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## LOUISIANA HAPPENINGS

News of the Pelican State Arranged in Condensed Form

**Monroe.**—Some of the leading highway promoters of Louisiana and Arkansas attended the convention of the Arkansas-Louisiana Tourists' Way Association in Monroe August 5.

**Lake Charles.**—A meeting of the City Council was held and an ordinance was passed setting aside all the southern part of Lake Charles below Pithon Couley as a residential district.

**Arcadia.**—The registration books have been closed. The count, as given by the registrars, shows the following was announced for Bienville parish: Male voters, 1,984; female voters, 577; total, 2,571.

**Lake Providence.**—Real estate men of Oak Grove and Lake Providence are forming an association to work for the building of the East and West Carroll and Morehouse parish highway, which, if built, will link the capitals of each of these parishes.

**Monroe.**—The Wayne Drilling and Development Company has completed its carbon and gasoline absorption plants at Swartz, which work was begun more than a year ago, but on which work was delayed for several months. The company expended \$250,000 to \$300,000 on its plant, which is one of the most modern in the field. The Southern Carbon Company also expects to complete its branch plant at Swartz some time this year.

**University Station, Baton Rouge.**—A temporary State farm bureau organization was effected at amassing of more than 500 farmers, extension workers and business men of Baton Rouge at the farm of W. R. Dodson, near here. The officers elected were: J. H. Carpenter, Beauregard Parish, president; W. E. Hopper, East Baton Rouge parish, vice president; and Guy Tanner, Vermillion parish, secretary-treasurer.

**Monroe.**—The completion of a model highway from the Arkansas-Louisiana line to Alexandria along the Missouri Pacific railway within the next few months is certain, except in the case of Morehouse parish, according to S. M. Collins, secretary of the Monroe Chamber of Commerce, who is back from a tour in the interest of the Arkansas-Louisiana Tourists' Way Association in Morehouse, Caldwell, LaSalle, Winn, Grant and Rapides parishes.

**New Orleans.**—Possessing a personnel considered unexcelled by any State, the reorganized National Guard for Louisiana will hold its first encampment in Camp Beauregard, near Alexandria, September 5 to 20. With the exception of Battery A, Washington Artillery, now in training at Camp Jackson, S. C., all organized units of the guard, comprising infantry, cavalry, machine gun and hospital companies, will attend the encampment.

**New Orleans.**—Favorable reports regarding the pellagra situation in Louisiana in answer to a questionnaire sent out by the State Board of Health, continue to pour into the office of Dr. Oscar Dowling, president of the board. In virtually every instance no cause for alarm was indicated, and many reports show even a decreased mortality and better health conditions than in previous years. One report from Dr. John B. Sewell of Baldwin, St. Mary parish, typifies the situation. He points out there is not a single case of pellagra in the parish, and claims this is due to the great variety of food obtainable always by all classes, regardless of financial conditions.

**Shreveport.**—Capt. O. D. Deslatte, in command of the Louisiana National Guard, has been here reorganizing the famous Jennings Troop Cavalry and the goal of sixty-five men, a necessary number to reorganize, has almost been reached.

**Shreveport.**—Mrs. M. N. Stafford, economic demonstration agent, and M. N. Stafford, parish farm demonstration agent, visited Baton Rouge with a number of boys and girls to attend the annual short course instruction school.

**Alexandria.**—One of the chief features of the State National Guard encampment which opens at Camp Beauregard September 5 and closes September 20, will be "Governor's Day" upon which day the State will be reviewed by Governor Broussard, as commander-in-chief.

**Lake Charles.**—S. T. Woodring, general manager and treasurer of the Long Leaf Lumber Company, stated that the Longville sawmill burned to the ground on June 3, and will be rebuilt at the present time.

**Shreveport.**—Acadia parish led the list in the number of boys and girls who recently attended the short course in Baton Rouge. There were 100 pupils in attendance.

**Baton Rouge.**—Louisiana will this year produce 10,000,000 bushels of sweet potatoes and between 9,000,000 and 10,000,000 gallons of sugar cane, according to the opinion of Harry D. Williams, commissioner of agriculture. Mr. Williams furnished this estimate of the crop after a careful investigation of the respective yields.

**Covington.**—Several hundred pieces of tax property in St. Tammany parish are advertised for sale at tax sale Saturday, September 3. The sale is for delinquent taxes for 1920, and comprises realty of many kinds and the businesses of going concerns. The list is one of the largest ever advertised.

