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The sponsors for the Arkansas division, United Confederate Veterans, in the parade of sponsors during the recent reunion of the U. C. V. at Chattanooga, Tenn.

JAPS SAY TREATY VIOLATED BY U. S.

SAYS QUESTION IS ECONOMIC AND POLITICAL ONE—ALLUDES TO ARTICLE I.

Western Newspaper Union News Service. Tokyo.—The rejoinder of Japan to the United States' note on the subject of the California alien land ownership legislation reiterates that the land bill passed by the California legislature violates the spirit of Japanese-American treaty by discriminating against a friendly power.

It points out that even if the question is an economic one, it enters the domain of international relations and, therefore, becomes a political question. The note says that the California land legislation violates Article I of the Japanese-American treaty of 1911 which authorizes subjects or citizens of the contracting parties to own or lease houses which are inseparable parts of real estate.

It also declares that the new bill violates the fourteenth amendment to the United States Constitution requiring the States to grant equal protection under its laws to all persons within its jurisdiction.

Would Build Three Ships.

Washington.—Representative Graham of Pennsylvania introduced a bill to immediately appropriate \$15,000,000 to increase the navy by authorizing the construction of three first-class battleships to be as heavily armed, as powerfully armored and as speedy as any battleship afloat. They would have the greatest practicable radius of action and cost not exceeding \$6,000,000 each.

As to Men's Wages.

Chicago.—Bankers, commercial leaders, street railway officials and social workers were called upon to testify as to men's wages before the Senate Welfare Commission here. The commission desires to ascertain the connection between vice and low wages received by the head of the household which in many cases force girls to work in order to aid the family.

Ambassadors Meet.

Pittsburg.—The Japanese ambassador to America, Viscount Chinda, and the new American ambassador to Japan, George W. Guthrie of this city, shared the honors of a testimonial dinner arranged by "friends and neighbors" of the latter. Secretary of State William J. Bryan, who it was planned would formally introduce the ambassadors to each other, was so delayed that he arrived almost as the festivities ended.

Convictions Set Aside.

Washington.—Conviction of five of the crew of the American Naval Stores Company of Savannah—the so-called "conviction trust"—for criminal violation of the Sherman law, were set aside by the Supreme Court because of erroneous instruction of the trial judge. Justice Pitney was the only dissenter to the opinion.

Capture Alleged Robbers.

Oklahoma City, Okla.—Three men suspected of blowing the safe at Muskogee, when \$1,900 was taken, were arrested by Sheriff Binyon and his posse. They gave the names of George King, Harry Williams and Charles Davis. They were found at the home of Mrs. Jennie Kaufman, six miles from Muskogee, all were in civilian dress when the posse arrived, but they were fully dressed and had sixshooters strapped on.

Cotton Dealer Indicted.

Memphis, Tenn.—Leo Lesser, former president of Lesser-Ely Cotton Company here and president of the bank of Memphis, Miss., both of which failed, was indicted in six counts by the grand jury. The principal charges against Lesser are embezzlement, forgery and obtaining money under false pretenses. Lesser was arrested at the time of the failure of the bank and has been in jail for two weeks and his whereabouts are unknown.

AMERICANS SEND MESSAGE

Want U. S. to Protect Them—Will Take Action Themselves.

Western Newspaper Union News Service. Tampica, Mex.—Three hundred Americans located in southern Tamaulipas, representing 68 families, have demanded in a long message to President Wilson, sent through Consul Miller here, to know "once for all" whether they can expect protection from their home government since they "do not desire to take measures for our own safety which would embarrass our government without giving due notice beforehand."

The message declares that the Americans have been subjected to slights and a great variety of indignities and gross abuse during the last few days.

The message declares in addition that the petitioners have borne financial losses silently, but that many of them cannot obey the advice to "get away if in danger," as their departure would mean the abandonment of the accumulations of a lifetime.

Drowned by Fish.

Cleveland, Ohio.—Dragged from his rowboat by a big fish, E. Walker, aged 17 years, became entangled in his fishing line and was drowned in Lake Erie. Several persons fishing from rowboats nearby hurried to the spot where Walker went down, but could not save him.

Chicago Wants to Reduce Noises.

