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CATTLEMEN HOLD SUCCESSFUL MEET

FINAL SESSION OF SOUTHERN ASSOCIATION CLOSURES WITH RECORD ATTENDANCE.

KANSAS MEN GET HONORS

John Eldredge Elected President, Dr. R. M. Gow Will Continue as Secretary—Governor Brough Feature on Program.

New Orleans—

The Southern Cattlemen's Association held its final session of the seventh annual meeting, with a record-breaking attendance, having increased membership from 25, seven years ago, to approximately 1,200 at the present time.

Arkansas was signally honored in the unanimous selection of John Eldredge of Gregory as president and Senator Lee Cazort of Lamar as one of the vice presidents.

Dr. R. M. Gow of Little Rock will continue as secretary, although formal election was deferred, pending reorganization plans that will be adopted at the Montgomery convention.

The program was featured by an address by Governor Brough of Arkansas, who received a tremendous ovation. He spoke on the topic, "The Agricultural Development and Significance of the South."

Congress and the United States Shipping Board were urged in resolutions adopted to establish lines of American steel steamships under control of American citizens to ply between gulf and south Atlantic and foreign ports.

Another resolution opposed opening United States ports to cattle from any country infested with cattle ticks, foot and mouth diseases or any other live stock plague.

The convention formally adjourned after selection of Montgomery, Ala., as the 1920 convention city.

Employees of the Bureau of Animal Industry of the Department of Agriculture engaged in eradication of the cattle fever tick in 10 Southern states ended their three-day conference here, running concurrently with the cattlemen's convention, with the adoption of a resolution pledging themselves to "make 1919 the worst year for the tick."

The conferences were held in connection with the Southern cattlemen's convention.

TOLD IN A FEW LINES.

A vote by the police jury of the parish of Iberville, it was decided to call an election for March 15 for the purpose of passing on a five mill tax for the resurfacing of the present gravel roads and the construction of other necessary roads at a cost of \$350,000.

Citizens of the Ninth Ward report that section of Caldwell parish has become so infested with wolves that the raising of sheep and hogs is beyond the range of possibility; the wolves even go into pastures and devour pigs and lambs.

Remains of forty-eight soldiers and nurses who fell in action, or who died as the result of wounds received in action have been presented to the credentials committee for the memorial live oak grove to be planted in Audubon Park, New Orleans.

The farmers in Washington parish are holding their cotton for better prices. One farmer who brought cotton to market carried the cotton back home on account of the price not being satisfactory.

Baton Rouge has been awarded through rail and water rates from the North on all rail shipments by the waterways division of the Railroad Administration. E. B. Tucker, traffic manager of the Chamber of Commerce, announced.

The police jury of Washington parish awarded the \$500,000 good roads five per cent bonds to the Hibernia Bank and Trust Company of New Orleans, their bid being par and accrued interest and a premium of \$2,700.

Mr. and Mrs. Sigmund Keiffer of New Orleans celebrated the golden anniversary of their wedding at the home of their nephew and niece, Mr. and Mrs. F. B. Lemann, in Donaldsonville.

Letters from Shreveport, Monroe, Natchez and cities in all of the Southern States show that the people are backing the cotton reduction movement. These letters also call on the people of the South to stand solidly behind these aims to protect cotton producers' and allied interests from the machinations of the manufacturers of this country and Europe.

The Louisiana State Highway Department, which has occupied rooms 104 and 106 New Court building, since February, 1911, has moved. It now has rooms 736, 738 and 740 Audubon building. In the new quarters the department will enjoy more space than afforded by those vacated. The latter rooms will revert to the recorder of conveyances.

Blue lodges of the Masonic order in Louisiana now have a membership of 20,500, according to the report of Grand Secretary John A. Davilla of the Grand Lodge of Louisiana. Free and Accepted Masons, which concluded its annual session of three days in New Orleans. The number of Blue Lodge Masons in New Orleans is 5,500.

Plans for the fourth annual convention of the Southern Pine Association at New Orleans February 25 and 26 were made public by J. E. Rhodes, secretary-manager. The convention will concern itself primarily with the after-war construction program, which is expected to entail tremendous demands on the industry both at home and abroad.

