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STATE ON SOUND FINANCIAL BASIS

TREASURY SUBMITS REPORT TO
LEGISLATURE SHOWING FI-
NANCIAL CONDITION.

WILL HAVE SMALL BALANCE

All Obligations To Be Met—Revenue
Is Anticipated—Statement Contains
Many Interesting Figures On
State Finances.

Baton Rouge. — The state treasury is not in such a straitened financial condition as has been reported, according to a statement furnished to the Legislature by A. M. Smith, of Vermilion, chairman of the House appropriations committee. He said that the treasury not only will meet all obligations, but may have a small balance at the end of the year. His statement follows:

"With the approval of the committee on appropriations, I have the honor to submit the following statement showing the estimated financial condition of the state at the close of business in December, 1921, as follows:

"Appropriations and expenses:

"Appropriations yet to be paid as carried in the general appropriation bill of 1921, \$1,241,270; cost of the present session of the Legislature \$300,000; additional salaries provided by the new constitution to be paid during the year 1921, not less than \$105,000, total \$1,546,270.

"Balance of receipts for year 1921: Taxes for year 1921 being 15-40 of one mill as assessed valuation of the state estimated \$1,650,000,000; \$600,000,000, less interest and bonds to pay \$700,000, \$1,075,000.

"Back licenses to be collected \$50,000; interest on bank balances, \$50,000; total \$1,175,000; less overdraft as of September 1, 1921, \$439,000, \$1,336,000 less appropriations and expenses as listed above \$1,546,270; total \$210,730.

"Overdrafts:

"Balance left over from 1920, approximately \$600,000, less obligations of Board of Liquidation, approximately \$300,000. Net balance \$300,000.

"One-half to go to current school fund \$150,000.

"Net balance to accrue to general fund from 1920, \$150,000.

"This balance deducted from overdraft, shown above, \$150,000; apparent overdraft at end of year, 1921, \$60,270.

"This will probably be reduced from revenues from various sources, leaving the general fund of the state with a small balance which will show a good condition."

Revenue legislation began to take definite form when Jules Dreyfous, chairman of the ways and means committee, introduced four bills in the House that affect the fiscal policy of the State.

One is the general bill that is designed to carry into operation the provision in the constitution fixing the rate on all property at 5-14 mills on the dollar.

The second is the bill to impose license taxes on all classes of business, occupations and professions. This bill contains many provisions of the old law and several new features. One of the new sections is a provision to place a license tax on railroad ticket

TOLD IN A FEW LINES.

Baton Rouge.—Another step towards the organization of the state branch of the Southern Commercial Congress was made when it was announced that A. A. Waterman of Baton Rouge had been named temporary secretary to assist Solon Farrinbach, state president, and Col. A. T. Prescott, chairman of the executive committee, in completing the organization of the executive committee of fifteen members.

Ville Platte.—The cost of ginning cotton during the war was 90 cents a hundred. Last year it was 70 cents but due to the great amount of cotton centered here the ginners announced that they would reduce the price to 35 cents a hundred. This reduction will not affect many growers as most of the cotton has been picked and ginned but it established pre-war prices.

De Ridder.—Cattle dipping has been resumed in Beauregard parish, and will continue as late as the weather will permit.

Lake Charles.—Mayor J. A. Trotti is in a sanitarium and thought to be in a serious condition as a result of an encounter recently with H. A. Knapp in the heart of the business district. It is said that the mayor had ordered Knapp to appear in police court on a charge of vagrancy and that this was the cause of the trouble.

Shreveport.—Governor John M. Parker has accepted an invitation to deliver an annual address October 27, formally opening the sixteenth annual Louisiana State Fair.

agents. This will affect every railroad in the State.

The third bill proposes to tax inheritances, legacies and other donations mortis causa or gifts in contemplation of death. The bill proposes to tax inheritances by relatives at 3 per cent, and bequests to others at 10 per cent. The bill stipulates that all inheritance taxes shall go into the general fund. It is estimated that the inheritance taxes will yield a total of about \$600,000 a year.

The fourth bill proposes to place a license tax on the sale of pistols, blank cartridges and rifles, except rifles of twenty-two and twenty-five caliber. The tax is to be based on gross sales.

There is a provision in the general license tax bill introduced in the House by Jules Dreyfous of Iberia, that is expected to arouse resentment from editors throughout the State. It is a clause that proposes to impose a license tax on editors. A provision of that sort was written into the revenue law passed about twenty years ago, but it was declared unconstitutional by the Supreme Court. After that decision no attempt was made to collect the tax. In revising the license bill at this session the tax on editors was again inserted. This was done, too, in the face of the objection of Governor Parker. School teachers, bookkeepers and college professors would not be taxed.

