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OF C. BUREAU CALLS ON THE
STEAMBOAT OWNERS TO
NAME RATES.

CAUSED BY FREIGHT RATES

Public and Transportation Bureau
Will Make Survey—To Insure
Success of the Enterprise General
Meeting Is Held.

New Orleans.—With a view to arranging for the complete revival of river transportation on the streams of Louisiana and Mississippi, the traffic and transportation bureau of the Association of Commerce has called upon all steamboat owners to submit definite proposals on rates and conditions for inaugurating service between New Orleans and different points in the two states.

The proposals are to include the scope of the possible service of the different boats, the schedule of rates to be charged and the minimum tonnage to insure success. When these proposals are in the hands of the commerce bureau they will be transmitted to the merchants and shippers of New Orleans with an injury as to whether these business houses will guarantee sufficient support to make the lines a success.

The move to revive the state waterway routes was inspired by the excessively high freight rates from certain points in Louisiana and Mississippi to New Orleans. A general meeting of merchants and shippers at the Association of Commerce recently authorized the traffic and transportation bureau to call for the proposals from the steamboat men for the new routes.

At this meeting steamboat owners assured the business men that much of the freight now moved from inland points could be brought her by water at a saving of from 25 to 50 per cent in transportation costs. When the definite proposals from the steamboat men are in, the traffic and transportation bureau will make a survey to find if the necessary two-way cargoes to insure the success of the enterprise can be guaranteed.

FOR HURRIED READERS.

Crowley.—Acadia parish will compete for honors at the State Fair with the exhibit from the school fair. It has been announced that prizes will be given to the section of the country making the best showing and Acadia wants to be in line for the honors.

Lake Charles.—W. J. Prater, president of the police jury, upon the advice and endorsement of Assistant District Attorney Mark D. Pickering, issued to Dr. A. L. Lyons, his commission as president of the Board of Health of Calcasieu parish, in accordance with the action of the police jury at a recent session electing him to that position.

Oak Grove.—The Lowery well, on the Richardson property near Epps, which has been idle at a depth of 1,600 feet since the first of the year as the result of a law suit, will resume operations within the next few weeks. What to expect from this well is indefinite. There was every evidence of oil in the well while drilling was being on, though the drill was something like 800 feet above where pay is expected.

New Orleans.—With simple but impressive ceremonies, ground was broken recently in Gentilly Boulevard at the entrance to Rose Hill for the erection of a monument to Colonel Charles Didier Drexel, first Louisiana officer to fall in the Civil war.

Plaquemine.—Contractors have begun work on the new levee about a mile above Plaquemine in what is known as Plaquemine Point. This levee is one and a quarter miles long and will require several months' work to complete.

Lobdell.—The Belmont mansion, one of the landmarks of West Baton Rouge parish, was burned recently. It was the home of the Guesnard family for half a century and had remained in their possession until a few years ago when the family moved to New Orleans.

Bsalle.—The Evangeline College Agricultural Club is planning an entertainment for this month to raise money to send delegates to the state club rally in Baton Rouge the last of July and first of August.

Haynesville.—The three warehouses in the rear of the Planters' Bank have been torn away and a modern hotel will be erected in the rear future. Material for this building is being unloaded very rapidly and it is expected to complete it within the next three months.

Haynesville.—Work on the local water works is going on at a rapid pace. Laying of the mains on Main street has been in progress several days and work on the reservoir is also being pushed.

Washington.—Louisiana's oil production in May totaled 2,537,000 barrels, an increase of more than 500,000 barrels over the production of April, but approximately 400,000 barrels less than the production in May, 1920. The figures are those of the United States geological survey.

Lake Charles.—Graduation exercises of St. Patrick's Sanitarium School of Nursing were held in the main auditorium of St. Charles Academy recently. The graduates are Misses Edna Kaough and Avis Portie. Dr. J. G. Martin addressed the graduates and awarded the diplomas.

Baton Rouge.—A lot at the corner of Third and Convention known as the Holt property, owned by the Raymond interests, has been purchased by the Louisiana National Bank for \$96,000 and a twelve-story office building will be erected. It will be fire proof and constructed of concrete, steel, stone and vitrified brick.

