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They have regarded the smaller states, in particular, and the peoples who could be overwhelmed by force, as their natural tools and instruments of domination. Their purpose has long been avowed.

The demands made by Austria upon Serbia were a mere single step in a plan which compassed Europe and Asia, from Berlin to Bagdad. They hoped those demands might not arouse Europe, but they meant to press them whether they did or not, for they thought themselves ready for the final issue of arms.

Vast Empire Planned. Their plan was to throw a broad belt of German military power and political control across the very center of Europe and beyond the Mediterranean into the heart of Asia; and Austria-Hungary was to be, as much their tool and pawn as Serbia or Bulgaria or Turkey or the ponderous states of the East.

The dream had its heart at Berlin. It could have had a heart nowhere else! It rejected the idea of solidarity of race entirely. The choice of peoples played no part in it at all. They apparently desired to direct their own affairs, would be satisfied only by undisputed independence. They could be kept quiet only by the presence or the constant threat of armed men. The German military statesmen had reckoned with all that and were ready to deal with it in their own way.

And they have actually carried the greater part of that amazing plan into execution! Look how things stand. Austria is at their mercy. It has acted, not upon its own initiative or upon the choice of its own people, but at Berlin's dictation ever since the war began. Its people now desire peace, but cannot have it until leave is granted from Berlin. The so-called central powers are in fact but a single power. Serbia is at its mercy, should its hands be but for a moment freed. From Hamburg to the Persian gulf the net is spread.

Why Berlin Seeks Peace. Is it not easy to understand the eagerness for peace that has been manifested from Berlin ever since the snare was set and sprung? Peace, peace, peace has been the talk of her foreign office for now a year and more; not peace upon her own initiative, but upon the initiative of the nations over which she now deems herself to hold the advantage. Through all sorts of channels it has come to me, and in all sorts of guises, but never with the terms disclosed which the German government would be willing to accept. That government still holds a valuable part of France, though with slowly relaxing grasp, and practically the whole of Belgium. It cannot go further; it dare not go back. It wishes to close its bargain before it is too late and it has little left to offer for the pound of flesh it will demand.

The military masters under whom Germany is bleeding very clearly to what point Fate has brought them. If they fall back or are forced back an inch, their power both abroad and at home will fall to pieces like a house of cards. If they can secure peace now with the immense advantages still in their hands which they have up to this point apparently gained, they will have justified themselves before the German people; they will have gained by force what they promised to gain by it: an immense expansion of German power, an immense enlargement of German industrial and commercial opportunities. If they fail, their people will thrust them aside; a government accountable to the people themselves will be set up in Germany as it has been in England, in the United States, in France, and in all the great countries of the modern time except Germany. If they succeed they are safe and Germany and the world are undone; if they fail Germany is saved and the world will be at peace. If they succeed, we and all the rest of the world must remain armed, as they will remain, and must make ready for the next step of aggression; if they fail, the world may unite for peace, and Germany may be of the union.

Seek to Deceive World. The present particular aim of the masters of Germany is to deceive all those who throughout the world stand for the rights of peoples and the self-government of nations; for they see what immense strength the forces of justice and of liberalism are gathering out of this war.

The sinister intrigue is being no less actively conducted in this country than in Russia and in every country in Europe to which the agents and dupes of the imperial German government can get access.

United States in War for Freedom. The great fact that stands out above all the rest is that this is a People's war, a war for freedom and justice and self-government amongst all the nations of the world, a war to make the world safe for the peoples who live in it and have made it their own. The German people themselves included; and that with us rests the choice to break through all these hypocrisies and patent cheats and masks of brute force and help set the world free, or else stand aside and let it be dominated a long age through by sheer weight of arms and the arbitrary choices of self-constituted masters, by the nation which can maintain the biggest armies and the most irresistible armaments—a power to which the world has afforded no parallel and in the face of which political freedom must wither and perish.

For us there is but one choice. We have made it. We be to the man or group of men that seeks to stand in our way in this day of high resolution when every principle we hold dearest is to be vindicated and made secure for the salvation of the nations. We are ready to plead at the bar of history, and our flag shall wear a new luster.

Louisiana Registers 157,827; 61,102 Claim Exemption

Vernon Reports and Several Corrections Made by Parishes Already Reporting—Availables Include 32,097 White Men and 29,005 Negroes.

Baton Rouge, La.—With the receipt of Vernon's report and of several corrections by parishes that already had reported, the figures, by parishes, of the total registration for selective draft, now are complete. The total registration is 157,827, and of this number 22,697 white men and 29,005 negroes are available for service, having indicated no exemptions when they registered. The total number of availables is 61,102.

