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CALCASIEU ROADS TO BE IMPROVED

MORE THAN \$100,000 TO BE EXPENDED BY STATE AND PARISH.

ROADS ARE BEING ADVERTISED

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Lake Charles.—Representatives from the state highway department were at Lake Charles to go over the Sabine swamp road, on which more than \$100,000 will be expended by the state and parish. A thirty-mile highway is planned, of which the state has promised to contribute \$30,000.

Bids are being advertised by the police jury on three short sections of highway, and at a meeting on the twenty-third of the month it is hoped to have things in readiness to advertise the traveling contract on two important highways—the road from Lake Charles to Hayes and the highway from Sulphur to DeQuincy. The contract for the gravel, which is to be purchased by the parish, will be let at the same meeting, and the gravel will be supplied to the contractors.

Work on the other highways to be built under the second \$200,000 bond issue recently voted will be pushed as far as practicable. Surveys will be made on the lake front drive in this city. It will end along the lake front from Alvin to Gill street and cost \$60,000. A thirty-foot driveway is planned, with concrete bridges over Pitkin levee and Griffith's coulee.

The Lake Charles Cooperaage Company has been organized with a capital stock of \$15,000 to take over the property of the Lake Charles Vener Company at the Lake Charles Northern bridge, two miles north of the city. The plant will continue manufacture barrel heads and similar products. Stockholders in the new company are Frank S. Warren, Ralph Krause, W. H. Managan, C. B. Bates and B. M. Talbot.

BRIEF NEWS AND NOTES.

Alleging that the police jury of Natchitoches parish was without authority to receive the returns and promulgate the vote of a \$250,000 road bond election held on August 22, 1915, the firm of Stacy & Braun, of Toledo, Ohio, has brought suit in the United States District Court against the parish of Natchitoches for \$3,500. Bids for the bonds, the petitioners bid plus a premium of \$4,875, and certified checks amounting to \$3,500 accompanied the bid.

Keeping the game warden on the move seems to be the policy of the Game Commission; at least, the newly appointed warden, William Linn, of Crowley, states he is to be changed from parish to parish without advance knowledge where he will be placed; this way the hunters may be watched more closely.

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Superintendent Elmer Lyon of Slidell was elected a delegate to the National Association of Education convention to be held in Kansas City in February.

The Hammond committee met and called a primary election for municipal officers February 15. The election this year promises to be very keenly contested.

Former Governor Patterson of Tennessee spoke at Arcadia in the interest of national prohibition. Dr. Strouse, secretary of the Anti-Saloon League of America, also spoke.

An epidemic of whooping cough has caused the suspension of the Bonfouca school at Slidell. Forty pupils have the disease.

Work on plans for a new high school have started, and the architect and contractor are at Hornbeck.

Alleged several months ago by the postal authorities at New Orleans while they were en route from Central America to points in the United States, were destroyed by deputy United States Marshal Taylor.

The St. Tammany Parish School board has appointed Fred J. Heintz, of Slidell, trustee officer for the parish in the matter of looking after the enforcement of the compulsory education law.

The Board of Administrators of the Tulane Educational Fund entered suit against the city of New Orleans and several of its departments in connection with the donation of swamp land by Edward Wisner to the Tulane University and the departments of the city made defendants.

The petition relates that Edward Wisner donated certain lands in the parishes of St. John the Baptist, Lafourche and Jefferson aggregating 50,000 acres, and the donation was accepted by the city through Martin Behrman. Ten thousand acres of the land were donated to the city as trustee for Tulane University. Petitioner accepted the donation and in accordance with the act of donation, segregated and selected 10,000 acres thereof. Petitioner gave written notice to the city of its selection, and also to the Police Department, the Fire Department, the Charity Hospital, and the Board of School Directors, the other beneficiaries of the donation.

None of the other beneficiaries has made any selection of land, and the city of New Orleans has refused to make conveyance of the lands segregated. It is asked that the court recognize petitioner as the owner of the lands selected, subject to the terms of the donation.

Dr. J. G. Martin, first witness for the plaintiff, testified to the existence of typhoid fever in Lake Charles last winter, having treated a dozen cases. He also testified as to the technical aspects of the disease. The plaintiff alleges that she contracted typhoid fever through drinking polluted water furnished by the defendant corporation. A number of other damage suits based on similar allegations are pending. The typhoid fever outbreak of last winter resulted in more than 250 cases in Lake Charles. A number of outside physicians are here as expert witnesses for both sides.