Despite the loss of virtually four months due to influenza, the Masons made a net gain of 1,200 members during 1918, of which 350 members were initiated in the New Orleans lodges. Nine new lodges, four of them New Orleans lodges, were organized under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge during the year.

Superintendent A. C. Lewis, treasurer of the Tangipahoa parish school funds, reports receipts during the quarter of \$29,869.35, which, with the balance of \$16,822 on hand at the commencement of the quarter made \$46,691.35 available for school purposes.

J. E. Wallace and other citizens of the Verda community propose to utilize the Jefferson Highway as part of R. F. D. No. 2 out of the town of Montgomery. This is the first move made in Louisiana to take advantage of Congress in creating the Jefferson Highway into a post road.

Plans for the keeping of the war records of Louisianians who served in the nation's armed forces are now being formulated by the State Council of Defense. The council expects to make use of the newspapers to obtain information about men who served in the army and the navy.

Colonel Frank P. Stubbs was the guest of honor at a banquet given by the Monroe Bar Association. It was arranged for the purpose of honoring a member of the legal profession who has rendered valuable service to his country at the sacrifice of his own interests.

The Board of Liquidation of New Orleans and the State Board of Affairs are crossing swords owing to tax assessment rolls of New Orleans not being received early enough to assure collection of taxes in time for the city to pay the interest on its bonded debt when due.

At the mass meeting of planters, business men and others interested in the cotton situation, held in West Monroe, a resolution was unanimously adopted that every planter would reduce his cotton acreage the coming season by at least one-third and more than that.

Louisiana passed the fifty per cent mark and entered among the first ten in the race among the states for completing the work of the draft boards. It was announced at the office of the adjutant general.

Professor Albert Campbell Holt, of Tusculum College, Tenn., will take charge of the history classes at Louisiana State University during the summer session.

A party of men representing the Interstate Commerce Commission recently spent several days at Opelousas taking the valuation of the railroad lines entering this city.

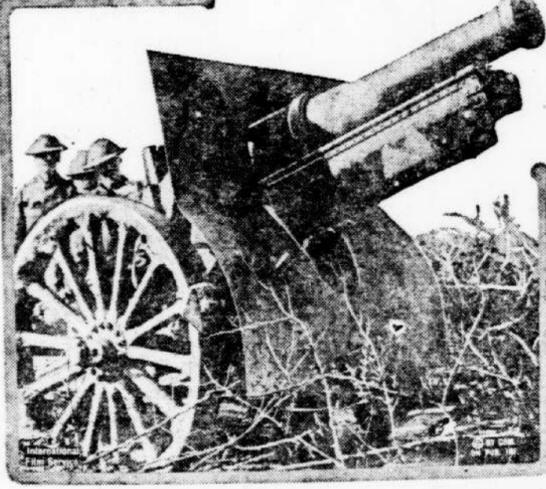
E. L. Kidd of Ruston was reappointed a member of the State Board of Education by Governor Pleasant. Mr. Kidd has been a member of the board for the past four years.

Statistical data of value and interest to operators in the Caddo and other fields will be kept on hand for all visiting and Shreveport oil men.

E. R. Jones is the only new official elected by the Shreveport Chamber of Commerce. The following officers were re-elected: P. T. White, president; M. L. Bath, vice president; J. C. Trichel, treasurer, and George W. Thomas, secretary.

O. M. Wright, formerly president of the Ruston State Bank and more recently chief inspector for the Board of State Affairs, has been appointed secretary to the governor to succeed the late John Marshall.

GUN THAT FIRED LAST SHOT IN THE WAR



This is the gun that, it is claimed, fired the last shot of the world war. It is an American heavy field piece, and the boys who handled it named it "Calamity Jane."

MAY BE TROUBLE IN THE ORIENT

JAPAN THREATENS CHINA IF NATION DISCLOSES SECRET TREATIES.

Washington.—Japan's attitude toward China in the peace conference is causing grave apprehension among the representatives of the other associated powers. According to official diplomatic information reaching here, Japan virtually has threatened war if China makes public secret treaties between the two countries and fails to carry out an agreement to make Japan the successor of Germany in rights, property and concessions held by Germany at the outbreak of the European war.

