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MORE STATE TROOPS RETURN FROM TEXAS

ALEXANDRIA COMPANY ESPECIALLY PLEASED TO GET BACK TO CAMP STAFFORD.

BOYS GREETED BY FRIENDS

Train Which Brought Them to Alexandria Consisted of Fourteen Tourist Cars, Five Freight Cars and Two Baggage Cars.

Alexandria.—The remainder of the First Louisiana infantry regiment, with a quota of six hundred and fifty men, comprising Companies A, of Homer, in command of Captain Ford; B of Crowley, in command of Lieutenant Palmer; E of Delidder, Captain G. C. Collier; D of Monroe, Captain R. A. Young, Jr., I of Amite, Captain S. I. Davis; K of Lake Charles, Captain W. W. Cockrell; L of Shreveport, Captain Walter Randall; M of Alexandria, Captain B. D. Vance, First Lieutenant O. C. Clark and Second Lieutenant A. V. Hundley, arrived at Alexandria from San Benito. A short stop was made at the Alexandria station, where the local boys were greeted by relatives and friends after which the train was transferred to Camp Stafford, where there is now a total of 1170 men. The troops came over the Gulf Coast Lines to Kinder and thence to this city over the Iron Mountain railroad. The train which brought them here consisted of fourteen tourist cars, five freight cars and two baggage cars. The men all look to be in good health and splendid physical condition and announce that they are glad to get back to Camp Stafford. The members of the Alexandria company are especially pleased to get home.

BRIEFLY RELATED.

Captain L. A. Toombs, storage clerk and former deputy port commissioner at New Orleans, in a letter to the dock board, charges that the civil service examination under the last Loeb board was a "farce and travesty on justice." He charges that ten days after he had taken the examination, because he refused to allow the state's motor truck to carry a load of tarpaulin to the home of Ernest M. Loeb, president of the board, on the morning following the September hurricane, for the purpose of covering his private property that he (Toombs) was demoted from deputy commissioner to storage clerk.

The Tangipahoa Parish Fair Association will throw open its gates in October for the third annual fair, which will be in operation four days. Interesting programs of a varied nature have been prepared for each day. In addition to baseball and horse racing, there will be numerous side shows and amusements, a contract having been signed with a carnival company for their diversified equipment.

One of the record returns from a rice crop is that obtained this season by Joseph M. Nunez, a farmer residing near Erath. From twelve and one-half acres of land he threshed 185 bags of choice Honduras rice, which he sold at \$4 a bag, a total of \$740, or at the rate of over \$60 an acre. This rice was grown on prairie land and irrigated from Mayou Tigre.

C. C. Cooper, a private in the United States army, connected with the army recruiting station at Monroe, has been arrested on a warrant from Omaha, Neb., charging him with embezzlement. Instructions to the sheriff contain no particulars.

A plea to be adjudged bankrupt was filed by the Algiers Distilling Company in the United States District court at New Orleans with A. R. Sanchez, secretary-treasurer of the company, signing the petition.

The first cotton of the season, about twelve bales, was ginned at Collinston and sold for right around 15 cents. The cotton crop has deteriorated about one-third from boll weevil attacks.

Ten thousand sacks of rice were brought to Breax Bridge and placed in local warehouses to be held until the market strengthens materially.

The corporation of Iowa is to have a telephone exchange and the farmers along the rural route are being solicited.

The crops near Columbia are the best farmers have had in eight or ten years.

Dr. J. P. Bushong, of the United States Department of Agriculture, his located in Lake Charles and under his auspices systematic tick eradication work will be commenced in Calcasieu parish. Dr. Bushong has appeared before the police jury for a preliminary conference, and later will go over the parish, investigating conditions.

The police jury has made an appropriation of \$2,000 for the construction of eight additional dipping vats, increasing the number in the parish to about forty. Eventually twice this number will be required, and they will be built when the revenues for the new fiscal year are available.

Dr. Bushong will be in charge of the tick eradication work. The campaign against the cattle tick will commence in earnest in the spring, and by fall it is expected that the greater part of Calcasieu can be taken from the quarantine area, due to the extensive dipping work already done. Of the 50,000 or more head of cattle in Calcasieu parish about 80 per cent have been dipped this year.

