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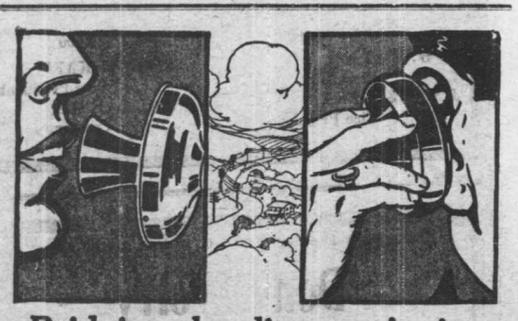
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OUR PUBLIC FORUM

R. C. Duff
On Cotton As Contraband.

Hon. R. C. Duff, one of the highest authorities on international law in the nation and one of the most capable citizens in the United States, when asked to investigate the exporting of cotton and interpret the laws of nations on this subject for the American plover, said in part:

"Article 23 of the Declaration of London reads as follows: 'The following may not be declared contraband of war: (1) raw cotton, wool, silk, etc.' Great Britain is not only a signatory of the Declaration of London, but in fact called the conference and insisted upon the inclusion of raw cotton on the list of absolute contraband. Under this declaration, which was subscribed to by all the maritime nations, we have a right absolutely to ship cotton, not only to our own ports, but to Germany and Austria themselves. Humanitarians shudder at the thought of the death of the splendid Americans who were down on the Lusitania, but humanity would have more cause for shuddering if it could have presented to it in some similarly striking and dramatic way the woe, sorrow and suffering that will be occasioned to millions of men, women and children in the Southern States as a result of cotton being forced down to starvation prices.

"The reason why cotton does not command 18 or 20 cents per pound simply because Great Britain has a naval strangle hold on our shipment and, therefore, on the world supply. England sends her ships of war on the open seas, captures American cotton, no matter to whom the same may be destined, carries it into British ports, sets up prize courts of her own nomination, which prize courts, of course, are operating in her favor and which, under such circumstances, after whatever delay they elect to impose, assess the damages of the American shipper at whatever price they set it and then, after having by such process 'bought' our cotton, she avails herself of the extraordinary high prices existing on the continent of Europe produced in part by her diversion of our shipments, to resell it at a profit. The American shipper has no recourse except to the government. The act of Great Britain referred to, according to the well-recognized principle of international law, constitute war against the United States.

"This grievance is now of many months standing and the South is about to bring to market another great crop of cotton. Under such circumstances one would expect that our government, without prompting, would know perfectly well how to deal with acts on the part of the British government amounting to warfare against our trade and country.

"It is not necessary for us to resort to war against Great Britain in retaliation. A simple, adequate and obvious remedy would be for the president to advise Great Britain that unless she respects the law of nations as regards our foreign commerce, he will call on congress to adopt a resolution forbidding the exportation of arms and munitions of war to foreign countries."

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City Tax Sales.

Of Improved property of the City of Natchitoches vs. Delinquent Tax Debtors of the City of Natchitoches for the year 1915.

By authority vested in me by the Constitution and laws of the State of Louisiana, I will sell at the principal front door of the Court house in which the Civil District Court of said Parish is held within the legal hours of sale beginning at 11 o'clock on

SATURDAY, JUNE 17, 1916,

and continue on each succeeding day until said sales are completed all immovable property on which taxes are due to the City of Natchitoches to enforce collection of said taxes assessed for the year 1915 together with interest thereon from the first day of January 1916 at the rate of 2 per cent a month until paid and all cost the amount of taxes due by each on the assessment rolls of said year and the movable property of each to be offered for sale, as follows, purchaser to pay all costs, penalties to-wit:

J. Aaron and Joe Bath.
Vacant lots 2, 3, and 24, block C, Natchitoches Heights, south by Rowena street \$40. City taxes 40. Water and Light tax 20. Notice 25c. Cost of advertisement to be added.

Sophia Benoit.
House and Lot on Behan St. east by Behan St. south by Rogue, north by Brenzale \$200.00. City taxes \$2.00. Water and Light tax \$1.00. Notice 25c. Cost of advertisement to be added.

Frank Burrell.
Vacant lot No. 37 in Pierson add. acq. of East Natchitoches Co. \$80. City taxes 80c. Notice 25c. Cost of advertisement to be added.

Andrew W. Carter.
Vacant lot east side Jefferson St. east by Lane, west by Carter \$50. City tax 50c. Water and Light tax 25c. Notice 25c. Cost of advertisement to be added.

J. E. Davis.
House and Lot bounded north, south, and east by Breda, west by Rivers \$150. Lot north side Sibley St. between 4th and 5th street, north by self \$100. City tax \$2.50. Water and Light tax \$1.25. Notice 25c. Cost of advertisement to be added.