Chicago.—Five aldermen started out to trail down all the varieties of needless racket which they found constitute the Chicago din. They are members of the "noise committee" of the council and each was appointed to investigate a list of noise-producers, study them and endeavor to find means of abolishing them or reducing them to a minimum. They will report when the mayor and his cabinet will be invited to aid in formulating a campaign to quash the indictment of Chicago as the "noisiest city in the world."

Labor Leader Sentenced.

Worcester, Mass.—Jos. M. Coldwell, who was in charge of the strike at the plant of the Draper Company at Hopedale, was found guilty of uttering menaces and threatening speeches, and sentenced to three months in the house of correction. Coldwell was the candidate for treasurer on the Socialist state ticket in 1911.

McCombs May Accept Post.

Washington.—William McCombs, chairman of the Democratic National Committee, may yet be ambassador to France, it is said. Though Mr. McCombs has twice declined the post, the president has not abandoned hope of his acceptance and it is known Mr. Wilson is holding the position open for him.

Tennessee Man's Money.

New York.—Governor Hooper of Tennessee and other state officials who are in New York endeavoring to raise the finances for refunding state bonds maturing July 1, were advised by New York bankers that the best thing to do at this time would be to have the Tennessee legislature authorize an issue of short-term securities, bearing interest up to 5 per cent and running a year or 18 months. The state is advertising for bids for an \$11,000,000 issue of 4 per cent 40-year bonds.

Texas Editor Dead.

Mansfield, O.—John Hodges, editor of the Galveston News for more than 20 years, was found dead in a hotel here. Death was due to heart trouble. Mr. Hodges had resigned his Galveston position on account of ill health and was on his way to Mansfield to visit his two daughters. Mr. Hodges was born in this city 50 years ago. He became editor of the Fort Worth Gazette. From there he went to Galveston and became managing editor of the News.

DISCOVER ERROR IN INCOME TAX

DATED FROM JANUARY 1, 1913, BE FORE AMENDMENT WAS RATIFIED BY THE STATES.

Western Newspaper Union News Service. Washington.—Before the Senate acts on the Underwood tariff bill, the income tax section will be amended to remedy a defect which was discovered would make the measure unconstitutional. When the framers of the income tax provision fixed January 1, 1913, as the date from which to compute incomes for taxation they overlooked the fact that the constitutional amendment authorizing an income tax was not proclaimed as ratified until February 25, 1913.

This fact was brought to the attention of the Senate Finance Subcommittee, which has the income tax under consideration, and an amendment probably will be drafted at once.

Aside from the constitutional defect, arguments have been presented in favor of making the taxable income accrue for the first year from July 1 or later. As far as the constitutional limitation is concerned it would be legal to compute incomes for 1913 from March 1.

JOHNSON SENTENCED TO PEN

Negro Champion Gets Year and a Day in Addition to Fine.

Western Newspaper Union News Service. Chicago.—Jack Johnson, negro heavyweight champion, was sentenced to one year and one day in the state penitentiary at Joliet and fined \$1,000 for violation of the Mann "white slave" act.

Sentence was pronounced on Johnson after federal Judge Carpenter had denied a motion for a new trial. Johnson obtained two weeks time in which to prepare a writ of error and the bond of \$30,000 on which he has been at liberty since his conviction, was allowed to stand.

Half a dozen deputy United States marshals who had grouped themselves about Johnson in anticipation of resistance when the prison sentence was given, left the room when Judge Carpenter announced that the fighter would continue temporarily at liberty.

Lee's Address Sold for \$425.00.

Philadelphia.—The original copy of Robert E. Lee's farewell address to his army at Appomattox was sold for \$425 at the sale of the collection of autographs and manuscripts of the late John Mills Hale, of Philadelphia, Pa.

Washington.—It is probable that members of the Arkansas congressional delegation will oppose the plan to create a 100,000-acre government game preserve in Montgomery county, Arkansas, as has been tentatively favored by President Wilson. The question of creating this immense game preserve has been referred to the Department of Agriculture for a report. There is a feeling among several members of the Arkansas delegation that the government forest reserves in Arkansas should be disposed of rather than increased.

Trammen Elect.

