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keep abreast of the times.

NEWS NUBS FOR HASTY READING

The Peace Conference.

Lloyd George, the British Premier, announced Sunday that the peace treaty will be ready for the signatures of the contracting powers by Easter, Germany, he says, will then be invited to sign the treaty later this month.

Paderewski, the Polish Premier, is in Paris to join in the negotiations for a corridor to the sea for Poland. His reception in Paris Sunday was an ovation. The French influence in the Peace Conference is very intense for as strong a Poland as can be negotiated for with the other powers.

The Chinese Government made representations at the Peace Conference in Paris last Saturday to the end that the twenty-one demands forced by Japan upon China at the bayonet's point be nullified. The delegation urged that the people of China are now too well informed to submit to commercial conditions imposed by Japan by the 1915 agreements, and that territory now being held by Japan in China must also be restored to China in the interest of permanent settlement in the Far East.

President Wilson has ordered the United States transport George Washington to a French port, according to a Parish dispatch. It is presumed that the President may sail for home at an early date. The dispatch in question recites that the conference of four—Premier Lloyd George, of Great Britain; Premier Clemenceau, of France; the Italian Premier and President Wilson—have failed to agree on the details in the matter of the indemnity that Germany shall pay and also have been unable to reach a decision in the matters of frontiers between Germany and France, Germany and Poland, Italy and some of the new Slavonic states that are being created. The President's action in ordering the George Washington to be in readiness to take him to the United States is construed as a threat to abandon the negotiations and leave Europe to settle its own affairs in its own way.

President Wilson has decided to retain 1050 tanks in the service under the head of "ordnance cavalry."

Another advance in railroad rates is forecasted by the *Railroad Age*, whether the roads are retained by the Government or returned to private ownership.

The wheat crop for which the Government has agreed to guarantee a price (\$2.26 per bushel) is estimated to be the greatest in the history of the nation—\$75,000,000 bushels.

The War Department has decided in the organization of the peace-time army to retain 1050 tanks in the service under the head of "ordnance cavalry."

The War Department is rapidly crumpling. He cites the weakening of the statements in opposition of those Republican leaders who have heretofore stated their objections without qualification but now seem seeking a dignified road to the embarking station of the band wagon. He predicts that when the time comes for the Senate to ratify the treaty that the minority in opposition will have shrunk to a very small one.

Industrial.
Police machine gun crews have taken over the patrol tugs in New York which escort the coal barges through the strike districts.

The recent purchase by the British Government of oil properties in Mexico has been confirmed in official circles, according to a Washington dispatch.

The Mississippi Valley Trade Excursion to Mexico entered that republic at Laredo Monday. It embraces delegates from Louisiana and many other states in the Mississippi Valley.

"No reduction in the price of medium and better grade clothing" is the announcement sent out from Chicago this week. The National Association of Retail Clothiers gave out the mandate as covering the period of 1919 prices. Some slight reduction in the price of low-grade (cotton and shoddy) goods was indicated.

"If fire should break out in the Pine Island field nothing could stop it" was the declaration of B. E. Baker at Shreveport Tuesday. "It is impossible to exaggerate the fire menace that to-day threatens every operator in the Pine Island district," Mr. Baker continued. Because the Standard Oil Company and other oil refining and piping companies refuse to handle all the output in the field, the surplus has accumulated in creek beds and earthen tanks. The ground is oil-soaked and should fire get a start there

seems to be no way to stop it from spreading to all parts of the field and destroying millions of dollars' worth of property.

Pontotoc County, Mississippi, has added \$1,000,000 to the cash assets of the farming interests there since 1916. It is a hill country and the size of the average farm is 72 acres, mainly populated by white farmers. Half the average acreage is improved. The farmers now ship hogs, corn, peanuts, molasses, popcorn, sorghum seed, etc., but up to 1916 cotton was the only farm product shipped from the county.

The Goodyear Tire and Rubber Company, of Akron, Ohio, has joined with its 20,000 employees in establishing a council of industrial relations that will have a voice in the shaping of the policy of reconstruction in that and other industries of the country. Each employee of eighteen years and over will have representation on the council, and the council will have a voice in the fixing of wages, working conditions, etc.

The 400,000 members of the Commercial Telegraphers' Union have begun balloting on the question of whether they will strike in protest of Mr. Burleson's method of wire control by the Government. The ballots are all to be in Chicago headquarters by the 22d. The protest is based on the alleged disregard by the Postmaster General of President Wilson's mandate that the right of workers to organize shall not be abrogated.

Construction of the latest type of oil-burning cargo steamers at a price which enables American shipyards to compete with foreign nations was declared to be "highly probable" by Chairman Hurley, of the Shipping Board, Tuesday in a New York interview. A Newark, N. J., construction company, he says, has offered to build eight 12,000-ton freighters at \$149 a deadweight ton, without any guarantee from the Government on either labor or material.

Senator Owen of Oklahoma, who has lately returned from a tour of Europe and a study of financial conditions there, gave out a statement Monday in expression of his opinion that the nations of Europe were on an inflated currency basis that was very unsafe to trade conditions, and that the currency of all the nations should be internationally stabilized by agreement on the per capita of currency that shall be uniform throughout the world and based on gold reserves in each nation. Senator Owen asserted that none of the European nations with three times the per capita currency circulation of the United States could compete in trade with this country, and no nation can compete with Japan in trade, for instance, which nation has a smaller per capita of currency than any of the other nations. A uniform per capita currency circulation, the Senator says, will greatly facilitate world trade by equalizing the medium of exchange.

Louisiana.
Drilling for oil will soon begin on the Lake Land farm, near Minden.