Lake Charles.—Arrangements were closed recently between the police jury of Calcasieu parish and the banks of Lake Charles whereby all warrants drawn against the general funds of the parish issued to and including June 30, when signed by W. J. Prater, president of the police jury, will be paid by the banks.

Haynesville.—Three new brick buildings are nearing completion here and two more are in the process of being erected. Baucum Brothers have their two-story combination office and store building ready for occupancy, as likewise has M. J. Bozeman with the same class of building. T. U. Norton is rushing his new store building to completion.

Alexandria.—Agents of the State Department of Conservation are engaged near here in a study of the rate of growth of second-growth pines of all kinds. Co-operating in the project is the National Research Council of Washington, which a year ago received a donation for this study of \$10,000 from the Southern Pine Association.

De Ridder.—The club rally held recently at De Ridder was a great success, according to E. E. Elliott, county agent, Beauregard parish. More than two hundred members from organized clubs were present. A number of demonstrations were put on, among them being the use of a tractor in plowing, harrowing, discing, planting and various other phases of belt work.

Haynesville.—Persons desiring to continue the search for oil in the town of Haynesville will not hereafter be restricted by any prohibitive ordinances. One may drill in his front yard, within one foot of the sidewalk, if he so desires, according to action of the Town Council at a special meeting at which the 200-foot drilling ordinance was repealed.

Vidalia.—A Masonic Lodge was instituted in Gilbert, Franklin parish, by the district deputy grand master. The new Masonic hall, which is probably the best equipped in this section of the state, was crowded to capacity. The officers of the lodge are: S. M. Ward, Sr., master; L. M. Calhoun, Sr., senior warden; H. B. Roundtree, junior warden, and Charles E. Craig, secretary.

Crowley.—His Grace, Archbishop C. Khouri, of Syria, and his secretary, the Reverend Father Moshey, were visitors to the Syrian colony in Crowley the past few days. They left here recently for Lake Charles. The prelate is visiting this and other countries with a view of stimulating the faith of the Syrians in the Catholic religion and also urging them to hold fast to the traditions of the mother country while being loyal to the one of their adoption. The Syrians attended mass said in the mother tongue at St. Michael's Church.

Lake Charles.—Federal Inspector Major N. P. Morrow and Captain Oscar W. Dealatte of the state adjutant general's office will be here Tuesday to give Company K a final inspection and formally enlist the company into the federal army.

New Orleans.—This city's first business show, to be staged in The Times-Picayune building during the week beginning October 3, under the direction of Robert Hayne Tarrant, promises to be an event of considerable magnitude in local business circles.

Haynesville.—Mayor John W. Norton received \$105 for the city treasury from a poker game that was raided at a local hotel. The mayor states that this is only the first of such raids that he has instructed the police to make and that gambling must cease in Haynesville.

Franklinton.—A special jury term of court called by Judge P. B. Carter convened July 5 to clear the docket before the summer vacation. There are about fifteen jury cases including two murder cases to be tried.

Ruston.—Through the Fruit and Truck Growers' Association, Lincoln parish will have ready for market this season the products of fifty acres of Irish potatoes, fifty acres of Rocky Ford cantaloupes and an unlimited supply of watermelons and Alberta peaches.

Monroe.—The Calhoun Lumber Company has been organized by Ouachita and Texas lumbermen to develop the timber lands of this parish and to manufacture lumber at Calhoun, ten miles west of Monroe.

ALFRED W. LAWSON



Alfred W. Lawson was the designer and builder of the big commercial passenger and freight airplane that was wrecked as it started from Milwaukee on its first trip. His plans to establish the service were not changed by the accident.

HOUSE ADOPTS NAVY DISARMAMENT BILL

HARDING IN LETTER INDICATES
THAT HE WILL CARRY OUT
WISHES OF CONGRESS.

Washington.—The House has agreed to the Borah disarmament to the naval appropriation bill.

The vote was 330 to 4. Representative Moore, Indiana, Republican, and Representatives Campbell, Pennsylvania; Carew, New York, and O'Brien, New Jersey, Democrats, voted in the negative. Lineberger, Republican of California, voted present.