The fourth annual meeting of the Italian-American Progressive and Protective League was held, and the following officers elected: Tony Di Carlo, president; Frank Banana, vice president; Samuel Scalis, corresponding secretary; Vincent Abate, financial secretary; Mitchell Montalbano, representative; John Lofaso, Joseph Lofaso and J. A. Lavoit, trustees.

The Bank of Baton Rouge notified the parish school board that it cannot accept the \$125,000 bond issue of school district No. 9, which comprises bonds at competitive bidding recently, upon condition that the issue be approved by bond experts, Dillon, Thompson and Clay, bond attorneys of New York to whom the bonds were referred for an opinion, pronounced them illegal because school district No. 9 overlaps with school district No. 1, which existed before the bonds of the former district were issued.

Accidentally discharging a shotgun with which he was playing, Leo St. Roumaine, of Erwinville, aged 7 years, shot and instantly killed his 10-year-old sister, who was standing a few feet away. The two children were playing in a back room of their home near their mother. While Mrs. St. Roumaine's back was turned Leo picked up the shotgun, which was standing in a corner. The gun was loaded with buckshot and the charge struck his sister full in the face.

F. N. Florsheim and J. H. Trousdale, trustees for Hunter and McCormick, of Shreveport, filed certified checks for \$10,000, in place of a bond, with the city council as a guarantee to meet the requirements of a gas franchise recently granted. The franchise provides that four wells are to be drilled within forty miles of Monroe, and that in event of failure to find gas, it will be piped here from the Caddo or Bossier fields.

The \$500,000 road bond issue of Jefferson Davis with the proceeds of which the parish will construct approximately 100 miles of gravel roads, was registered in the office of secretary of state at Baton Rouge. J. S. Tremé, president of the Jefferson Davis police jury, and Major S. A. Knapp, vice president of the Calcasieu National Bank of Lake Charles, were in Baton Rouge in connection with the registry of the bonds.

The directors of the National Farm and Live Stock Show, which is to be held under the auspices of the Business Men's Racing Association, November 11 to 19, inclusive, have sent out an appeal to the merchants, manufacturers and other interests of New Orleans, asking that every person connected with their business attend the show on the opening day.

Salvation has been sought by more than 600 negroes at the outdoor revival meeting now being held at the National Baseball park at New Orleans under the direction of Rev. W. Scott Chinn. Prayers have been said for many persons who have not attended the meeting, but whose names have been offered by friends.

The reorganized Fifth District and Tensas Basin Levee Boards were announced by Governor Pleasant. The Fifth District Board follows: J. H. Lambden, Vidalia; E. C. Rhodes, Coushatto; G. C. Goldman, Goldman's; R. F. Young, St. Joseph; Thomas P. Kell, King's; R. K. Boney, Duckport; E. J. Hamley, Lake Providence; and F. H. Schneider, Lake Providence.

New rice is beginning to arrive in large lots and a thousand bags of No. 1 Honduras was sold for \$3.36 at Rayne. This price is considered quite low.

The governor appointed Max Singer, member of the board of aldermen of the village of Iota, vice George D. Wright, deceased.

MAINE CAPTURED BY REPUBLICANS

S. O. P. STATE TICKET ELECTED BY 75,000 MAJORITY—ELECT BOTH SENATORS.

CLOSE RACE IN SECOND

Progressives, Who Two Years Ago Cast 18,226 Votes, Returned Largely to Republican Party, in the Opinion of Republican Leaders.

Portland, Me.—Maine Republicans, reinforced by returning Progressives, won a significant victory at the election. They elected a governor, auditor, two United States senators and four representatives in Congress and wrested control of the state House of Representatives from the Democrats.

The Republicans will be able on a joint vote of the Legislature to elect the other state officers. Carl E. Milliken led his ticket, defeating Governor Oakley C. Curtis by a plurality of approximately 13,000.

United States Senator Charles E. Johnson, whose wide personal popularity had given the Democrats great hope of his return, was defeated by Frederick Hale, son of the ex-senator, by a plurality of 9,500 votes. For the short term seat in the Senate, former Governor Bert M. Fernald defeated Kenneth C. M. Sills, dean of Bowdoin College by 12,000 votes. L. B. Goodall won from T. A. Stevens in the First congressional district by 3,000.

