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INCREASE CHARGE DENIED

COMMISSION TO RAILROAD COMMISSION OPPOSED BY THE TRAFFIC BUREAU.

INCREASE FROM \$1 TO \$2

Louisiana Shippers Are Way Responsible For Car Charge and Increased Charge Would Be Unfair.

Baton Rouge

The Louisiana Railroad Commission has issued an order denying application of the Western Development and Shortage Bureau for an increase of from \$1 to \$2 per day in car charges. The bureau asks the commission to put into effect a measure which was recently adopted by the Interstate Commerce Commission for a period to run from April 15 to the Louisiana increase until July 15. The increase requested by the Interstate Commerce Commission as a test to see if it will mitigate the car shortage for shippers to release cars.

NEWS AND NOTES.

The overwhelming defeat of Thompson in the Democratic primary in the prohibition issue, and the cessation of many newspapers tampering with liquor legislation at this time are to be made the basis of a concurrent resolution against all liquor legislation. The resolution has come from a number of country members but as neither the approval nor the denial of the city delegation. The prohibitionists are not disposed to support such a resolution and a fight which might be held at the same time would like some arrangement made where they would not have to be considered in locking down wild-cat anti-liquor bills.

The bill to construct a lifeboat station on the Louisiana coast has passed the House according to word just received at New Orleans by Captain H. Harvey. Believing that the bill would pass the Senate, Captain Harvey has gathered data which will be of use in selecting the position in the saving of the bill will be looked after in the House of Representatives by Senator Dupre.

The question of deep water for Lake Charles is still in abeyance. A conference with government engineers and a trip to Sabine Pass, La., and a trip to Sabine Pass, La., to push the project to have the canal to the Sabine river widened to nine feet, with a channel 100 feet wide. The cost of the work is estimated at \$240,000, and a greatly increased tonnage has been promised for the canal which are now under way to a limited extent.

The compilation of New Orleans country of the practically all vote received by Parker and Pleasant.

Parker	Pleasant
14,597	25,958
34,667	56,737
49,174	82,695
Majority	33,521
Vote	131,869

A. R. McBurney, one of the stockmen of Welch has purchased three thousand head of this and adjoining parish, he will ship to a firm in Oklahoma the next few months.

The Democratic Executive Committee met in Jennings and election to the state Democratic convention, which meets in Baton Rouge May 23, for electing delegates to the national convention.

The American Cities Convention in session at New Orleans, La., will retire on July 1 a \$2,500,000 of five-six bonds, which is the date.

A special school election held at Baton Rouge for the purpose of issuing \$1,000,000 of bonds to build a school building carried, the amount of \$40 for and 4 against, property assessed \$23,600 for and against.

The parish authorities intend to begin the dipping law of the parish, which was enacted more than thirty years ago, is being razed to the ground, as the place where it stands has been dedicated to the public park.

It became known that a movement was on foot in certain political quarters either to segregate Lake Charles from the rest of the parish, so as to put off its representation on the police jury, or to create a new parish ward south and east of the city and assign one of the Lake Charles police jurors to it. Petitions are being prepared for presentation to the police jury asking for the creation of two new voting precincts in the Third parish ward, in which the city of Lake Charles is located.

The plea advanced by those behind the movement is that the country part of the Third ward is not represented in the present arrangement. Outside Lake Charles and its suburbs the ward has a population of probably less than one hundred families.

The real grievance against the Lake Charles members of the police jury, and the city generally, it is said, is that the \$1,000,000 highway system was let by contract, whereas, in their opinion, the work should have been parceled among the country voters. If Lake Charles influences can be successfully countermanded, according to reports, the highway department will be abolished.

L. N. Larche, chairman of the committee in charge of the dedication exercises of the new West Monroe High School, has requested members of the committee to meet at the city hall next Friday afternoon for the purpose of discussing the progress and scope of the school celebration to be held on Friday, May 12. The Ouachita parish school authorities are co-operating with the citizens of West Monroe in order that the dedication exercises may be made a gala day in the school history of Ouachita parish. The committee in charge will be on hand all day Friday, May 12, to show visitors through the handsome new West Monroe high school, recently completed at a cost of more than \$200,000, and in honor of the occasion all business houses of West Monroe will close at noon and remain closed until 5 o'clock in the afternoon.

A handsome piece of furniture, a mahogany desk, said to be one hundred years old, is on exhibition in a show window at C. C. Hardman & Co.'s store, Texas street, Shreveport, and is attracting attention. The desk, which is beautifully carved, has been rebuilt and refinished by Sam Brown, a cabinet finisher, of 1405 Texas avenue, using varnish handled by Hardman & Co. The desk is not for sale, but is on display to specially demonstrate the class of work done here in Shreveport.

The Louisiana School for the Deaf at Baton Rouge will close for the session on Friday, May 19. On this day, unless otherwise arranged, all pupils will leave for their homes. There will be an exhibition a day or two before the closing, giving visitors an idea of what the school has been striving to accomplish. Parents are earnestly requested to forward railroad fare and other expenses at once to W. S. Holmes, superintendent.

