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FREE FAIRS IN STATE PLANNED

CONFERENCE IN SHREVEPORT ENDORSES PLAN FOR EXHIBITS IN ALL PARISHES.

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April 20 has been designated in a proclamation by Governor Hall as "Tick Eradication Day" in the public schools throughout the state. The rural school authorities of Caddo parish, in co-operation with the federal agents in charge of the work at Shreveport, and M. L. Wilson, farm demonstration agent in this parish, are preparing to carry out the idea in every rural school in the parish in the hope that Caddo will be taken out of the quarantine area and freed of the tick by September 1.

The pupils of the rural schools are to compete for prizes offered by E. W. Jones, assistant superintendent in charge of the rural schools, to be awarded to the authors of the three best essays on tick eradication. The pupils of each school will submit essays from which the three best of each school will be chosen and the winners will be selected from these.

In those sections of the parish where there has been some opposition to the police jury's cattle dipping ordinance, special efforts to convert the opponents will be made by Professor Wilson and Dr. R. E. Noyes, who is in charge of the government's eradication work.

Every teacher in the country schools of the parish is being supplied with data concerning the work so that all will be in position to conduct an hour's discussion of the subject on the day chosen and literature pertaining to the work and its importance to their interests has been sent to every farmer and cattle owner in the parish.

The parents of rural school children will be invited to attend the discussions in the schools on "Tick Eradication Day" and every effort is being made to form the farmers and cattle raisers of Caddo into a unit for the elimination of the pest.

Decision has been rendered for the defendant in the suit of G. L. Adsett, of Lake Charles, against Sam and Joe Parks to confirm title to valuable property in the Vinton oil field purchased for taxes in 1911. The defendants said they had received no notice of the impending tax sale, on which ground they were given the decision. They further asserted on the trial of the case that J. Cook Wilson, prominent oil man, and head of the company that had leased the tract from them, was the real owner of Adsett's interest in the lease. Sam Parks was former president of the Industrial Lumber Company, and is widely known throughout the timber belt.

Talishek staged one of the most spectacular, unusual and fortunate of automobile accidents, when a seven-passenger automobile, carrying six persons, dived almost headlong into a water-filled hole in the road, turned three somersaults, scattering the occupants on every side, and piled up on the side of the road badly broken and battered—and not a serious injury was suffered by any one of the six persons. One passenger suffered minor fracture of the skull and a wound on the knee, and most of the others were bruised considerably, but escaped without a scratch.

An old doctrine of law invoked for the first time in Caddo parish so impressed the jury that heard the trial of the damage suit brought against the V. S. and P. Railway Company, by T. R. Tomlinson in behalf of his three-year-old daughter, Eugenia Louise, that they awarded the petitioner \$6,500. The little girl was injured by a cross-tie falling upon her while she was playing on a pile of ties stacked at the railroad crossing in Haughton and in preparing his case the attorney for the plaintiff based it upon what is known as the "turn-table doctrine" first employed in England seventy-five years ago.

The new automobile given to Governor Hall had its first collision with a residence when Mrs. Hall, in turning the corner through a mistake, put her foot on the accelerator instead of the brakes, and the car ran on the gallery of the residence of W. C. Joubert before it could be stopped. The occupants of the car, who were, besides the governor's wife, Mrs. Stout, a sister of Mrs. Hall, and the children of Howell Morgan, escaped injury and the car was little damaged.

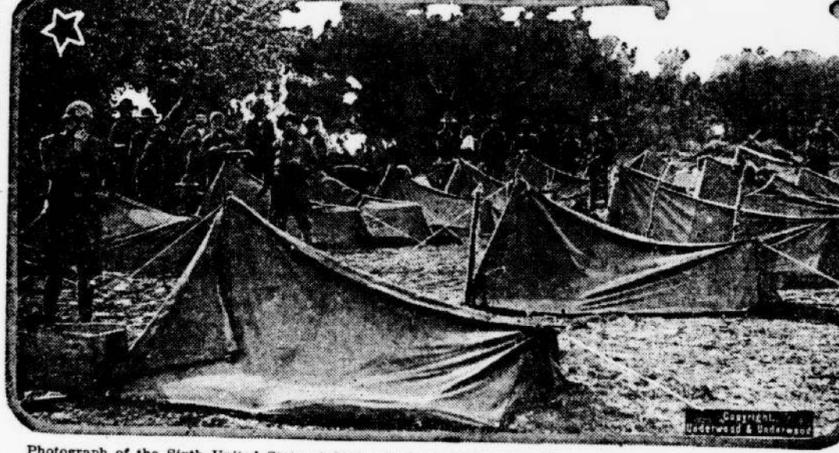
The new \$100,000 gas plant erected by the Lake Charles Gas Company, assignee of the franchise awarded J. C. Fessler and J. G. Boyle, last fall, has been placed in operation, gas being turned into the mains for the first time. The plant is located at the head of Ryan street, near the Calcasieu river, and is fireproof. There is storage capacity for 100,000 cubic feet of gas, and nearly sixteen miles of mains.

