

# The Punta Gorda Herald

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## STATE DEPARTMENT OF GAME IS NOW NO MORE

If Governor Trammell Approves the Act of the Legislature Abolishing Same

### SOME OTHER BILLS PASSED

Amendment Proposed to Incorporate "Grandfather Clause" in the State Constitution — Charlotte County Bill Passed Senate.

Tallahassee—After a discussion lasting nearly three hours the senate Tuesday morning passed the Gormto bill abolishing the office of state game commissioner and placing enforcement of the game laws back into the hands of county game wardens elected by boards of county commissioners. It is now up to Governor Trammell to say whether or not the game department shall be continued by vetoing or approving the measure, which has been passed by the house and the senate.

The fight for abolition of the state game department, of which E. Z. Jones is the commissioner, was begun early in the session, but it was not until last Saturday that the house finally acted upon the bill, and the senate took it up Monday afternoon. Consideration of the bill was concluded in this end of the assembly shortly before noon Tuesday, and it was passed by the unanimous vote of those voting.

Unless vetoed by the governor, the act goes into effect upon the governor's approval, or upon its becoming a law without such approval.

The house passed the bill appropriating \$60,000 for rebuilding the structure belonging to the state reform school at Marianna, and which was destroyed by fire last November. An appropriation for the school and an additional \$8,000 to meet outstanding obligations also was voted.

The senate bill by Mr. Donegan to validate certain bonds issued by drainage districts under the 1913 act, hotel protection bill, senate bill by Mr. Wells to punish any person making false statements regarding a financial institution have also passed the house.

The senate followed the house's example in passing the resolution calling for a vote on a constitutional amendment to incorporate the "grandfather clause" into the organic law covering the exercise of the franchise in Florida. This is intended to practically eliminate the negro from the polls in this state.

The senate passed the bill providing that county commissioners' boards shall make up an annual budget and providing for punishment for any commissioner who shall vote for contracting any expense in addition to the budget amount. The original bill was amended so as to have the punishment clause read: "And the members of the board of county commissioners voting for and contracting such indebtedness shall be liable personally for such excess amount and the bond of such member shall also be liable for such excess indebtedness contracted for."

With the passing by unanimous vote, in the senate of a bill creating Charlotte county, there have been three new counties authorized by that body, two of which, Bloxham and Brevard, have been created by the legislature and approved by the governor.

The third new county measure, the Charlotte county bill, was

championed by Senator Cooper and after its passage, on its motion it was ordered immediately certified in the house.

The house in less than an hour after refused to take up the bill under a waiver of the rules and it is unknown whether it will pass the bill before adjournment.

If the bill passes the house, there will be drawn a line across the southern section of DeSoto county, and all south of that line will become Charlotte county with Punta Gorda as its county seat.

Provided always in this case that three fifths of the voters in the affected area shall vote their assent as is made their duty by the referendum clause attached to the measure.

Ocalaosa county has been approved by the house which passed the necessary creative measure late last week. The senate has to pass on this yet.

### Teachers' Summer School

Teachers' attention is hereby called to the unusual and splendid opportunity offered them by the Summer School of the University of Florida, which opens on June the 14th and continues for eight weeks.

A faculty of 17 specially well qualified instructors will conduct this work which will consist of a great variety of most helpful new courses, as well as the regular standard courses heretofore given.

Teachers who attend the full term will have their present certificates extended for one year. No tuition whatever is charged. Board and room \$4 per week.

For full particulars address Jno. A. Thackston, Dean of the Teachers' College, Gainesville, Florida.

### A Boost for the Kitchen

A Cincinnati judge, who has tried six thousand divorce cases during a six-year term in office, says that in the great majority where strife was charged to the woman it could generally be traced back to the fact that she was not a good cook. This is a striking testimonial to the value of teaching domestic science in the public schools. Cooking is essential to life itself. Every girl should learn how to cook, not necessarily that she mya devote her life to cooking, but that she may understand the art; that she may know good cooking when she meets it at the dinner table; that she may be capable of directing the preparation of a wholesome meal, and that she may be able to prepare one herself in case of an emergency. The remark of the Cincinnati judge ought to be worth something in the way of creating among women a greater interest in the practical duties of domestic life. Poor cooking certainly is not conducive to peace in the household, and probably it is at the bottom of more matrimonial infelicity than the general public imagines. —Houston Post.

The Times-Union is opposed to state division. The Herald is in favor of all kinds of division, provided it does not have to furnish the thing to be divided. Division and multiplication are the best rules in arithmetic. In the very beginning, the Creator made some immense divisions and impressed Adam and Eve with the importance of multiplication.