The Caddo Oil and Refining Company, a newly organized company, filed a mortgage in the parish clerk's office at Shreveport in favor of the Commercial Trust Company of Philadelphia for \$10,000,000 to cover the purchase of nine local oil and refining companies, which it secured options on several weeks ago. The new company will begin at once to expend \$500,000 for improvements and developments of the properties, which include a large acreage in the fields of the Caddo and Red River districts.

Sherard Brisbane of New Orleans was appointed secretary of the Conservation Commission by President Alexander. Mr. Brisbane has been prominently mentioned for the post and his appointment caused no surprise. It is not only a recognition of his service in the campaign for state officers, but also for his political activity in the Third district in the congressional campaign, when he was assistant manager for Wade Martin, the Democratic nominee.

Assistant Attorney General Barrow filed a motion in the District Court to dismiss the suit of the Pierce Oil Company against the State Board of Appraisers on the ground that the board has been abolished. Judge Brunot sustained a similar motion which Mr. Barrow filed in the suit of the New Orleans-Kenner Railway Company against the board last week. The Pierce Oil Company is contesting the assessment of its private tank cars by the board.

The Parent-Teachers' Association of Hammond is waging war on the use of cigarettes and tobacco amongst boys attending school. The habit of smoking before and after school hours has become so prevalent that the association is seeking the co-operation of storekeepers by refusing to sell tobacco in any form to minors and especially those attending school.

The gravel roads in the First district of Ascension parish, extending from the Iberville line to a point about three miles below Donaldsonville on the river, and from Donaldsonville to the Assumption line on both sides of Bayou Lafourche, have been repaired with washed gravel and are now in good condition.

W. W. Adams, assessor of LaSalle parish and president of the Citizens' Bank at Jena, died from the effects of poison which he took by mistake. Mr. Adams was one of the most popular men in LaSalle parish.

Mayor Grouchy, Mr. Babin, L. J. Ricard, secretary of the Baton Rouge New Orleans Jefferson Highway Association; Joe Ramleres and Jacques Welsh appeared before the police jury of East Baton Rouge to urge the appropriation.

A negro was found frozen to death in Greenville, the colored section of town. Indications are that the man had overindulged in whiskey and went to sleep in the open. Dr. Smith, parish coroner, is coming from Amite to investigate.

A big deal was consummated at Crowley by the taking over of the Louisiana Irrigation and Mill Company's system of 260 miles of canal, capable of watering 80,000 acres, from the hands of the receiver, who has had control of the company's affairs for the past year.

A deal has been completed whereby the Louisiana Irrigation and Mill Co.'s system of 260 miles of canal at Crowley will be taken from the receiver's hands.

WHOLE BRIDGEHEAD AT NANESTI TAKEN

RUSSIANS SUFFERED SEVERELY RETREATING OVER THE SERETH BRIDGES.

THEY LOST 556 PRISONERS

In the Bend of Cerna, East of Paralovo, a German Reconnoitering Detachment Successfully Carried Out an Enterprise.

Berlin.—The entire bridgehead position at Nanesti, on the Sereth line in Northern Roumania, fell into Field Marshal von Mackensen's hands with the town, capture of which was reported, the war office announced. The Russians suffered severe losses in retreating across the Sereth bridges, and 556 prisoners were taken.

An attempted attack by the Russians in the Putna Valley, on the Western Moldavian front, was broken up and minor attacks elsewhere along this line were repulsed.

Only minor operations in the other war areas are reported in the official statement, which reads: "Western front: Aside from locally heavier artillery duels and successful patrol enterprises on our part, the day passed without important events.

"Eastern front: Front of Prince Leopold: East of Baranovich, German raiding detachments entered Russian trenches and brought back 17 prisoners.

"Front of Archduke Joseph: In the Eastern Carpathians a hostile attack on the Putna Valley road that had been planned was hindered in its developments by our efficiency artillery fire. Minor advances by the Russians were repulsed.

"Front of Field Marshal von Mackensen: Together with Nanesti, on January 19, the entire bridgehead there, still tenaciously defended by the Russians, fell into our hands. Pomeranians, Altmarians and West Pomeranians stormed several hostile lines which had strongly entrenched points of support. The town itself was taken in a violent struggle from house to house. The Russians, streaming back across the Sereth bridges, were caught by our outflanking batteries and machine guns and suffered severe losses. One officer, 555 men, two machine guns and four mine throwers fell into our hands.