San Francisco.—With the election of an Executive Board, the Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen concluded its most important business and set the choice of a convention city in 1914 next on the calendar. Those named on the Executive Committee are: Joseph W. Rhodes, Toledo; J. R. Powers, Oakland, Cal.; A. W. Evers, Corning, N. Y., all re-elected; and A. Wicks, Green Bay, Wis., and Robert Winley, Temple, Texas.

NEWS OF THE STATE

UNDER CLASSMEN HAZE SENIORS. ONE SHOT AND ANOTHER CUT WITH KNIFE.

SHOOTING WAS ACCIDENTAL

Affair Regretted by Students and Faculty of Centenary College—Eve of Commencement.

Western Newspaper Union News Service. Shreveport.—As a result of an effort of the lower classmen to haze some of the Centenary College seniors by shaving off their hair, Paul M. Brown, Jr., son of Presiding Elder Brown, of this district of the Methodist church, is in a sanitarium with one hip severely injured and I. D. Robertson has a slight knife wound in the leg.

Brown, an underclassman, was shot accidentally by E. L. Whittington, a senior, of Whittington, La., but it is not known positively who assaulted Robertson, also a senior.

Whittington and Robertson, presumably enfevered, went to a nearby park for some ice. En route back to the college they were waylaid by eight or ten lower classmen bent on hazing. The noise attracted a member of the faculty, who dispersed them.

Half an hour later Whittington, missing his pocket-book, borrowed a revolver, and accompanied by Robertson, returned to the campus to search for the pocket book.

They were again confronted by underclassmen. In an effort to frighten them off Whittington fired the pistol into the ground. The bullet hit Brown, who is not seriously hurt.

The faculty and student body deeply regret the affair, which occurred on the eve of commencement exercises, which opened with the senior class program.

To Hold Road Tax Election.

Coushatta.—A good roads meeting was held here under the auspices of the Police Jury. Addresses were made by W. E. Atkinson, of New Orleans, connected with the State Board of Highway engineers; Judge J. C. Pugh, of Shreveport, and W. M. Hunter, J. C. Marston and Dummond Christopher, citizens of the parish. Two elections are to be held on June 17, one on a proposition to vote a parish-wide five-mill road tax for five years, and the other to vote an additional five-mill road tax for five years in Ward Four, Five and Six, the three river wards.

Killed by Kick.

Plaquemine.—Mary Agnes Danos, daughter of Dr. Danos, aged 2-1/2 years, was kicked by a horse in the yard and was instantly killed.

Grant Assessment Over \$4,000,000.

Colla.—The Grant parish police jury met and accepted the assessment as filed by Assessor E. S. Murrell. The figures for Grant parish will exceed \$4,000,000.

Two Cars of Potatoes Sold.

Dodson.—The first two carloads of new potatoes from this section this season were shipped from here by the Winn Parish Truckers' Association. The price received was 65c per bushel, the two cars containing about 800 bushels.

Chicken Thief Shot.

Donaldsonville.—Elma Casimir, a 12-year-old negro girl, was shot in the calf of the right leg while stealing chickens from a coop in the yard of F. H. Bellow's residence in Churchville.

Bankers Under Bond.

Franklington.—Houston D. Bickman, president, and W. E. Douglas, director, of the Commercial Bank of Bogalusa are under bond charged with receiving deposits after knowing the bank was insolvent. The Commercial Bank, the Angie Bank and the Mount Herman Bank were ordered closed last week by the bank inspectors.

Youths Stealing Ride Arrested.

Crowley.—Caught riding on top of a passenger coach on the Southern Pacific, two boys giving their names as Henry Johnson and John Jackson, aged 18 and 19, respectively, were arrested here. Their homes are at Meridian, Miss. They will be detained here about thirty days.

Foreman Crushed by Logs.

Lake Charles.—When the cars on the road of the Krause-Managan Lumber Company train were derailed at Phillips Bluff Edward A. Materne, woods foreman of the company, and one of the best-known log men in the country, was killed. He was riding on one of the cars, and was crushed by the heavy logs.

Candidates for Naval Academy.

