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## BOOM J. M. PARKER FOR CABINET JOB

FRIENDS OF PROGRESSIVE VICE PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE WOULD REWARD HIM.

## BOOST FOR SECRETARYSHIP

Depends On the Supposed Retirement of Secretary of the Treasury and Secretary Houston Succeeding Him.

New Orleans. Political friends of John M. Parker, recent Progressive candidate for vice president, have started a boom for him as member of the Wilson cabinet suggesting his name for secretary of agriculture in place of Secretary Houston, formerly of Texas, on the supposition that, if McAdoo retires from the treasury portfolio, Houston will be elevated to that position, thereby leaving the agricultural post open. United States Senator Robert F. Broussard was here and had a conference with Mr. Parker. "It cannot be denied that Parker did Wilson a world of good," said Mr. Broussard. The plan of giving Mr. Parker a public reception was coupled with this boost for the cabinetship.

Dr. Paul N. Cyr, campaign manager for Sheriff Wade O. Martin, and F. J. Galinnie of Iberia parish were in Lafourche parish, getting affidavits from voters to be used in contesting the election of Judge Whit P. Martin to Congress from the Third district. In Precinct 1 of the Ninth ward of Lafourche parish, five affidavits were obtained from voters who asserted under oath that they had voted the straight Democratic ticket by stamping the emblem. On the face of the returns from this precinct, Wade O. Martin received but one vote.

Local No. 115 of the Retail Clerks International Protective Association, which recently was organized at Baton Rouge, has started work to obtain shorter working hours for its members. The clerks have drawn up a petition which will be submitted to the employers asking for a 6 o'clock closing on week days, 8 o'clock Saturdays, except during the Christmas holidays. The clerks also ask for five holidays during the year, Christmas, New Year's Day, Fourth of July, Labor Day and Thanksgiving Day.

The police jury created Road District No. 8 out of the whole of Grant parish, and named the board of supervisors for the district, for ordering an election on issuing \$300,000 for good roads. They designated the police jury, the school board members, and appointed H. L. Brian of Verda to compose the board of supervisors, and ordered that the board meet at the courthouse in Colfax November 20. A provision of \$120,000 will be made out of this issue for the construction of the Jefferson Highway.

The Union Sulphur Company has filed its expected contest of the special school tax election held on September 12 at Lake Charles, at which a 4-mill ten-year tax was voted for the public schools. It alleges that the special meeting of the board at which the call for the election was issued was illegally held, that the election was not properly advertised, and that numerous technical irregularities occurred in the holding of it.

The committee appointed to arrange for the creation of a drainage district for the section east and south of Monroe received a telegram from the United States Department of Agriculture, saying that an engineer had been detailed to make the necessary survey to fix the boundaries of the district and that he would probably begin work by the first of next month.

Each of the forty-two parish schools near Lake Charles have been provided with a set which includes a toothbrush, tongue-cleaner, mouth wash and tooth powder. For demonstration purposes, oral hygiene is to be given strict attention in the parish schools and the children will be taught the proper methods of caring for their teeth.

As chairman of the state Democratic central committee, Lee E. Thomas of Shreveport is advocating agitation for an amendment to the federal constitution providing for the direct election of president and vice president by popular vote of the people themselves, and the abolishment of the electoral college system.

To Recruit Louisiana Guard. The Louisiana National Guard needs 700 enlistments to bring it up to the full 2,000 strength required of it under the provisions of the recent federal reserve act. The guard must be 2,000 strong by July 1.

With the trouble which the various units of the guard had in bringing themselves to full war strength even under the excitement of a promised clash with Mexico fresh in his mind, the adjutant general is wondering how he is going to obtain even a greater number of recruits during these times of peace.

He expects to conduct a campaign for enlistments with the aid of his staff which will reach into every town and city of any size in the state. The guard numbers 1,300 men, 400 of whom are with the Washington Artillery on the border.

Lake Charles, Beaumont, Jeanerette and Donaldsonville may soon organize new companies to be mustered into the Louisiana National Guard. Interested persons in the four towns have invited Adjutant General McCrory to visit them and assist in organizing the new units.

The Chamber of Commerce is behind the movement in Lake Charles. The city already has one company of infantry, but it is proposed to raise another. The commercial body is arranging a campaign for a modern armory for the militiamen in the event the new company is organized.

With an extremely tight vote being polled, the \$125,000 bond issue of School District No. 9 apparently was carried almost unanimously in the special election held at Baton Rouge. The proceeds of the bond issue are to be used to build two new white schools and a negro school in Baton Rouge. The election is the second which has been held. The bond issue was voted several months ago but the issue was declared illegal by bond experts because School District No. 9 took in some of the southern suburbs of the city which already were comprised by another school district.

