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SIMPLIFIED LAWS URGED FOR STATE

HEINZ DEMANDS CONSTITUTION AND STATUTES PEOPLE CAN UNDERSTAND.

SHOULD NOT AMEND ACTS

Will Exert Every Effort Towards Writing into Constitution Law Ex- empting Newly-Cleared Lands For a Period of Ten Years.

Covington, La. — One of the important duties of the Constitutional Convention, according to F. J. Heinz, delegate from St. Tammany parish, is to insert a provision in the new organic law requiring that each act of the Legislature shall stand on its own merit.

"I believe," Mr. Heinz said, "that each act of the Legislature should stand on its own merit. We should have no act amending and re-enacting an act that is amended and re-amended, or amending and re-amending, etc. This would very much simplify matters and reduce the work of the Legislature."

The Dunbar kidnapping case illustrates the necessity for such a provision in the constitution. Walters, who was convicted of kidnapping Bob Dunbar at Opelousas, went free because the Legislature, in amending an act, overlooked an act that had been amended and re-amended, etc.

Whether Walters was guilty or not is not a question at issue here. The question is whether the Legislature shall run the risk of being discredited by such a performance in the future. There are others besides the Dunbar case that can be cited to show the necessity for such a provision in the constitution. Every lawyer knows this to be true.

JUST PARAGRAPHS.

Pointe a la Hache.—Smallpox in the vicinity of Pointe a la Hache which has already caused one death slowed the wheels of justice recently. The special session of the grand jury, with Colonel J. G. Carlisle foreman, ordered the convening of Judge Leander Perez to investigate the affairs of the Venetian District, was not held because of the fear that smallpox would spread on the Lower Coast.

Pointe a la Hache.—Shells for building both highways can be obtained in this parish. The state, federal and parish governments will build the roads, each defraying one-third of the expense.

Pointe a la Hache.—At the election to be held Tuesday women commissioners and clerks will manage the Poll Tax, Port Eads, Oil, Concession and St. Clair polls as appointed by the Board of Election Supervisors.

Pointe a la Hache.—Engineer J. C. Armas has completed the survey of the road District No. 2 highway on the west bank from Orleans parish to the lower line of the Magnolia plantation, belonging to former Governor H. C. Warmoth, a distance of thirty-eight miles. The route survey extends 800 feet back of the levee along the river front along the entire District No. 3, that extends as far down as the United States reservation on Fort Jackson, a distance of thirty miles down the lower line of District No. 2.

Pointe a la Hache.—Woodland plantation, belonging to Horace Wilkinson of Baton Rouge concluded its season of sugar cane, which was sold to the Myrtle Grove Central Factory. The yield per ton was satisfactory.

Pointe a la Hache.—Heavy rains visited the region during the past few days. Some unthreshed rice in Vermilion and other parishes is rotting, and the rice growers are having much difficulty in getting it threshed before the holidays.

Morgan City.—The three banks here paid out approximately \$25,000 in Christmas saving recently.

Morgan City.—The Elks Lodge of Morgan City, will give the poor children of this city a Christmas tree on Christmas eve. Several hundred dollars of presents will be distributed.

Pointe a la Hache.—The weekly Protector has resumed publication at its office here after a lapse of two years. It is under the management of A. LaFrance, who was for ten years its former editor and publisher.

Plaquemine.—The civic league of the town of Plaquemine will provide money to assist the league in its work holding a bazaar. The league in a bid called upon Dr. R. C. Calhoun, candidate for mayor, endorsed his candidacy and assured him of their support.

Alexandria.—The safe in the office of the Meeker Sugar Refinery at Meeker, near here, was opened and robbed Sunday night of approximately \$500. The sheriff's office was informed immediately. It is supposed that the safe had been left unlocked and the thief had no trouble in opening it.

Franklin.—Bishop Partridge of the Episcopal diocese of West Missouri preached twice at the St. Mary Episcopal Church recently. A large congregation greeted the bishop at both services and his message was well received. Rev. Mr. Gault, local rector, assisted in the services.

Monroe.—The Sixth District Court, which was delayed fort days by the quashing the grand jury, will be convened in Monroe soon. Judge Fred M. Odom of Bastrop will be on the bench. Large numbers of important criminal and civil cases will be tried at this term.