L. P. Ducournau.
House and Lot south side Sibley St. east by Gibbert, west by Rivers \$150. Lot north side Sibley St. between 4th and 5th street, north by self \$100. City tax \$2.50. Water and Light tax \$1.25. Notice 25c. Cost of advertisement to be added.

Mary Garzia.
House and Lot in Breda addition, east by R. Jones, north by Pine Alley, west by Eden \$200. City tax \$2.00. Notice 25c. Cost of advertisement to be added.

Dorcas Jackson.
Lots 5 and 8, Block F. of Sibley and Pierson Property, Acq. of East Natchitoches Co. \$100. Water and Light tax 50c. Notice 25c. Cost of advertisement to be added.

Violet Jackson.
Unimproved interest in Lots 13 and 14, Block S. of Sibley and Pierson Property, Acq. of East Natchitoches Co. \$100. Notice 25c. Cost of advertisement to be added.

R. J. Johnson.
2 lots in Breda addition, being lots 7 and 8, Block C. \$60. City tax 60c. Notice 25c. Cost of advertisement to be added.

J. W. Jones, Jr.
House and Lots 14 and 15 of Block C. East Natchitoches \$550. House and Lot Block D. East Natchitoches \$150. House and Lot, SE Cor. Stephens Ave. and 2nd St. East Natchitoches \$550. Horse \$30, Cattle \$10, Vehicle \$10, Vehicle tax \$1.00. City tax \$11.00. Notice 25c. Cost of advertisement to be added.

Loisiana Lacy.
3 acres land in western part lot N 20 of Sibley and Pierson property, Ac of East Natchitoches Co. \$100. City tax \$1.00. Notice 25c. Cost of advertisement to be added.

Ella Lewis.
Vacant lot south by Baptist Church east by Mrs. Leverage, west by Taylor, acq. of Blakely \$50. Horse \$30, Cattle \$10, Buggy \$10, Vehicle tax \$1.00, City tax \$1.00. Water and Light tax 50c. Notice 25c. Cost of advertisement to be added.

E. M. Luttrell.
House and Lots 4 and 5 Block C. East Natchitoches \$700. City tax \$7.00. Notice 25c. Cost of advertisement to be added.

Henry Michell.
Vacant Lot south side Pavie St. south by Johnson, acq. of Louisa Lemon \$50. City tax 50c. Water and Light tax 25c. Notice 25c. Cost of advertisement to be added.

Joe Thomas.
House and Lot west by Phillip St. south by Smith, west by Kateriff \$250. City tax \$2.50. Water and Light tax \$1.25, notice 25c. Cost of advertisement to be added.

Peoples Union Assn.
Vacant Lot in Block S. Breda Addition \$50. City tax 50c. Notice 25c. Cost of advertisement to be added.

Thomas F. Porter.
House and 2 lots Cor. New Second and Cypress Sts. \$1500. Horse \$50, Cattle \$200, Vehicle \$30. Notice Tax \$3.50. City tax \$17.80, Water and Light tax \$3.90. Notice 25c. Cost of advertisement to be added.

Stonewall Satcher.
House and Lot in Breda addition, bounded by Rogue, north by N. J. Zyles, west by St. \$50. House and Lot Breda Addition, north by Pine Alley south, east and west by St. \$150. City tax \$2.00. Notice 25c. Cost of advertisement to be added.

W. S. Seegar.
House and Lot south side Sibley St. bounded east by Hughes, west by Killebrew. City tax \$1.60. Water and Light tax 75c. Notice 25c. Cost of advertisement to be added.

Jay B. Smith.
House and Lot in Sibley and Pierson Addition, SE Cor. Amulet St. north and south by Blount \$200. City tax 2.00. Notice 25c. Cost of advertisement to be added.

James Warren.
House and Lot, Block P. \$1.00. Notice 25c. Cost of advertisement to be added.

Ed Wilkins.
House and Lot east side 7th St. bounded by L. & N. W. R. R. south by Taylor \$100. City tax \$1.00. Water and Light Tax 50c. Notice 25c. Cost of advertisement to be added.

To Mortgage Creditors of the City of Natchitoches, La.

In conformity with section 63 of act 65 of 1888 and the laws as in such case provided, notice is hereby given to all parties holding mortgages upon real estate located in the City of Natchitoches and State of Louisiana, which taxes for the year 1915 at 11 a. m. and that a number of pieces of property so delinquent are being now advertised in this newspaper in conformity with the law preparatory to such sale, the attention of mortgage creditors is specially called to this advertisement and they are warned to take such steps prior to the sale as may be necessary to protect their rights.