Agents representing large paper interests of Pennsylvania, who have been at New Iberia several days looking over the local situation with Secretary Bernard of the Chamber of Commerce, have returned North, the prospects being that their paper pulp company with its allied interests will soon arrange for a factory site on which will be built a factory of large capacity.

Emile J. Tallien, first assistant to the late Robert Landry, clerk of the Louisiana House of Representatives, left Natchitoches for New Orleans and from which place he will go to Baton Rouge in order to make preparations for the opening of the session of the Legislature. He is a candidate for clerk of the House and with the support promised him, expects to land the place.

Bogalusa branded timber is being used in the five structures under erection in Chicago for the Otis estate. The material used totals 65,000 feet and is giving satisfaction to the contractors and is admired by all who know fine lumber when they see it.

Farm work near Hackley is being pushed to the limit. Most farmers have practically finished planting. About 50 per cent more cotton is planted than was last year. The acreage of corn is not as large as last year.

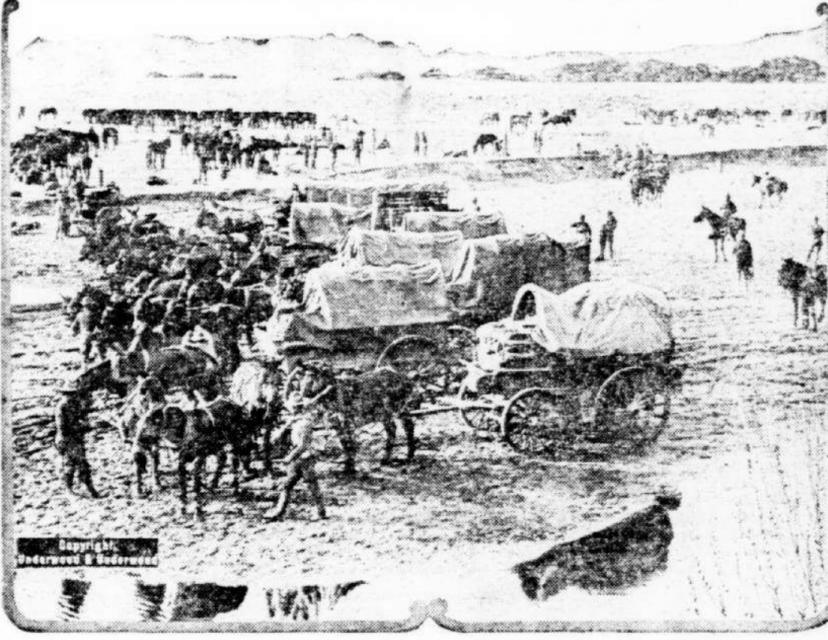
As a result of a recent election at Stone-wall, the road and school tax were both carried without a dissenting vote. This community will soon have a new brick school building and also a gravelled road.

Dr. Wright of Mementau sold 2,500 bags of Blue Rose rice at the banner price of \$4.02 a barrel.

Gas and oil have appeared in the new Morse oil well near Esterwood.

The parish school superintendent, W. B. Prescott, and R. Lee Hawkins visited the public schools at Palmetto and plans are under way to continue the white school, making the term a full nine months. The schools here are in a very flourishing condition and the attendance has been large.

AMERICAN WAGON TRAIN FINDS GOOD CAMPING PLACE



Wagon train of the American expedition in Mexico arriving on the outskirts of Las Cruces to camp for the night. They had just completed a 32-mile hike through the mountain passes of Mexico. The arid mesa of Mexico is not broken up with many watering places such as is depicted in the photograph, so much care is exercised in selecting stopping places for the night.

AMERICAN FORCES KILL 42 BANDITS

THE BANDIT FORCE WAS MUCH LARGER THAN AMERICAN COLUMNS.

Field Headquarters, Near Namiquipa, by wireless to Columbus, N. M.—A full squadron of 250 men of the Eleventh Cavalry surprised and routed a much larger force of Villa bandits at Ojo-Azuules, 17 miles south of Cuahuira. Forty-two Mexicans were killed and a number wounded. There were no American casualties.

The American command, under Maj. Robert L. Howze, had been pursuing the bandits under Gen. Cruz Dominguez and Junio Acosta, for several days when they encountered them encamped in the huddled adobe huts of Ojo-Azuules.

The Mexicans were completely surprised and sprang from their pallets half-dressed. After firing a few wild shots they began flight, each man shifting for his own safety. Some of them were able to seize their horses, already jaded from a hard day's ride previously, but others fled into the hills afoot.

Maj. Howze reported he still was pursuing the scattered remnant of the band, which is the largest remaining under the Villa standard. It is believed the band is the same as that defeated at Temoche April 22 by Col. Dodd's command.

Further reports from Maj. Howze stated that Gen. Antonio Angeles was killed. He was a relative of Felipe Angeles, the former confidant of Villa, who was once mentioned for the presidency of Mexico, and who is now living near El Paso.

The Howze column struck the band of Mexicans near Ojo-Azuules after an all-night cross-country ride, at 5:45 o'clock in the morning. More than 50 of the fugitives were rounded up by Americans after the engagement.

