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LOUISIANA HAPPENINGS

News of the Pelican State Arranged in Condensed Form

Homer.—At the auction sale and trade day here recently Bill Rogers, auctioneer, sold watermelons for as much as four dollars. All produce brought a fancy price.

Thibodaux.—The rice planters in this section are busy harvesting their crops, although the rains have held them back somewhat. The yield is good and cars are moving daily.

Monroe.—Several thousand people attended a big barbecue and good roads' celebration held at Clayton to celebrate the completion of a fine highway from Clayton to Vidalia.

Crowley.—The Knights of Columbus of Crowley will have an observance of Columbus Day, October 12. A committee will be appointed for the celebration.

Baton Rouge.—The Jefferson Highway Farm Loan Association met here and passed on loans approximating \$22,000. More applications have been made for loans lately than could be cared for.

Gueydan.—Members of the American Rice Growers' Association here have elected the following officers: H. L. Gueydan, chairman; Leo P. Bonnin, secretary; Caesar Broussard, H. G. Hardee, H. L. Gueydan, J. W. White, and Bert Stansel, trustees; Caesar Broussard and H. L. Gueydan, representatives to the central board from the Gueydan section.

Sildell.—M. McDaniel, recently celebrated the fifteenth anniversary of her entry into business. In 1906, Mrs. McDaniel began business in Sildell in a small one-room building selling fruit. Later added shoes and notions to the stock carried. By hard work and business efficiency, Mrs. McDaniel's store is today one of the leading department stores in this section of Louisiana.

Covington.—On complaint that cattle, hogs and horses are being killed and injured by the reckless driving of autoists, the parish police jury has authorized the placing of a "bumper" at each end of a lane through which a gravel road runs, and to mark said bumper by a culvert sign 200 feet from the bumper, in large letters, easily distinguishable. The bumpers are logs partly buried on the roadbed.

Monroe.—Officers of the Arkansas-Louisiana Tourists' Way Association with headquarters at Monroe have notified of the completion of the last remaining link of gravel road from one end of East Carroll parish to the other in the building of the highway between Williamson and Gossypia. There is now an excellent highway of thirty-five miles in East Carroll connecting with the Arkansas highway on the north and the Madison parish highway in Tallulah, where it connects with the Dixie overland highway to Monroe.

De Ridder.—One of the latest industries in this section is watermelon syrup. The unprecedented crop produced this year caused a slump in the melon market and many melons were being given away, fed to hogs, or left to rot in the field. This condition led L. H. Ruelhman of Rosepine, to experiment on making syrup from the melons. The results have been most gratifying. He now is marketing his product here at the rate of thirty-five cents a quart, or \$1.25 a gallon. Mr. Ruelhman claims his melon syrup is superior to ribbon cane syrup, and that it can be produced at a good profit. He is finding a ready market for all he can make.

Hammond.—The people of Hammond will have an opportunity soon of voting up public improvements. The municipal improvement committee of the Chamber of Commerce has completed its work of estimating the needs of the city and the estimated cost of such improvements.

Hammond.—The principal of city schools has announced that the high and graded schools of Hammond will open for the 1921-22 session Monday, September 12. The date set is one week later than formerly.

Hammond.—The Florida Parishes Fair Association has let the contract for the erection of several new buildings, among them being the administration building, grand stand and race track and the agricultural exhibit building.

Pioneer.—A number of club boys and girls of West Carroll parish attended the club short course in baton Rouge. A grocery company, a bank and the school board gave scholarships. Ora Burke of Forest High School won high honors.

Sildell.—The paint plant of the Birmingham Graphite Company at Sildell has been completed and is operating at about half its capacity.

Monroe.—Police juries in several Northeastern Louisiana parishes are working on plans for a uniform ordinance designed to prevent speeding in automobiles outside of the towns in the rural districts. Heavy fines for those who exceed thirty miles an hour will be imposed in most of the parishes where no ordinance to prevent speeding is now in effect.

Lockport.—Mrs. Joseph Dalgie, wife of a farmer about three miles from here on Bayou Lafourche, met with a serious accident while making coffee on an open fire place, her clothing catching fire and being completely burned from her body. A physician was called immediately, but the burns were so severe on all parts of her body that he had little hope of saving her life.

Pointe a la Hache.—Orders have been received from the War Department for the dismantlement of guns and abandonment of Fort St. Philip within the next month, but a few soldiers are now stationed there and the equipment not transferred to other forts will be sent to the army supply base in New Orleans. One sergeant and ten soldiers only will be kept in the fort to care for the property.

