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TWO NEW ANGLES ON SCHOOL ORDINANCE

CONTESTS ARE STARTED ON APPORTIONMENT OF FUNDS SELECTIVE PLAN.

PREPARE TAX SCHEDULE

Ballage Cohorts To Resume Battle—Continuation Over Registration of Voters To Go To Floor of Convention.

Baton Rouge, La.—Ordinances relating to the educational system of the state and creating a public service commission will be in the spotlight at the Constitutional Convention, both are fixed as special orders, education for Tuesday and the public service commission for Wednesday.

Interest mainly centers in the educational ordinance because two parliamentary contests have already started. One of the fights is over the apportionment of public school funds. The educational committee brought in a provision to apportion the funds on a basis of educational children. Mr. Casadesus of East Baton Rouge will attack this with an amendment requiring the funds to be apportioned on a basis of average attendance in the public schools.

The other contest is over the manner of selecting the members of the State Board of Education. The committee ordinance provides for eleven members of the board, one to be elected from each congressional district, and three to be named by the governor.

Mr. F. E. Friend of New Orleans and Dr. Roy O. Young of Lafayette propose to offer amendments making the entire board appointive by the governor.

The ordinance is on the calendar for final passage a measure by Mr. Brown of Texas, empowering the legislature to pass enabling acts which constitutional amendments are submitted.

A subcommittee from the taxation committee will meet Monday at 2 p. m. to prepare the taxation and revenue schedule. The full committee is expected to meet to whip the schedule into shape.

The schedule committee met at 5 p. m. to consider ordinances on submission, and to arrange for the preparation of the schedule that will go into the new constitution. The committee will also have the job of drafting an ordinance providing for the session of the legislature that is to follow the Constitutional Convention.

The ratification committee will resume its work over registrars of voters. It is under what the committee decided upon, the roll will be carried into the convention. Several dissatisfied delegates have declared their intention of fighting the issue on the floor.

The committee on agriculture will receive a report from a subcommittee composed of Messrs. Young, Pipes and others on the redrafting of the committee's ordinance creating the state board of agriculture and defining its duties. The ordinance encountered strong opposition in the convention and was re-submitted.

The Judiciary Committee's ordinance will be printed and distributed, and will be printed and distributed by Monday night. It will reach the amendment stage during the day.

The section of the general provisions committee in omitting from its schedule

Article 191 of the constitution prohibiting members of the Legislature and other public officials from accepting free passes on railroads and inserting a provision requiring the Legislature to enact and anti-pass laws, is meeting with considerable criticism among delegates.

Article 191 was written into the convention of 1898, as the result of a fight led by Mr. Carver of Natchitoches. Railroad passes had been distributed among members of the Legislature, judges and other public officials to such an extent that it had become a scandal in the state. Through the pernicious use of passes, it was charged, the railroads were able to prevent the passage of bills through the Legislature creating a Railroad Commission.

The Legislature had the authority at that time to enact anti-pass laws, but the influence of passes over the lawmakers was so powerful that it was impossible to secure the passage of such acts. To meet this situation, the convention of 1898 adopted an article that penalized the acceptance of a pass by a member of the Legislature or other official with a forfeiture of office.

The pass evil has been recognized in other states, and articles were written into their constitutions prohibiting the acceptance of free transportation by public officials. This was found necessary because of railroad influence over Legislatures by the use of passes. Alabama wrote a provision into her constitution more drastic than that adopted in Louisiana.

An attempt will be made to place in the constitution an anti-pass provision with teeth in it before the session closes.

The people of New Orleans will have the opportunity of voting to levy a tax of one-fifth of a mill upon themselves to establish a zoo.

A caucus of the New Orleans delegates to the Constitutional Convention was held recently and this agreed upon. The question had been before the taxation committee and representatives of the zoo association appeared before it. The committee decided to leave it to the New Orleans delegates and required Charles Rosepe to call a conference of them.

