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Happenings in Louisiana

CUBAN SUGAR IS GIVEN A BOOST

ATTORNEY GENERAL'S DECISION ADVERSE TO THE CLAIMS OF LOUISIANA PRODUCERS.

Western Newspaper Union News Service. Washington.—Louisiana sugar growers lost the second round of their fight to keep up the duty on sugar when Attorney General McReynolds handed down an opinion that Cuban sugar is entitled to enter the United States at all times during the life of the present reciprocity treaty on payment of a duty of 20 per cent less than other sugars.

The Louisianians contended there was a conflict in the new tariff law between its reaffirmation of the Cuban reciprocity treaty, which provides for a 20 per cent preferential for Cuban sugar, and that part of the law which provides for a general reduction of the duty on sugar of 25 per cent, beginning March 1. They hoped the attorney general would find that there could not be a reaffirmation of the treaty and a reduction in sugar duties.

The attorney general's opinion, however, will result in an almost immediate reduction in the rate on Cuban sugar, keeping it as now 20 per cent under other sugars. After March 1 Cuban "95 per cent" sugar will be admitted to the United States on payment of a duty of about one cent a pound.

The attorney general's opinion was sent to Secretary of the Treasury McAdoo, the customs collectors to be notified of its purport before March 1. Any further action by the sugar growers probably would be in the supreme court. Suit might be brought to determine judicially the question of conflict on which Mr. McReynolds has ruled.

Representative Broussard of Louisiana said that while the decision of the attorney general would not make any difference in the volume of the sugar business between Cuba and the United States, as this country takes all of Cuba's crop, there is a quantity of Cuban sugar in the bonded warehouses in New York, Boston, Philadelphia and New Orleans, where refineries are located, being held to await decision so as to take advantage of the double reduction, effective Monday, March 1. It means, he said, a saving of millions of dollars to American refineries of Cuban sugar.

STATE CONVICTS BAPTIZED

While Guards Stood by With Guns to Prevent Attempts at Escape.

Klotz Springs, La.—An unusual scene was enacted here Sunday when Captain May's state convict camp, on the Atchafalaya river, was visited by Rev. L. Madison, of English Turn post-office, Plaquemines parish, La., for the purpose of baptizing convicts.

The guards, with loaded guns on their shoulders, prepared to baptize in a different way any convict that tried to swim the river or take to the woods, led the procession to the river bank, where the baptizing took place. After singing a few hymns and some good advice from the preacher, he led them into the Atchafalaya one at a time and ducked them under the water, and held them until thoroughly immersed.

Good Roads Tax Voted at Delhi.

Delhi, La.—The First Ward of Richland parish held an election here to vote on a proposition of levying a 5-mill tax for good roads, resulting as follows: For the tax, 76, representing property valuation of \$31,800; against the tax, 10, representing a property valuation of \$24,000.

Medicine Peddlers Prohibited.

Washington.—The Louisiana statute of 1894, forbidding itinerant peddlers from selling patented medicines in that state, was upheld as constitutional by the supreme court. The supreme court affirmed the order of 1905 of the Louisiana Railroad Commission fixing rates on cottonseed and cottonseed products on the Texas and Pacific railway.

Mother of Nine Children Insane.

Crowley, La.—Because there is no room in either of the two state asylums Mrs. Julia Ducret, insane, and over 60 years of age, the mother of nine children, had to be arrested on a criminal warrant and placed in the parish jail, charged with being insane and dangerous.

Merryville Votes Railroad Bonds.

Lake Charles, La.—Merryville, by an overwhelming majority, voted a bond issue of \$15,000 in favor of the Orange and Northwestern railroad. Ed Kennedy, president of the railroad, states that bonds totaling \$500,000 have already been voted for his line.

White Castle, La.—The White Castle Courier, a weekly newspaper, made its first appearance here last week. Marshall Borely, formerly of New Iberia, is editor.

NABORTON IS OFF MAIN LINE OF ROAD

TOWN PROMOTED WITH DE SOTO'S OIL BOOM IS LEFT WITHOUT CONNECTION.

Western Newspaper Union News Service. Mansfield, La.—The Frost-Johnson Lumber Company has decided to build its tramroad from here to the oil field, passing through the new town of Naborton. The road has been built from Mansfield to that town, and hundreds of lots sold. A number of buildings have been erected.