Lake Charles.—At the Lake Charles Rotary Club luncheon the club unanimously endorsed the one-mill tax for three years to build the Vinton-Sabine section of the Old Spanish Trail. Members individually pledged the expenses of twenty-five Boy Scouts to the summer encampment at Prien Lake. It was announced that E. N. Hazzard, G. A. Courtney and H. G. Chalkley would pay the expenses of the entire troop of the Louisiana Baptist Orphanage located here.

Lake Charles.—The Calcasieu parish police jury, as a committee of the whole, at a meeting with the port and waterways committee of the Lake Charles Association of Commerce, agreed to call an election on November 8 to vote bonds for the construction of a port and deep water project for southwest Louisiana. On the same date there has been called an election to vote taxes for the completion of the Vinton-Sabine link of the Old Spanish trail.

Baton Rouge.—Mayor Grouchy is in receipt of a letter from H. B. Claggett, major of the air service, Fort McPherson, Ga., informing him Baton Rouge had been named as a main station of the chartered airway line between Lake and Gulf. The city is asked to provide suitable and safe landing field for airplanes, convenient to water, electricity and transportation.

Monroe.—Many large sweet potato curing and storage houses will have to be built this year or hundreds of thousands of sweet potatoes will go to waste, according to B. M. Jackson, Ouachita agricultural agent. Reports received here from a number of parishes are to the effect that the crop of sweet potatoes will be in excess of the facilities for storing and curing the output.

New Orleans.—A comprehensive exhibit of the products and resources of Louisiana will be made at the Illinois State Fair at Springfield August 19 to 27. Two days later it will be given a prominent place at the Wisconsin State Fair at Milwaukee, August 29 to September 3. It will then do duty at the Kansas fairs at Topeka and Hutchinson, and will be rearranged and enlarged for the International Live Stock Show at Chicago.

New Orleans.—Improvement in the corn crop of Louisiana and slight falling off in the rice and sugar cane crops during July, was reported by the New Orleans Bureau of Market and Crop Estimates. Despite the decline in the condition of the rice and sugar for the one month, the former still is reported to be in good condition and the latter in the best condition of any sugar crop on a corresponding date in the last ten years, except in 1916. In brief, the bureau forecasts about one-third more corn than last year, one-third less cotton, two-fifths less rice and one-third more sugar. There will be the largest crop of sweet potatoes in history, and a big increase in hay, oats and peanuts.

Monroe.—Plans are going forward in several Northeastern Louisiana parishes to transform cotton gins into factories for manufacturing mixed feed, or to establish entirely new plants of this kind, following the initial movement of this kind which was recently inaugurated in Ouachita parish. In Richmond, Morehouse, Lincoln and Jackson parishes movements of this kind have been launched. The plan is to utilize cotton ginning machinery, with perhaps the addition of some new machinery.

Monroe.—The Bastrop Pulp and Paper Company has awarded contracts for wood to be used by the company's mill at Bastrop to scores of timber owners in this part of the state, and it is announced that the contracts call for 3,000 carloads of wood during the coming winter.

Shreveport.—While wading in an old pool at Oil City, La., William Allen, 9-year-old son of W. A. Allen, an oil field worker, employed in the El Dorado field, got beyond his depth and was drowned.

Houma.—At a meeting of Little Caillou citizens held recently, resolutions were adopted asking the police jury to call an election in the ward that the taxpayers may vote upon levying a five-mill ten years special road tax with which to build a shell road through that section of the parish.

Covington.—The parish police jury has funded one-quarter of one mill of the budget of 1921, or \$24,200, to be used in improving the roads and bridges in the parish, and will issue therefor bonds of \$200 denomination.

ATTACK HARDING'S SPEECH ON BONUS

IS MORE OF A DICTATOR THAN WILSON, ACCORDING TO SENATOR BORAH.

INTERFERENCE IS CHARGED

Blame Wilson For Establishing Precedent in Making Speeches Before Congress—Democrats Enjoy Breaking of Storm.

Washington. — President Harding's appearances before the senate last month in opposition to passage of the soldier bonus bill started a storm of debate in the Senate when the Shipping Board deficiency bill was being considered, during which his course was criticized and defended.

The discussion was begun by Senator La Follette, Republican of Wisconsin, who referred to the resolution introduced in the House by Representative Cochran, Democrat of New York, criticizing the president for addressing one branch of Congress on pending legislation.

Senator Lodge, the Republican leader, called attention to the "peace without-victory" speech of former President Wilson to the Senate before American entrance into the war and his addresses later on the suffrage amendment. It would be a sad day, Lodge said, for the republic when one of the three branches of the government could not confer with another.