Sellers of beverages containing wood alcohol or other poisoning ingredients will be liable to a term in the penitentiary if the Legislature passes a bill introduced in the House by S. E. Tobin of Natchitoches. The bill declares that "it shall be unlawful for any person to sell or give to another, or offer to sell or give to another, or have in possession for sale or give to another, any beverage or any fluid or liquid intended to be used as a beverage containing wood alcohol, fusel oil or any other ingredient which is poisonous." The penalty is imposed in this provision: "Any person guilty of violating the provisions of this act shall, on conviction, be imprisoned at hard labor not exceeding five years."

Certain portions of salaries and wages would be exempt from garnishment under provisions of a bill introduced in the House by Phil Arras of the Ninth Ward. In imposing prohibition against garnishment the bill reads:

"Nor shall there be seized, or subjected to garnishment process, such amount, or portion of the wages or salary of a salaried employee, as may be absolutely necessary for the monthly subsistence of such employee and for the subsistence and alimony for his wife and children, or members of his household, dependent on his earnings, which sum or portion shall be limited and determined by the court whenever contested."

Representative J. J. Copell and J. P. Guillot of Natchitoches introduced a bill in the House to amend the constitution so as to repeal the provision in the new organic law permitting police juries to select registrars of voters outside of Orleans parish and to rest on the action of the old constitution requiring clerks of courts to serve as registrars of voters.

The bill drafted by L. E. Boykin of the Federal Highway Department, intended as a compromise measure in the road fight in the Legislature, was introduced in the House by J. W. Alexander of Rapides. The bill proposes to create a highway commission of three men, appointive by the governor from the state-at-large.

By unanimous vote the House appropriations committee recommended the passage of a bill to appropriate \$25,000 to fight the citrus conker in Plaquemine parish.

Monroe.—Morehouse parish has decided to support the Arkansas Louisiana Tourists' Way Association of Monroe, S. M. Collins, secretary of the Tourists' Way, has been advised.

Hammond.—The Ladies' Improvement League held their monthly meeting at the Hammond Studio. The treasurer's report was read and showed a balance of \$129 in the general fund and \$517 in the community house fund. The women realized something like \$1,000 in soliciting advertising for the fair catalog.

Alexandria.—J. Boatner Carter of Ruston, secretary of the Louisiana Commercial Secretaries' Association was here to confer with Secretary A. T. Felt of the Alexandria Chamber of Commerce, who is a member of the executive committee of the National Secretaries' Association, which will hold its convention in New Orleans October 24 to 26.

Baton Rouge.—Five students of the Louisiana State University were arrested on the charge of hazing K. U. Lowry, a freshman of Bernice.

De Ridder.—The \$12,000 mail robbery here September 7, facts of which has been kept quiet by request of postal authorities, is now nearing solution. Two arrests are reported in the case in the past few hours. One is Ben Singleton, young automobile man of this city, who left here a few days after the robbery to engage in the auto business in El Paso, Tex., and the other Climo Young, driver of the mail car from which the pouch containing the \$12,000 disappeared between the postoffice and Kansas City Southern train.

FREIGHT RATES MAY BE LOWERED

CONFERENCES IN WASHINGTON
INDICATE FAVORABLE ACTION
BY RAIL AUTHORITIES.

FAVOR A WAGE REDUCTION

Officials Say Practical Way to Cut
Rates Is to Reduce Employees'
Pay—Would Have Wage-Fix-
ing Powers Changed.

Washington.—Developments which were declared to presage early reduction in railroad freight rates and a clearing of the railroad situation generally came here from several quarters.

A group of railroad executives conferred with President Harding and Senator Cummins, Republican, Iowa, chairman of the Senate Interstate Commerce Committee, and discussed steps toward freight rate reductions preliminary to the executives' meeting at Chicago.

Rate reductions also formed the principal topic on the program at a meeting of Democratic and Republican senators comprising the unofficial agricultural "bloc." Senators attending the meeting said there was a wide and vigorous demand for rate cuts as imperative to the agricultural interests.

Senator Cummins, after his conference with the railway executives, said he believed that they would adopt at their Chicago meeting his suggestions for an immediate reduction of freight rates.

The railway executives in the conference included T. D. Gaylor, representing a railway securities holders' organization; Samuel Rea, president of the Pennsylvania system; President Smith of the New York Central; President Holden of the Burlington system; Julius Kruttschnitt, chairman of the Southern Pacific.

"The railway executives," said Senator Cummins, after the conference, "feel that the only substantial way to reduce rates is to reduce wages. They also feel that the wage-fixing functions of the Railroad Labor Board should be transferred to the Interstate Commerce Commission, which has the rate making, or return powers."