The congregation of the Napoleon avenue Presbyterian church broke ground last week for its new building at the corner of Napoleon avenue and St. Charles avenue, New Orleans. Formal announcement of the actual work to be done on the building was made by W. K. Seage, chairman of the building committee. The cost of the building, including the site, furnishing and appliances, will be about \$99,000.

The California touring party of farmers' prize winning boys were entertained by Mayor Girard, officials and prominent citizens of Lafayette. The guests were dined at the Industrial Institute, and afterward taken over the country visiting places of interest and sugar mills. The visitors were delighted and said this section more resembled their home state than any place yet visited.

Harry Keller, fifteen-year-old son of Anthony S. Keller, shot and dangerously wounded himself while hunting three miles southeast of Monroe. He was standing on a small bridge leaning on his gun when the weapon slipped, striking the hammers on the edge of the planks, discharging a load of shot into his left arm. It was found necessary to amputate the arm.

The police jury at Opelousas appropriated \$200 a year for three years towards the establishment of an agricultural department in connection with St. Charles College at Grand Cocteau. It also made formal application to the State Highway Department for state aid, under the provisions of Act 49 of 1910, toward the construction of highways.

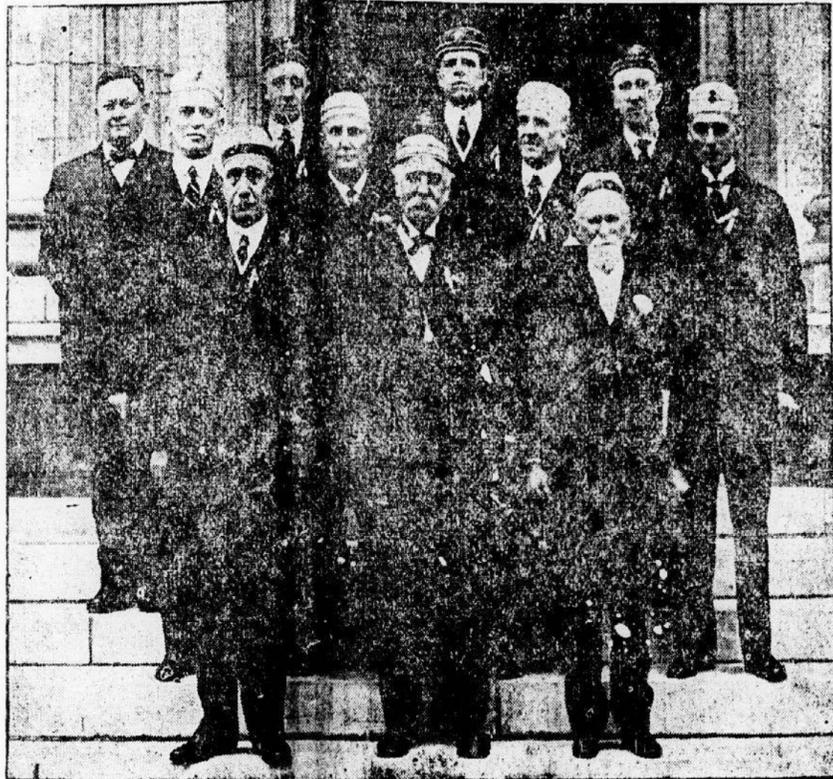
An elaborate program was arranged at Bogalusa to mark the plating of the cornerstone of the W. C. A. building Friday. When completed, this building will be one of the most attractive in the state. Frank Godyear and his sister, large stockholders in the Great Southern Lumber Company, have contributed \$25,000 toward the cost of the building.

East Baton Rouge has deposited \$144, her mileage fee for the Jefferson Highway, with the Jefferson Highway Association. The parish hopes to help obtain the highway for the east side of the river, between Baton Rouge and New Orleans, and has acted promptly in complying with the requirement of the association.

Frank Murphy, perhaps, is the only man who ever has trundled a wheelbarrow into Mayor Behrman's office at New Orleans while the mayor was busy at his desk. He was paying an election bet made with Tom Mora. Murphy bet on Hughes.

The grand jury, school board and police jury all met last week at Ville Platte.

## Officials, Masons of High Degree, Who Attended Scottish Rite Fall Reunion



One of the features of the silver anniversary fall reunion of Arkansas Consistory No. 1, Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite Masons, was the presence of three sovereign grand officers and visitors of prominence from several large consistories in the United States. Geo. F. Moore, sovereign grand commander; Charles E. Rosenbaum, deputy grand commander, and D. M. Halley, sovereign grand inspector general, all thirty-third degree Masons, are the most prominent of those in attendance, as all are representatives of the highest body of Scottish Rite Masonry.