Congressman J. A. Peters retained his seat, defeating John E. Bunker in the Third district by 4,000, Ira G. Hersey defeated Leonard A. Pierce in the Fourth district by 5,000.

The Republican victory extended to county officers. The greater number of counties elected Republican county attorneys and sheriffs. These officers are important locally because the holders are charged with enforcing the prohibition law.

The vote was heavy, as was expected, for the campaign has been waged with a determination not seen in recent years. The country was searched for speakers of national prominence, and the greater number of these spoke on national issues.

Republicans Get Moose Votes.

The Progressives who, two years ago, cast 18,226 votes, returned largely to the Republican party, in the opinion of Republican leaders. The closest fight was for Congress from the Second district, where Representative Daniel J. McGillicuddy was defeated by Wallace H. White Jr. by 500 plurality.

Reports from 90 of the 635 precincts in the state reported, returns for governor give Milliken, Republican, 71,291; Curtis, Democrat, 61,003.

The same precincts in 1914 gave Haynes, Republican, 51,347; Curtis, Democrat, 56,345; Gardner, Progressive, 16,282.

For United States senator these precincts gave Fernald, Republican, 70,793; Hale, Republican, 69,780; Johnson, Democrat, 62,402; Sills, Democrat, 61,302.

Returns from 82 of the 147 precincts in the Second Congressional district give White, Republican, 8,390 votes, and McGillicuddy, Democrat, 7,961, a lead of 429 votes for the Republican candidate for Congress.

Other congressional returns are: First district: 46 precincts out of 89 give L. B. Goodall, Republican, 7,463; L. A. Stevens, Democrat, 5,710. Third district: 81 precincts out of 224 give John A. Peters, Republican, 8,038; John E. Bunker, Democrat, 6,880.

Fourth district: 63 precincts out of 173 give Ira G. Hersey, Republican, 6,987; L. A. Pierce, Democrat, 4,337.

REPUBLICANS ARE ELATED.

New York.—Leaders at Republican national headquarters were elated over the result of the election in Maine, while those at Democratic headquarters declined to admit that the Republicans had scored a victory in carrying the state. Secretary Reynolds of the Republican National Committee, said:

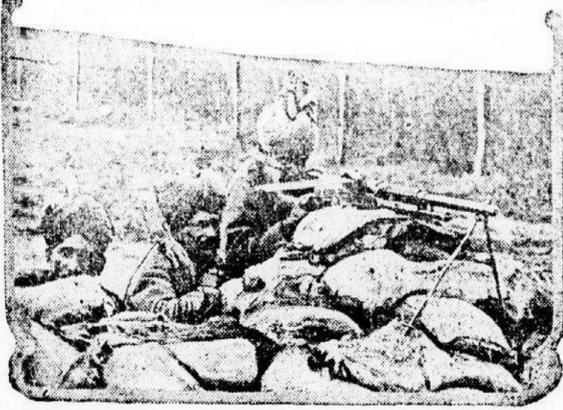
"The result shows an absolutely reunited party."

Chairman McCormick of the Democratic Committee said:

"The result indicates a sweeping Democratic victory in November. I have never predicted that we would win in Maine, because I realized that to carry such a rockribbed Republican stronghold in a presidential year would be practically impossible."

"We have materially reduced the usually large Republican majority and that insures the election of President Wilson by an impressive majority."

EAST INDIAN MACHINE GUN CREW



Hotchkiss machine gun in action on the west front, manned by East Indians.

64TH SESSION OF CONGRESS ENDS

DURING SESSION 17,800 BILLS AND 642 RESOLUTIONS WERE INTRODUCED IN THE HOUSE.

Washington.—Congress adjourned sine die, concluding the Sixty-fourth session and a record-breaking one in many respects, with appropriations and authorizations for the future, running well toward two billion dollars.

During the session 17,800 bills and 642 resolutions were introduced in the House. Of these 52 bills became laws and 33 public resolutions were adopted, in addition to 150 private bills and resolutions.