Adjutant General McNeese, L. N. G., announced that a camp of instruction for officers, non-commissioned officers and selected privates of the infantry branch of the National Guard will be held at Monroe in the Forsyth Park grounds April 23-30.

State High School Inspector C. A. Ives and Parish Superintendent J. M. Barham inspected the school at Bordeloville with the purpose of inaugurating the necessary changes for placing it on the high school list.

The congregation of the St. Francis Xavier parish of Alexandria, who, it was announced several days ago, would erect an orphanage here, has decided to erect an institution to be known as the Alexandria Orphan Asylum which will cost \$40,000.

PROTECTING THE LINE OF COMMUNICATION



Photograph of the Sixth United States infantry in camp on the line of communication between General Pershing's advanced forces and the border.

ENTENTE REPLIES ON MAIL SEIZURES

DENIES TREATY RIGHTS OF NEUTRALS VIOLATED LOOKING FOR CONTRABAND.

Washington.—The governments of the entente allies, through Sir Cecil Spring Rice, the British ambassador, has presented to Secretary Lansing a joint reply to the protest made by the United States against the seizure, detention and censorship of neutral mails. It declared that no legitimate letter mail had been confiscated nor any treaty rights violated, but emphatically asserted the allies' intention to continue searching parcel post packages for contraband "concealed under postal folders."

In regard to "true correspondence," the note says the allied governments "will continue for the present to refrain from seizing and confiscating at sea these correspondences, letters and dispatches, and that they will insure the most rapid transition of them possible as soon as the genuineness of their character is known."

The vigorous protest of the United States against the treatment of neutral mails was based largely on neutral rights in the possession of the State Department that while mails had not always been searched at sea, neutral ships, upon being taken into British ports for inspection, had their mails removed, detained and otherwise interfered with. The reply does not mention this phase of the controversy.

The protest was in the form of a memorandum of instructions to Ambassador Page at London. It stated specifically that the American government was inclined to consider that parcel post shipments were subject to the same treatment accorded goods sent by freight or express.

In regard to parcel post shipments, the communication says "merchandise shipped under the shape of parcel post must not and shall not be treated differently from the merchandise shipped in any other way."

Owen For Vice President.

Oklahoma City, Okla.—United States Senator Robert L. Owen was indorsed for vice president of the United States, by practically all of the counties in which Democratic county conventions were held. There are 77 counties in Oklahoma and Democratic conventions were held in all except two and conventions will be held in the remaining two next week.

Drop in Cotton Exports.

Galveston, Tex.—Cotton exports from Galveston during the month of March amounted to 129,351 bales, less than half that of last month and about one-quarter of the record for March, 1915, when 460,430 bales were shipped. The decrease is attributed to war conditions, shortage of tonnage and light demand.

Will Quit Greek Soil.

Paris.—A Havas dispatch from Athens says the Bulgarian government has notified Greece that it has given orders for evacuation of points on Greek territory occupied by Bulgarian troops. Bulgaria assured Greece of the intention to do everything possible to maintain friendly relations between the two nations.

2,250 Men Join Army.

Washington.—In the first three weeks of the recruiting campaign to increase the United States army to its war strength 2,250 men were enlisted out of a total of 8,856 applicants for enlistment. For the week ending March 31 there were 3,363 applicants, and 851 accepted.

Gen. Ivanoff Retired.

Petrograd.—Gen. N. I. Ivanoff has retired from the command of the Russian armies in Volhynia and Galicia and Emperor Nicholas has addressed a complimentary rescript to him.

Can't Tax Oil Leases.

Washington.—The right of Oklahoma to tax the gas and oil leases of the Indian Territory Illuminating Oil Company on Osage Indian lands in Oklahoma, was denied by the Supreme Court.

SAYS PURSUIT OF VILLA AT A HALT

CARRANZA GOVERNMENT WANTS U. S. TROOPS TO WITHDRAW FROM MEXICO.

El Paso, Texas.—The American troops have accomplished their object in destroying Villa's military power and should therefore withdraw from Mexico without delay, was the view expressed by a well known member of the Carranza government, speaking unofficially.

"The punitive force," he said, "has done all that it could expect to do. It has shattered the forces of Villa, who is now a fugitive, robbed of all prestige and power he ever held among the people. The peons may be ignorant, but they are no fools. They will never again respect a man who turned tail and ran like a coward before the Yankees, without even making a stand."

