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## MAY RESUME DRILLING AT STEELE WELL SOON

Meeting of Land Owners Monday Agreed to Release \$5000 in Esero for Drilling Expense.

The chances are good now that operations at the Steele well at Pine Prairie may be resumed soon. It is understood that new money is ready to come into the development. At a meeting, at the courthouse here Monday afternoon a proposition was brought before the landowners, who made up the block of leases on which the well is being drilled, which may clear up the obstructions that caused the suspension of work. The proposition in substance was that the \$5000 now held in the bank here as a guarantee that the well be drilled according to contract be released to the operators provided as agreed by them that an additional \$5000 be placed in the bank here, and that together with another \$4,500 now held in a bank at Hot Springs, and that the whole sum of \$14,500 be used strictly for drilling expense and casing. It was thought that the amount would be ample to complete the contract and finish the well. After hearing the proposition and discussion a resolution was presented covering it and was adopted by a unanimous vote of the landowners. It was explained that the \$5000 here could not have been used for any purpose, and that it was necessary that it be used to complete the well.

The well is down 800 feet and a heavy standard rig with all tools is still on the ground. Those interested expressed themselves as willing to do any reasonable thing that would insure development. The operators on the other hand, who were not present at the meeting, it is understood had said that due to the tightness of money they must have this money to complete the work.

## FIRE AT MINERAL SPRINGS

Livery Barn and Two Small Business Houses Destroyed.

Mineral Springs, Nov. 21.—Fire that started in the old livery barn owned by J. E. Green destroyed the barn and its contents, consisting of about 200 bushels of corn and considerable hay and four sets of team harness. The loss on the barn and contents was about \$1,000. Later the fire spread to two frame buildings on the south side of the barn, which were occupied by negroes as a restaurant and a grocery, destroying these structures and most of their contents. There was no insurance. Had it not been for the untiring efforts of the fire brigade the loss might have been much greater.

## Card of Thanks.

We wish to thank our many friends for the kindness and sympathy shown us during the sickness and death of our darling baby. We also thank them for the many beautiful flowers.—Mr. and Mrs. Wade Welch.

## The Supreme Court Affirms The Will Owens Case

The supreme court in a recent decision affirmed the Will Owens case. Owens is a negro, who lives at Pine Prairie. He was sentenced by the circuit court to a term in the penitentiary on a charge of assault with intent to kill. The case was appealed and later affirmed. Owens left Monday night for Little Rock to voluntarily give himself up to the penitentiary authorities and begin serving his sentence. T. B. Cook who was his bondsman, was willing to trust him to go alone.

## TEXARKANA CELEBRATION

Many Organizations Join in Observance of Armistice Day.

Texarkana, Nov. 11.—Armistice Day was observed here on an elaborate scale under the auspices of the local American Legion, assisted by several visiting companies of veterans. The feature was the parade at 10 o'clock, led by veterans of the World War, followed by Spanish-American war veterans and veterans of the Confederacy, all in uniform, women's auxiliaries, various fraternal orders, and civic societies, Red Cross, Boy Scouts.

Other features were a football game, an athletic carnival at the Legion Hall, a barbecue at Spring Lake park and a dance at Foreman Hall.

## DIAMONDS ON DISPLAY

Two Stones Recently Taken From Mines Are Valued at \$473.70.

Murfreesboro, Nov. 11.—The Arkansas Diamond Company has on display in the show windows of the Whitten Drug store two very beautiful diamonds taken from its mines recently. One is a blue-white stone, weighing .51 carats and valued at \$316.20. The other is a flawless canary, weighing .45 carats and valued at \$157.50.

The mine is being operated full time. New, modern diamond mining machinery recently was installed and considerably increases the output of the plant.

## NEGRO LANDS IN JAIL

Texarkana Black Wounded by Officers When He Falls to Halt.

Texarkana, Nov. 11.—Porter Love, negro, was lodged in jail on the Arkansas side last night on a warrant charging him with burglary. It is alleged he was caught robbing the house of Walter Harris, in North Heights. The sheriff and a deputy chanced to be in the neighborhood and gave chase to the negro, who refused to stop when told to halt. Several shots were fired at the fleeing black and one passed through the negro's arm, causing him to stop. The wound is said not to be serious. Love will be given a trial in Municipal Court tomorrow.

## AMERICA DECLARES FOR LONG NAVAL HOLIDAY

Secretary Hughes Startles Delegates When He Lays All Cards on Table at Conference.

Washington, Nov. 12.—A radical reduction and strict limitation of naval armament by the chief naval powers was proposed by the United States "right off the bat" at the opening of the international conference here today.

Without and warning and to the patent surprise of the foreign delegates, Secretary of State Hughes popped the concrete proposals before them with dramatic force and telling effect.

Before the delegates scarcely were aware of what was happening, Mr. Hughes, true to his promise, had laid the cards of Uncle Sam's hand face up on the table.