China is relying on the peace conference, where her delegates are said to have made an excellent impression, and is seeking support from the United States and Great Britain.

Advices from the Orient through diplomatic channels say American Minister Reisch at Peking, seeking to reassure the Chinese foreign minister with statements of friendship of the United States government, was told frankly that the foreign minister did not see how at this time the United States or Great Britain could divert their attention to the Orient when the European situation demanded so much attention.

When the Chinese peace delegates arrived in Paris, the information now available discloses, they reported that their copies of the secret treaties were stolen from their baggage while they were passing through Japan and consequently they were unable to carry out their purpose of making them public at the conference.

Officials of the State Department declined to make any formal comment on the situation. The impression was given that the whole matter was being handled in Paris.

Arrested For Violating New Law.

Portland, Ore.—Harlan Talbot, secretary of the Oregon Socialist party, and four other men were arrested, charged with violation of the newly enacted state criminal syndicalism bill by the distribution of seditious literature. It was alleged that they had been circulating copies of the Western Socialist.

Woman Suffrage Defeated.

Washington.—By a margin of one vote, equal suffrage met its fourth defeat in the Senate. No further action at this session is possible, but advocates announced that the now nearly half-century old campaign for submission of the Susan B. Anthony constitutional amendment to the states would be renewed when the Sixty-sixth Congress convenes.

Says Reduction Would Be Bad.

Washington.—Any disposition of the railroad problems that would result in lowering wages would threaten national disaster, said A. B. Garretson, president of the Order of Railway Conductors, before the Senate Interstate Commerce Commission.

House Passes Deficiency Bill.

Washington.—The House bill providing for a reduction of \$15,000,000 in war appropriations and contract authorization, and making deficiency appropriations of \$295,000,000, was passed by the Senate without a record vote.

King George Urges Reforms.

London.—King George, in opening the new Parliament, urged quick and decisive action on reconstruction measures and asked Parliament to "spare no effort in healing the causes of the existing unrest."

Gas Restrictions Still On.

Washington.—The fuel administration's gas regulations were not canceled by the order suspending price and other restrictions on coal and coke, effective February 1.

LEAGUE PLAN IS REPORTED READY

IS CONSIDERED AS PRACTICALLY APPROVED BY ALL MEMBERS OF SPECIAL COMMISSION.

Paris.—The plan for a League of Nations, which may now be considered as practically approved by all the members of the special commission, provides for a small body of representatives of the great and small countries which will govern the Society of Nations, meeting every two or three months in a place that will be internationalized. The meeting place was not indicated, but during the discussion members of the commission spoke of Constantinople or some island.

Each country will provide a list of experts in international law from which body will be chosen arbitrators when disputes between nations are submitted for settlement.

If the country which the decision of the arbitrators places in the wrong does not accept the ruling of the arbitrators and has recourse in arms, not only the forces of the other contending party in the dispute, but the forces of all members of the Society of Nations in a position to help will take up arms against it.

The covenant establishing the rules of the Society of Nations does not make it compulsory for all the contracting parties to go to war to help one of their associates.

Georgia Safe and Sane Day.

Atlanta, Ga.—Acting on the request of the cotton holding meeting held in Macon, February 6, Governor Hugh Dorsey has issued a proclamation setting aside February 15 as "safe and sane day" and calling upon farmers to meet in the various counties of the state, appoint working committees and pledge planters to reduce the cotton acreage for 1919, 33 1/3 per cent.

Would Revise Penalties.

Washington.—Instances of severe sentences imposed by courts martial upon soldiers found guilty of minor offenses were rectified before the Senate Military Committee by Brig. Gen. Samuel T. Ansell, acting judge advocate general, who appeared to urge enactment of a law authorizing reviews of court-martial sentences by the judge advocate.

British To Have Large Claim.

London.—The British delegates at the peace conference have been definitely instructed to claim an indemnity which will include the cost of the war as well as the damage actually caused. It was announced in the House of Commons by Andrew Bonar Law, government leader in the commons, in reply to a question.

Sailor Is Heir To \$4,000,000.