Farmers To Be Reimbursed.

Baton Rouge, La.—Cotton planters in the non-crop zone are to be reimbursed for the loss of their crop in 1920-21, when they were quarantined on account of the pink boll worm.

The state will assume the obligation of payment if the special tax levied on the cotton interests is held unconstitutional.

Assurance of prompt payment was given a delegation representing Cameron parish cotton planters, at a conference held in Governor Parker's office.

Stock Deals Cause Indictments.

Omaha, Neb.—Fifty-eight indictments were returned by a special Grand Jury called by the attorney general to investigate stock transactions in the state. Ninety-seven persons were named. Samuel H. Grace of Omaha, secretary and treasurer of Division No. 1 of the Railway Employees' Society of Labor, charged with embezzling a \$20,000 certificate of deposit, was among those indicted.

Reduced Fares To Legion Convention.

Kansas City.—Certificates entitling the holder to purchase a round trip ticket from his home to Kansas City to attend the national convention of the American Legion October 21 November 2 will be distributed to American Legion posts throughout the country, it was announced here at the convention headquarters.

Germany To Deliver Building Material

Wiesbaden.—An agreement whereby the German government is to deliver to France within three years 7,000,000,000 gold marks worth of building materials, was signed here recently by Louis Loucheur, finance minister of the liberated regions, and Walter Rathenau, German minister of reconstruction.

Gen. Dickman Retires.

San Antonio, Tex.—Major Gen. Joseph T. Dickman, commander of the Eighth Army Corps Area, with headquarters at Fort Sam Houston, has retired from active service in the United States Army.

Will Resume Railway Probe.

Washington.—General inquiry into railroad conditions and problems will be resumed October 13 by the Senate Interstate Commerce Committee, according to announcement today.

Taft for More Judges.

Washington.—Chief Justice Taft, appearing before the Senate Judiciary Committee, urged creation of 18 additional district judges as a means of relieving congestion in federal court dockets.

League Council Re-elects.

Geneva.—The four non-permanent members of the Council of the League of Nations—China, Belgium, Brazil and Spain—have been re-elected by the Assembly on the first ballot.

INCY OF THE YOSEMITE



Old Incy, an Indian woman from whom Dr. John C. Merriam of the Carnegie institute obtains a vast amount of Indian lore, is a member of the Yosemite tribe and is somewhere between 100 and 148 years old.

DISABLED VETS VICTIMS OF GREED

STATEMENT MADE THAT VOGA-
TIONAL STUDENTS WORK UN-
DER ADVERSE CONDITIONS.

Chicago.—Statements by Col. Chas. R. Forbes, director of the United States Veterans' Bureau, that conditions in private vocational establishments for disabled soldiers are "criminal and approximate slavery," were denied and confirmed here.

Vigorous denial came from Charles W. Sylvester, director of vocational training in Chicago, who said there was no basis for including local conditions in the sensational charges. "Men taking federal vocational education in Chicago are not being enslaved, to my knowledge," said Mr. Sylvester.

"However, representatives of soldiers' organizations substantiated the assertion by Colonel Forbes that greedy employers—foreign-born for the most part—have exploited the 'learners' turned over to them for instruction. In the small West Side shops and factories, it is said, disabled soldiers, paid by the government have worked out their terms of instruction without being taught anything.

Mr. Sylvester said the "farming out" policy, under which disabled men are assigned to industrial plants as apprentices, has made it necessary to put uneducated, foreign-born veterans in plants run by men of their own nationalities, where exploitation is not unlikely.

Removal of all veterans from unsatisfactory plants probably will be the first consequence of the charges made by Colonel Forbes. There have been many instances of men taking training in shops where they were a distinct liability. Before the war they were unskilled laborers. They do not use the English language and they spoil materials and damage machinery through ignorance and clumsiness. In spite of this, however, many of the employers keep them until they reach a point where they are worth something and then put them on the pay rolls.

Kuklux Klan Denied Charter.

Charleston, W. Va.—Informal application for a charter of incorporation was made by the realm of West Virginia, Knights of the Kuklux Klan Secretary of State Houston G. Young declined to issue the charter but said he made it plain to the applicant, who did not give his name, that the organization "will not be granted a charter in this state."

Railroads Need the Money.

Washington.—Financial inability to reduce freight rates was pleaded by railroad witnesses, appearing at hearings before the Interstate Commerce Commission to oppose applications of Eastern, Southern and Northern hardwood producers for general reductions of tariffs on their products.

Alabama Prohibits Near Beer.