The Grand Commandery, Knights Templar, will begin their annual convocation in Monroe on the 27th.

Congressman Albert Estopinal, of the First district, is reported as critically ill at his home in St. Bernard Parish.

The Bossier City amateur baseball team defeated the Cedar Grove nine at Cedar Grove Monday afternoon by a score of 14 to 9.

Grand Cane elected S. P. Dowling Mayor Tuesday by a vote of about four to one over his opponent, the present incumbent.

The Thompson Oil Company, says a news story in last week's Webster Signal, is reported to have located a test well north of Letton and will begin operations soon.

Lieut. Gov. Fernand Montou, of Lafayette, in a signed statement issued last Saturday, formally announced his candidacy for Governor in the coming Democratic primary.

A New Orleans dispatch says an American owned cable line to points in South and Central America will be in operation within two years, according to John D. Merrill, President of the All-American Cable Company.

Capt. John Fitzpatrick, aged seventy-five years, State Tax Collector for the past eleven years, died Monday morning at his home in New Orleans. He had been Mayor of New Orleans and a well-known figure in state politics for fifty years.

July 31st to August 8th are the dates selected for Farmers' Week at the Louisiana State University. This will be the first time that the annual gathering of farmers at the University will be held in the summer. It has heretofore been customary to hold the farmers' short course during January. Farmers' Week will also be the new designation of the gathering, instead of Farmers' Short Course as heretofore.

The question of prohibition came before the Louisiana State Federation of Labor, in session in Lake Charles Tuesday, and the debate was marked with great bitterness and personal antagonism, according to the press reports. In the end the president ruled that a resolution introduced at the height of New Orleans brewery and liquor interests, asking President Wilson to refrain from putting the war-measure prohibition provision in op-

eration July 1st, was not pertinent, and he was upheld by a vote of 90 to 78.

Two former police officers of New Orleans have been convicted of attempting to extort money from residents of the former restricted district in that city.

A little girl died at Hammond Sunday of sleeping sickness after a three weeks' illness. It is the twenty-first officially reported case of sleeping sickness for Louisiana.

The third annual convention of the Louisiana State Sunday School Association convened in Minden Monday and adjourned to day. The sessions were held in the Methodist, Baptist and Presbyterian churches.

The City of Alexandria is considering the issuing of \$500,000 worth of municipal thirty-year 5-per cent bonds for the purpose of general public improvements, such as building a court house and jail, street and drainage work, gas plant, etc.

Shreveport.

The Louisiana State Medical Society met in Shreveport this week.

Building permits issued in Shreveport last week called for construction work amounting in cost to \$39,000.

A Shreveport report says more than 15,000 head of cattle were passed through the dipping vats of Caddo Parish last week.

May 6th has been fixed upon as the date for the Flying Circus at Shreveport, the purpose of which will be to bring Victory Loan sales that day.

The City Council of Shreveport is now meeting twice each week to receive suggestions from citizens. The city's gas supply is safe for many years to come, according to a report of Commissioner Kahn.

Tuesday (the 8th) was the fifty-fifth anniversary of the battle of Mansfield, fought by Confederate troops under Gen. Taylor against Gen. Banks in command of the Federal forces. The Confederate victory saved Shreveport from occupation by Northern troops and threw Gen. Banks back upon his base.

B. R. Cooper and E. E. White were arrested in Shreveport Sunday morning on a charge of highway robbery.

In White's case it is alleged that he sold to one E. L. Miller two quarts of whiskey, and after Miller was thereby made drunk he was conducted by White and Cooper to a vacant lot and robbed of \$40.

The Police Jury of Caddo Parish closed a deal Monday whereby the parish became the owner of a \$20,000 having outfit, with the expectation that the parish would in the future do its own road work. Actual highway improvement under the new arrangement, it is announced, will be begun within sixty days.

The Inspector sent by the Federal Bureau to report upon the condition of the Pine Island oil field expressed amazement while in Shreveport Tuesday at the enormous waste of oil in North Louisiana, attributed to the failure of the Standard Oil and other companies to either buy or transport the oil through their pipe lines to points where storage facilities might be had.

Jared Y. Sanders, former Governor of Louisiana and now Congressman from the Sixth District, was in Shreveport Tuesday consulting with friends and talking national politics. He expressed himself as opposed to Speaker Clarke as floor leader for the Democratic party in Congress because of his well known opposition to the President on many issues that arose during the war. The ex-Governor is making a tour of the state and delivering addresses in favor of the League of Nations.

Commissioner R. L. Stringfellow, of Shreveport, is contemplating the offering to the council of a "move on" ordinance for that city because of the habit of some people, including business men of prominence, of transacting business while standing at crowded corners and street crossings. Store proprietors have complained of loafers gathering in front of their places of business and interfering with trade by their loitering. The Commissioner expresses the hope that a simple reminder will be enough to put an end to the nuisance, but will offer the proposed ordinance if necessary.

Crimes and Casualties.

Sgt. Earl Chapman, stationed at Camp Beauregard, was instantly killed by a negro who ran over him, breaking his neck and fracturing his skull. The negro was crying, "Stop, nigger, and give me my money back!" They had been engaged in a crap game, it appears.

One day last week two white men entered the local bank in Bastrop while the cashier and bookkeeper were at dinner. One of them asked H. F. Benson, the assistant cashier, for change, and as the cashier looked up from the drawer into which he had dropped the bill offered to be changed he found himself covered by a six-shooter. The front door of the bank was then closed and the official was made to open the vault and the assistant cashier was locked in it. The robbers escaped by the back way, where they had a car waiting. The president of the bank has offered \$1000 reward for the bodies of the robbers, dead or alive.

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