P. C. ROGERS,
City Tax Collector.

PHOENIX LODGE NO. 38 F. & A. M.

Regular meetings on 1st and 3rd Wednesdays, at 7:30 P. M.
Hiram Chapter No. 45. R. A. M. Regular meetings 2nd Mondays at 7:30 P. M.
Cage Council No. 18. R. & S. M. Regular meetings 3rd Mondays at 7:30 P. M.

PROCEEDINGS POLICE JURY

Natchitoches, La. April 11, 1916.
The Police Jury of Natchitoches Parish in regular session convened adopted the following budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1st, 1916, and ending July 1st, 1917. And that same hereby adopted and ordered published in the Official Journals according to law.

Total assessment of the Parish	\$8,000,000.00
Ten Mills on the dollar	80,000.00
Licenses	1,000.00
Total probable receipts	\$81,000.00
Salaries, Gen. Fund (4 1/2 mills)	
Treasurer	\$ 650.00
Sheriff	1500.00
Parish Physician	250.00
Secy. Police Jury	600.00
Pres. Board Health	100.00
Pres. Police Jury	350.00
Mileage and Per Diem	1000.00
Dist. Atty. Fees	800.00
Public Printing	100.00
Assessor's Fees	3154.00
Registrar's Fees	100.00
Board Prisoner	4000.00
Constables	2500.00
Magistrates	2500.00
Jury Fees	2000.00
White Pauppers	1500.00
Colored Pauppers	500.00
Conveying Insane to Asylum	800.00
Conveying Prisoners to Pen	700.00
Attendance Sheriff on Court	800.00
Interest on overdraft and Sundry Expenses	10629.33
Schools	\$30,333.33
Chopin Bridge	24,000.00
Black Lake Bridge	1,000.00
Natchez Bridge	1,000.00
Ward Bridges	4,000.00
Cane River Dams	2,666.67
Good Roads	6,000.00
Total Probable Expenses	\$1,000.00

That this Budget be published according to law and if not objected to be adopted and approved by this Police Jury at their regular meeting in June.

Yeas: Messrs. Pierson, Williams, Adams, Cockerham, Knott, Page, Parker, Taylor and Russel. Nays: None.
Absent Mr. Cockfield.

Carried.

School Board Proceedings.

Resolved by Dr. H. W. Huffman, seconded by Mr. C. J. Pullin. Ordering a special election to be held in Alpha-Fairview School District, in the Parish of Natchitoches, for the purpose of submitting to the qualified electors of the said school district the question of the levy of a special tax of 10 mills for the purpose of providing additional aid to the public schools of the said school district.

Section 1. Be it ordained by the Parish Board of School Directors of the Parish of Natchitoches, Louisiana, that a special election be, and is hereby ordered to be held in Alpha-Fairview School District, in the Parish of Natchitoches, Louisiana, on Friday, the 16th day of June, 1916, for the purpose of submitting to the qualified electors of the said school district the question of the levy of a special tax of 10 mills on the dollar on all property in the said school district subject to State taxation, for a period of five years, the proceeds of the said tax to be used in giving additional aid to the public schools of the said school district.

Section 2. Be it further ordained, etc., That the ballots to be used at the said election shall be prepared by the secretary of the Parish Board of School Directors, and shall be in the following form:

Proposition to levy a 10 mills special tax on all the property subject to taxation in Alpha-Fairview School District, Parish of Natchitoches, Louisiana, annually for the period of five years for the purpose of giving additional aid to the public schools of the said school district.

YES _____
NO _____

Section 3. Be it further ordained, etc., That the Secretary of the Parish Board of School Directors be, and he is hereby ordered to cause to be prepared for use at the said election the tally sheets, lists of qualified electors, assessed valuation of property, blanks statements for the purpose of holding the said election, to cause the same to be placed in the ballot boxes for use at the precincts, and make provision for the transmission of the ballot boxes to the precincts at which the election is to be held.

Section 4. Be it further ordained, etc., That the polling places or precincts for said election shall be Union Grove and the following commissioners and clerks of election are appointed as follows: J. C. Hinds, J. W. Malles, Charley Durr, and Charley Anderson. All of whom will serve without compensation.

Section 5. Be it further ordained, etc., That the Parish Board of School Directors shall meet at ten o'clock a. m. on the 20th day of June, 1916, for the purpose of examining and counting the ballots, canvassing the returns and declaring the result of the said election.

Section 6. Be it further ordained, etc., That the President of the Parish Board of School Directors be, and he is hereby instructed to give public notice of the said election by proclamation to be duly published according to law in the following form:

PROCLAMATION.

