanders administration, has led his candidacy for the office of secretary of state.

While riding along St. Charles Avenue, Deans, Alfred Conway, a 15-year-old boy, was crushed to death against a curb and a telephone pole, motor truck became unmanageable.

A beneficial fire at Franklinton, continuing for several hours. The rain was general, and breaks a great exception of some scattered that has prevailed since July.

Leaping into Street Canal in full uniform, a New Orleans fire driver, rescued Myrtle, seven years old, who had fallen into the water.

The postmaster announced the appointments of Fernandez as postmaster at Plaquemine parishes, Ivy Barron as postmaster at Rapides parish.

The census children in Ouachita, a decrease of 777 under taken four years ago. His year is 7,484, more than negroes.

H. W. Van in the local railroad, was stung by a Louisiana car repairer, who was bit by him.

If the lists materialize, the first big shipment of rice to be received in New Orleans was nearly a week later than last year.

Discovery of an important change in the general primary law vitally affecting the Democratic state primary of next year, has set political circles agog. In amending the act, at the session of 1914, the Legislature omitted the section providing for the call of a state primary by the central committee of the dominant party. As a result with every mandatory provision respecting the primary eliminated, the Democratic State Central Committee has complete power as to when it shall meet to call the primary, and when the primary shall be held.

A compilation of the primary election law, as amended to date, issued by Secretary of State Milsaps, a few days ago, revealed the omission. The story spread rapidly in political circles, and lawyers and politicians began to look up the question. Investigation verified the Milsaps compilation. The mandatory provisions of Section 3 had been eliminated by amendment.

The effect of the change is the greater because of the Constitutional Convention in contemplation. As the law now stands, the Democratic State Central Committee need not issue the call for the state primary until November, December, or most any other time. It may fix the date of the primary anywhere up to a short time prior to the third Tuesday in April, which is the general election date.

The continued dry weather which has prevailed at Ponchatoula all of the spring and summer has almost completely killed the strawberry plants which were expected to furnish the crop for 1916 and only those truck growers who were fortunate enough to have their farms provided with flow wells have berries to ship next season unless rain falls within the next few days. Not only the berry crop has suffered but the corn, potato and watermelon crops have been cut off at least fifty per cent.

Forty infants and scores of other children were endangered in New Orleans when a pipe caused an explosion and fire in the Milliken Memorial Annex—the children's department—of the Charity Hospital. Quick action by Miss Alice Bruen, a nurse, prevented the flames spreading and made possible an orderly exit of the children from the building.

The new Vinton Lodge of Masons was formally installed by John W. Armstrong, of Welsh, senior grand master of the state lodge, assisted by E. F. Gayle, of Lake Charles, district deputy grand master. The lodge starts off with a charter membership of thirty, and the following officers: S. J. Welch, worshipful master; S. J. Faltrchild, senior warden; A. H. Foreman, junior warden; Henry Moore, secretary.

The revival meeting under the big tent of the Methodist Church at Homer, continues to increase in interest and large crowds are attending the services. Rev. H. R. Singleton, of Scruggs Memorial Church, St. Louis, is doing the preaching. As a result of the meeting there have been thirty-one accessions to the Methodist Church alone, beside those who may affiliate with other denominations.

In a speech delivered at Bryceland, Lieutenant Governor Thos. C. Barret declared that he favors writing into the new state constitution, when the convention meets in New Orleans next month, a provision that no state officer may become a candidate for governor while holding a commission from the people, and that in order to become a candidate he must resign the office he holds.

The Eagles of Baton Rouge presented their playgrounds to the city with formal ceremonies. Mayor Grouchy accepted the playgrounds on behalf of the city. Music and dancing were features of the program. Little Beverly Favrot, daughter of J. St. Clair Favrot, secretary of the State Board of Equalization, responded on behalf of the city's kiddies.

Politics already are beginning to grow warm in West Baton Rouge, where two candidates are in the field for sheriff and two others are ready to toss their hats into the ring, according to report. Octave Levert and Alfred Owin, clerk of court, have announced. V. M. Lefevre, deputy sheriff, and Louis Kirkland are the others mentioned.

The East Baton Rouge police jury and the Baton Rouge city commission council each appropriated \$500 for the Baton Rouge free fair. The fair will be held this year in October. It is unique in that it is one of the few fairs in the Southern states where stall rent, entries, etc., are free.

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## LEO FRANK SEIZED BY GEORGIA MOB

CROWD OF MEN IN AUTOMOBILES GO TO PENITENTIARY AND TAKE PRISONER.

### GUARDS WERE OVERPOWERED

Warden and Superintendent Covered While Men Take Frank From Keepers—Prison Telephone Wires Cut.

Milledgeville, Ga.—A mob variously estimated at between 25 and 75 overpowered the warden, superintendent and guards at the Georgia state prison farm, near here, and quickly got Leo M. Frank and rushed him away in an automobile.

First reports that it might be friends of the mob say that Frank's body would be placed on the grave of Mary Phagan at Marietta, Frank was serving a life term for the murder of the girl.

The mob was orderly, but worked quickly. Eight automobiles took the men to within a short distance of the prison. First all wires from the prison and all except one from Milledgeville were cut.

