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STATE HOG EXPERTS TO EVOLVE SYSTEM

EXPERTS TO EXERT VITAL INFLUENCE ON AGRICULTURAL AND ECONOMIC WELFARE.

THIRTY-SEVEN NEW MEMBERS

President West in His Annual Address Declared That the Industrial Paramount Problem is the Marketing End.

Baton Rouge.

The Louisiana Swine Breeders' Association, at its annual meeting at Baton Rouge pledged itself to a constructive campaign which will have vital bearing upon the agricultural and economic welfare of the state. A committee composed of I. S. West, former president; Turner Wright, government market specialist, and John B. Rucker, rate specialist of the Baton Rouge Chamber of Commerce, undertook the task of evolving a practical marketing system for the industry in the state, and Oscar P. Owen, new president, and Evan J. McCall, new vice president, and the other officers chosen will take up various phases in connection with the new resolve. The organization and consolidation of community shipping centers, with a packing house in New Orleans as the ultimate aim, and the utilization of local ice plants in the secured meat supply until the larger enterprise can be achieved, are definite and practical salient phases. The faith of the breeders in the future of the business was proven further by the unanimous decision not only to make the annual auction sale permanent but even to expand the project, at the same time regulating it according to the circumstances of the season.

President I. S. West called the meeting to order. Secretary Jordan's annual report showed thirty-seven new members, with ninety on the roll. President West, in his annual address, declared that the industry's paramount problem is the marketing of the swine breeders and raisers now at the mercy of the untrained and the experienced breeder, and the powerful packer," he said. "There are violent price fluctuations and justified by the law of supply and demand. The New Orleans market is inefficient because its prices depend much upon the receipts of hogs and cattle. The trouble is in the irregular distribution, and the responsibility rests largely upon the farmers." He urged that a year be spent in studying the situation thoroughly and finding a solution. "The local market continues to bring in products from the outside and will not encourage some industry," he continued. "A study must be found, and it will require thought, co-operation and funds. Advertising and the upbuilding of the home market system are two of the corrective expedients. The farmer must be allowed a just profit and a greater comfort, or the marketing point will come." Mr. West was president since the association started, but would not hold the position longer. However, he urged a marketing committee that would act in work, and offered himself as a member in proof that he did not wish to shirk his share of the task. He stated in whatever course was finally adopted the loyal co-operation of the farmers was basic.

BRIEFLY RELATED.

Advantage of a statute passed by the last Legislature requiring the installation of electric lights at the intersection of a city street which they cross, George W. Commissioner of public parks and recreation, has started the erection of twenty-four street corners at Baton Rouge which are owned by the Yazoo and Mississippi Valley and the Louisiana Railway and Navigation Company. The commission has notified the railroads that the lights are being installed at their expense.

Mandeville town council passed an ordinance at a meeting after a heavy storm to prohibit the erection of bath houses on the streets, claiming that at times of heavy wreckage damaged the citizens and those owning homes here protested and a new ordinance was repealed and a new one providing that the town is desiring to have bath houses on each room added to a street. It does not appear to meet the approval of the people and a test case is being tried in the town.

The name of Cate, of the Platte, was run by the Pacific switch and cut to pieces. The name was witnessed by the people. Cate was on the Mute Institute at the name of Cate.

Representative Watkins of Louisiana will introduce a bill in the House within the next few days providing for an appropriation of \$100,000 to prevent the pollution of potable waters.

Rapides parish will not have prohibition during the next four years unless there is a wonderful change in the present police jury, or the one to take office in May.

The police jury met in special session in response to the call of President J. P. Turregano. By a vote of 8 to 4, the jury voted down a resolution offered by Juror J. E. Grissom, of Boyce.

This resolution authorizes John R. Hunter, the district attorney, to appeal from the decision rendered by Judge James Andrews in the District Court, in the case of the city of Alexandria against the police jury of Rapides parish.

The suit was to enjoin the police jury from prohibiting the sheriff and tax collector from refusing to issue liquor licenses after January 1, 1917.