Mr. Rosen presided and other New Orleans delegates present were Colonel John P. Sullivan, Martin Behrman, W. W. Cummings, Esmonds Phelps, George E. Williams, William H. Byrnes, Jr., Harold A. Moise, J. O. Fernandez, Judge Charles F. Claiborne, Charles D. O'Connor, E. M. Stafford, Dr. V. M. Irion and J. Henry Blaché.

Judge Claiborne and Phil Arras endeavored to have the recommendation of the conference provide that a zoo also should be established at City Park. They withdrew any objection when it was explained that the location of the zoo would be left entirely up to the city. A nucleus for a zoo already has been established at Audubon Park through the activities of The Times-Picayune.

The conference, after a close vote, decided that the levying of the tax should be decided at an election in which only property owners may vote. Mr. O'Connor and Colonel Sullivan urged that it be left to a vote of the entire electorate but yielded in deference to the wishes of other delegates who wanted the decision left to property owners only.

The New Orleans Zoological Association two years ago started the zoo at Audubon Park and already has a nice start through generous contributions of Orleanians. The one-fifth of a mill tax, if voted, will provide sufficient money for the establishing and maintenance of a zoological garden which in a few years will vie with any in the country, the zoo boosters assert.

Abbeville.—The continuous north winds are doing considerable damage to the crops despite frequent showers.

University Station, Baton Rouge.—A few years ago it was the practice to ship most of the strawberries from the Hammond, La., district to Chicago. That was before every shipper knew the daily distribution of shipments.

Abbeville.—Since the increase in the rice market considerable rice has been sold in this section.

Natchitoches.—The field work of the soil survey of Natchitoches parish, which has been in progress through the past two winter seasons will soon be completed and the party of surveyors go north for work there during the summer. Some fifty types of soil have been identified and mapped. The report and map covered the result of the work will be pushed next year.

Abbeville.—The town is being given a thorough cleaning up this week because of the proclamation of the mayor for clean-up week.

White Castle.—Fire recently damaged the grocery store of Jane Dean, negro, of this place. From all indications, it appears that the blaze was of incendiary origin.

White Castle.—The White Castle High School closed its session recently, at which exercises nine pupils received diplomas.

Natchitoches.—The first services in the new Presbyterian Church were held last week by the Reverend H. McLain of Shreveport.

The Patterson High School closed one of the most successful sessions in its history.

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A new photograph of Mrs. George B. Christian, Jr., wife of the secretary to the President.

SENATE ENDORSES NAVAL HOLIDAY

ADOPTS BORAH'S PROPOSAL FOR INTERNATIONAL NAVAL CONFERENCE.

Washington.—Unanimous Senate approval was given to Senator Borah's proposal for an international naval disarmament conference.

By a vote of 74 to 0 the Idaho senator's amendment was added to the naval appropriation bill authorizing and requesting the president to invite the governments of Great Britain and Japan to send representatives to a conference with representatives of the United States in an effort to reach some agreement on disarmament.

The vote was in conformity with the understanding reached last week by administration forces to give their support to Senator Borah's plan. Besides the 46 Republicans and 28 Democrats voting for the amendment, announcements were made on behalf of many absentees that they too favored the disarmament plan.

Upon passage of the bill the amendment will go to conference with the House, but its advocates believe it will be indorsed and then approved by President Harding.

With the Borah Amendment incorporated, an effort was made to reach a vote on passage of the bill, but this was frustrated by debate arising on minor amendments. Senators La Follette, Republican, Wisconsin, and King, Democrat, Utah, also had several amendments pending. The latter promised to introduce several to abolish what he termed "useless" navy yards and depots.

Senator La Follette made another lengthy address in opposition to capital ship construction and considerable more debate was in prospect when adjournment was taken. With tomorrow set aside by special order for consideration of the contested nomination of David H. Blair, to be internal revenue commissioner immediate passage of the bill was a hazy prospect. Administration leaders expressed hopes that it would be adopted Friday, but there was a possibility of delay until next week.