"Macedonian front: In the bend of the Cerna, east of Paralovo, a German reconnoitering detachment successfully carried out an enterprise."

Right of Way To Walker.

Milwaukee, Wis.—A pedestrian has the right of way over an automobile in crossing a street, Circuit Judge Frank M. Fritz ruled in awarding Frank Klokow \$5,000 damages, the full amount asked, in the latter's suit against C. P. Harbaugh, for injuries sustained when Klokow was struck by the defendant's automobile.

Test Louisiana Dry Law.

Washington.—The appeal of J. S. Selsor of Oil City, La., from conviction of violating Louisiana's law prohibiting shipment of liquor into prohibition territory under a fictitious name, and designed to test the constitutionality of the statute, was filed in the Supreme Court.

Benson Next in Line.

Washington.—Admiral William Benson became ranking officer of the navy and probably will be designated to succeed Admiral Dewey as president of the General Board, retaining also his duties as chief naval operations. Admiral Benson was next in rank to Admiral Dewey.

Daniels Is Confirmed.

Washington.—The nomination of Winthrop M. Daniels of New Jersey to succeed himself as a member of the Interstate Commerce Commission, held up since December 20 by opposition of Progressive Republicans, was confirmed by the Senate, 42 to 15.

Promotion For Squeer.

Washington.—Lieut. Col. George O. Squeer of the army Signal Corps was nominated by President Wilson as chief signal officer, with the rank of brigadier general.

President Urges Speed.

Washington.—Speeding up of consideration of the legislative program was urged by President Wilson during a brief visit to the capitol.

\$30,000 Fire Loss.

Mankato, Minn.—The buildings in the business district were destroyed by fire here causing a \$30,000 loss.

Say Austrians Deported.

Berlin.—The Cuiogne Gazette publishes statements which it says have been made by Russian prisoners that all men between 15 and 40 in occupied Austrian territory have been deported to Russia.

Lassen Breaks Forth.

Montgomery Creek, Cal.—Lassen peak erupted with mighty force showering ashes over its snowy flanks and spouting a cloud of volcanic smoke that arched westward 125 miles.



LIEUTENANT PYETT. Lieutenant Pyett, the twenty-year-old English member of the flying corps, who wrecked a Zeppelin. He has received the coveted D. S. O. medal.

ENTENTE RESOLVE TO FIGHT TO END

GEN. MAURICE SAYS THAT ROME CONFERENCE WAS MOST SATISFACTORY.

London.—The recent conferences in Rome and London between entente civil and military leaders developed the utmost harmony and a determination to push the war to a conclusion satisfactory to the allies, according to the opinion expressed by Maj. Gen. F. B. Maurice, chief director of military operations at the War Office, to the Associated Press:

"Our enemies," said Gen. Maurice, "are fond of stating in their press that France has tired of the war, while hinting at a separate peace for Russia, but I can say confidently, as a result of the return of the delegation from Rome and of last week's conference in London with Gen. Nivelle, that these meetings were much more important in bringing victory nearer than any recent military events. The result of these conferences showed the allies heartily agreed in a determination not to accept an inconclusive peace and that they are as one in their determination to make a good job of it before they are ready to discuss terms.

"In the purely military realm our raids continue with increasing success and diminishing casualties to our attackers, who bring back as many prisoners as our total casualty list, thus putting the enemy's dead and wounded on the plus side of our ledger.

"The enemy's offensive in Roumania has been not only halted but pushed back a step. This result probably is due to Russian re-enforcements, but weather conditions may also have had a share in halting the Germans."

Arrest Cigarette Users.

Oklahoma City, Okla.—A law to make the smoking of a cigarette an arrestable offense was passed by a Committee of the Whole in the House of Representatives. If the bill becomes a law it will be unlawful to offer cigarettes for sale or give them away. Cigarette papers also are taboed.

Slides Again Stop Canal.

Panama.—Movements of earth 800 feet in length east of Culebra Slide and 1,000 feet north of Gold Hill have reduced the depth of the channel of the Panama canal at these points to 17 feet. Seven ships were delayed in passing through the canal.

Kills Her Five Children.