When the mill people went to extend their line to the oil field, several miles beyond they were enjoined from building their line over the lands belonging to the late J. H. Nabors. As the tramroad is not a chartered railroad, but simply a sawmill utility, could not expropriate the right of way, so that they have decided to start at a point one mile this side of Naborton and build the road to the east of that place over lands through which they hold a right of way. This will leave the new town with no connection with any place. At most it will be a spur of a log road. Those who have bought high-priced lots in the new town and have built may sustain serious losses and they are threatening to bring suit against the town site company for damages, the principal complaint being that the town site map shows that the town is on the Missouri, Kansas and Texas railroad, when that road runs from Mansfield westward to Hunter, and is not nearer to Naborton than seven miles.

POLICE JURYMAN IS INDICTED

Considerable Secrecy About Case Involving Misuse of Public Funds.

Western Newspaper Union News Service. Winnfield.—A sensation was sprung here when it became known that the grand jury, at the end of a special session, had returned five or six indictments against J. L. Brewton, member of the police jury of Winn parish from Ward Ten, twice president of that body and one of the best known citizens of the parish. Brewton is said to have disappeared and to be now a fugitive from justice.

The exact nature of the charges against Brewton are not known, but they are said to have grown out of an inquiry into the manipulation of parish funds. Between \$2,000 and \$3,000 is said to be involved. In what manner Brewton succeeded in getting this money and how long the alleged grafting has been in progress are matters which have not yet been made public. There is considerable secrecy about the case, but it is said that the grand jury probe has been quietly in progress for some time.

Will Go Back to Cotton.

Erath, La.—Jacques & Edmond's mill, of Abbeville, La., and Louis Solieux and O. Balleau of New Iberia, La., bought the cotton mill here and are going to run it this year. They will give a public meeting for farmers shortly. The mill has not worked for about three years. The company will advance seed to the farmers. The farmers had not raised cotton for a year or two on account of boll weevil, but intend this year to make one of the largest crops ever raised in Vermillion parish.

Interstate Waterways Meet March 7.

Lake Charles.—Secretary Leon Locke, of the Inland Interstate Waterway League, has received a letter from President S. E. Holland, of Victoria, saying that the date of the executive meeting in this city has been set for March 7. A ride down the Calcasieu river to inspect the canal from the Calcasieu to the Sabine river will be among the features.

Corpse Had Bullets in Head.

Olean, N. Y.—When Coroner Smith opened the casket containing the body of William Lobarger, of Bolivar, N. Y., who died at Mansfield, La., it was found that the dead man had sixteen bullet holes in his head. Nothing was known here by the authorities or relatives of the manner in which he met death. The bullet holes appear to have been made by a 22-calibre revolver fired at short range. The police started an inquiry.

Judge Calhoun Unopposed.

St. Joseph, La.—A special election was held to elect a judge for the Tenth Judicial District to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of John Dale, who has resumed law practice. N. M. Calhoun, of the Vidalia bar, was the only candidate.

Louisianian Not Known Here.

Chihuahua.—A reply to inquiries made at the penitentiary here by American Consul Letcher it is stated that Gustave Bauch, a Louisianian, reported missing, had never been brought there. Villa had reported he had taken Bauch to Chihuahua.

Lake Charles, La.—Much fall plowing is done at this time, but there will be a decided increase in rice acreage, due to the discouraging effects of floods and low prices.

DR. DOWLING IN EAST THIS WEEK

WILL CONFER WITH SURGEON GEN. BLUE ABOUT HEALTH CONFERENCE.

Western Newspaper Union News Service. New Orleans.—Dr. Dowling has gone to Chicago, Washington and New York. In Chicago he attended a meeting of the trustees of the American Medical Association and also a committee of the organization which will arrange for a celebration of the completion of the Panama Canal, and especially the sanitary and hygienic methods employed. The medical experts regard what has been done in Panama from a sanitary standpoint almost as great an achievement as the physical construction of the canal. Dr. Dowling is a member of the committee to perfect arrangements for the celebration as stated, the time and place to be announced later.