Declaring it was not necessary "either to criticize or eulogize Mr. Harding," Senator Borah, Republican of Idaho, said that on the question of the bonus "we surrendered our judgment to his dictation." If the president wanted precedents there were plenty, he said, adding that this did not change the situation.

La Follette assailed the president for what he called executive interference with the legislative branch of the government. He charged that the president was brought into the debate to prevent passage of the bill, and that his action was without authority under the constitution.

Senator Knox, Republican of Pennsylvania, interjected with "and I see no reason why Congress should be debarrd from the White House, as has occurred in the past eight years." Saying he never had heard "such a violent denunciation of Wilson" as had been directed at Mr. Harding, Senator Kellogg, Republican of Minnesota, said he was unable to understand the reason for it.

Easterners Optimistic.

Philadelphia. — The turn in general business has come, and the situation is one to be faced with optimism, according to belief expressed by officials of the Chambers of Commerce along the eastern seaboard in at least 100 cities ranging from Maine to Virginia, who replied to a questionnaire submitted to them by the Philadelphia Chamber of Commerce.

Turks Offer Resistance.

Smyrna. — Hostilities between the Greeks and Turkish Nationalists in the region to the east of the Sakaria river continue. The Nationalists appear to be offering determined resistance to the Greeks, having concentrated in this area forces estimated to number 60,000 brought from various places.

Bandits Secure Jewelry.

Detroit, Mich. — Jewelry valued at \$20,000 was obtained by two bandits who held up M. Glazer of New York and two women companions on the Lake Shore road when they were returning to Detroit by automobile from Mount Clemens.

To Head Safety Work.

St. Louis. — William Lacy Patterson of St. Louis, for several years identified with the National Safety Council, has been appointed as public safety engineer by the Mississippi Valley division of the council, it has been announced.

Dog Jumper Missing.

Chicago. — Bing, the only dog parachute jumper in the country, is missing. Bing made daily leaps from an airplane into Lake Michigan during the Pageant of Progress. He was trained at Rantoul Field, Ill.

Prince Regent Deterred.

Paris. — Prince Regent Alexander of Jugo-Slavia, who has been ill at Nully following an attack of appendicitis, is considered out of immediate danger.

Many Ships Disposed Of.

Washington. — Bids for \$2,100 each for 205 wooden vessels, submitted by the Ship Construction and Trading Corporation of New York, have been accepted by the Shipping Board, it has been announced officially.

Market By Radio.

St. Louis. — At the request of many rural communities the Department of Science of St. Louis has decided to add a radio telephone market report to its present radio weather service.

CLIFFORD W. SMITH



Clifford W. Smith, secretary of the United States shipping board, photographed in Washington. He was Washington correspondent for the Associated Press for several years. His home is in Benton Harbor, Mich.

DISARMAMENT IS AGAIN DISCUSSED

SENATOR LODGE NOT IN FAVOR OF LIMITATION UNLESS IT IS GENERAL.

Washington. — Replying to Democratic questioning, Senator Lodge, Republican leader, outlined to the Senate some of the principles which will guide him as one of the American representatives in the coming conference of the world powers.

He favors a general limitation of armament, but he favors no limitation unless it is general. He regards armament reduction as primarily necessary to relieve the world's economic distress and he hopes that it will also promote universal peace.

He considers that the United States has already cut its army and navy budgets to the danger line and thinks it would be a grave mistake to make further curtailment unless there is an international agreement for reduction of armament.

The debate began when Senator Lodge, opposing passage of the \$100,000,000 good roads bill on the ground of economy, declared that army and navy appropriations had been reduced below the level of prudence.

"We have cut down with great severity the appropriations for the army and navy, which I regard as absolutely necessary expenditures for any government which means to protect itself against dangers which come to any nation," said Senator Lodge. "We have cut the army below a point which seems to me safe. We have cut the navy down to such a point that work on necessary ships, such as battle cruisers and airplane carriers has been either stopped or slackened. This is exactly like a man who practices economy by giving up his insurance whether on his house or on his life."

Crushed Under Walls.

Waterloo, Ia. — Louis Vollenweider, 12 years old, and Denzil Leeper, 15, were killed when cement walls and floors of an old cellar, under which they had tunneled and made a cave, collapsed, burying them under the debris. Rescuers worked 40 minutes before extricating the bodies.

Two Thousand Join Ku Klux.

Chicago. — More than 2,000 Chicagoans were inducted into the Order of the Ku Klux Klan recently in an initiation ceremony conducted six miles south of Lake Zurich. Twelve thousand were said to have been in the automobile cavalcade that proceeded through the rain to the place where the ceremonies took place.

Wages Are Reduced.