**Shreveport.**—The Shreveport Realtors' Association will concentrate for the next several weeks on the problem of furnishing adequate housing facilities for 750 new families coming here in the fall following the completion of the three million dollar glass factory now in course of construction near the fair grounds. It was announced by Secretary S. B. Simon.

**Monroe.**—Scouts of the Ouachita Game Protective Association of Monroe report that game is much more plentiful this year than usual. Young squirrels are numerous, indicating there will be many to be found when the season opens, and in addition there are large numbers of young turkeys. Quail are more plentiful than in many years.

**Baton Rouge.**—That Louisiana is to have a modern bureau to handle the oil and gas developments was assured when Governor Parker held a conference with M. L. Alexander, chief of the conservation department, and appointed Ben K. Stroud chief engineer of the bureau. Offices will be opened at once in Shreveport where the oil and gas activities of the state center.

**Arcadia.**—An enthusiastic mass meeting of the citizens of the Arcadia school district was held recently at the high school building. Facts were presented by the speakers showing need at this time for a new high school building to eliminate overcrowded conditions. The meeting went on record as favoring a 5-mill tax to provide for a \$60,000 bond issue, the tax to run for a period of twenty years.

**Mamou.**—The official Evangeline Parish Fair Association was organized at Ville Platte when fifty delegates from the various school districts of the parish met. Mamou was selected as the domicile of the association, where its first annual exhibition will be held in October. The following officers were elected: Karl Trean, Assle, president; A. V. Launey, Mamou, first vice president; A. H. Reed, Mamou, secretary; Adrast Landerneau, Mamou, treasurer.

**New Orleans.**—With an area of 212 square miles, the North Louisiana gas fields in Ouachita, Morehouse and Union Parishes hold a total of 4,750,000,000 cubic feet of natural gas, according to a survey made by two petroleum engineers of the United States Bureau of Mines and made public by the Louisiana Conservation Commission. The report was prepared at the request of Governor Parker, for the purpose of compiling information and outlining methods for development.

**Rayville.**—Tommy Cook Post No. 72 of the American Legion at Rayville is going down to Bogalusa for the convention on October 2, 3 and 4, with an expressed determination to storm the American Legion of Louisiana and carry away the capital prize of the convention for 1922. The post will send a delegation of fifteen of their strongest doughboys headed by George B. Franklin, post commander.

**Washington.**—Striking increases in manufacturing in Louisiana are shown by the report of the Census Bureau, just made public. In 1919, the year covered by the census report, the value added by manufacture in Louisiana plants was nearly 154 per cent greater than in 1914, the year previous to the census. The statement of the materials used in these enterprises shows even a greater increase. In 1919, the value of materials used in Louisiana manufacturing enterprises was \$428,404,000, an increase of 172 per cent over 1914.

**Crowley.**—Quarters in the Elks building have been leased for the army of the company State National Guard. The rooms are commodious and centrally located. They have been rented for three years. Uniforms and other equipment for the soldiers are on the way and the command will be busy drilling soon.

**Ponchatoula.**—At a well-attended meeting of the farmers in this locality recently it was decided to finish the box factory which was started here several months ago.

**New Orleans.**—The Republican party, which is entering into local politics for the first time in years, is going to court to attempt to force the Board of Election Supervisors to give it equal representation at the polls in the approaching elections in this city. It was announced here.

**Lake Charles.**—The Calcasieu parish police jury in session recently, increased the salaries of three office men and the highway engineer and awarded its employers' liability insurance.

**Monroe.**—Mayor Arnold Bernstein has asked citizens to give their assistance in ridding Monroe of the illicit sale of white lightning, antiseptic and other similar concoctions that cause intoxication. Physicians have reported that conditions at Monroe are becoming alarming because of the sale of moonshine.

**Columbia.**—Walter Carr and Cleveland Hatton were found guilty of dynamiting fish in Bayou Castor. This is the first conviction of the kind ever had in Caldwell parish.

### MRS. LEONARD G. WOODS



Mrs. Leonard G. Woods of Pittsburgh, who was elected second vice chairman of the Republican national committee at its session in Washington. This is the first time a woman has held such an office in the committee.

### MELLON SAYS TO REDUCE EXPENSES

CONGRESS IS TOLD THAT IT MUST CUT EXPENSES OR INCREASE TAXES.

Washington. — Congress has been warned by Secretary Mellon that it must reduce government expenditures or increase the nation's tax burden. Appearing before the House Ways and Means Committee, the Treasury head said additional cuts of more than \$250,000,000 will have to be made in the estimated expenditures of \$4,550,000,000 for this fiscal year if additional taxes are to be avoided.