While in Washington Dr. Dowling will confer with Surgeon General Blue in reference to the conference to be held here April 24, to be known as the Southern States Health Conference. He will make a request for the attendance of experts employed by the national government and to deliver illustrated addresses. Dr. Dowling will also endeavor to secure special low rates on all the railroads and the local hotels for the delegates.

The first convention will be held on April 20, when all the medical inspectors of the State Board of Health will confer and plan a program for the Louisiana Medical Association, which meets April 21 to and including the 23d. The first day of the association convention will be given over to the State Board of Health. Dr. Dowling has some business matters in New York and will also attend a meeting.

Y. & M. V. MUST BE BLOCKED

Orders of the Railroad Commission Are to Be Carried Out.

Western Newspaper Union News Service. Baton Rouge.—The Yazoo and Mississippi Valley road is expected to begin construction soon on the placing of the block signals ordered for a distance of 82 miles, from Kenner Junction to Baton Rouge. The Yazoo and Mississippi Valley is known to be anxious to begin the work. The representatives of the Illinois Central system telephoned the news of the adoption of the ordinance when it was signed, in order that the orders for the materials for blocking the road could be gotten out at once. The road must be blocked during 1914. The plans had already been worked out by the railroad, so that as soon as the material is received the work is to begin. This blocking will cover the line used jointly by the trains of the Frisco and the Yazoo and Mississippi Valley, and with what has already been done, will give blocks from Baton Rouge to New Orleans.

LOST CHILD FOUND IN SWAMP

Joyous Family Reunion Followed a Search of Six Hours.

Western Newspaper Union News Service. Montgomery, La.—After a six-hour search the two-year-old girl of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Murphy, who wandered from home Sunday morning, a large number of citizens came upon the missing child submerged to her neck in a swamp. The child was exhausted from crying and exposure. The family held a reunion of rejoicing and praise service, with a multitude of people of town and nearby sections participating.

Ponchatoula Ships First Berries.

Ponchatoula.—The first crate of berries, 24 plants, was shipped from here February 23 by the White Farmers' Association, Ltd., and sold to Nebille & Co., Chicago, for \$7. This is the highest average attained so far by any berry shipper in Tangipahoa parish. The berries were of the Klondyke variety, and were grown by Hardy F. Johnston of Ponchatoula.

Gas Well on Houma Premises.

Houma, La.—J. C. Dupont, president of the police jury, brought in a good gas well on his premises, and has piped the supply to his home for domestic use.

Erath, La.—The Erath High School

has organized a literary society. Edward J. LeBlanc is president.

New Priest in Charge at Houma.

Houma, La.—Rev. Father Vanderbilt, has taken charge of St. Francis de Sales Catholic church. Rev. Father Paquet having resigned on account of his health. Father Paquet will remove to New Orleans.

Three Years for Welding Knife.

Alexandria, La.—Kester Nash was convicted in the District Court on the charge of cutting with a knife to kill, and sentenced to three years in the state penitentiary.

U. S. LAND BILLS ARE INTRODUCED

MEYERS AND FERRIS SPONSORS FOR MEASURES DESIGNED TO DEVELOP MINERALS.

TO GUARD AGAINST MONOPOLY

Property to Be Leased and Part of Royalties Will Go to States for School Uses and Part to Irrigation Projects.

Washington.—Administration bills to regulate development of the vast resources of government-owned lands in the west were introduced in the senate and house by Senator Meyers of Montana and Representative Ferris of Oklahoma, chairmen of the congressional public lands committees.

These measures, drafted after extended conferences between the two chairmen and Secretary Lane at the interior department, are designed to make available for immediate development treasures in coal, oil, phosphate and potash deposits.

To Lease Public Lands. Drafted along the lines recommended in Mr. Lane's annual report, the bills would provide for the leasing of public lands under rigid restrictions to guard against monopoly and to insure development.

Resulting royalties would go in the first place in the reclamation fund, to be used for development of irrigation projects in the arid and semiarid states. Upon the return of the money to the federal treasury, 50 per cent of it would be turned over to the state in which the leased land is located for state school and development uses.

Guards Against Monopoly. The proposed law to govern oil land leasing would provide that the federal government issue a permit of 2,560 acres, which would give the possessor the exclusive right to explore for oil in this territory for two years.