The effect of the unexpected move was heightened by the spontaneous endorsement of the executive proposals on the spot by the legislative branch of the American government. The senators who occupied one balcony and the representatives who were in another simultaneously arose as Mr. Hughes concluded presentation of the reduction program and loosed a torrent of applause. It was the great dramatic moment of the session.

## The American Proposals.

The American proposals summarized follow:

1. The United States, Great Britain and Japan to agree to a navy building holiday for 10 years during which time no new ships shall be built except for replacement of tonnage within the agreed maximum of each nation.

2. All uncompleted capital ships and numerous specified older capital ships to be scrapped at once.

3. All building programs, either actual or projected to be abandoned at once.

4. The sea power of the three nations to be maintained on a basis of a tonnage parity between the American and British navies and of a Japanese navy of three-fifths the tonnage of either of the others.

5. The capital ship to be the unit of measurement of naval strength and a proportionate allowance of auxiliary craft to be prescribed.

6. The size of the capital ships built for replacement shall be limited to 35,000 tons, compared with 46,000 tons, the maximum now building, and aggregate, capital ship tonnage to be limited to 500,000 each for England and United States and 300,000 for Japan.

7. Auxiliary cruisers and destroyers, the keels of which have been already laid, to be completed, but replacements to be on a basis of a maximum 450,000 tons each for England and the United States and 270,000 for Japan.

8. Same provision for submarine, with the maximum tonnage, 90,000 each for England and the United States and 54,000 for Japan.

9. Total tonnage of airplane carriers to be limited to 80,000 each for England and the United States, and 48,000 for Japan.

Only capital ships and airplane carriers 20 years old, cruisers 17 years old, and destroyers and submarines 12 years old may be replaced.

11. Limitation of naval aircraft deemed impracticable because of ease of converting commercial aircraft to war uses.

12. Conversion of merchant marine to warships to be regulated by agreement.

13. No ships to be built for or disposed of to other nations.

## 600-POUND WOMAN DIES

Resident of Galena, Mo., Was One of Heaviest of Her Sex.

Galena, Mo., Nov. 11.—Mrs. Samantha Minton, who weighed more than 600 pounds and believed to be one of the heaviest women in the world died at her home here today after a year's illness. Her body was eight feet in circumference. Mrs. Minton was 37 and is survived by a husband.

## Pie Supper at Hicks.

On Friday night, November 18th, there will be a pie supper at Hicks school house for the purpose of raising money for the pastor of our church. Everybody invited and all the girls bring their pies and have them ready to auction off at 7:30 p. m. Don't forget the date and be ready to buy you a nice pie before its too late.

## TWIN CITIES ARE PLANNING A DIVORCE

Administrations at Texarkana Are Unable to Work Together in Harmony.

Texarkana, Nov. 13.—The troubles between Texarkana Ark., and Texarkana, Tex., which started over the discontinuance last April of the joint arrangement by which the Fire Departments of the two sides of the city were operating under one fire chief, are as far from settlement as ever, and there seems to be no chance of an adjustment. It is said that insurance rates soon will be raised at least 12 per cent unless the joint arrangement for fighting fires is put in force again. The Texas side insists that if the old order is restored, W. J. Springer must be reinstated as joint fire chief, but Mayor McLain of the Arkansas side refuses.

Today it was announced that the Texas side also is preparing to discontinue the arrangement with Arkansas for the joint inspection of meats and dairy products, which has been in effect several years. It is said Texarkana, Tex., is preparing to sever relations of every sort with the Arkansas side and to look after all its own affairs. Mayor McLain, in the meantime, declares Arkansas is entirely competent and able to look after all its business without advice or help from outside. He said Texarkana, Arkansas, is willing to have a joint Fire Department with the Texas side, but insists that such arrangement must be on a fair basis and that the Arkansas side must have a square deal which, he said, Texas does not show a disposition at present to allow.

## SEVEN ARE INDICTED

Federal Court for Texarkana Division of Western District Convenes.

Texarkana, Tex., Nov. 14.—Federal court for the Texarkana division of the Western District of Arkansas convened here today, with Judge Frank A. Youmans of Fort Smith presiding. A Grand Jury, with William J. Hartfield of Washington, foreman, was impaneled, and later in the day returned the following indictments:

J. E. Dahsio and E. B. Parker, El Dorado, charged with trying to evade payment of revenue tax on dance hall; Booker Kennedy, robbery of postoffice at Buckner; H. D. Johnson, El Dorado, making false entry on books of National bank; Walter Seay, robbery of postoffice at Eagle Mill; E. O. Gunter and G. C. Shaif, raising a federal reserve note to higher denomination.