Under estimates of federal outlay for all purposes this year as presented by Mr. Mellon, \$3,830,000,000 will have to be raised by taxation, whereas he estimates that the present revenue law would provide \$260,000,000 less than that sum, due largely to the shrinkage in the yield from excess profits and income taxes.

The secretary showed that expenditures thus far in this fiscal year have actually increased compared with those a year ago. He told the committee that ordinary expenditures for July, the first month of the fiscal year, were \$322,000,000, against \$307,000,000 in July, 1920, leaving a current deficit of \$113,000,000 compared with a deficit of \$76,000,000 in July a year ago. Of the total expenditures last month \$115,000,000 was for the account of the military and naval establishments and \$22,000,000 for the Shipping Board.

"If expenditures are to continue at anything like these rates, the estimation will be greatly exceeded," he said. Representatives Mondell of Wyoming, the Republican leader, said in a formal statement that it is "entirely practical, in his opinion, to reduce the total tax levy by at least \$500,000,000 and still meet all proper, necessary and essential expenses of the government."

"The excess profits tax and the higher income surtaxes should be repealed and nothing substituted for them," he said. "The so-called nuisance taxes and the transportation tax, in whole or in part, should be repealed, and some simple, easily understood tax, as for instance the proposed 5 per cent flat increase on corporation taxes, enacted to provide funds lost by the repeal of these last-mentioned taxes."

**Japan Not Popular.**  
Tokyo.—Visitors to Japan are steadily decreasing in numbers. This is due to the inadequacy of hotel accommodations, to the extremely high price of commodities, and to the intensity in some parts of the United States of feeling against the Japanese, according to Aisaku Hayashi, managing director of the Imperial Hotel.

**Divert Italian Traffic.**  
Montreal. — Italian steamship companies are beginning to divert their passenger traffic to Canada because of the United States restrictive immigration law, local shipping circles were advised.

**Recommend Camp Eustis.**  
Washington.—Retention of Camp Eustis, Va., as a permanent artillery camp has been recommended by the War Department to the congressional committee studying army camp sites.

### U. S. IS WELCOMED TO ALLIED COUNCIL

BRIAND EXPECTS HARVEY TO FACILITATE ALL THE AGREEMENTS.

### SILISIA NOT TOUCHED ON

Important Issue Before Paris Meeting Is Postponed Until Experts Are Ready To Testify—Allies Seem To Be Wide Apart.

Paris.—Members of the allied supreme council, which has opened, adjourned their first session without having discussed the Upper Silesian question. The time of the first session was taken up in listening to the presentation of the French, British and Italian viewpoints by their respective experts in Silesian matters. The council decided to postpone any expression of views until it had heard from Gen. Lenron, head of the international commission in Upper Silesia and one or two other specialists. At the opening of the session Premier Briand said he was most happy to welcome the representative of the United States, "whose council will facilitate agreement upon the important questions about to be discussed."

George Harvey, United States ambassador to Great Britain and America's unofficial representative at the conference, replied to Premier Briand's remarks with a cordial appreciation.

It is understood that Great Britain would solve the Silesian problem by awarding the districts of Pless and Rybnik to Poland, and it is said Prime Minister Lloyd George has expressed apprehension that any solution of the question would create in Upper Silesia a new Alsace-Lorraine.

Italy represents what might be called a middle ground, suggesting that the frontier be placed east of the Oder River, but giving to Poland more than the small portion of the mining district in the southeastern quarter of the country, where the Poles showed a clear majority in the plebiscite.

Ambassador Harvey had a long consultation in the morning with Roland W. Boyden, representative of the United States with the reparations commission, and Col. James A. Logan, Jr., who has represented the United States in various reparations matters. Afterwards Col. Harvey called on Sir Robert Horne, chancellor of the British exchequer, who will represent Great Britain at the financial conference of the powers.

**Named Oil Commissioner.**  
Baton Rouge, La.—Ben K. Stroud of California, who was associated with M. L. Regus in the development of the California oil and gas fields, has been named as agent in charge of the oil and gas division of the Louisiana conservation commission by Governor Parker at this office will be at Shreveport.

**Lay Largest Cable.**  
Detroit, Mich. — What is said to be the largest telephone cable in the world was laid across Detroit River recently between Detroit and Windsor, Ont., making it possible to conduct 600 conversations simultaneously there between the United States and Canada.

