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War Situation.

Lord Ketchener announced in the House of Lords that the tide had turned at all points in favor of the allied armies. The Germans have been forced to fall back all along the line and it now appears that the advantages gained by the allies will be maintained. Their successful turning back of the invading German army should presage an earlier termination of the war than was at first expected.

The discussion indulged in during the earlier part of the week concerning mediation and peace proposals has been lost sight of in the fierce fighting in which over three million troops have been engaged.

The failure of the German army to accomplish the taking of Paris and the subjugation of France will undoubtedly bring the German people to a realization of the impossibility of accomplishing the terrible task which their ruler has imposed upon the army.

There has been but little relief in the financial effects of the war in this country and the early predictions indulged in by the Journal as to the final failure of valorization schemes for cotton has been corroborated.

Probe Committee

The probe of the affairs of the Tensas Levee Board has been halted by injunction. It matters but little what decrees are entered in the litigation commenced to frustrate the Probe Committee; the suits now pending have the effect of delaying the final action of the committee indefinitely. Thus time will elapse and we will have another session of the General Assembly before a report can be made. No special regret will be felt by anybody and no harm can be done. From the first, the whole scheme was one of political clap trap. Nothing was expected from the probe and assuredly nothing will be accomplished. It is reasonable to suppose that the same fate will follow in the proposed investigation of the several other state institutions.

The plan to tax cotton in order to decrease its production is another visionary scheme of lime lighters. If it is taxed then every farmer will conclude that the opportune moment has arrived to plant more of it, and he will act on that supposition. The price likely to prevail this season will bring the planter to his senses and even if he is lacking judgment in that respect, the impossibility to secure money for another big crop will force him to plant less.

The popular feeling in Italy is decidedly in support of the allies as against Germany. Rome reports state that this sympathy is growing stronger daily and that the government will ultimately be forced to lay aside neutrality and align the Italians with England and France. Such action on the part of Italy should emphasize the weakness of the Kaiser's cause.

The side show in Mexico is not attracting much attention since the opening up of the big show in Europe—in fact, most readers have lost sight of the Mexican situation. We are free to confess ignorance of the status of affairs in our sister republic. We suppose, however, some kind of war is in progress.

The United Fruit Company's "Carthago" was entered under the United States flag with appropriate ceremonies Thursday. The company will register the remainder of its large fleet at once. A few months ago the company made an unsuccessful attempt to have necessary legislation passed to permit their registry as American vessels.

The great democratic banking bill is still hung up somewhere. It is held up by the usual red tape that characterizes everything with this government. It will, no doubt, get into operation just as soon as the big financiers have finished gobbling up the few things not already cabbaged by them.

Farmers everywhere are preparing to put in a large crop of corn and oats. This followed up with hogs and cattle will result in the betterment of the farmer's lot. If the war can accomplish such results, then it will have helped clear up some troubles in this country as well as in Europe.

President Wilson is the recipient of much praise for keeping free of the eastern troubles. Any man of ordinary discretion would know enough to keep quiet and peaceable in times of trouble like the present.

The sportsmen of Madison are arranging to have a special game warden for the present season. This is the last season that the Police Jury ordinance protects game and we should see to it that it is really protected.

The Bull Moose contingent in South Louisiana are not raising as much racket as was expected. It will not be long before the party is as dead in Louisiana as it is in the balance of the country.

Attention is called to a letter appearing elsewhere requesting the citizens of Madison to prepare exhibits for the Wichita Fair. We have the goods so let's SHOW THEM.

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U. S. VIGOROUSLY AFTER VIOLATORS OF THE FEDERAL GAME LAWS.

United States District Attorney Jack has given out the following statement:

Shreveport, La., Sept. 12, '14. Every true sportsman is interested in securing a strict observance of the game laws, so likewise every farmer; it means an increase in game and decrease in boll weevils and other harmful insects. For conservation of our game and the preservation of our insectivorous and song birds, I am glad to say that both the federal government and the State of Louisiana have enacted stringent statutes. This office is in receipt of many requests for information as to the federal law, and I have, therefore, thought it well to prepare this statement, the better to acquaint the public with its provisions.