It is proposed that the coal lands of the country, which are all in great part classified, be sold as at present, in small blocks, but provisions are made in the bills for leasing them, any holdings not to exceed 2,560 acres. The provisions against monopolization would be stringent.

Mrs. Buffum Sentenced.

Little Valley, N. Y.—Mrs. Cynthia Buffum was found guilty of poisoning her husband, Willis Buffum, who died on his farm near here Aug. 24. Justice Brown at once pronounced the death sentence upon Mrs. Buffum, fixing the week of April 5 for her execution in the electric chair.

Court to Declare Town Dry.

Salem, Ore.—Miss Fern Hobbs, private secretary to Gov. Oswald West, won another victory for Oregon prohibition forces, when word was received here from County Judge Henry that the Union county court would meet March 4 and declare the town of Cove dry.

More Men Than Women Vote.

Chicago.—Ten women are eligible to vote at the aldermanic primary to each 27 men. The totals are about 437,000 men registered and 169,000 women. It is predicted that the number of women registered will be greatly increased March 17.

New Ban Put on Smoking.

Zion City, Ill.—A new law prohibiting the smoking of cigarettes, pipes and cigars and the chewing of plug, snuff and scrap tobacco was written on the statute books of the municipality which the late John Alexander Dowie founded.

To Reduce Working Hours.

Paris.—A bill reducing the number of working hours each week to 49 in government industries coming under the control of the departments of war and finance was introduced in the chamber.

No Check for Parcel Post.

Washington.—All attempts to limit the authority of the postmaster general to change the weight, rates of zones in the parcel post service were defeated in the senate during consideration of the postoffice appropriation bill.

Women as Tax Collectors.

Los Angeles, Cal.—Los Angeles has appointed eight women deputy collectors, the city assessor believing that the women will prove better collectors than men.

11 Killed in Prison Revolt.

Guayaquil, Ecuador.—Eleven men were killed and 13 wounded in a sharp fight between government troops and prisoners attempting to escape from the penitentiary to join the rebels.

Persian Tribesmen Battle.

Teheran, Persia.—A detachment of 150 gendarmes is cornered in its barracks at Kazerun by a large body of tribesmen. The commander of the gendarmes, Maj. Ohlsson, a Swede, was killed.

Pardoned After 13 Years.

Reading, Pa.—Mrs. Kate Edwards, who has been in the shadow of the gallows for nearly 13 years for the killing of her husband, was released from the Berks county jail under a pardon granted by Gov. Tener.

COAL WAGE SCALE CONFERENCE ENDS

MINERS AND OPERATORS BREAK ON HOW LOCAL DIFFERENCES SHALL BE SETTLED.

FIVE WEEKS FOR AGREEMENT

President White Instructed to Call Policy Committee of Whole Union If Necessary—Work to Continue Pending Settlement.

Philadelphia, Pa.—Unable to reach an agreement on a new wage scale to take the place of the present one, which expires March 31, the joint conference of operators and miners from western Pennsylvania, Ohio, Indiana and Illinois adjourned sine die.

It was announced this action does not necessarily mean a strike, as it was pointed out that five weeks remain for the two sides to get together in another effort. It was predicted that another conference will be held before April 1.

John P. White, international president of the United Mine Workers of America, was instructed to call together the policy committee of the organization whenever he deems it necessary.

The policy committee is made up of representatives from every district in the United States and Canada.

The break came on the demand that local differences be settled within local districts. The operators refused this and proposed:

"That international differences be referred for adjustment to the various districts affected, it being understood that nothing shall be done in district or sub-district conventions that will increase the cost of production or reduce the earning capacity of the men."

It was said that if an agreement could have been reached on this demand the other differences would have been adjusted.

If no agreement is reached by March 31 the men will remain at work, providing negotiations for a new wage scale is pending.

The operators proposed that if an agreement is not reached at the expiration of the present contract all points in dispute be referred to a board of arbitration. This was also refused by the miners.

50 HONOR CONVICTS PAROLED

Texas Prisoners to Be Hired Out for Road Work in State, but Without Guards.