The column had marched 36 miles through the mountains during the night and attacked without resting either men or horses. It consisted of six picked troops of the Eleventh Cavalry and one machine gun detachment.

Order 90,000 On Strike.

New York.—In retaliation for the lockout of 60,000 workers on women's garments by the Manufacturers' Protective Association, the International Ladies' Garment Workers' Union ordered a strike of all its members in this city. It is estimated the order will affect 2,000 shops and 90,000 members.

Methodists For Peace.

Saratoga Springs, N. Y.—Assurances that Methodists of the United States were in sympathy with President Wilson's efforts to keep the United States from becoming involved in the European war was voiced here by Bishop Earl Cranston of Washington.

VILLISTAS MAKE 3 RAIDS OVER BORDER

BOQUILLAS ALSO RAIDED, PROBABLY BY SAME BAND—MERCHANT CARRIED OFF.

BANDITS LOOT THE TOWN

Three American Troopers Wounded at Glen Springs—One Civilian Missing—New Expedition Will Start From El Paso For Bandits.

Marathon, Texas.—The Columbus raid was repeated by former Carranzista soldiers at Glen Springs, 85 miles south of Marathon, Texas, and 40 miles north of the border. Three members of Troop A, Fourth-cavalry cavalry, and one civilian boy are known to have been killed. Three members of Troop A, which constituted the remainder of the cavalry detachment, were wounded.

A number of American civilians are said to be missing from the district. Practically the same band of Mexicans appeared at the store of J. Deemer, which is the source of supplies for a small mining settlement 25 miles to the north. The store was looted. Deemer and his clerk, L. McCoy, were made prisoners and carried back towards the border. They are both reported to have been killed.

The raiders appeared again at Boquillas, on the American side of the border, 18 miles north of the Mexican town of Boquillas del Carmen. The seven employees of the International Mines Company sought refuge in the mine tunnels and were defending themselves against great odds when last heard from.

The first report of the raids reached Maj. Gen. Funston at El Paso through the representatives of the International Mines Company. An effort to get details was immediately started and later a complete report was received from John P. Denny, manager of the mines company.

This stated that the three dead soldiers and the one dead civilian boy had been brought to Marathon on a motor truck by two of the troopers who had been mortally wounded themselves. The soldiers killed were Privates Cohen, Coloe and Rodgers.

Within an hour after the receipt of the report from Denny, Gen. Funston, with the approval of Gen. Hugh L. Scott, issued order for a new expedition to start from El Paso. The train got away at 6 p. m. It carried Troops A and B of the Eighth Cavalry, commanded by Maj. George T. Langhorne, Capt. George W. Kirkpatrick and Capt. James C. Rhea.

Gen. Funston has issued orders that the Mexicans responsible for the raid must be captured or killed. No official statement has been given out, but it is known Col. Sibley's orders do not contemplate that he end the pursuit when the border is reached.

The circumstances of this raid have already nullified any possible effect the tentative agreement made between Gen. Hugh L. Scott and Mexican Minister of War Obregon could have on the situation.

Not Room For All G. O. P.

Chicago.—Twenty-five thousand applications for tickets to the Republican national convention here June 7 have already been received, but not more than 10,000 can be granted.

CONFEREES ON ARMY MEASURE DISAGREE

VOLUNTEER RESERVE AND NITRATE PLANT WERE THE OBSTACLES.

Washington.—Conferees on the army reorganization bill disagreed on several important features of the measure and adjourned until matters in disagreement can be taken up in the House. The rocks on which the committee broke were the federal volunteer army reserve and the \$15,000,000 government nitrate plant amendments adopted by the Senate.

Notwithstanding the disagreement, Senator Chamberlain, chairman of the Senate conferees, said he had hopes that a good bill eventually would be worked out.

"The House conferees would not yield to the Senate provisions for the volunteer army or the government nitrate plant," said the senator. "There are a number of minor points in the bill also which are in disagreement. But the main points seemed thus far to be the only irreconcilable features."

Representative Hay has promised to return the nitrate plant amendment to the House for further instructions. He daily stated, however, that the House would not accept the volunteer army and the Senate conferees would not meet again until an effort is made to get further instructions from the House. We do not expect to take up the disputed points in the Senate at this time because our conferees are unanimous and the Senate has already passed on the subjects in controversy.

Record at Copper Mines.

Washington.—Stimulated by the enormous war demand copper production last year in the United States passed the 2,000,000,000 pound mark for the first time in the history of the industry. The total value of the 1915 smelter output of primary copper was \$242,900,000, an increase of \$90,000,000 over 1914.

For a Citizenship Day.

Nashville, Tenn.—The College of Bishops of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, set aside July 2 as citizenship day, when ministers of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, set aside July 2 as citizenship day, when ministers of the denomination are expected to deliver appropriate sermons.

Police Protect Workers.

Chicago.—The first serious trouble since the strike of 5,000 employees of the International Harvester Company began, occurred when police were called to protect workers from strikers. Five hundred strikers were loitering in the neighborhood when the plant closed.

Funston To Stop Arms.

Washington.—Special orders have been sent to General Funston by Secretary Baker instructing him to take military precautions to prevent ammunition and arms from reaching any but authorities of the Carranza government.

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