Wild shouts greeted Representative Kelly of Michigan, in charge of the bill, when he moved to concur with the Senate in the Borah amendment. He was in no mood for the extended debate, many members rose, applauding and cheering, and began to chant "Vote, vote, vote." They quieted down, however, when Representative Mondell, Republican leader, had the clerk read a letter he had received from President Harding, in which the president said it was "wholly desirable" to have the expression of a favorable opinion on the part of Congress relating to world disarmament. The letter said it was "not of particular concern to the administration what form the expression of Congress shall take." After the reading of the letter, cheering broke out with renewed vigor.

Debate, which lasted a half hour, was confined to Mr. Mondell, Representative Garrett of Tennessee, acting Democratic leader, and Representatives Byrnes, Democrat of South Carolina. No attempt was made to offer the Porter substitute, which was considered broader than the Borah amendment because it would not restrict participants in the proposed conference to Great Britain, Japan and the United States, nor discussion solely to reduction of naval armaments.

After referring to the Borah amendment as "narrow and restrictive," Mr. Mondell said that inasmuch as the bill would go back on the last day of the fiscal year to the Senate, "where one persistent and insistent gentleman can block the wheels of legislation," he doubted whether it would be wise to "haggle over the exact wording of the amendment."

Start Work On Docks.
St. Louis.—Mayor Kiel drove the first piling of the new \$500,000 government freight barge docks, construction of which has started. Many public officials participated in the ceremonies incident to the commencement of the work, and the government tugboat "Vicksburg" staged a series of maneuvers.

Japs Back in Siberia.
Tokyo.—The reconquest of Nikolaevsk and other points in northern Siberia by Japanese troops has been completed, according to an official announcement.

To Build Hospital.
New Orleans.—Although the Commission Council recently refused to permit location of the proposed \$2,000,000 Southern Baptist hospital on the site selected, indications are that the hospital will be built.

Building Collapses.
Denison, Tex.—Five persons were injured seriously and five others suffered minor cuts and bruises when a three-story building collapsed here. A five-year-old girl was dug out of the debris uninjured an hour after the collapse.

Wilson Extends Field.
New York.—Former President Wilson has been admitted as a practicing attorney and counselor at law in the courts of the state of New York.

OCCUPATION ARMY WILL BE AN ISSUE

BELIEF IS THAT PRESIDENT
WILL ORDER WITHDRAWAL
OF RHINE TROOPS.

FORCE PRESIDENT'S HAND

Senate Irreconcilables Will Try To
Compel Return of Soldiers If
President Decides Otherwise—All
Rights Are Reserved.

Washington.—The question of withdrawal of the American troops from the occupation of German territory on the Rhine bids fair to become an important issue, now that peace with Germany has been restored, unless President Harding should act immediately to bring the forces home.

Some administration officials are of the opinion that the president's next step after issuing the peace proclamation will be an order withdrawing the American troops from Europe. There are, however, some extremely influential members of the cabinet who will counsel the president to leave the Army of Occupation on the Rhine pending the conclusion of negotiations between America and Germany and America and the allies on questions arising from the war.

If the president does not signify his intention of withdrawing the troops soon, a resolution will be introduced in the Senate, probably by Senator Johnson of California, instructing the secretary of war to order the forces home.

This is the move determined upon by the Senate irreconcilables.

They hold that Congress may constitutionally instruct the secretary of war, though not the president, and they have considered the contingency of the president directing the secretary of war to ignore the instructions of Congress, thus precipitating a clash between the executive and legislative branches of the government. It is more likely, however, that if the president desires to retain the troops in Europe the administration leaders would block passage of a withdrawal resolution by Congress.

Under the terms of the peace resolution all rights required by the United States under the armistice and the Versailles treaty are reserved and one of these rights is the occupation of German territory by American troops on the Rhine and the only question is how long it is to the interest of the United States to keep them there.

The president has declared the United States interested in the German indemnity settlement and it is pending the payment of the reparations and fulfillment of other treaty terms that allied troops are to remain on the Rhine for 15 years. Coblenz, where the American troops are stationed, is to be evacuated in 10 years if the treaty terms are fulfilled by Germany.

Jewelry Store Looted.
St. Louis.—Three bandits recently held up the jewelry store of Joseph L. Freund in the business section and escaped with jewelry valued at \$15,000. A large crowd saw the hold-up. Two employees and two customers were compelled to kneel in the rear of the store while the robbers rifled the show cases.