Those in the group picture are as follows:

Bottom Row, Left to Right—Charles E. Rosenbaum, Little Rock, deputy sovereign grand commander and head of Scottish Rite Masonry in Arkansas and second highest ranking officer in the United States; George T. Moore, Washington, D. C., sovereign grand commander, the highest official in the order; D. M. Halley, McAlester, Okla., sovereign grand inspector general for Okla.

Second Row, Left to Right—Nat M. Washel, San Antonio, Tex., an official

of the Texas body and a thirty-third degree Mason; P. W. Freeman, McAlester, Okla., a thirty-third degree Mason; Dr. J. W. Chamberlain, St. Paul, Minn., and J. T. Christian, St. Paul, Minn., both prominent in the work and both thirty-third degree Masons.

Top Row, Left to Right—Fred Cowl, Wheeling, W. Va., a thirty-third degree visitor; Ben E. Hamilton, Knight Commander, also of Wheeling, N. V. Langford, Knight Commander, St. Paul, and Dr. W. T. Morris, Knight Commander of Wheeling.

## NOVEMBER 30 SET FOR THANKSGIVING

PRESIDENT WILSON FOLLOWS USUAL CUSTOM OF SETTING ASIDE LAST THURSDAY.

Washington.—President Wilson formally, by proclamation, designated Thursday, November 30, as Thanksgiving Day. The president's proclamation follows:

"It has long been the custom of our people to turn in the fruitful autumn of the year in praise and thanksgiving to Almighty God for his many blessings and mercies to us and to the nation.

"The year that has elapsed since we last observed our day of thanksgiving has been rich in blessing to us as a people, but the whole face of the world has been darkened by war. In the midst of our peace and happiness our thoughts dwell with painful disquiet upon the struggles and sufferings of the nations at war and of the people upon whom war has brought disaster without choice or possibility of escape on their part. We cannot think of our own happiness without thinking of their pitiful distress.

"Now, therefore, I, Woodrow Wilson, president of the United States of America, do appoint Thursday, the thirtieth day of November, as a day of national thanksgiving and prayer and urge and advise the people to resort to their several places of worship on that day to render thanks to Almighty God for the blessings of peace and unbroken prosperity which he has bestowed upon our beloved country in such unstinted measure.

"And I also urge and suggest our duty, in this, our day of peace and abundance, to think in deep sympathy of the stricken peoples of the world upon whom the curse and terror of war has so pitilessly fallen and to contribute out of our abundant means to the relief of their sufferings.

"Our people could in no better way show their real attitude toward the present struggle of the nations than by contributing out of their abundance to the relief of the suffering which war has brought in its train.

"In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the United States to be affixed.

"Done at the city of Washington this 17th day of November, in the year of our Lord, 1916,

## REPUBLICANS CLAIM CONTROL

With Progressives and Independent Elected, Majority is Claimed.

Washington.—Incompleted canvasses of the vote in several close congressional districts brought no changes in the unofficial election results which indicate that 217 Republicans, 212 Democrats and six of other parties have been elected to the Sixty-fifth Congress.

Although the unofficial returns show the Republicans to be one short of a majority, they are counting on the Progressive elected in Minnesota, the Progressive-Republican in Louisiana and the independent in Massachusetts to vote with them for James R. Mann for speaker.

Prospects of a Republican gain were apparent in the Thirty-second Pennsylvania district, where the canvass of all Pittsburgh precincts showed Representative Harchfield leading Guy Campbell, his Democratic opponent, by 12 votes. On the unofficial returns Campbell led Harchfield by 19 votes. Country precincts still are to be canvassed.

Chairman Fitzgerald of the House Appropriations Committee, said the Christmas recess might be abandoned so more business could be transacted.

## May Take Oath in Sunday.

Washington.—There will be no lapse in the service of President Wilson because of the fact that March 4, next inauguration day, falls on Sunday, according to the State Department. On account of the reports that a lapse would occur and that Secretary Lansing would be acting president on March 4 a form letter explaining the law has been prepared to be sent to inquiries. While it is probable that President Wilson will not be inaugurated until Monday, March 5, he will be advised by Secretary Lansing to take the oath of office on Sunday.

## Campaign To Move Up Clock.

New York.—American railroads will be asked by the Daylight Saving Commission to take the initiative in putting into effect next summer the proposed plan to turn the clock forward one hour in this country. A national daylight saving convention will be held here January 30 and 31 next and the committee meanwhile will confer with railway presidents.

## Building Another Merchant Marine.

Washington.—Another German Transatlantic merchant submarine to replace the Bremen, which was lost with all hands on her first voyage to the United States, now is being built in Germany.

## MONASTIR OCCUPIED BY FRENCH TROOPS

THE GERMAN AND BULGARIAN FORCES ARE DRIVEN FROM SERBIAN CITY.

Paris.—French troops captured from the German and Bulgarian forces the chief southern Serbian town of Monastir, the French War Department reports.