Pursuant to a resolution passed by the Parish Board of School Directors of the Parish of Natchitoches, Louisiana, at its recess session of regular meeting held on the 11th day of April, 1916, I, Edgar Levy, President of the said Parish Board of School Directors, hereby give notice that, in compliance with said resolution a special election will be held in Union Grove School District, Parish of Natchitoches, Louisiana, on Friday, the 16th day of June, 1916, for the purpose of submitting to the property tax payers qualified under the Constitution and laws of the State of Louisiana to vote at said election the following proposition to-wit: To levy a special tax of 10 mills on the dollar on all the property in Union Grove School District, Parish of Natchitoches, Louisiana, subject to State taxation, annually for the period of five years, for the purpose of giving additional aid to the public schools of said school district.

For the purpose of said special election the polling places will be the Union Grove and the following commissioners and clerks of election have been appointed to serve at this election, all of whom will serve without compensation: J. C. Hinds, J. W. Malles, Charley Durr and Charley Anderson.

At said special election the polls will open at seven o'clock a. m. and close at five o'clock p. m., and the election will be conducted in accordance with the laws of Louisiana applicable thereto.

Notice is also given that at ten o'clock a. m. on the 20th day of June, 1916, the said Parish Board of School Directors of the Parish of Natchitoches, Louisiana, will meet at Natchitoches, Louisiana, and in open session proceed to open the ballot boxes and count the number and amount, examine and canvass the returns, and declare the result of said election.

This the 11th day of May, 1916.
EDGAR LEVY,
President of the Parish Board of School Directors.

Yeas: Barron, Huffman, Ingram, Levy, Martin, Miller, Pullin, Sellers and Truly. Nays: None.

Resolution by Mr. J. W. Ingram, seconded by Dr. F. W. E. Truly: Ordering a special election to be held in M. D. School District, in the Parish of Natchitoches, Louisiana, for the purpose of submitting to the qualified electors of the said school district the question of the levy of a special tax of 10 mills for the purpose of providing additional aid to the public schools of the said school district.

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Section 2. Be it further ordained, etc., That the ballots to be used at the said election shall be prepared by the secretary of the Parish Board of School Directors, and shall be in the following form:

Proposition to levy a 10 mills special tax on all the property subject to taxation in M. D. School District, Parish of Natchitoches, Louisiana, annually for the period of five years, for the purpose of giving additional aid to the public schools of the said school district.

YES _____
NO _____

Section 3. Be it further ordained, etc., That the Secretary of the Parish Board of School Directors be, and he is hereby ordered to cause to be prepared for use at the said election the tally sheets, lists of qualified electors, assessed valuation of property, blank

statements for the compilation of the vote, in number and amount, and other election blanks that may be required for the purpose of holding the said election, to cause the same to be placed in the ballot boxes for use at the precincts, and make provision for the transmission of the ballot boxes to the precincts at which the election is to be held.

Section 4. Be it further ordained, etc., That the polling places or precincts for said election shall be Union Grove and the following commissioners and clerks of election are appointed as follows: Truly Crump, L. E. Place, George Breville and W. P. Crump. All of whom will serve without compensation.

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President of the Parish Board of School Directors.

Yeas: Barron, Huffman, Ingram, Levy, Martin, Miller, Pullin, Sellers and Truly. Nays: None.

MUST QUIT EATING CROP BEFORE MADE

South Must Stop Time-Honored System of Economic Suicide, Says H. G. Hastings

Atlanta, Ga.—(Special)—"The people of the south must quit eating 'cash crop' before it is made if they ever expect to accumulate wealth and have the comforts and luxuries of life due their country," says H. G. Hastings, agricultural vice president of the Atlanta Chamber of Commerce, and a foremost authority on farm conditions in the southeast.

"The south must stop forever its time-honored system of economic suicide," says Mr. Hastings. "Adman's steps were made last year toward a condition of farm independence and cotton belt. They were forced upon us, but they marked an advance just the same, and more bread, meat, more grain, forage and other food and feed stuffs were made in 1915 than ever before, with the result there are tens of thousands of farmers better off than in past years, despite short crops and business depression.

"With higher cotton prices, it is going to be a great temptation to crop back into the old habit of growing cotton, or whatever other agricultural crop one may be growing, in pure bread and meat. We are suffering today from the old system forced on us by conditions following the Civil war, necessary then, but unnecessary now.

"Year after year we have stayed the same old rut as a matter of habit eating our crops, so to speak, before they were made, a financially suicidal policy for the farmer each year by giving his nose a little closer to the credit grindstone.

"If the south had not been so 'stuck' in natural resources, this system would have bankrupted us long ago. What's the answer? It is home production by each farmer of every year's worth of food and grain supplies needed on his farm that it is possible to grow on his own acres.

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