Thibodaux.—Superintendent W. S. Lafargue has notified all the public school teachers of the parish that the year to close their respective schools December 22, to remain closed until January 3, so as to permit the teachers and the pupils to enjoy the Christmas holidays.

Thibodaux.—The Lafourche Transfer Company, having met with great success in running a line of auto busses between Thibodaux and Donaldsonville, has also started to operate a line between Thibodaux and Houma, and there is some talk of the company starting a line between Thibodaux and New Orleans via Bayou Des Allemands.

Monroe.—Robbers are believed to have set fire to the home of John Adams on Lovers Lane in the southern part of Monroe. The Adams home was destroyed, together with most of the contents. Members of the Adams family were away at the time of the fire, and a theory advanced is that robbers looted the house and then set it afire to hide their work. The loss is \$6,000 with some insurance.

Pioneer.—A \$35,000 issue of school bonds was voted at a special election in West Carroll parish. The bonds, which were voted in the Eighth District, will run for twenty years, and bear interest at the rate of 5 per cent. They will be issued at once and put on the market as the increased tax ordinance has already been passed. It is expected the issue will be subscribed locally.

Bogalusa.—At a special meeting of the board of directors of the Chamber of Commerce of Bogalusa, held at Pine Tree Inn, at which C. A. Stair, of the Cumberland Telephone and Telegraph Company, was the invited guest, he presented facts about telephone conditions in Louisiana. The chamber passed resolutions unanimously recommending to the Railroad Commission of Louisiana that the proposed increase in rates be allowed.

Thibodaux.—This week, it is believed, will see the conclusion of the grinding season at practically all of the sugar houses in this parish, the campaign being one of the shortest on record.

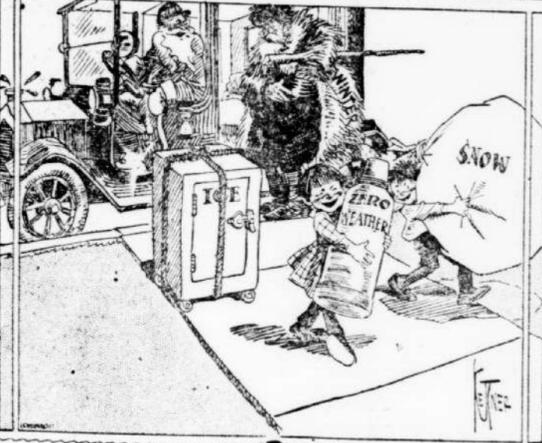
Thibodaux.—The campaign in Thibodaux in behalf of the Louisiana Anti-Tuberculosis League will begin next Sunday, young women being selected to solicit for the fund and booths being erected near the postoffice and the Grand Theater to get contributions.

Franklin.—A part of engineers touring this section of Louisiana visited Franklin recently. They were met at the Southern Pacific railroad station by a committee of the business men and were conducted to the club restaurant where a Creole breakfast was served. After breakfast the party visited the large Sterling Sugar Refinery just above town and were shown over the plant and the process of the manufacture of sugar explained to them. After inspecting the refinery they left on train No. 5 for New Iberia, from which point they will visit the Avery Salt Mines.

Pioneer.—The town council granted the Standard Oil Company of Louisiana rights to build a storage station at this place and a site has been located for the plant in the Johnson addition. Work to equip the station will begin at once.

Pioneer.—D. N. Borrow, former head of the North Louisiana Experiment Station, C. E. Woolman and M. Null, were touring West Carroll recently delivering free lectures on soil, drainage, intensive farming, trucking and dairying.

He Arrives--Bag and Baggage



FILIPINOS BATTLE U. S. CONSTABULARIES

ELEVEN PERSONS ARE KILLED IN A RIOT IN THE CITY OF MANILA.

Manila.—Eleven men, four Americans and seven Filipinos, were killed here during a riot within the walled city between enlisted men of the Filipino constabulary and the Manila police. The Americans killed were Captain of Police W. E. Wichmann, Patrolman Albert H. Troge and John W. Driscoll, and Augustus Jacuman, field clerk of the United States Army. Fifty shots were fired when 40 constabulary men sought to avenge the shooting of a constabulary man by the Filipino police.

Governor-General Francis Burton Harrison and Brig. Gen. Rafael Crame, Filipino chief of the constabulary, took active steps to quell the rioting. The governor found the armed constabulary congregated at the walled city and advised them to return to their barracks, and instructed General Crame to hold all the constabulary within the barracks. Disorders ceased upon the arrival of General Crame, who placed members of the constabulary involved in the shooting under arrest and announced they would be tried before civil courts.