During the day the district attorney also filed information against the

Men's Blue Chambray Work Shirt, heavy weight, all sizes, each

Men's Grey Coat Sweaters with sizes 40 to 44, \$1.25 value, special

Good Grade Bleached Domestic, wide, soft finish, free from stain

Ladies Union Suits, good grade, weight, bleached, ribbed, per

Childrens Shoes, solid leather, size 11, made of Box Calf leather, per

Bunch of Men's Hats, narrow brim each

Ladies Outing Gowns, made of weight Outing, each

These Specsals a Beginning Thursday November 1

Kolb

Ashdown

## Pure Bred Cotton Seed Proves to Be Profitable

Little Rock, Nov. 12.—Pure bred cotton seed has proved profitable to Robert Stallings of Morrilton, he writes in a letter to E. J. Bodman the vice president of the Union and Mercantile Trust Company of Little Rock. As chairman of the Committee on Agriculture of the Arkansas Bankers' Association, Mr. Bodman has started a campaign to introduce better cotton seed for planting into Arkansas and has ordered a large quantity of seed from the Pedigreed Seed Company of Hartsville, S. C., one of the best known and most reputable cotton seed firms in the country.

"Last winter I bought 10 bushels of Webber cotton seed from the Pedigreed Seed Company," wrote Mr. Stallings. "This cotton was full one and one-fourth to one and five-sixteenths inches in staple and sold for 40 cents, while cotton of one and one-sixteenth inch staple was selling for 22 and 23 cents."

## BANKERS HOLD TO ARM

Advised by Illinois Association to Get and Use Guns.

Springfield, Ill., Nov. 14.—Alarmed at the frequency of bank robberies, the Illinois Bankers Association has advised banks, especially smaller ones to "obtain shotguns and use them."

## NO CRIME TO OWN STILL

At Least Is Not Considered an Offense in Texas.

Austin, Tex., Nov. 9.—It is not a violation of the state law to possess equipment for manufacturing intoxicating liquors, the Court of Criminal Appeals held today.

## Gin Notice.

We will only gin one more day, Friday of this week. Parties wanting to gin with us will bring their cotton in on that day. Will pay \$27.00 per seed.—Brown Gin Co.

## Bridge Work Resumed.

The work on the bridges on the Ben Lomond and Steel bridge road has again started, and it is understood that the work will be rushed to completion, getting this road ready for the gravel this winter.

## Overcome Troubles at Grote Well Near Arden

The Grote well at Arden is now better than 750 feet and it is reported that some recent troubles have been overcome. They have been drilling in a soft formation which has been very difficult. They are now waiting for more 12 inch casing as they want to keep the hole large as long as possible. Progress recently has been necessarily slow but the hole is in good shape.

## FIRE AT LITTLE ROCK CAUSES \$500,000 LOSS

St. Louis Cotton Compress Warehouse No. 1 Destroyed—5,000 Bales Burn.

Little Rock, Nov. 13.—More than 5,000 bales of cotton in Warehouse No. 1 of the St. Louis Cotton Compress Company, Seventh and Locust streets, North Little Rock, was destroyed by fire of unknown origin early last night. The cotton which was owned principally by the Lesser-Goldman Cotton Company and Ad Hamberg & Co., was valued at more than \$500,000. The building destroyed resulted in an additional \$30,000 loss. The entire losses are covered by insurance, according to officials of the compress company and the Lesser-Goldman Company last night, who were at the scene.

F. H. Good, general superintendent of the St. Louis Cotton Compress Company No. 2, with Hayley M. Bennett of the Lesser-Goldman Cotton Company, arrived on the scene within a short time after the fire was discovered and directed a force of negro volunteers who worked heroically at removing burning bales of cotton. The negroes followed the fireman who checked the flames at the east end of the warehouse sufficiently to permit handling. Another company stream manned by several negroes, drenched the bales as they were brought out.

## PAYING SUIT CONTINUED

Contractors at Texarkana Have Only Partly Completed Contract.

Texarkana, Nov. 11.—The suit pending in the Miller County Circuit Court between Paving Improvement District No. 20, on the Arkansas side, and the Burke Construction Company, which involves the paving of practically all the downtown residence section of the Arkansas side, has been continued until the next June term of the court at the instance of the improvement district. The continuance is said to have been asked for the purpose of awaiting the result of a similar suit pending in the federal courts.

## MAY REUNITE CHURCHES

Bishops of Northern M. E. Church Meet in Detroit.

Detroit, Nov. 11.—Seeking to map a plan for reuniting the Methodist Episcopal churches, North and South, the commission on Methodism unification, composed of bishops of the Northern church, began a two-days' session here this afternoon. The meeting is the first held by the commission since its appointment at the last general conference of the churches.

## Ships Hickory Nuts.

DeQueen, Nov. 14.—T. W. Park has shipped a car of hickory nuts to Chicago, the first carload of nuts ever shipped from this community.

## Pay off the Mortgage on Yourself

The lives of millions of people are ruined because they have never reached the point where they own themselves. It ought to be worth while to pay off the mortgage on yourself. Saving money will do it. Begin now.

## ARKANSAS STATE BANK NO RED TAPE--WE DO OR WE DON'T

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