### AT A SPECIAL MEETING

County School Board Lets Contracts for Two New School Houses — Other Acts

At a special meeting of the county school board held on May 25th, bids for the erection of school houses at Sebring and Nocatee were opened and contract awarded to W. H. Lutes, the Sebring building to cost \$11,735 and the Nocatee building \$11,700.

Returns of an election held at Bowling Green were canvassed and showed a large majority vote for \$20,000 bonds for the erection of a school house.

Difficulties connected with the sale of the bonds of the Sebring and Nocatee districts were settled and the money made immediately available.

It was decided that the school house at Venus should be built of concrete brick and that bids should be advertised for its construction.

### ABOUT TO SEEK PEACE

Turks Worried Over Progress of Allies Toward Their Capital City

Athens, Greece (via London)—Latest advices reaching here from Constantinople say the battle cruiser Sultan Selim, formerly the Goben, virtually has been dismantled. Recent developments at the Dardanelles are described as having cast a gloom over the Turkish capital, where a strong current of opinion is in favor of opening the straits and negotiating for peace.

During the recent British submarine raid in the Sea of Marmora and off Constantinople there was a condition of panic in the city. The people shouted that the Russians were coming and vessels were hastily withdrawn to the far end of the Golden Horn. Troops on board transports were disembarked and some guns were fired at the submarine.

Italians and Greeks continue to

## Would Re-Establish American Merchant-Marine and Make Country Prosperous

Washington—A gigantic shipping combination, the greatest ever conceived in the history of the world, with a capital of hundreds of millions of dollars, and with all the Governments of South and Central America as well as that of the United States as owners of the controlling interests, may be the outcome of the Pan-American financial conference now in session here.

If the United States possessed an adequate Merchant Marine this country would be enjoying the most stupendous and far-reaching business boom that was ever known. We could sell abroad at least one hundred million dollars (\$100,000,000) per month more than we are selling (which is \$250,000,000) if we had the ships to carry the goods.

It is believed that a tremendous merchant marine will be the result of this conference. South and Central America want more of our goods and we have not the ships to carry them and neither have they. Brazil and Argentine have just established a merchant Marine between those countries and this, but it is still inadequate.

### President Wilson's Address

President Wilson in addressing this great conference electrified the audience when he declared that if private capital does not provide an adequate merchant

marine and provide it quickly the United States must. This statement elicited thunderous applause from the conference. The great empire of Germany which could be set on the state of Texas and then could not cover it by fifty-five thousand square miles, has by its enormous Merchant Marine maintained a population of about seventy million people.

Great Britain has only one hundred and twenty one thousand square miles, so it is not half as large as Texas and it has the largest export trade of any nation on earth, larger than either the United States or Germany, which is maintained by her enormous exports through her Merchant Marine, which gives employment to her 45,000,000 inhabitants.

### Extra Session of Congress Suggested

If the capitalists of this country have not made a healthy start in this direction before Sept. 1st, it is being urged that President Wilson should immediately call a special session of congress in October for the purpose of passing a bill authorizing the United States government to buy, build and operate a great Merchant Marine so that our food stuff, cotton, manufactured goods and mineral products can be shipped to the foreign market which will thereby disband for fifty years at least our "army of the unemployed."

### YOU CAN'T TREAT UNLESS IT'S YOUR WIFE OR KIN

Bill Passed by Wisconsin House Bars "Setting 'Em Up" to the Crowd

Madison, Wis.—A bill prohibiting treating to intoxicating liquors was passed by the assembly of the Wisconsin legislature. A motion to postpone indefinitely the measure had been defeated. The bill now goes to the senate.

Early in the session this bill was reported for indefinite postponement. Finally an amendment was incorporated which permits a person to treat his wife or a relative. In that form the bill was sent through the house.

Mexicans are doubtless wondering just what type of New Yorker Huerta is preparing to become—a financial operator, a plain citizen or a gunman.

### NEW STUDY OF DATE-PALM LEAVES

Characteristics By Which the Various Cultivated Varieties May Be Distinguished

Washington—In connection with the importation of date-palms into this country, the Department of Agriculture has just published a professional paper, Bulletin No. 223, which describes in detail the structure of the leaves of the date-palm and the manner in which these can be used to distinguish between the various cultivated varieties. The possibilities of date-palm culture in the United States, especially in Arizona and California, have not been definitely determined. The new bulletin, therefore, will be of interest to date growers in the country in aiding them to determine what varieties seem best adapted to American conditions.