Mayor Ramon Fernandez declared the presence of the constabulary barracks in Manila is dangerous to the peace of the community and announced he would ask the governor to have the barracks removed outside city limits.

The official police version of the shooting was that Policeman Mojica shot Constabulary Private Macasinas following trouble provoked by the constabulary men. The constabulary private was reported to have attacked the policeman with a knife.

Col. Lucien R. Sweet, inspector general of the constabulary, said the trouble had been brewing for a long time and frequently reached acute stages. Regular army troops were ordered into their barracks when the rioting broke out, and the provost guard was doubled and sent to the scene, but took no part in quelling the riot.

Four Flyers Are Killed.

London.—A large passenger airplane which was leaving for Paris from Cricklewood, near London, with eight passengers fouled a tree, burst into flame and crashed to the ground. The pilot, a mechanic and two passengers were killed and one passenger injured.

Test Airplane Silencer.

Geneva.—American army aviation experts, headed by Maj. H. B. S. Burwell, are expected to arrive soon in Dubendorf, four miles northeast of Zurich, to attend a test of an airplane silencer invented by the Swiss engineer, Birger.

More Bread, Same Price.

Muskogee, Okla. — Muskogee bakeries have begun selling a 20-ounce loaf of bread for 15 cents. Sixteen ounces was the weight of the former loaf sold at this price.

Reds Trouble Roumania.

Vienna.—Trouble between Roumania and Soviet Russia is forecast in reports from Ukraine received here. These advices declare that Roumania is adopting measures "indicative of imminence of war" with Russia over the possession of Bessarabia.

Dividend Is Passed.

New York.—The United States Food Products Corporation has passed its quarterly dividend of \$1.50 a share.

Rob Safe of \$13,000.

Chicago.—Cash, checks and Liberty bonds totaling \$13,000 were stolen recently by safebreakers who opened the safe in the offices of the Co-operative Society of America. Finger prints furnished the only clue.

Mexican Official Ill.

Mexico City.—An operation was performed on Gen. Benjamin Hill, secretary of war, in a last resort to save his life. General Hill has been critically ill for several days.

WESTERN UNION TO DEFY GOVERNMENT

WILL OUTWIT STATE DEPARTMENT IN CONNECTING WITH BRITISH CABLE.

Washington.—Plans of the Western Union Telegraph Company to outwit the State Department in connecting with the British cable and the efforts of France to deprive the United States of any share in the former German cables were revealed.

Newcomb H. Carlton, president of the Western Union, told the Senate Interstate Commerce Committee that the company's Barbadoes cable, which the government prevented being landed at Miami, Fla., would be landed instead in Cuba and connected at Havana with the Western Union cables running from Miami. This will establish connection between the United States and Barbadoes, where the new cable is joined with the line of the British Western Company leading to Brazil and other South American points.

"The State Department can tear up the cables between Havana and Miami if it wants to," said Mr. Carlton, "but we propose to go ahead and will be ready to send messages within a short time."

He added that the three cables now being operated between Miami and Havana are the chief means of communication between the United States and Cuba and that the results would be serious if the State Department should tear up the lines. Two of these cables were landed under permission granted by special act of Congress, so that the State Department's only means of interrupting communication would be the use of force, he said.

Elihu Root Jr., attorney for All-America Cables, Inc., which owns cables to the west coast of South America, charged that the landing of the Brazil-Barbadoes-Miami cable "is a step in a plan to preserve for Great Britain a monopoly of cable communication on the vast and wealthy eastern coast of South America." He said the British Western Company now enjoys a monopoly in Brazil.

Explosion Fatal to One.

Pittsburg, Kan. — About 1,000 kegs of powder blew up at the Atlas Powder Company's plant three miles south of here. Henry Alliet, an employe, was killed outright and Charles Lance, another workman, was probably fatally burned.

To Ignore the League.

Buenos Aires.—The Argentine government will not give any notification of withdrawal from the League of Nations, in accordance with Article 1 of the pact, because it does not consider that Argentine ever has been a member of the league.

Action On Alien Ban.

Washington.—The House bill barring nearly all immigration for a period of one year will be taken up by the Senate Immigration Committee under a call issued by Chairman Colt.

Resume Relations.