Congress appropriated exactly \$1,626,439,210 which, with obligations and authorizations for the future, makes the total \$1,856,384,485. These figures, announced in speeches by Representative Fitzgerald, New York (Democrat), and Gillett, Massachusetts (Republican), were defended by the former and attacked by the latter as half a billion dollars greater than any session of a Republican Congress.

In a statement issued following the adjournment of Congress, President Wilson called attention to the "helpful and humane legislation" passed and declared that while he regretted additional legislation dealing with the recent dispute between the railroads and their employees had not been completed, he had every reason to believe the question would be taken up immediately after Congress reassembled.

The president's statement follows: "A very remarkable session of Congress has just closed, full, as all recent sessions of Congress have been, of helpful and humane legislation which constitutes contributions of capital importance to the defense, the economic progress and the wholesome life of the country."

"It is to be regretted that the session could not have continued long enough to complete the program recently projected with regard to the accommodation of labor disputes between the railroads and the employees, but it was not feasible and therefore only the most impressive parts of the program could be completed."

"The rest, it is agreed, has merely been postponed until it can be more maturely deliberated and perfected. I have every reason to believe that it is the purpose of the leaders of the two houses immediately upon the reassembling of Congress to undertake this additional legislation."

May Join Against Villa.

San Antonio, Tex.—If Francisco Villa gets within striking distance of the American expeditionary force, Gen. Pershing's soldiers may join troops of the Carranza government in a campaign to exterminate the bandit and his followers, according to General Finston.

Wilson Signs Ship Bill.

Washington.—President Wilson signed the shipping bill. It authorizes the government organization of a corporation or corporations with capitalization of not more than \$50,000,000 to buy or lease ships and put them in trade, if they cannot be leased for operations to private capital.

Will Speak in Oklahoma.

Chicago.—Raymond Robins, who was chairman of the Progressive national convention in Chicago last June and who now is supporting Charles E. Hughes, will deliver an address September 16 at Perry, Okla., at the anniversary of the opening of the Cherokee strip.

Encampment at Boston.

Kansas City, Mo.—The annual encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic in 1917 will be held at Boston it was decided at a business meeting of the reunion.

STUBBORN FIGHTING RAGING IN GALICIA

GERMANS AND TURKS ENGAGE RUSSIANS NEAR HALICZ—RUSS WINS IN CARPATHIANS.

Petrograd.—German and Turkish troops are engaged in stubborn fighting with Russian forces in Galicia on the River Naraiivka, in the direction of Halicz, according to the official statement issued by the Russian War Department. A counter attack made by the Turks and Teutons, the statement adds, was repulsed by the Russians.

In the Carpathians, south of Baranoff, the Russians stormed a series of heights. They took 500 prisoners, the announcement says, and captured a mountain battery of several cannon which had been thrown into the ravines.

Russian torpedo boats, it is declared, bombarded the Roumanian port of Baltjik, on the Black Sea, and sank 21 barges in which the Bulgarians, who had occupied the seaport, were shipping bread.

The official statement follows: "German-Turkish counter attacks on the River Naraiivka, in the direction of Halicz, were repelled by our fire. In this area stubborn fighting continues."

"In the wooded Carpathians, south of Baranoff, our troops carried a series of heights, taking more than 500 prisoners and capturing five machine guns and a mountain battery of several cannon, which had been thrown into the ravines."

"Caucasian front: In the region of the village of Ognott stubborn fighting continues."

"Black Sea: Our torpedo boats bombarded the port of Baltjik on the Roumanian coast and sank 21 barges, in which the Bulgarians were shipping bread from this port. Enemy seaplanes attacked our torpedo boats without result."

Red Cross Duties Broad.

Washington.—That Red Cross activities among soldiers are not confined to binding wounds and nursing convalescents, is shown in an order just issued to local units. It is requested that parties meet troop trains returning from the Mexican border and provide refreshment and entertainment.

Suffragist For Wilson.

Washington.—Mrs. Frances C. Axtell, president of the Washington State Congressional Union, opposing President Wilson, has resigned and will stump the state for the president. Mrs. Axtell is the Progressive party's candidate for Congress.