## ITALIANS CONTINUE THE ADVANCE INTO AUSTRIA

arrive at Dedeatch by rail. They report that Constantinople was sobered by the raid. One of the results was the dispatch of all the troops available to the Dardanelles.

Talaat Bey had the Armenian patriarch brought before him. He remonstrated at the behavior of the Armenian and warned the patriarch that conditions must improve.

### Confederate and German Contrasted

The death of Alfred Gwynne Vanderbilt recalls an almost forgotten chapter in history. In December, 1862, the Ariel, a large passenger steamer, owned by Vanderbilt's grandfather, Commodore Vanderbilt, was overhauled by the Confederate cruiser, Alabama, off the coast of Cuba. The Ariel had on board 140 Federal officers and men, a battalion of marines on their way to the Pacific station. She also had on board over 300 other passengers, many of them women and children. Of course, it was not possible for the Alabama to take the passengers off the Ariel, which was a large and valuable ship, and the property of a bitter enemy of the South. But it never occurred to the Confederate commander, Raphael Semmes, to sink the vessel. He sent one of his officers to reassure the women and children, who were expecting dreadful things from the "pirate." Not an article belonging to any passenger was touched. The soldiers were paroled, the ship placed under bond (a bond that Commodore Vanderbilt never made good) and the Alabama steamed away to seek for stronger foes. The South was shut in with powerful foes, as Germany is shut in, and the South was crushed in defeat as Germany probably will be. But, defeated or victorious, Germany can never have the shining record for chivalry and consideration for the weak, coupled with unsurpassed courage, that is the imperishable heritage of the Southern Confederacy.—Ocala Star.

### County Prosecuting Attorney

Mr. Hugh G. Jones, a prominent attorney of Arcadia, today received appointment from Governor Trammell to the office of prosecuting attorney for DeSoto county. A new court has been established for this county, to have jurisdiction over certain criminal matters. It will be called the DeSoto county court and will greatly relieve the circuit and county judge's courts. Mr. Jones will enter upon his duties as county prosecutor immediately. He is a young lawyer who has already made good in this section and his many friends will be gratified to learn of his appointment to the new official position by the governor.—Arcadia news.

Editor Carter of the Arcadia Enterprise, is indignant because somebody accused him of having lived in Arcadia only four years, and yet he pleads guilty to the charge. Wonder if his accuser expected him to come over with Juan Ponce de Leon. There was a time when Buck King hadn't lived in Arcadia more than two months, and yet he is today one of the most influential, respected and wealthy citizens of the town.

Closing in on Rovereto and Plan to Strike at Trieste, Points of Great Importance

### AUSTRIANS RELY ON FORTS

Servians Have Begun a New Campaign with Army Reorganized —Turks Reinforcing the Dardanelles—Zeppelins Raid London.

London, Eng.—The Austrian city of Rovereto, whose elaborate defenses are relied on to check the Italians from pushing up the Adige river valley and besieging Trent, now is threatened by the invaders.

Rovereto lies thirteen miles south of Trent, capture of which is one of Italy's great objectives. An official Rome statement says the Italians have occupied the important height of Zunga, which dominates Rovereto.

The other important Italian move across the eastern border, which has the capture of Trieste as its apparent objective, has been slowed up by swollen rivers but the official statements say progress is being made.

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Servia apparently has begun a new campaign, its army having been reorganized during the long lull since active hostilities were under way against Austria early last winter. An official announcement from Nish says an Austrian battalion was dispersed by Servian artillery and indicates that the Servians are active on the Albanian front.

Transportation of Turkish reinforcements to the Dardanelles from Constantinople is said to have been interrupted by the operations of a British submarine cruising in front of the city. It is reported unofficially that the Turkish cruiser Sultan Selim formerly the German cruiser Goeben, virtually has been dismantled.

### Zeppelin Raid on London

London, Eng.—Ninety bombs were dropped in the raid on London by Zeppelins.

Four persons were killed and a few were injured.

No public building was damaged.

This information was given out officially. The official announcement makes mention also of numerous fires, which may or may not have been connected with the raid.

The ordinary life and business of London is being carried on as usual except that one sees small groups discussing with intense curiosity a crop of wild rumors.

### The Real "Good Fellow"

The real "good fellow" is the fellow who knows some thing good about everybody and tells it. He never knocks on his neighbor or digs up the past. He always lends a helping hand to the fellow who is up against it and gives him a chance to make good. He never forgets to do and say the little things that make his wife happy. His children find him a jolly chum and an ever-ready playmate. His home is a heaven of love, happiness and contentment. The real "good fellow" is the world's greatest asset.—Bert Marchese in Ginger.