Full and corrected tabulation follows:

Table with columns: Parish, Available, White, Negro. Lists parishes like Acadia, Allen, Ascension, etc., with their respective counts.

State totals 157,827 32,097 29,005

STATE PARAGRAPHS.

Fire originating in the dry kiln of the Weaver-Hearne Lumber Company at Couchwood, destroyed the kiln and several thousand feet of clear lumber. The loss is estimated at \$2,000 to \$3,000, partially covered by insurance.

A fair for the benefit of the Girls' Parochial School at Plattenville was given at Plattenville last Saturday and Sunday. A fair was also given on same dates at Grand Bayou in the interest of the Grand Bayou School.

The pumping plant on the river baturo in front of R. E. Noel's McManor plantation, about three miles above Donaldsonville, was destroyed by fire, entailing the loss of a crude oil engine and several barrels of oil.

Superintendent Harrington of the Kenilworth Sugar Factory and paper mill at Braithwaite, reports both factories in full operation with more than 300 at work and working overtime in filling orders.

Two men are in the Shreveport jail and ten more arrests are expected to follow the activities of federal agents for the Western district of Louisiana in bringing to justice those who willfully failed to register.

The taxpayers of St. John parish by a solid vote authorized the parish police jury to incur an indebtedness of \$180,000 and issue bonds for the amount, which is to be used to gravel the roads of St. John.

Work on the new brick high school building at Hornbeck is being pushed to completion. Part of the foundation for the brick bank building has been laid and work will be prosecuted as rapidly as possible.

A class of 537, including a man of 73 years of age, was confirmed by Bishop Laval at Lake Charles on his visit to Cameron parish. Four new chapels built during the year were blessed by the bishop.

The village of Folsom, after having been inactive for some time in the management of its affairs, due to some legal oversights, has organized and municipal affairs will now receive prompt attention.

The following Lake Charles boys have enlisted in the navy: George Pipes, Percy Green, Henry Bordelon, Charles Keller, Sylvester Lebanc, George Hebert, Elias Guillery and Pete Dale.

Hog cholera has developed near Natchitoches, Robeline, Bellwood, Chestnut and Goldonna. Farm Demonstration Agent J. W. Bateman is busy inoculating hogs against the scourge.

The Natchitoches police jury has granted the Black Lake Lumber and Shingle Company the right to construct a dam, twelve inches above the present low water mark, across Black lake.

The Natchitoches Commercial Association held a banquet and public speaking at the Lecompte Hotel in honor of the Jefferson Highway party, which reached there on their return trip.

Work in the oil field on the Lower Coast near Pointe a la Hache is progressing well. On the Oak Point place the derrick and drilling outfit has been placed and a test will be made.

Owing to salt water in Vermilion river, pumping at Hunter's canal has been stopped, and unless rain falls soon, 40,000 acres of rice in Vermilion and other parishes will be lost.

Dr. E. P. Spackman of Alexandria, federal agent in charge of cattle dipping in Rapides parish, announces that during May there were 31,374 head of cattle dipped in the parish.

Angers & Mestayer of New Iberia are building a dredgeboat for the First Ward Drainage Board at Lafayette and expect to begin cutting a ten-mile canal within two weeks.

The Ouachita Natural Gas and Oil Company, Inc., which owns the gas franchise in Monroe, has amended its charter increasing the capital stock from \$100,000 to \$200,000.

Ansil N. Simmons of Napoleonville has been appointed by Governor Pleasant a member of the town council to succeed Judge Philip H. Gilbert, resigned.

When a mad dog ran through the streets at Mia biting several other dogs, armed men followed and killed all the dogs affected.

The feast of Corpus Christi was celebrated at Grand Coteau at the Sacred Heart Church.

Returns from all precincts in Acadia parish show the registration was 2,237 whites, 569 colored, a total of 2,809. Crowley enrolled 476 white and 45 colored.

Vicksburg Boiler & Iron Works advertisement. Manufacturers of Boilers, Smokestacks, Breechings and Tanks. Includes contact info for Neil Calleahan and William McLean.

PAY BY CHECK advertisement. Have your money in our bank and pay your bills with checks. Why? 1st. It is convenient. 2d. It avoids keeping receipts. 3d. It pleases the receiver. 4th. It requires no change. 5th. It gives you a business air. 6th. It establishes a credit. 7th. It gives you a financial standing.

W. A. Gilpin advertisement. Dealer in STAPLE AND FANCY GROCERIES. Headquarters for Good Things to Eat. Phone No. 21, No. 53 Depot St.