Washington.—Representative Aswell has appointed the following young men to take the competitive examination at Baton Rouge and Shreveport for appointment to the Naval Academy at Annapolis: Charles N. Preussburg, Leconte; Page N. Riddle, Alexandria; Graham Stuckey, Boyce; Maxwell S. Lewis, Dodson; George B. Staples, Alexandria; Clyde C. Durham, Winnfield. The two candidates who make the highest grades in the examination will receive the appointments.

TO CHANGE ORGANIZATION

Alumni Association to Be Formed of Schools and Colleges of University.

Western Newspaper Union News Service. Baton Rouge.—The plan of organization of the Louisiana State University Alumni Society is to be changed. Alumni associations are to be formed out of the different schools and colleges that compose the university. An amendment to the constitution of the society making this change was adopted at the meeting last week. There will be the Agricultural College Alumni Association, the Law Department Alumni Association, Teachers' College Alumni Association, and the Sugar School Alumni Association. The different associations will affiliate with and the individual members will compose the general alumni association.

The idea of this plan is to bring closer those who did work in the same schools.

Robert Pleasant, attorney general of the state, was unanimously re-elected president, and Colonel A. T. Prescott was re-elected secretary-treasurer by the board of managers of the Alumni Association. Nominations were made for the different school alumni associations, but the election is left to the membership.

To Raise Assessments on Animals.

Franklington.—The Washington parish police jury is reviewing the assessment roll. It is its purpose to raise the assessment on cows from \$6 to \$8 per head, and on oxen from \$30 to \$40 per yoke.

Pet Dogs Being Killed.

Lake Charles.—More than a dozen very valuable dogs have been poisoned and killed here during the past 10 days. It is believed that the man who is doing this work is the same individual who killed more than 50 pet and valuable dogs during the winter months of last year. The city officials are of the opinion that they can place their hands on the man who is doing this work, but are waiting until they secure conclusive evidence.

Principal Sues J. C. Rice.

St. Martinville.—Prof. J. C. Rice, formerly principal of the Breaux Bridge High School, who was dismissed by the School Board April 5 for alleged insubordination, has filed suit against the board through his lawyer for his salary, damages and costs of court, all amounting to \$1,500.

Working Convicts.

Lafayette.—Police jurors Broussard and Garce started a gang of 10 parish convicts on the public roads. These are the first prisoners used in Lafayette under the present system. They will be worked in the Third ward to uproot trees and stumps preparatory to the building of a model dirt road from this city to the parish line on the Lafayette-Breaux bridge road. The construction will be done with a traction engine bought some time ago by the parish.

Planting Pecan Trees.

Amite City.—George Patterson, one of Tangipahoa's progressive farmers, has branched out into a new line, and intends to show the people of this section the possibilities of Tangipahoa's soil for the raising of pecans. He has stated his intentions of planting 20 acres of fine pecan trees near Kentwood, in the northern end of the parish, which he figures, will cost him in the neighborhood of \$1,000.

Appointments by Governor.

Baton Rouge.—Governor Hall issued the following commissions: Members of the Louisiana State Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners, Dr. J. Arthur Goodwin, of New Iberia, vice himself, term expired; Dr. Frank J. Douglas, New Orleans, vice Dr. E. A. White, term expired; Dr. Joseph L. Drexler, Thibodaux, vice himself, term expired; Dr. P. P. Power, Baton Rouge, vice himself, term expired. The governor named H. D. Pierce, at large, vice Edward Everett, term expired, and J. S. Atkinson, of the Fourth District, vice C. E. Peroncel, as members of the board of trustees of the Louisiana Industrial Institute at Ruston.

Seed Secured by Aswell.

Washington.—Before Republican representatives who were defeated at the polls in the last congressional elections surrendered their seats to Democrats they secured practically all the garden seed available for free distribution for the next year at the Department of Agriculture, and sent the seed to their constituents. When Representative Aswell recently applied for seed at the department he was informed there was none. Not daunted by this failure, Mr. Aswell interested a Philadelphia seedhouse, in the matter and the Philadelphia firm supplied Mr. Aswell with enough vegetable seed for 350 families and 600 pounds of seed corn.

Snowden's Office to Be Moved.

Baton Rouge.—The headquarters of Mason Snowden, of the United States Farm Co-operative Demonstration Work for Louisiana, will be moved this month from Shreveport to Baton Rouge, under the direction of the United States Department of Agriculture. The purpose is to place the demonstration work in closer touch with the operative work that is done by the State University authorities. Mr. Snowden will have his headquarters in the university.