By the same vote, a resolution offered by Police Juror Harris to the effect that the police jury acquiesce in the judgment of the lower court and the district attorney be required not to appeal was adopted.

Dr. W. D. Haas appeared before the police jury in behalf of the prohibitionists, and requested that an appeal be taken. He asserted that such action was no more than just, as a majority of the voters of the parish had cast their ballots in favor of prohibition.

President J. P. Turregano made the statement to the jury after the vote had been taken and the result declared, that the question was settled, but that he was of the opinion that the police jury had stultified itself.

A three-mile stretch of model gravel road being constructed from Covington to Baton Rouge through Pochatoula was washed almost entirely away during the recent heavy rains, entailing several thousand dollars' loss to the contractors. The washout places the berry farmers and truck growers living east of Tangipahoa river in a bad position, as the roads are now in such shape it will be impossible to get them repaired before the fruit shipping season will start. Many of the farmers living in that community are making arrangements to market their berries and truck in Hammond and other points, until the road is repaired. Several small lots of strawberries were put on the market here, but owing to the extreme cold weather did not meet with ready sale.

Another large sale of raw sugars at New Orleans was reported. The Leon Godchaux Company sold to the Colonial Sugar Refining Company 15,000 bags of centrifugal 96 test sugar at 4.75 cents a pound, to be delivered at the refinery at Grammercy, La. The transaction involves about \$237,000. Tuesday the Godchaux Company sold to the same refinery 1,056 bags of the same grade of sugar at 4.83 cents a pound, for about \$16,000, making the total sales about \$250,000.

Six new cases of typhoid fever, two of smallpox, two of diphtheria and one of measles have been reported to the state health authorities at Lake Charles. The inspection of the city has been completed, and the inspectors of the board are now making the rounds a second time to see that instructions are being obeyed. Legal action may be instituted against those property owners in the sewerage district who have not yet connected up with the sewerage system.

Andrew M. Edwards, Jr., aged 15, the son of Andrew M. Edwards, one of the wealthiest timber men in the state, was scalded severely at the Pochatoula high school. At the direction of the teacher, he was attempting to repair a leaky radiator when it burst and his legs and back were drenched with boiling water and enveloped in steam. His injuries will lay him up a month but his death is not probable.

Gov. Hall has announced that he will open bids in his office February 19 for the leasing for mineral purposes, of 2,500 acres of land lying in the old bed of the Sabine river between the boundary line of Winn and Natchitoches parishes. Much interest is being manifested in this tract by oil men because of the finding of oil only a few miles away.

Prof. C. M. Hughes, superintendent of education of East Baton Rouge parish, recommends, as a remedy for the crowded conditions in the Baton Rouge schools, the construction of two new buildings in the city proper, three smaller school houses in the suburbs, and an increase of at least fourteen in the present teaching force.

Mayor Martin Behrman of New Orleans has accepted the invitation of Mayor Mitchell of New York to join him and Mayor Kiel of St. Louis in calling a conference of mayors in St. Louis for March 3 and 4. The object will be to start a nation-wide movement in support of President Wilson's preparedness program.

The "lid" is still firmly on in St. Bernard parish. Sheriff Albert Estopinal, Jr. is more than ever determined to enforce the law in every respect, as a result of the raids by the militia on three alleged gambling houses; at the stock yards.

Navajos Take Warpath. Phoenix, Ariz.—Angered by the killing of one of their number by a white policeman, Indians of the Navajo Reservation in northeastern Arizona are threatening an uprising.

RUINS OF CANADA'S BEAUTIFUL PARLIAMENT BUILDING



The still smoking ruins here shown is all that remains of the beautiful house of parliament of the Dominion of Canada at Ottawa, Ont. The building was destroyed by fire said to have been of incendiary origin.

GERMAN CRISIS IS BELIEVED PASSED

APPAM CASE PRACTICALLY ENDS—DETAILS NOT ARRANGED—U. S. DEMANDS ARE HELD.