No Decision On Treaty.
London.—The Anglo-Japanese treaty is again the subject of discussion by the conference of imperial premiers. At the close of the meeting, however, it was said that no decision had been reached regarding a renewal of the treaty or otherwise.

Woman For Congress.
Chicago.—Mrs. Winifred Mason Buck, youngest daughter of the late Congressman William E. Mason has announced her candidacy to succeed her father, who was congressman at large from Illinois. She is the mother of four children.

To Quadruple Forces.
London.—Forces of the Royal Irish Constabulary are immediately to be quadrupled, says the Daily Sketch. This would mean increasing the number of men in this service from 12,000 to 50,000.

Much Pine Is Destroyed.
Duluth, Minn.—Two forest fires in the Superior national forest have burned over between 600 and 800 acres of white and jack pine timber and are still raging.

Tennessee Heads U. C. T.
Columbus, O.—C. V. Halderman of Nashville, Tenn., has been elected supreme councillor of the United Commercial Travelers of America at the closing session of the Supreme Council here.

Lumber Plant Burns.
Gulfport, Miss.—Part of the building, machinery and lumber of the Ingram-Day Lumber Company plant at Gulfport, Miss., was destroyed by fire recently.

JACOB GOULD SCHURMAN



Jacob Gould Schurman, for years president of Cornell University, has been appointed Ambassador to Japan.

TAFT NOMINATED AS CHIEF JUSTICE

EX-PRESIDENT IS QUICKLY CONFIRMED BY SENATE FOLLOWING NOMINATION.

Washington.—Former President William Howard Taft has been nominated by President Harding to be chief justice of the United States, and his nomination was confirmed by the Senate in executive session.

The nomination was not confirmed without opposition, however, and a roll call was demanded. The opposition is said to have been voiced by Senators Borah of Idaho, Johnson of California and La Follette of Wisconsin, all Republicans, who are said to have criticized Mr. Taft's record and his nomination.

On the roll call, however, only four votes were cast against confirmation. These were by Senators Borah, Johnson and La Follette and Senator Watson, Democrat of Georgia. The final vote was 60 to 4. An agreement was reached not to make public the roll call.

The appointment has been formally announced at the White House. Mr. Taft will succeed the late Edward Douglass White, whom he appointed to the office in 1910.

It was indicated that President Harding had acted so far in advance of the winter term of court because he felt that the new chief justice should have ample time to reorganize the court's business before the convening October 1. Mr. Harding is said to have been advised by legal officers of the administration that all the federal courts are so congested with business that prompt action during the summer recess was necessary in order to expedite litigation as much as possible.

Mr. Taft had not been apprised of his appointment by the president, it was said at the White House, and the first news he had of it came from the press. The former president now is in Montreal, aiding in a railway arbitration for the Canadian government, and is expected to return to the United States to familiarize himself with the work of the court.

High administration officials emphasized that the former president was the one outstanding figure among those who might have been considered for the place.

The Senate's doors were closed for discussion of the nomination after suggestions that Mr. Taft be confirmed in "open executive" session because he is a former president had been rejected by his opponents.

Three Republican senators and one Democrat voted to prevent Mr. Taft from achieving the cherished ambition of his life. They were: Borah of Idaho, Johnson of California, La Follette of Wisconsin, Republicans, and Tom Watson of Georgia, Democrat.

Russia Facing Famine.
Riga.—Moscow reports received here say that crops have been almost completely ruined by the drought in the governments of Uta, Tzaritzyn, Saratov, Samara, Simbirsk, Viatka, Perm and Kazan, and also in the northern Caucasus.

Irish Attack Patrols.
Dublin.—A police sergeant and a constable were shot dead recently when a police patrol was ambushed in Milltown, county Galway.

Accept Reduced Wages.
Memphis, Tenn.—Union painters have accepted a wage cut of 12 1/2 cents an hour and will return to work at once. They have been out since April 1. The new scale is 87 1/2 cents.

St. Paul, Minn.—Establishment of federal registration of automobiles and more federal aid for good roads was advocated before the Mutual Automobile Association in convention here.

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