Dallas, Tex.—Revocable paroles for 50 convicts were signed by Gov. Colquitt, and with their departure from the Huntsville penitentiary the state inaugurated an experiment in the management of prisoners without guards or shackles and a profit-sharing plan for their work on public roads.

The state will receive \$15 a month for each convict's labor. Half of this will go to the penitentiary fund and half to the man's personal account. The county in which the men work will maintain them without the expense of guard or overseers.

SCRATCH BY CHICKEN FATAL

Wealthy Delaware Horse Breeder Dies of Blood Poisoning Which Developed a Week Ago.

Greenwood, Del.—Col. Thomas Curry, 62 years old, one of the wealthiest residents of Delaware, died on his farm here of blood poisoning, the result of being scratched by the spur of a chicken he was trying to catch.

He was a cousin of Chief Justice James Pennewill and of ex-Gov. Simon S. Pennewill, being a colonel on the latter's staff. He was one of the largest breeders of standard-bred horses in this state.

When scratched by the chicken two weeks ago he paid no attention to the injury. Blood poisoning developed a week later.

Cuban Sugar Duties Lower.

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San Francisco—Jack London announces that he will accept the Prohibition nomination for president of the United States if it is tendered him.

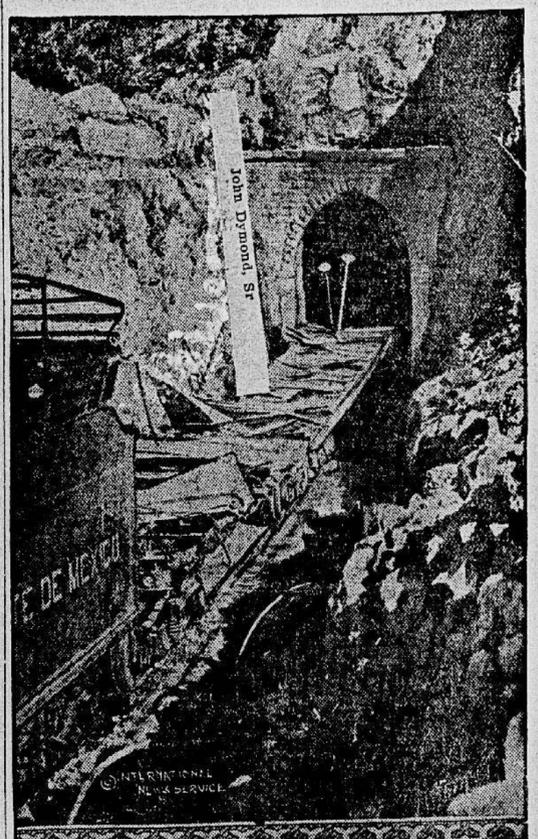
Kick of Mule Cures Man.

Georgetown, Del.—Elmer Bennett was cured of an affection of the ears of long standing by the kick of a mule. For several years Bennett had been unable to hear with one ear, and but little with the other.

Atwood Sued by Girl.

Toledo, O.—Declaring he promised to marry her and then refused, Miss Cecile Harries, 20 years old, checker in the dining room of the Secor hotel, has filed suit for \$50,000 against Harry N. Atwood, aviator.

SCENE OF CASTILLO'S HORRIBLE CRIME



This is the south entrance of the Cumbre tunnel which Castillo, the Mexican bandit, set after, causing the death of a number of men. In the photograph an engine is seen drawing out the wreckage of the train that ran into the blazing tunnel.

U. S. SHIPS SHOULD PAY TWO-SHIP PLAN FAVORED

COL. GOETHALS IS OPPOSED TO EXEMPTIONS.

Tells House Chairman Why He is Against Permitting American Vessels Freedom of Canal.

Washington, D. C.—Col. Goethals, Panama canal engineer, told Chairman Adamson of the house interstate commerce committee that he stood squarely against exempting American vessels from payment of Panama canal tolls.

"We have spent \$400,000,000 in constructing the canal," Goethals said, "and now we ought to have an opportunity to make the canal pay back this cost. American vessels should bear this burden as well as foreign ships."

Col. Goethals was invited before the house appropriations committee to discuss appropriations needed to finish the big ditch. He will make his annual report for funds. For work next year he estimates \$23,770,000 will be needed, as compared with over \$26,000,000 provided this year.