Washington.—When Count Von Bernstorff called to confer with Secretary Lansing on the Lusitania negotiations he presented a formal communication from his government contending that under the Prussian-American treaty the British liner Appam, a German prize in Hampton Roads, should be permitted to remain in American waters indefinitely.

At the conclusion of the conference Count Von Bernstorff said: "Everything is substantially all right, but it is not finished."

Secretary Lansing, in reply to inquiries, sent word from his office that the negotiations had not advanced much.

It was learned that some alterations which concern the form of the agreement and are regarded as minor ones are now to be made, and that the change involves sending the proposed agreement to the Berlin foreign office.

Demand Rural Credit.

Washington, D. C.—A. C. Davis of Gravette, Ark., secretary-treasurer of the National Farmers' Union of the United States, said that the convention of agricultural organizations now in session here has decided to stand on the demands that have been made in the Grange and the Farmers' Union for a rural credit measure embodying direct loans from the government. Mr. Davis was a member of the subcommittee which considered this matter and which reported it to the convention.

Opium Shipments Held.

Los Angeles, Cal.—As the United States prohibits the importation of opium or its derivatives from Mexico, it should be illegal for the United States to ship the product into that country, according to an opinion expressed by consular agent at Ensenada, Mex., of the Carranza de facto government in refusing to permit shipment of \$25,000 worth of the drug from San Diego to Ensenada.

Further Clues to Plots.

Washington.—Records of the Riggs National Bank of Washington showing some of the financial transactions of Captain Franz von Papen, have been sent to New York for the use of United States District Attorney H. Snowden Marshall in investigations by the federal Grand Jury of alleged plots to violate American neutrality.

Fear Diplomatic Crisis.

London.—It is reported there was a heavy slump on the Frankfurt (Germany) Bourse, owing to the belief of financiers that German-American diplomatic relations are approaching a crisis.

Steel Profits Large.

New York.—The annual report of the Republic Iron and Steel Company for the year ending December 31, 1915, made public, shows net profits of \$3,385,723, an increase of \$2,510,649 over 1914.

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Phoenix, Ariz.—Angered by the killing of one of their number by a white policeman, Indians of the Navajo Reservation in northeastern Arizona are threatening an uprising.

FRENCH CAPTURES A CHAMPAGNE TRENCH

BERLIN ADMITS THE LOSS, BUT CLAIMS SMALL GAIN ELSEWHERE.

ARE ELABORATELY PREPARED

French Have Crossed Varder River Near Saloniki, and Are Strengthening Positions—Italians and Austrians Using Big Guns.

Paris.—Further fighting in Champagne, the French war office announces, has resulted in French forces securing possession of certain trenches occupied by the Germans.

The text of the statement follows: "According to further information in our possession, the attack with hand grenades which we executed in Champagne, in the region northeast of the Butte de Mesnil, gave us possession, after an artillery engagement, of about 300 metres of enemy trenches. A counter attack made by the enemy during the night was repulsed completely, and 65 prisoners, of whom one was an officer, remained in our hands.

"The night was calm on the remainder of the front."

The Russian offensive which has been indicated in the reports of the last few days is maturing rapidly over the whole Galician front.

The Germans, according to advices from the scene of hostilities, are on the defensive on three important rivers—the Sereth, the Pruth and the Dniester. Czernowitz, capital of Bukovina, is again seriously threatened by the Russian advance east of Raranche, as well as by the Russian crossing of the Dniester at Useiecko, where their troops are firmly entrenched. This move also has had the effect of interrupting one of the most important lines of communication between the armies of Generals Pflanzer and Von Bothmer.

A third important Russian advance has been recorded near Zaleszczyk, where a fierce counter-attack is declared to have been successful in routing the opposing forces and demoralizing the Hungarian troops to such an extent that they retired to a new line four miles to the rear. In addition to these breaches announced to have been made in the opposing lines, the Russians have been active immediately to the northward of Tarnopol, where they have moved slightly forward. While it is admitted that these operations have no strategical value, it is believed in military circles that the new Russian offensive has prevented the Germans from withdrawing troops from this front, thereby lessening the chances of successful attacks on all lines elsewhere.