Five men went to the house of J. T. Smith, warden, covered him with pistols and stood guard over him. Other men went to the house of J. T. Smith, warden, covered him with pistols and stood guard over him. Other men went to the house of J. M. Burke, superintendent of the prison and held him under the cover of their guns.

Another member of the mob nearest the dormitory where Frank was being housed.

### German Catholics Endorse Meeting.

St. Paul.—Resolutions endorsing the peace conference to be held in Chicago September 5 and 6, and recommending that the state and local organizations affiliated with the centralverein send delegates to the meeting to protest against the continued shipments of munitions of war to Europe were adopted by the National Federation of German-American Catholic Societies in annual convention here.

### Prairie Fire in Texas.

San Angelo, Tex.—Twenty-five sections, comprising 16,000 acres of grazing land, were burned in Crockett County as the result of a prairie fire. Ozona, one of the largest towns in the county, was saved from destruction only by a change in the direction of the wind.

### Alaska Land Reopened.

Washington.—Nearly half of the land in the Chugach national forest, Alaska, through which the government railroad is to run, is restored to the public domain by proclamation of President Wilson. The boundaries of the forest contain approximately 5,818,000 acres.

### United States Rejects Views.

Washington.—The United States dispatched to Vienna a note rejecting the Austro-Hungarian views that the great scale on which war munitions are being exported from America to enemies of the Germanic allies "is not in consonance with the definition of neutrality."

### Recommends Dismissing Two.

Washington.—Secretary of the Navy Daniels made public the findings of the court of inquiry which investigated the recent scandal attending the examinations at Annapolis. The names of 15 midshipmen were announced as deserving punishment. The dismissal of two of the students of the naval academy is recommended.

### Famine Reported in Haiti.

Washington.—Famine has followed in the wake of the Haitian revolution and the American Red Cross heeded an appeal for aid.

### Officers Seize Opium.

San Francisco.—Opium valued at over \$20,000 is in the possession of the State Board of Pharmacy as the result of a raid in Chinatown by officers of the board. It is said to be the largest single seizure since importation of smoking opium was prohibited.

### Storm Causes Fire in Oil Field.

Tulsa, Okla.—A severe electrical storm caused a loss of more than \$250,000 in the oil fields near Tulsa.



MRS. META BERGER. Mrs. Meta Berger, wife of Victor L. Berger, the first Socialist elected to Congress, has been made president of the school board of Milwaukee.

## MAKE FINAL EFFORT TO CREATE ORDER

PAN-AMERICAN APPEAL FORWARDED TO MEXICO BY THE UNITED STATES.

Washington.—The Pan-American appeal to all elements in Mexico to cease fighting and join in a sincere movement to restore constitutional government began to go forward from the State Department.

The document was dispatched in English to Mexico City, directed to the various Latin-American legations.

With the appeal dispatched, the United States government will institute a friendly and persistent effort to induce Mexican leaders who thus far have shown a disposition to oppose the movement, to sacrifice their personal views in the common Mexican cause and to maintain the defiance he had indicated in recent communications to his agency here on the subject is expected by the administration, but it is regarded as probable that many of his generals and other adherents can be induced to join in a peace convention.

Absolutely no resistance to the plan is expected from any source other than from Gen. Carranza, and in some quarters here the feeling is growing that even Carranza himself may respond favorably to the appeal after he has studied its friendly tone carefully and sees that he has been misinformed regarding its purposes.

### Chicago to Furnish Jobs.

Chicago.—Chicago is to have a municipal woodyard, where unemployed men will be given work at \$1 a day during the winter months. The project will prevent the annual influx of men who refuse to work and depend on the municipal lodging houses to shelter them.

### All Alabama Schools Must Report.

Montgomery, Ala.—All private, denominational and parochial schools must report regularly to the state Educational Department, according to a bill which passed the Alabama house. The bill has been passed by the Senate, and now goes to the governor.

### Would Loan Immigrants Money.

Los Angeles.—A plan to aid aliens who are expected to come to the United States in larger numbers than ever after the European war, by a federal law authorizing loans for the purchase and development of land, was outlined by William B. Wilson, United States secretary of labor.

### Printing Craft Wants Peace.

Los Angeles, Cal.—Resolutions urging the warring nations of Europe to conclude an honorable and lasting peace and praising the course of President Wilson in handling foreign complications were adopted at the sixty-first annual convention of the International Typographical Union.

### Prohi Law Hits Churches.

Douglas, Ariz.—Churches which use wines for sacramental purposes will not receive renewed supplies until suit is brought to test the state prohibition law on the point, according to Eugene St. Ives, railroad attorney.

### Italian Reservists Seek Transportation

Pittsburgh.—Four thousand Italian reservists from the Pittsburgh district have applied to the Italian vice consulate for transportation to Italy to join their regiments.

### Ask Credit of \$2,500,000,000.

London.—A Reuter dispatch from Amsterdam says that a Berlin telegram states that in a bill voted by the federal council for a supplementary imperial budget for 1915 a new credit of \$2,500,000,000 was asked.