Rio Janeiro.—Diplomatic relations between Germany and Brazil, which were broken in April, 1917, were resumed when George Alfred Plenn, German minister to this country, arrived here.

Texas Gin Destroyed.

Corsicana, Tex. — A cotton gin belonging to Smith & Masse, seven miles south of Corsicana, was destroyed by fire of unknown origin. The loss was estimated at \$15,000.

Order Is Rescinded.

Washington.—Orders issued by the Postoffice Department recently for the suspension of the postoffice at Devil's Knob, Johnson county, Ark., were rescinded and the postoffice ordered continued.

Big Plant Is Burned.

St. Louis.—Fire which destroyed the plant of the Helmbacher Forge and Rolling Mill Company at Madison, Ill., near here, caused a property loss estimated at \$1,000,000.

WILL PASS BILL TO AID FARMERS

HOUSE IS EXPECTED TO PUT THROUGH THE MEASURE AT ONCE.

ALLIANCE IS TO BE BROKEN

Declare It Is Beginning of Republic- can Effort For a High Protective Tariff—Democrats Will Oppose Action.

Washington.—The farmers' relief bill, providing a high protective tariff on agricultural products pending complete tariff revision, will be put through the House under a special rule allowing three hours' debate and limiting amendments to changes in the proposed duties.

The disposition of a considerable number of Democrats in the Senate to fight the bill was indicated by action of the Democratic Steering Committee, which decided that inasmuch as high tariff rates contrary to Democratic doctrine are applied to a considerable number of commodities, efforts would be made to cause the Senate Finance Committee to give full consideration to the measure.

Senator Simmons of North Carolina, ranking Democratic member of the Finance Committee, said that in his opinion only two items in the bill, wheat and wool, were of an emergency character. He said he would seek to have the Republicans prove the necessity of each proposition in the bill.

Senator Harrison of Mississippi attacked the bill in a speech. He said it was the beginning of a Republican program for a high protective tariff. Expressions from Democrats in both houses made it appear that because a tariff bill offers no solution of the difficulties with which Southern cotton raisers are confronted, the alliance between Southern and Western members which has made possible the passage of the resolution reviving the War Finance Corporation will be broken up. It seems a certainty, however, that enough Democratic members of the House will vote for the bill to make its passage in the lower branch assured. Its fate in the Senate is more doubtful.

The Ways and Means Committee made a few additions to the tariff bill. Lemons were added, at the request of Representative Kahn of California, a duty of one and one-half cents per pound being provided to protect domestic growers against imports from Sicily. The duty on peanut oil was increased from 20 to 25 cents per gallon.

Morgenthau Is Favored

Washington.—White House officials intimated their belief President Wilson had decided to name Henry Morgenthau, former ambassador to Turkey, to act as his personal representative to mediate between the Armenians and the Turkish Nationalists. While the president is known to have settled upon an appointment, no announcement of it has yet been made.

Navy Seeks New Plane.

Washington.—The Navy Department inaugurated a competition for aircraft designers in an effort to obtain an airplane not only capable of starting from the deck of ships, but also equipped to land in the water.

Revolt Plot Charged.

Berlin.—Victor Kopp, the Russian soviet representative in Berlin, has been working under written instructions from Minister of War Trotzkoy "to do everything in his power to bring about a revolution in Germany and overthrow the present government."

Japan Has 77,005,000.

Tokyo.—Japan's population, as revealed by the census recently completed, is more than a million under the estimate. The total number in the empire is 77,005,000, of which 55,960,000 are in Japan and 17,284,000 in Korea.

Bishop Opposes Force.

Cork.—The decree authorized by Monsignor Daniel Cohalan, bishop of Cork, excommunicating anyone participating in further ambuscades of crown forces in his diocese, was read in the churches of the Cork diocese.

Texas Woman Burned.

Fort Worth, Tex.—Mrs. Jack Pope, living near Clarksville in Red river county, was probably fatally burned while attempting to extinguish a prairie fire.

Union Treasurer Robbed.

St. Louis.—Louis J. Schwieder, treasurer of a local union organization, reported to the police that he had been held up and robbed of \$1,084 in cash which he had collected at the meeting of the union.

Postoffice Is Looted.

Killeen, Tex.—Officers are without a clue to the identity of two robbers who looted the postoffice here of about \$2,000 in postage, thrift and war savings stamps and cash.

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