Chicago.—Daniel H. Tolman, 18 years old, apprentice seaman at Great Lakes naval training station, has been identified as missing heir to the fortune of Daniel H. Tolman, millionaire loan agent, who died a year ago. The Red Cross is helping the blue-jacket in his fight for a fortune estimated at \$4,000,000.

Against Unauthorized Insignia.

Washington.—Continuing its effort to check the sale of unauthorized insignia and decorations to returning troops, the War Department is sued orders forbidding post exchanges to handle any but officially sanctioned devices for military uniforms.

Mine Operators Reducing Wages.

Globe, Ariz.—A reduction of 7 cents a day in the wages of employees in the copper mines, mills and smelters in the Globe-Miami district, is announced by the Inspiration Consolidated Copper Company.

Strike Oil in England.

London.—American drillers, working for the government, have struck oil in a well near Birmingham, Derbyshire. No announcement is made as to the extent of the flow.

PRESIDENT WILSON ON JOURNEY HOME

SPENDS DAY RESTING FROM STRENUOUS LABORS OF PEACE CONFERENCE.

NAMES A NEW AMBASSADOR

To Speak in Boston On Arrival—Escorted By Battleship and Destroyers—To France Again Soon.

On Board the U. S. George Washington (By wireless)—President Wilson spent the first day of his return trip to America resting from his strenuous exertions which marked his last few days in Paris, except for announcing the appointment of Hugh C. Wallace of Seattle as American ambassador to France and the dispatching of telegrams arranging for brief ceremonies in connection with the speech he expects to make at Boston on February 25.

The steamer is heading for the southern route in fair weather. The escorting French warships signaled farewell soon after leaving Brest, and the United States dreadnought New Mexico and several destroyers will be the escort of the George Washington until the Azores are reached. At the Azores the ship will be met by numerous American destroyers and conveyed home.

Despite the hard work which he will engage in during his brief stay in the United States, the president is already planning to begin his return journey to France immediately after the adjournment of Congress. It is expected that he will select a successor to Thomas W. Gregory in the attorney generalship of the United States before the ship reaches home waters.

Big Fire Loss in Savannah.

Savannah, Ga.—Fed by large quantities of rosin and turpentine, fire destroyed the plant of the Southern Fertilizer and Chemical Company and burned a swath three city blocks long and about 200 feet wide through the terminals of the Seaboard Air Line railroad on Hutchinson Island with a loss estimated in millions of dollars.

Peace Committee To Meet.

Paris.—The procedure to be followed by the sub-commissions on responsibility for the war was discussed at the Department of the Interior. The sub-commissions are three in number. One will investigate the "criminal facts," another responsibility for the war, and the third violations of the laws of war.

Wireless Craft a Success.

Washington.—Army and navy experts have reported the device of John Hays Hammond, Jr., for radio control of surface craft to be sent laden with explosives against enemy ships, a success and predict similar results with submerged craft showing above water only wireless antennae.

Ambassador Sharp Resigns.

Washington.—President Wilson has accepted the resignation of William Graves Sharp as ambassador to France, to take effect when a successor qualifies. This was revealed by correspondence between the president and the ambassador, made public at the White House, without comment.

To Procure Names of Army Officers.

Washington.—Senator Chamberlain announced in the Senate that the Military Committee will obtain from the War Department the names of army officers who in court-martial proceedings have imposed extreme penalties upon soldiers for trivial offenses.

Paris To London By Air.

London.—The British Air Ministry announces that the British service machine made a record flight between Paris and London, covering the distance in one hour and 50 minutes.

U. S. Asked To Send Delegates.

Washington.—The United States has been invited through the Uruguayan legation to send delegates to the second pan-American congress for the welfare of the child, to be held at Montevideo.

Cotton Consumption Announced.

Washington.—Cotton consumed during January aggregated 556,721 running bales of lint and 7,139 bales of linters, the census bureau announced.

Corporations To Be Allowed Again.

Austin, Tex.—Foreign corporations ousted from Texas five years ago under anti-trust legislation are permitted to resume business in the state a bill being passed finally in the Senate. A similar measure has been passed in the House.

Revolution in Roumania.

Berlin.—A general insurrection is in progress throughout Roumania, according to a special dispatch from Vienna.

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