Montgomery, Ala.—In his message to the Alabama legislature, Governor Kirby urged the passage of a cereal beverage bill, declaring that Alabama was the only state in the Union which prohibited this class of drink.

Chicago Reports Less Drunkenness.

Chicago.—There was less drunkenness, fewer murders and fewer arrests in Chicago in 1920 than in the previous year, according to the annual report of the police department.

Russians Changing School System.

Riga.—The decentralization of Russia's schools, and denationalization of the theaters and moving picture houses, was announced by M. Lu narcharski, former Russian minister of education.

Woman Named For Arkansas Office.

Washington.—The Senate has confirmed the president's nomination of Della E. Penick to be postmaster at Lake City to succeed A. B. Couch, whose commission has expired.

SENATE PASSES CANAL MEASURE

BILL EXEMPTS AMERICAN SHIPS
FROM PAYMENT OF TOLL
CHARGES.

WINS BY MAJORITY OF TEN

Party Lines Forgotten—House Will Be
Scene of Real Contest—No
Action Probable Until Af-
ter Conference.

Washington.—Despite the most solemn warnings that it was voting to violate the Hay-Pauncefote treaty, the Senate passed the Borah bill exempting American coastwise shipping from payment of Panama canal tolls. The vote was 47 ayes and 37 noes.

The House, to which the measure now goes, will be the scene of the real battle over this proposed discrimination contrary to the treaty agreement to give the ships of all nations the use of the great canal on equal terms. In the House, however, the bill probably will be permitted to sleep until after the conclusion of the conference on the limitation of armament, in which the United States desires the support of Great Britain and other nations which protested in 1912, and are prepared to protest again against the violation of the treaty.

Party lines were obliterated and some curious political paradoxes were revealed in the final roll call. Senator Lodge, Republican leader, voted against the measure, despite the Republican platform declaration and President Harding's warm approval of the free toll plank. Senator Underwood, Democratic leader, voted in favor of the bill. The Republicans divided 35 in favor of the bill and 17 against it. The Democrats cast 12 votes for the bill and 20 against it.

Passage of the bill, so far as the Senate is concerned, completely undoes what President Wilson accomplished in 1914, when he repudiated the free toll plank of the Democratic platform of 1912, and after one of the most spectacular parliamentary contests ever waged in the capital obtained the repeal of the free tolls clause of the Panama canal act.

Large Diamond Found in Arkansas.

Murfreesboro, Ark.—The biggest find of the Arkansas Diamond Corporation's mine here recently was a 201 carat white stone, which was among 48 carats of diamonds in 100 loads of earth moved by small hand washing operations during a two week period of operation. A second period of operation yielded 33 carats in 100 loads.

Booze Bandits Make Rich Haul.

Washington.—The loss by Joseph E. Leiter of \$300,000 worth of choice wines and liquors to secure which robbers bored the three-inch steel door of the wine cellar of his country home in Virginia, removed the cases to waiting trucks and escaped in the absence of the caretaker of the estate, has been reported to the police department here.

Brazil and Italy Sign Treaty.

Roma.—The Brazilian ambassador to Italy, Dr. de Souza Dantas, signed the Italo-Brazilian treaty of labor and emigration. The press considers the treaty as meaning virtually the abolition of the Prineti decree. Senor de Michelis, commissioner of emigration, has authorized the departure of a large number of selected agricultural families for Brazil.

American Woman Awarded Medal.

New Orleans.—For her concert at the front during the war, Miss Nina May Alcatorre, daughter of Ferdinand Alcatorre of New Orleans and a prominent soprano of the last French opera season here, has been awarded the Croix de Guerre, according to a cable received here.

Several Lives Lost in Ocean Wreck.

Belfast.—Damaged by one vessel in a dense fog off the southwest coast of Scotland, and then sunk by another coming to its aid, was the fate of the Laird Line steamer Rowan, plying between Glasgow and Dublin. Thirteen of the Rowan's crew and three passengers are missing.

Jugo-Slavs Said to Be Mobilizing.

Vienna.—All Jugo-Slavs of military age are ordered by advertisements appearing in the newspapers to report immediately to their consulate. It is believed here that this means mobilization by the Jugo-Slavs.

Woman Liberal Elected.

Stockholm.—Mills Kerstein Hosseignren has been elected to the Swedish rigsdag on the liberal ticket and will be the first woman to hold such an office.

Federal Ban Against Arkansas Lifted.

Washington.—The ban on federal aid funds for Arkansas highway construction imposed early in the summer by Secretary of Agriculture Wallace have been lifted, officials of the Bureau of Public Roads announced, and no restrictions will be placed on federal aid for Arkansas unless further complications arise. The five projects, failure to provide maintenance for which was responsible for the federal ban, now are in good shape.

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