"Meantime, it must be admitted that the Mexican people have behaved well toward the American troops. They have received them courteously. But to allow them to remain in Mexico indefinitely, 20,000 men hunting for a single bandit, who may not be caught in months, is another matter. To allow them to continue their progress to the south indefinitely is still more serious.

"Americans would not tolerate the presence of Canadian military forces within their borders. Similarly the presence of Americans is beginning to irritate the Mexican people. It looks and feels like a surrender of sovereignty."

G. O. P. Wins at Hartford.

Hartford, Conn.—The Republicans regained control of the city government at the biennial mayoralty election, Frank A. Hagerty, former postmaster, was elected mayor over Richard J. Kinsella, Democrat, by an unofficial plurality of 864 votes.

New Trials For Bankers.

Memphis.—Four of the officials of the All-Night and Day Bank of this city, who were sentenced to five years' imprisonment in the federal prison at Atlanta, will be given new trials, according to a decision in Cincinnati by the United States Court of Appeals.

Texas Bank Suspends.

San Antonio, Tex.—The West Texas Bank and Trust Company, with deposits, according to its last official report, close to \$2,000,000, will not open its doors. State Bank Commissioner Patterson, after meeting with the officers of the clearing house, issued the order.

Tornado Hits Alabama.

Mobile, Ala.—Several persons were injured, none seriously, 12 homes and a school building demolished and many cattle killed by a tornado which swept over Yellow Pine, Ala. The property damage is estimated at \$50,000.

For Relief of Jews.

New York.—Nearly \$1,000,000 was contributed up to March 9 to the Central Committee for the Relief of Jews suffering through the war. The expense incurred in gathering contributions from all parts of the country was less than 3 per cent.

British Lose 20,424.

London.—British casualties in March as compiled from the published lists amounted to 1,107 officers and 19,317 men.

\$80,000 VOTED FOR CHARLESTON PORT

HOUSE ALSO FAVORS \$1,000,000 FOR NORFOLK-BEAUFORT INLAND WATERWAY PROJECT.

Washington.—Eighty thousand dollars for the improvement of the Charleston harbor, \$70,000 of which is for improving the channel to the sea and \$10,000 for Ashley River, together with the \$1,000,000 for the Norfolk-Beaufort inland waterway project, were accepted as part of the annual rivers and harbors appropriation bill in the House. Representative Frear of Wisconsin fought the measure throughout the session, and its passage was not in sight when the House adjourned.

Aside from the Charleston and Norfolk-Beaufort provisions, discussion was almost wholly of southern items of minor importance, extending as far as Mississippi and Alabama, and all were retained in the bill as reported. Representative Good of Iowa succeeded in securing the adoption of a proviso on some of the appropriations, including the Norfolk-Beaufort waterway project, that no part of the funds shall be paid for work under any private contract if the private contract price is 23 per cent in excess of the estimated cost of doing the work by the government.

Representative Whaley of South Carolina, supported by Representative Lever, attempted unsuccessfully to increase the Charleston appropriation to \$175,000 as a national defense proposition. He declared deepening of the river at Charleston was demanded by the navy in order to allow battleships to reach the navy yard, and read a letter from Rear Admiral Benson, chief of operations, in which the admiral said he believed there should be a first-class navy yard south of Hatteras and that Charleston "was the only one that fills that condition at present." Representative Whaley also read a letter from Secretary Daniels along the same lines.

When the vote was called for on the Lever-Whaley amendment, it seemed for a time that it had passed, but the count of the tellers showed that it had failed by a few votes.

Preparedness Day Now.

New York.—Business men representing all trades and industries will march here on May 13 in favor of national preparedness, it was announced by an organization formed by prominent citizens and known as the citizens' preparedness parade committee. It is planned to extend the movement to all large cities with the idea of having simultaneous parades throughout the country.

Pass a Segregation Law.

Oklahoma City.—An ordinance providing for segregation of the white and negro races in Oklahoma City was passed unanimously at meeting of the city commissioners. The ordinance contains an "emergency clause, which automatically places it in operation.

Robs to Pay His Debts.

Sacramento, Cal.—W. R. Smith, a laborer, garbed in cowboy clothes, walked into the Oak Park branch of the Sacramento bank, held up two tellers and took \$1,005. He was chased to a fire house a mile away and captured. Smith said he was in debt.

Full Crew Law Valid.

Washington.—The United States Supreme Court upheld as constitutional the Arkansas full crew law, requiring all railroads to use crews of six men while switching in terminals, yards or across public crossings in the cities of the first and second class.

Every Man to War.

Vienna.—In the whole agricultural district of Dornbirn, about the same size as an American county, not a single man can be found. The army has taken them all.

Jailed For Four Months.

Memphis, Tenn.—Carl Harbin, claiming Atlanta as his home, pleaded guilty in federal court here to a charge of raising a postoffice money order. He was sentenced to serve four months in the county jail.

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