The federal statute covers only migratory birds and these are classified either as migratory game birds or as migratory insectivorous birds. The migratory game birds are divided into five groups, as follows: (a) Waterfowl, including brant, wild ducks, geese and swans. (b) Cranes, including little brown, sandhill and whooping cranes. (c) Rails, including coots, gallinules, and sora and other rails. (d) Shore birds, including avocets, curlew, dowitchers, godwits, knots, oyster catchers, phalaropes plover, sandpipers, snipe, stilts, surf birds, turnstones, willet, woodcock and yellow legs. (e) Pigeons, including doves and wild pigeons.

The following are considered migratory insectivorous birds: Bobolinks, catbirds, chickadees, cuckoos, flickers, flycatchers, grosbeaks, humming birds, kinglets, martins, meadow larks, night hawks or bull bats, nuthatches, orioles, robins, swifts, shrikes, swallows, tanagers, titmice, thrushes, vireos, warblers, waxwings, whippoorwills, woodpeckers, and wrens, and all other perching birds which feed entirely or chiefly on insects.

The shooting of all migratory game birds is prohibited between sunset and sunrise.

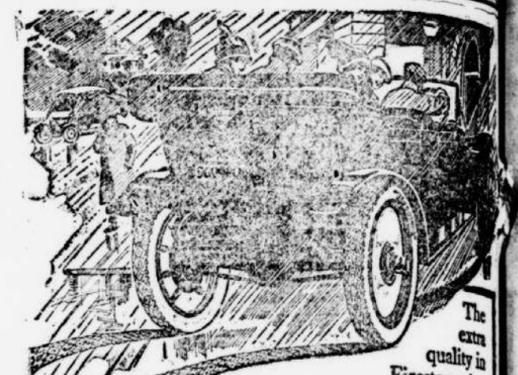
The shooting of migratory insectivorous birds is at all times prohibited.

The shooting of band-tailed pigeons, little brown, sandhill, and all shore birds except the black-breasted and golden plover, wilson or jack snipe, woodcock, and the greater and lesser yellowlegs is prohibited until September 1, 1915.

November, December and January constitute the open season for water fowl, including brant, wild ducks, geese and swans; for rails, including coots, gallinules, and sora, and other rails; and for the following shore birds: avocets, curlew, dowitchers, godwits, knots, oyster catchers, phalaropes, plover, sandpipers, snipe, stilts, surf birds, turnstones, willet, woodcock and yellowlegs. The first day on which shooting permitted is the first day of November, and the last day on it is permitted is the 31st day of January.

The open season for woodcock is from November 15th to January 1st, November 15th being the first day and December 31st being the last day.

The shooting of doves, under the federal statute, is only prohibited between sunset and sunrise. Both doves and the red-winged blackbird, however, are classified under the state law as



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LOUISIANA EXHIBIT AT WICHITA

Below we publish a letter from Hon. Justin Denechaud, Secretary of the Immigration Division of the Department of Agriculture of this State to Hon. W. S. Holmes.

The State desires a creditable exhibit at the Wichita Fair and Mr. Holmes hopes to secure agricultural exhibits from this parish. All freight will be paid by the State. Those having available specimens will communicate with Mr. Holmes. The letter from the department follows:

New Orleans, La., Sept. 16, 1914. Hon. W. S. Holmes, Tallulah, La. Dear Mr. Holmes:

I am in receipt of your courteous letter of the 14th instant and am pleased to hear of your promise to cooperate in getting up a creditable display of agricultural resources for exhibition.

Prof. Robert Clerk, curator of Louisiana State Museum, who is in charge of the preparation of the exhibit informs me that the various kinds of alfalfa would be thoroughly represented. He also asks that bundles of alfalfa be sent us for this show which will grow in this State. These bundles of alfalfa will be put in cases.

The Governor has lately appointed a commission to look after the exhibit in the Panama-Pacific Exposition, and while we are gathering our exhibit at Wichita, we are mindful of the fact that we must look after exhibits for the larger exposition, and for this reason we are taking special care in gathering a creditable exhibit at this time which we can use at the other exposition.

We would ask that you speak of the fact to your friends engaged in agricultural pursuits and ask their cooperation by sending us material for our exhibit. Very truly yours, JUSTIN P. DENECHAUD, Sec. Immigration Division.

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