T. R. Will Make Tour.

Chicago.—Colonel Theodore Roosevelt will make a speaking tour of Illinois, Indiana and other central and Western states in behalf of the Republican national ticket. A schedule will be arranged within a few weeks. The trip will start late in September.

Guards Vote On Border.

El Paso, Tex.—Members of the South Carolina National Guard contingent on station here cast ballots in their state and county primary under a ruling from the attorney general of the state.

Reduce Size of Loaves.

San Francisco.—Two and a half ounces were lopped from each loaf of bread baked by the San Francisco bakers, to be sold for 5 cents, and doughnuts were raised from 12 to 15 cents a dozen, as also were rolls and buns.

Villa Bandits Executed.

Chihuahua City, Mex.—Two Villa bandits—Julio Valle and J. Prieto—have been captured near Santa Ysabel, Chihuahua, and executed by government troops.

WORLD'S GREATEST BRIDGE COLLAPSES

FLYING DEBRIS CARRIES WORKMEN INTO ST. LAWRENCE—MANY CRAFTS TO RESCUE.

SECOND ACCIDENT OF KIND

Seventy Lives Lost Nine Years Ago When Structure on Same Site Collapsed—Contradictory Stories Regarding the Collapse.

Quebec.—The central span of the world's greatest bridge collapsed and fell into the St. Lawrence River with a loss of life variously estimated from three to 25. Several hours after the accident happened, a special train into Quebec brought 29 injured men.

Nine years ago a similar accident at the same spot took a toll of 70 lives. Ninety men were carried into the river when the 5,000-ton span being raised from pontoons in an engineering feat designed to complete the \$17,000,000 cantilever suspension for transcontinental railway traffic plunged a distance of 15 feet into the water and sank 200 feet, perhaps never to be recovered.

Contradictory stories were told regarding the collapse. The pontoons had been removed and the span was being lifted by massive hydraulic packs when, according to some of the spectators, the northern end of the span fell with the breaking of girders. Frantic efforts were made to place a chain rope around the tottering structure, but with reports like shells exploding the remaining supports snapped and the span disappeared with a tremendous splash. Some of the observers said that the structure also buckled at the center as it fell.

Groups of men at work slipped off into the waters and others were knocked into space by flying debris. Scores of craft containing spectators went to the rescue and their endeavors prevented a larger loss of life.

Observers said that the span broke in two places—first, one of the corners appeared to give way, this being followed almost immediately by a break in the center.

The span had been constructed on pontoons a few miles east of the bridge site and was towed into position immediately under the gap left in the anchor arms of the structure.

Chains with links 30 inches in diameter, together with girders, were then attached to the span and 8,000-ton hydraulic jacks commenced the task of lifting the span 150 feet into place.

The juggling of 5,000 tons of steel under unprecedented circumstances in the dominion attracted to the scene several thousand spectators, including members of Parliament and newspaper men gathered on vessels furnished by the Canadian government.

Members of the dominion cabinet witnessed the collapse from the deck of a government vessel while American tourists crowded hundreds of other boats. Eminent American authorities on bridge building and members of the Australian Parliament returning home after visiting in Europe also were at the scene.

Parker Will Make Tour.

New Orleans.—John M. Parker, Progressive nominee for vice president, probably will make a speaking tour, principally of the Eastern states. "The speeches I shall make," said Mr. Parker, "will be entirely in the interests of the Progressive party, with the view to keeping it actively in existence. I will not advocate the candidacy of either the Republican or Democratic nominee for the presidency."

Lightning Kills Guard.

Nevada, Mo.—Sergeant Edward P. Thomas of St. Louis of the machine gun company of the First Missouri Infantry Regiment, was killed by lightning in his tent on the state reservation here.

Employees Get Increase.

Montreal.—The Grand Trunk Railroad Company has granted an increase in wages from 5 to 8 per cent to 4,500 employees, all except the firemen and engineers.

New Commander Named.

Topeka, Kan.—Major Clad Hamilton of Topeka has been assigned to the command of the Fifteenth Division United States National Guardsmen at Laredo, Tex.

New Solicitor Is Named.

Washington.—Charles D. Mahaffie of Portland, Ore., was nominated by President Wilson as solicitor of the Department of the Interior.