Wilmington, Del. — A general 10 per cent wage cut has been announced at the Harlan plant of the Bethlehem Shipbuilding Corporation. This is the second reduction this year and the two bring the basic wage from \$4 to 64 cents an hour.

Senators Plan Recess.

Washington. — A resolution providing for a Senate recess from Saturday, August 20, to Monday, September 19, has been introduced by Senator Lodge of Massachusetts, the Republican leader.

Two Deputies Killed.

Murphy, N. C. — Two deputy sheriffs were killed and one seriously wounded in a pitched battle with moonshiners at Kesselburg bridge on Notla river.

Bolsheviks Stop Battle.

Kars, Trans-Caucasia. — Bolshevik troops stopped a battle being fought by Turks and Armenians near here. The Armenians attacked remnants of the Turkish nationalist troops in Armenia, the remainder of the Turkish troops having been sent to Angora.

Reds May Drink Wine.

Riga, Latvia. — Prohibition has been abolished in Soviet Russia, and the country now is on a light wine basis.

HOUSE ADOPTS NEW TAX MEASURE

TAX REVISION BILL IS PASSED 274 TO 125 BY PARTY VOTE.

IS EFFECTIVE JANUARY FIRST

On Motion To Recommit Measure, Fifty Republicans Bolt Administration—Democrats Lose Only Three Votes.

Washington. — The tax revision bill of 1921, estimated to cut \$18,000,000 from the nation's tax burden by 1923, has been passed by the House, 274 to 125, on an almost straight party vote. Three Democrats supported the measure and nine Republicans voted against it. The Democrats were Campbell of Kansas and Dupre and Lazaro, both of Louisiana.

The Republicans were Beck of Wisconsin, Cleague of Minnesota, Keller of Minnesota, Lampert of Wisconsin, Michelson of Illinois, John M. Nelson of Wisconsin, Sinclair of North Dakota, Voigt of Wisconsin, and Woodruff of Michigan. Representatives London, Socialist of New York, voted against the bill.

Compared with the nine Republicans above were 50 who voted for a Democratic motion to recommit the bill for limitation of the provision repealing the income surtax rates above 32 per cent. This motion was lost, 169 to 230, with one Democrat, Campbell of Kansas, voting against it. The bill will be sent to the Senate where it will be taken up after the end of the recess on September 21. Meantime the Senate Finance Committee will hold additional public hearings on the whole tax question, and probably will revise the measure in several details. As finally passed by the House with nearly 100 committee amendments, the bill is estimated to produce a total of \$3,347,000,000 in revenue this fiscal year, or \$221,000,000 less than the estimate under the existing law.

As repeal of the excess profits taxes and higher income surtaxes rates would not become effective until next January 1, the full force of the measure will not be reflected in government receipts until the calendar year 1923, but Republican leaders say that through repeal of the transportation and other taxes the reduction in the tax bill in the next calendar year will be approximately \$512,000,000.

"Potato Flour" Poison.

Laredo, Tex. — Investigation into the origin of a substance thought to have been potato flour, which was made into bread here recently and resulted in death of three persons, disclosed that the supposed potato flour was part of a barrel of poison which arrived here by freight some time ago without a label and bearing no address.

Japan Seeks Settlement.

Tokyo. — The disposition of the Japanese government to settle the question of the evacuation of Siberia before opening of the far eastern conference at Washington gave a special importance to the mission of Hajime Patsumama of the foreign office, who recently went to Vladivostok.

Many Japanese Drown.

Kobe, Japan. — Forty-five seamen are believed to have been drowned following the wrecking of the freight steamer Shosho Maru, which was disabled by a typhoon and battered to pieces on the rocks off the Loo Choo Islands. Only one of the ship's crew is known to have survived.

May Inherit Fortune.

Chattanooga, Tenn. — Ike, an orphan, will receive one-sixth of a \$37,000,000 fortune from the estate of a South American uncle who died in 1914, according to information from a cousin, Will, of Columbus, O., who is investigating the matter.

American Opinion.

Davao, P. I. — An opinion of opinion on the question of Philippine independence, placed before Maj. Gen. Leonard Wood, at a Cruz on the island of Mindanao, show the wild tribesmen in favor of American sovereignty.

Schooner a Total Loss.

Beaufort, N. C. — The schooner Louise Howard, with a cargo of dynamite, lies pounded by pieces on the breakers, a total loss.

Shutdown Is Averted.

Springfield, Ill. — Threatened shutdown of the Springfield Gas and Electric Company plants apparently has been averted with an announcement that the company would accept a 20-year franchise offered by the city.

Greeks Renew Attack.

Smyrna. — The Greeks have begun a second offensive against the Turkish nationalists. The latter are retreating rapidly toward the Sakaria river without offering resistance.

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