Egyptian Riots Subside. Alexandria, Egypt.—There was only desultory firing in the streets of this city lately following the riotous disturbances here in which nearly 50 persons, including 12 Europeans, were killed and nearly 200 persons wounded.

Gem Robbery Reported. Nashville, Tenn.—A jewelry robbery staged at the home of George Hall, hotel manager here, was recently reported to the police, the jewelry taken being valued at several thousand dollars.

Will Return Keepsakes. Warsaw.—The Polish government is arranging to return to Warsaw about 150,000 national keepsakes removed to Switzerland in 1772 to prevent their falling into enemy hands.

Will Join Pacific Fleet. Washington.—Secretary of the Navy Denby has announced that the newly commissioned battleship Tennessee has been assigned to the Pacific fleet and will soon proceed to the Pacific through the Panama Canal.

Fear Subonic Plague. Honolulu, T. H.—The deaths of two persons believed to have been caused by subonic plague, are under investigation on Hamakua coast, Island of Hawaii.

Proposals Are Refused. New York.—The Executive and Wage Committees of the American Steamship Owners' Association at a meeting recently declined to accept the proposals of Secretary of Labor Davis intended to bring about a settlement of the marine strike.

Mexican Bandits Kill. Eagle Pass, Tex.—Bandits on a robbing expedition recently killed three business men at a point between Esperanza and Marquis, Mexico.

PREDICTS COTTON CROP WILL BE SHORT

CROP FOR 1921 WILL BE THE SMALLEST FOR TWENTY-FIVE YEARS.

DUE TO ACREAGE REDUCTION

Huge Cut Amounts To Thirty-one Per Cent, President of American Cotton Association Says—People Realize Situation.

New York.—The country faces the shortest cotton crop in the last quarter of a century, J. S. Wannamaker of St. Matthews, S. C., president of the American Cotton Association, told the national consultation conference of American cotton growers.

This shortage is largely due, he said, to the successful cotton acreage reduction campaign of the association a its effort to create a market and prevent further deflation in prices. He quoted statistics to show the acreage had been reduced 30.73 per cent. He said there must be united effort on the part of government and business, if the cotton industry is to regain its feet and the financial difficulties of the growers, due to an artificial deflation in values, is to be overcome.

"The channels of commerce," said Mr. Wannamaker, "which have been stagnated for the past 10 months, must be opened and normal trade relations re-established. The forces which had the power to stagnate commerce and restrict world credits must also have the power to reopen commerce and establish credits.

"Experts of raw cotton must be stimulated and the resumption of consumption must be revived, in order that markets may be opened and the way of the farmer made possible." In giving his statistics the speaker said: "Enforced deflation in values, restrictions of credits and exports, have thrown back the machinery of cotton production on a limited scale of 25 years ago. This will ultimately result in an intense shortage of supplies to meet the oncoming revival of the world spindle capacity.

"In addition to the acreage reduction of 1921, we find that on account of the inability of farmers to secure credits for either moneys or supplies for the cultivation of their crops, the cotton acreage abandoned after planting will break all records of the past, there being now an acreage abandonment of 4.95 per cent, and this will be largely increased."

Defending the action of the association in its acreage reduction campaign, Mr. Wannamaker said that because of existing conditions it would have been "nothing short of suicidal to produce more than half crop of cotton in 1921. The people of the South realized that their commercial life was in jeopardy, and practically the entire business life of the South joined us in this campaign."

To Improve Highway. Chattanooga, Tenn.—It has been announced from the local government engineer's office that construction on the River's Bar locks on the Tennessee river near Decatur, Ala., will begin within a few days, a recent appropriation by Congress having become available.

Turkish Band Dispersed. Athens.—An official communication dealing with the situation on May 25 in the region of Ismid, Asia Minor, says a Greek detachment dispersed a band of Turkish irregulars north of Adabazar. The north and south groups remain quiet.

Battle in Vladivostok. Washington.—State Department advices from Vladivostok state that 23 persons were killed in the fighting in that city up to May 23 and that the "situation is uncertain."