**Greeks Are Checked.**  
London.—It is announced from a Turkish source that the Greek troops have been checked in front of Sivrihissar, according to a Reuter dispatch from Constantinople, and the Greek army is retreating toward Eski-Shehr, abandoning enormous material and prisoners.

**Conference Costly.**  
Washington.—Director Dawes of the budget bureau has been notified by the State Department that extraordinary expenses will be incurred this year on account of the disarmament conference. No figures were transmitted, but the estimate must be submitted before August 15, it was said.

**To Succeed Cardinal.**  
Washington.—Official announcement of the appointment of Bishop Michael J. Curley of St. Augustine, Fla., as archbishop of Baltimore, succeeding the late Cardinal Gibbons has been received.

**Big Fire in San Antonio.**  
San Antonio, Tex. — Fire of undetermined origin recently destroyed the Fred Hummert Paint and Paper Company, a four-story building in the heart of the business district.

**Is Seized Second Time.**  
Fort Worth, Tex. — Two automobile loads of masked men seized Benny Pinto, a young white man, who was tarred and feathered here several weeks ago, and sped to the outskirts of the city recently.

**Collieries Are Tied Up.**  
Wilkes-Barre, Pa. — Eight of the three collieries operated by the Lehigh Valley Coal Company in this section are tied up following a strike vote taken by the employees.

### CARL F. EGGE



Carl F. Egge of Minneapolis, who has been appointed general superintendent of the air mail service, with headquarters in the Post Office department at Washington. He has been in the postal service 30 years.

### WILL INVESTIGATE REVENUE BUREAU

COMMISSIONER BLAIR ORDERS INVESTIGATION OF AC-CUSED EMPLOYEES.

Washington.—Sensational and serious charges against conduct of affairs in the Bureau of Internal Revenue have been ordered investigated by Commissioner David H. Blair.

The nature of the charges is not disclosed in a statement issued, by the commissioner, but there have been rumors for many months of irregularities connected with the conduct of affairs, particularly including the income tax and prohibition enforcement sections.

The most serious charges, it is reported, concern employees of the Income Tax Section. Some of these charges have been investigated in a preliminary way, and Commissioner Blair has discovered conditions which he says demand a sweeping inquiry into the bureau generally.

The character of the irregularities to be probed is being guarded zealously by Commissioner Blair and his advisers, and nothing will be disclosed until the inquiry, which is to be conducted by Assistant Commissioner Matson, have been concluded.

There have been rumors that the Washington office of the Revenue Bureau has been a source of suspicious transactions for some time. Charges against employees are said to include the giving out of income tax statements, collusion between persons within the bureau in a position to divulge confidential information with representatives of corporations with cases pending before the bureau, collusion of employees and outside persons in business ventures dependent upon secret information within the department, and charges that some employees have accepted money in assisting corporations and individuals to reduce their tax in one way or another.

One charge relates to employment to the prohibition wing, involving them in aiding persons to get possession of liquor for illegal purposes and in suppressing evidence that might lead to detection and prosecution of offenders.

**Elevator Strike Ends.**  
Chicago.—The strike of grain elevator employees, started here a month ago by the Chicago Grain Elevator and Feed Mill Employees' Union, has been called off, it has been announced officially. The walkout affected 800 men.

**New York.**—The Cuban sugar commissions at a meeting here fixed the new price of its raw sugar at three and one-fourths cents cost and freight, an advance of one-fourth cent.

**Many Killed By Quake.**  
London.—A violent earthquake shock was felt at Leghorn, Italy, and elsewhere recently, says a dispatch from Milan. Severe damage was done in the Lake Lugano district.

**Paved Highway Dedicated.**  
Topeka, Kan. — The first paved streets on the Victory highway, ocean-to-ocean trail, was dedicated at Tecumseh, near here, recently. The road extends from Topeka east to the Douglas county line.

**\$3,000,000 Fire Loss.**  
St. John, N. B.—The series of fires throughout the province in the last few weeks caused a property loss estimated at \$3,000,000 and made 100 people homeless, officials said today.

**Cut Canadian Clerks.**  
Montreal.—Wages of clerical workers employed by Canadian railways have been ordered reduced at once \$12.24 a month. About 50,000 workers are affected. These reductions complete the wage readjustments program proposed in June.

**M. P. Shops to Resume.**  
Sedalia, Mo.—Announcement has been made that the Missouri Pacific shops here will resume full operation. Employees have been taken back gradually during the last few months.

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