P. C. Pressing Club advertisement. Send clothes for Pressing, Scrubbing, Mending. 'We Give You Service'. R. P. Gaines, Proprietor.

THE SOUTH'S GREATEST SCHOOL OF BUSINESS. SOULE COLLEGE. NEW ORLEANS, LA. Includes 'Your Boy and Girl' logo.

You Don't Need a Town Crier advertisement. To emphasize the merits of your business or announce your special sales. A straight story told in a straight way to the readers of this paper will quickly reach the ears of the thoughtful, intelligent buying public.

STORE NEWS advertisement. That is your advertisement. GET MARRIED. ANY TIME. Includes 'Dollars That Ring' logo.

SPECIAL SESSION ASKED IN PETITION

STATE SENATOR STAFFORD IS HEAD OF ORGANIZATION—COL. DUFOR URGES ACTION.

Baton Rouge.— Gathering in the Senate chamber at the capitol for the purpose of influencing a modification of the widow's dower provision of Article 3252 of the Civil Code so as to enable the Federal Farm Loan Bank to lend its low-rate money to Louisiana farmers, more than sixty representatives of the various national farm loan associations in the state and many other interested persons displayed a unanimity of opinion in favor of such amendment, effected formal and permanent organization and petitioned Governor Pleasant to call the proposed special session of the General Assembly for the modification in question. The question of repeal is to be left for the 1918 regular session to settle.

The petition addressed to the governor, asking him to call the special session "for the purpose of enacting such legislation as to exempt the Federal Farm Loan Bank and kindred institutions, federal and state, from the provision of Article 3252 and other kindred articles, leaving the question of repeal to the regular session of 1918" passed unanimously. Resolutions of appreciation to the governor, for his participation in the deliberations, were then passed. Asked later if he now had any announcement to make regarding the extra session, Governor Pleasant said he had none.

Permanent organization was effected, State Senator E. M. Stafford being unanimously elected president. It was decided that there should be eight vice presidents, one for each congressional district in the state. Accepting the chair, Senator Stafford said: "If we can get all this money into the state as is promised by this system, every article of the Civil Code should be repealed if necessary."

Last Thursday was "wool day" at Folsom. 14,424 pounds being sold for 56.5 per pound.

The committee charged with the duty of awarding a contract for the construction of fifteen miles of gravel road in Rapides road district, for which bonds to the amount of \$60,000 were voted by the taxpayers last fall, has rejected the bids which were submitted by A. J. Gallely and Smith Bros. as being unsatisfactory, and decided to readvertise for bids to be received at a later date.

Red Cross tag day at Lake Charles netted \$638.70.

ORDERS TWO DAYS' FREE TIME GIVEN

TWO DOLLARS FOR EACH OF FIRST FIVE DAYS AND THEN \$5 DEMURRAGE SCALE.

Baton Rouge.— The Railroad Commission of Louisiana gave out orders in the case of the proposed readjustment of demurrage charges by the Western Demurrage and Storage Bureau and in the case of the citizens of Fluker against the Illinois Central railroad, in the matter of a depot at Fluker.

In the demurrage case, it was ordered that the railroads operating in Louisiana file with the commission new tariffs and schedules of rates, rules and regulations covering demurrage on cars engaged in intrastate commerce in this state, effective June 10, 1917, provided (1) such tariffs shall make no change in the present effective form of the weather rule or average agreement and (2) such tariffs shall provide for two days free time, exclusive of Sundays and legal holidays, and the following rates of demurrage after the expiration of free time: \$2 for each of the first five days and \$5 for the sixth and succeeding days. The order further stipulates that track storage charges shall remain in effect as at present, except where the demurrage rate is \$5 per day.

"As stated in our previous order," the present order reads, in part, "uniformity in the demurrage charges and regulations applicable to both intrastate and interstate service is as undesirable and discriminatory as the reverse of the proposition."

In the Fluker case the railroad is ordered, within six months, to construct and maintain at Fluker a standard combination freight and passenger depot.

A flag-raising and patriotic demonstration was held at Ama by Endurance Lodge No. 71, Knights of Pythias.

The total registration of Winn parish was 1,473. About 350 of this number are negroes.

U. A. Ball and Homer Kirkwood returned to Lake Charles from Fort Log H. Roots, having been discharged.

The Lafayette police jury of Lafayette made provision for an assistant demonstration agent for Lafayette parish, to aid Agent J. A. Anders, whose duties have become too numerous for one man. The jury will pay \$200 a year, the school board \$200 and the government \$800. The sum of \$200 was donated to the New Orleans Charity Hospital.