The campaign for Monastir has extended over a period of several months, with the French and British troops from Saloniki and the reorganized Serbian army participating. For many weeks the battle seemed a draw, but recently the Bulgarian-German line began to yield, and since then the allied forces have been steadily driving back their enemies. The advance was always slowly, but each day the reports told of small gains.

Last week the French and Serbian forces took possession of the crest of the hills to the south of Monastir, and threatened to reduce the city with their heavy artillery. The German position apparently became untenable and the Germans and Bulgars withdrew. The Germans are now said to occupy hills north of the city.

Another Franco-Serbian force that has been driving upon Monastir from the southeast is continuing to gain ground, having recently taken several more small towns in that region.

With Monastir in their possession, it is expected that the Serbs will set up a government on their own soil with the recaptured city as the capital.

News of the occupation of Monastir was received in Paris as one of the most important of the recent developments of the war.

The Temps says that the success is not only of immense moral value, but is likely to have a great influence on subsequent developments in the Balkan campaign, as the place commands all the practical routes between the Aegean sea and the Adriatic sea.

## Many Killed By Bomb.

Paris.—A dispatch to the Havas Agency from Padua, Italy, says the total number of persons killed or wounded by a single bomb dropped by an Austrian aviator aggregated 90, of whom 32 were killed. The dispatch adds that all the persons were noncombatants and that most of them were women and children.

## AWARD CONTRACTS FOR WARSHIP ARMOR

PLANS FOR AMMUNITION SHIP APPROVED BY SECRETARY DANIELS.

## WORK ON 1918 ESTIMATES

Carnegie and Bethlehem Steel Companies Get Contracts For Four Battleships—Price of Armor Shows Little Advance.

Washington.—While Secretary Daniels was awarding contracts for armor plate for the four battleships authorized at the last session of Congress and approving plans for an ammunition ship, the last vessels designed for 1917 building program, the appropriation subcommittee of the House naval committee began work on the 1918 estimates, the heaviest in American history to be presented to Congress this winter.

The Navy Department's 1918 figures contemplate construction of half of the ships yet to be built in the great three-year program and show total appropriations of \$379,151,701, or more than \$66,000,000 in excess of the record total appropriated last summer.

Contracts for the armor plate, which will go on the Colorado, Maryland, Washington and West Virginia were awarded to the Bethlehem and Carnegie Steel companies, each receiving half of the work.

A statement analyzing the contracts says that despite the unprecedented European demand for plate, the prices offered were approximately the same as those paid three years ago, when the Pennsylvania was being constructed. The figures are from \$420 a ton to \$465.

The department estimates before the House subcommittee call for funds to begin construction of three battleships, one battle cruiser, three scout cruisers, 16 destroyers, four fleet submarines, 14 coast submarines, one submarine tender and one destroyer tender.

## Guardsmen Send Reptiles Home.

San Antonio, Tex.—Based on complaint of the postal authorities that soldiers on duty along the Mexican border have been sending live insects, animals and reptiles through the United States mails, General Funston has ordered that postal regulations be strictly observed by the guardsmen. The soldiers have been mailing lizards, scorpions, horned toads and other specimens of border life to "the folks back home."

## Santa Claus To Troops.

Washington.—Thousands of socks, stuffed with Christmas gifts are to be presented to the American troops at the border and in Mexico through the Red Cross. Miss Mabel Boardman, head of the organization, said that chapters throughout the country will be asked to begin collection of gifts immediately, such articles as candy, stationery, pipes, tobacco and handkerchiefs being preferred. For purchase of the socks a cash fund will be solicited.

## Name Grading Stations.

Washington.—Division of the country into 32 districts for administration of the federal grain standards act, which becomes effective December 1, was announced by the Department of Agriculture. Headquarters of the Southwestern districts will be established in the following cities which will have grading stations: St. Louis, Cairo, Ill., Kansas City, Mo., Memphis, New Orleans, Galveston, Port Worth, Oklahoma City, Wichita.

## Here Is Some Relief.

Chicago.—Ultra-fashionable clothing for women promises to be less expensive than the leading styles a year ago, in spite of increased costs for materials, members of the National Cloak, Suit and Skirt Manufacturers' Association said at the close of their annual convention and fashion show. The style will be simpler and the cost of manufacture will be less, they said.

## Sue The Deutschland.

New York.—The German submarine merchantman Deutschland was libeled for \$12,000 by the T. A. Scott Company for the loss of the tug sunk in collision as the submarine started for Germany. Bond will be given by the undersea freighter's agents and her return will not be delayed.

## Women to Have Big Lobby.

San Francisco.—The next Congress will be besieged by the largest equal suffrage lobby in history, according to speakers at a post-election luncheon of the National Woman's Party here.