Threats Against Subway.

New York.—Police have been assigned to protect the subway system from the Brooklyn terminal to the Bronx terminal and the Hudson and Manhattan tubes, on the strength of a report that a threat had been made to dynamite the underground roads. The Interborough Rapid Transit Company asked police help. A dozen uniformed policemen are guarding the Hudson Terminal building.

\$150,000,000 Company.

Dover, Del.—The Pan-American Petroleum and Steamboat Company was chartered here with a capital of \$150,000,000. The company is to construct, operate and own steamboat and railroad lines and acquire petroleum deposits of all kinds.

Hold 1,429,171 Allies.

Berlin.—"A total of 1,429,171 enemy soldiers to date are prisoners of war in Germany," the Overseas News Agency announced. This is not inclusive of prisoners in Austria-Hungary.

Another Britisher Down.

London.—The British steamship Balgownie, 1,061 tons gross, has been sunk. The crew, with the exception of the second officer, was saved.

WILSON WINS ON NICARAGUAN TREATY

TWO-THIRDS MAJORITY NEEDED FOR PACT HAS BEEN SECURED.

Washington.—President Wilson has practically won his fight for ratification of the Nicaraguan treaty in the executive session of the Senate. Some of its most vigorous opponents said the administration had won enough votes to command the necessary two-thirds, and they predicted its ratification.

The administration opponents, while they conceded they expected the Nicaraguan convention would go through, reiterated they would prevent ratification of the Colombian treaty to pay an indemnity and express regret for the partition of Panama.

The Nicaraguan treaty proposes to pay Nicaragua \$3,000,000 for inter-oceanic canal rights and naval bases in the Bay of Fonseca. Protests against the naval base feature have been made by Salvador, which contends it would violate the sovereignty of Honduras.

Assurances to Costa Rica, Salvador and Honduras that none of their rights will be violated by the United States acquiring a naval base in the Bay of Fonseca will be incorporated in the ratification resolution on the Nicaraguan treaty which the Senate is expected to pass.

Order U. S. Consul to Go.

Paris.—The Balkan agency has a dispatch originating in Vienna saying the Austrian governor of Belgrade informed the American consul there that Serbia, having ceased to exist as an independent state, the Austrian military authorities must ask him to leave. The dispatch adds the consul has arrived in Vienna and telegraphed Washington for instructions.

Flays "Easy" Jurymen.

San Francisco.—Shooting of "some of our feeble-minded jurymen" was suggested as a remedy for too frequent acquittal of women charged with shooting men, by Judge Frank P. Dunne, when a jury in the Supreme Court freed Mrs. Maecena Dyott, tried for the second time for an assault on her husband, Samuel Dyott, a Los Angeles real estate dealer.

\$20,000 Tragedy at Zoo.

Tulsa, Okla.—Animals valued at \$20,000 were killed at Sand Springs when a big dancing pavilion, under which the animals were housed, was destroyed by fire. The Sand Springs Zoo was the largest privately owned in the Southwest and was the property of Charles Page, oil millionaire. Sand Springs is a suburb of Tulsa.

Smaller Cotton Crop.

Washington.—The cotton crop this year, according to the third forecast, is estimated at 13,877,000 bales of 500 pounds, a decrease of 26 per cent from last year's crop. Department of Commerce advices indicate the planted area this year at 17,390,000 acres, compared with 23,977,000 acres last year.

Conscience Fund Grows.

Washington.—The treasury conscience fund was enriched by two contributions, one of 4,876.50 from a New York lawyer on behalf of a client. The other was two 10-cent pieces from some person in Michigan, who suggested they be used to support a minister of the gospel.

Record Big Zinc Sales.

Joplin, Mo.—Two sales of zinc ore in the Joplin district brought \$175,000, one of them being of 1,000 tons, and the other 500 tons. The former sale was a record, both for size and price received, \$1.75 per ton.

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