Gay, Colo.—Returning to his home, Brett Crozier, a farmer, residing near here, found the bodies of his five children lying in the house shot to death and his wife lying unconscious in a field nearby with a pistol in her hand.

Adamson Arguments In.

Washington.—Final arguments were heard by the Supreme Court in the case testing constitutionality of the Adamson act with members of the court continuing to display their extraordinary interest by frequent questioning of lawyers.

Burns Flag, Is Indicted.

New York.—Bourke White, pastor of the Church of Social Revolution, author and college graduate, was indicted with eight of his followers. They are charged with destroying an American flag last June in the yard of their church.

Bring Down 66 Planes.

Berlin.—Sixty-six airplanes of the entente powers were shot down on the various battle fronts in the month of December, says a German statement.

25,000 GUARDSMEN ARE ORDERED HOME

THIS WILL LEAVE MORE THAN 45,000 ON THE BORDER—SOUTHERN BOYS RETURN.

LONG SERVICE REWARDED

Some Arkansans and Louisianans Affected By Orders—War Department Withholds Comment on Report of Withdrawal of Troops.

Washington.—More than 25,000 national guardsmen now on the Mexican border have been designated by Maj. Gen. Funston for return home and muster out of the federal service, under the order issued by the War Department.

All these organizations will be started homeward as soon as transportation facilities can be provided. Their departure will leave between 45,000 and 50,000 men of the guard still in the federal service doing border patrol.

The guardsmen designated for return and muster out include:

Louisiana—First Battalion Field Artillery, Field Hospital No. 1.

South Carolina—Troop A, Cavalry, Company A Engineers, field hospital company.

Tennessee—Ambulance Company No. 1, Field Hospital No. 1.

Arkansas—First Infantry.

Kentucky—Second Infantry.

North Carolina—First Infantry.

War Department officials continue to withhold comment on reports, indicating that the movement of Gen. Pershing's regulars out of Mexico is under way, and the statement announcing the guardsmen designated for relief work does not connect these orders with the withdrawal plans in any way.

The understanding has been, however, that with the return of the expedition in Mexico and readjustment of the border patrol all of the state troops gradually would be sent home.

The department's statement said: "Gen. Funston has selected these organizations chiefly in accordance with the rule of returning first those troops longest in service on the border. To some extent, however, this rule could not be followed without unequal weakening of the border guard, and the departures from it are so explained. The total strength of the organizations selected is 25,243."

For Cody Monument.

Cleveland.—The memory of Col. William F. Cody (Buffalo Bill) is to be perpetuated through a movement inaugurated by Cleveland Boy Scouts. The organization will start the collection of contributions of 5 cents each from Cleveland children, the fund to be used to erect a monument at Colonel Cody's grave on the top of Look-out mountain in Colorado. It is hoped to make the movement nation-wide.

British Mills Profit.

Washington.—British cotton manufacturing concerns made money in 1916, despite increasing labor costs, decreased production and a continual rise in the price of cotton. Dispatches to the Department of Commerce say that 140 companies made an average profit of more than 10 per cent and paid out about \$2,000,000 in dividends.

To Permit Combines.

Washington.—Legislation to permit industrial combinations under supervision of the Federal Trade Commission where necessary to conserve natural resources has been endorsed by a large majority of the member organizations of the Chamber of Commerce of the United States.

Old Age Pension Bill.

Washington.—Every American citizen over 65, who is incapable of manual labor and whose annual income is less than \$200, would get a pension of \$2 a week, under a bill before the House Pension Committee. Representative Sherwood of Ohio is the author.

Another Anti-Alien Bill.

Salem, Ore.—An anti-alien bill patterned after California's anti-alien land ownership law which at the time of its passage threatened to involve the United States in complications with Japan, was introduced in the Oregon state Senate.

For a Day of Protest.

New York.—The New York Churchmen's Association adopted a resolution calling upon all churches, labor unions, lodges and other organizations to observe Washington's birthday as a day of protest against the deportation of Belgian workmen.

Curt With the Neutrals.

London.—The reply of the entente to the Swiss and Scandinavian notes endorsing President Wilson's inquiry of the belligerents regarding their war aims will be limited to a brief and formal acknowledgment.

El Paso—Before an audience of soldiers and officers from the Ohio regiments from the border, Mm. Ernestine Schumann-Heink sang a number of her favorite songs at Camp Pershing.

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