State Capitol News Notes

POSITIONS FOR GRADUATES

Louisiana University Men Fill Many Important Jobs.

Western Newspaper Union News Service. Baton Rouge.—There have come to the Louisiana State University announcements of appointments of former students of this university. J. L. La Salle, of the class of 1908, who was assistant in physics during 1909-1910, and was appointed instructor in physics at the Pennsylvania State College for 1910-1911, and made assistant professor of physics for 1911-1912 at the University of Manila, has just been appointed associate professor of physics at the Pennsylvania State College, to enter his duties next fall. Mr. La Salle shortly takes his doctor's degree at the University of Chicago.

Coincident with this appointment comes that of Thomas S. Sligh, B. S., Louisiana State University, 1911, as assistant in physics at Pennsylvania State College.

France Clarence, of Mauritius, has just received notice of his appointment by the British Parliament, as special commissioner to investigate conditions in the sugar industry in Louisiana, Cuba, Porto Rico, Europe and Java. This trip will take about one year. Upon its conclusion Mr. Clarence will represent the British Government in the organization of the sugar industry in Mauritius. Mr. Clarence's appointment was conditional on his receiving the diploma of the Audubon Sugar School. He graduates with honors in the class of 1913.

F. L. Elliott, of the class of 1909, has been made assistant professor of chemistry at the Mississippi Agricultural and Mechanical College.

F. A. Lopez, who graduates in chemical engineering in the class of 1913, has been elected assistant professor of chemistry and physics at the University of Porto Rico.

E. D. Colon, who graduates in the college of arts and sciences in the class of 1913, has been offered a similar position, but has not yet accepted it.

New Mayor of Baton Rouge.

Baton Rouge.—At a regular meeting of the city council Councilman Grouchy, Jr., was elected mayor, to fill the unexpired term of the late Jules Roux. Captain O. B. Steele was elected councilman for the Second Ward to fill the vacancy caused by the election of Councilman Grouchy to the mayorality.

Levee Work Being Pushed.

Baton Rouge.—Work on the levees is being pushed wherever it is possible in the state at this time, according to Major Frank M. Kerr, chief engineer of the State Board of Engineers, who was in Baton Rouge. He came to attend the alumni meeting of the Louisiana State University, of which he is a graduate.

Want Birth Registry.

Lake Charles.—Dr. Fred J. Mayer, president of the State Medical Society, attended the session of the Calcasieu Medical Society and appeared with Dr. Kreeger, chairman of the Lake Charles Board of Health, before the police jury immediately after its reorganization. Dr. Mayer stated that he had been requested by Dr. Dowling, president of the State Board of Health, to take up the matter of vital statistics with the Calcasieu police jury; that the state board of health had a recent session made provision for securing death certificates, and that he was now asking the co-operation of the parishes in securing birth statistics, and for that purpose he asked an annual appropriation of three-fourths of a cent for each inhabitant.

Historic Place Sold.

Thibodaux.—Edmond Marquette purchased the property corner Jackson and St. Bridget streets from Mrs. F. Hoffman and others for \$5,000. The place has many historic connections. It was in this place that Henry Clay, when candidate for president of the United States, on a trip to this town, was given a big reception. A dance and banquet was given in the building on this property, as well as an entertainment on grounds surrounding.

Boll Weevils Are Feared.

Lafayette.—Farmers all over the parish report the boll weevil's presence in great numbers. The pest is especially troublesome in places near woods. F. E. Darty and John Whittington are among those reporting the weevil. The prairie sections are not yet affected by the destructive insect, and farmers there are hopeful of making good crops despite the pest.

Weevils Over the Parish.

Baton Rouge.—"The boll weevil is over the parish," said A. A. Morrow, of the United States Farm Demonstration Work, who returned to Baton Rouge after a tour of the cotton sections of East Baton Rouge. "I found the weevil in a good many fields," he continued, "but if the farmer starts a fight now and keeps it up, picking the weevils off the leaves, he will win, and will be able to raise a good crop. If the weevils are not picked the fight will be lost."