Emergency Tariff in Force. Washington.—The emergency tariff bill has been signed by President Harding.

King Is Entertained. Madrid.—The American embassy gave a dinner recently in honor of King Alfonso. Palace dignitaries, the heads of the government and the various ministers were present. Kermit Roosevelt and Mrs. Roosevelt were among the guests.

To Give Up Aero Mail. Washington.—The Washington-New York air mail route will be abandoned after May 31, Postmaster General Hays has announced.

To Treat With Reds. Washington.—Czecho-Slovakia is expected to send to Moscow a commercial mission with the probable object of negotiating a trade agreement between the two governments, according to advices in official circles.

New City Markets. St. Louis, Mo.—Six additional municipal curb markets are to be established in St. Louis to relieve congestion at the five markets now operating. It has been announced.

MRS. GEORGE M. MINOR



Mrs. George Maynard Minor of Waterbury, Conn., president-general of the Daughters of the American Revolution, aroused great enthusiasm at the convention of the society by her vigorous denunciation of organizations and individuals who are attempting by propaganda to arouse hatred between this country and our allies in the World war.

SENATE CONFIRMS NORTH CAROLINIAN

DAVID BLAIR IS APPROVED AS COMMISSIONER OF INTERNAL REVENUE.

Washington.—After a four-hour fight behind closed doors the Senate confirmed the nomination of David Blair of Winston Salem, N. C., to be commissioner of internal revenue. The vote was 59 to 15. The Senate voted to keep the roll call a secret along with the other proceedings regarding the nomination, but it was learned that the 15 senators who voted against Blair's confirmation were Borah, Norris, LaFollette, Kenyon, Ladd, Norbeck, Johnson, and Jones of Washington, all Republicans; and Senators Ashurst, Harris, Harrison, Watson of Georgia, Sheppard, Reed and Wolcott, Democrats.

Opposition to Blair's confirmation was led by Sen. Hiram Johnson of California, who contended that Blair was unfit for the position of internal revenue commissioner for two reasons: First, that he, as a delegate to the Republican national convention at Chicago, violated his primary instructions and refused to support Johnson, and second, that as head of the Internal Revenue Bureau, he would be called upon to pass upon claims of his family for the refunding of nearly a million dollars in income taxes. Senator Johnson made a vigorous speech against Blair, urging the Senate to reject the nomination. Other senators who spoke against Blair were: Borah, Norris and Reed. They attempted to have the nomination considered in open session, but failed by a vote of 50 to 25.

Senator Watson of Indiana and Senator Smoot of Utah, two leading members of the Finance Committee, defended Blair. They insisted that he had not broken the North Carolina primary laws and contended that he would not sit in judgment upon the claims of members of his family now pending before the Internal Revenue Bureau.

Mr. Blair's confirmation fills a vacancy in the office of internal revenue commissioner which has existed for a fortnight with Secretary Mellon acting in the interim. Many important affairs, including prohibition rulings, await action by the new commissioner.

Find More Plague Cases. Mexico City.—Four new cases of bubonic plague and three deaths have been recorded at Tampico recently. There are 40 known cases of the plague there, but dispatches assert rigid sanitary measures to prevent the spread of the disease are being inaugurated.

Stampede in Theater. New Orleans.—A tragedy was narrowly averted recently when 500 patrons of a moving picture theater rushed for the exits as the film snapper and caught fire. Many women fainted in the crush and were slightly trampled.

Undergoes Operation. Washington, D. C.—Mrs. H. M. Jacoway, wife of Congressman Jacoway, was operated on following a two weeks' illness.

Probe Vat Explosions. Monroe.—The West Carroll grand jury has convened here to investigate the recent dynamiting of cattle dipping vats, vats in different parts of the parish having been destroyed recently.

Liberty Bonds Slump. New York.—Heaviness in the stock market has extended to bonds. Liberty 3-1-2s, which are tax exempt were freely sold down to 97.70, the lowest price ever recorded for that issue.

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