Completion of the projects at Balboa, the Pacific terminus of the canal, requires increased appropriations, Goethals declared.

Fortifications of the Panama canal in the coming year will require appropriations of \$2,551,830, as against \$4,870,000, appropriated for the fiscal year ending in June, according to Col. Goethals.

Secretary of War Garrison, Gen. Wood and Gen. Crozier also testified. Crozier declared that the estimate will bring the zone's equipment up to 78 per cent of what the war department has planned.

SAYS GIRL HELD IS NOT HIS

Dr. Winters Says Lucy Stuart, Detained in Arkansas, Resembles Missing Daughter Slightly.

Springdale, Ark.—Dr. William A. Winters of Newcastle, Ind., suffered the most poignant disappointment of his year's search for his missing daughter, Catherine, here, when he met the girl known as Lucy Stuart, found near Huntsville, Ark., last Saturday, and discovered she bore only a slight resemblance to the missing child.

Dr. Winters' failure to identify the child leaves the authorities puzzled over the story of George Stuart, a man past middle age, from whom the girl was taken and who claims to be her father by a woman who subsequently divorced him and married Dr. Winters.

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Twelve Die in Dye Factory.

Berlin.—Twelve men were killed and eight others probably fatally injured in an explosion which destroyed an extensive aniline dye factory in Rummelsburg, a suburb. There were 400 employees in the building.

Brigands Get 2 Americans.

London.—Two Americans have been captured and carried off by Albanian brigands, according to a telegram received at Vienna from Elhassan, Albania, which was forwarded to the Central News Agency here.

HOUSE COMMITTEE AGREE BY VOTE OF 14 TO 4.

"Small Navy" Men's Final Stand Against Administration's Naval Program Fails.

Washington, D. C.—Formal approval was given the administration's two-battleship program by the house naval affairs committee after the "small navy" men had made their final stand against it.

The navy department's construction plans were changed so as to provide for six instead of eight destroyers and for additional submarines.

As reported to the house, the bill carries \$140,000,000, exclusive of amounts to be spent for armor and armament, and fixes the building program for the coming fiscal year as follows:

Two first-class battleships of the highest speed and largest possible radius of action, to rank among the world's dreadnaughts, \$7,800,000 each, exclusive of armor and armament.

One powerful 1,200-ton, 21-knot, sea-going submarine, \$1,100,000.

Six torpedo boat destroyers, \$925,000 each.

Three coast-defense submarines of 500 tons each, \$620,000, designed for use on the Pacific coast.

Four harbor-defense submarines of smaller type, \$375,000 each, intended for use on the gulf coast and at Panama.

3 DEAD, 5 ILL, AT WEDDING

New York Tragedy Laid to Wood Alcohol Poisoning—Liquor Made by Bride's Mother.

New York.—Death lurked in the wine that toasted the wedding of Carmine Colino, a bookbinder, and Angelina Maglionica, Sunday evening in Kenmore hall. Today three of those who had drunk are dead, and five are more or less seriously ill.

The dead are: Madeline Dean, 22; Helen Dean, 30, and Mary Driscoll, 33.

The stricken are: Mrs. Carmine Colino, the bride; Mrs. Josephine Lonz, mother of the bride; Annie O'Brien, a guest, and Paul Lonz.

Investigation by Coroner Healey placed the blame for the wholesale tragedy upon wood alcohol poisoning. The family of the bride said the wines were prepared by the mother of the bride from the following recipe: Alcohol, boiled; sugar to the proportion of 2 1/2 pounds to the quart, water and coloring material.

Carranza Is Dodging.

El Paso, Tex.—The mystery surrounding the movements of Gen. Venustiano Carranza, first chief of the Mexican constitutionalist army, has given rise to a rumor here that he has disappeared from the state of Sonora.

Man Sets Own Broken Leg.

Columbus, O.—Having had a leg broken twice before in the same place, Isaac R. Carey, a civil war veteran, 84 years old, decided that he could set it himself when he fell on the icy sidewalk and broke it again.

Forms Socialistic Society.

Washington.—Miss Lucy K. Burleson, daughter of the postmaster general, is fostering a popular movement at the George Washington university for the organization of a society for the study of Socialism.