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SEEK SETTLEMENT OF CUTOVER LANDS

CONFERENCE OF MOMENT BEGUN IN NEW ORLEANS YESTERDAY

DR. VROOMAN ON PROGRAM

Opening Addresses Stress Importance to Southern Communities of the Objects Sought

To find a solution of one of the South's most pressing problems, to convert a more or less deserted waste of a hundred million acres which have been denuded of their timber, their only obvious resource, into productive farms and ranches is the object of a conference promoted by the Southern Pine Association, which held its initial session at the St. Charles hotel at 10 o'clock yesterday morning.

The meeting was called to order by J. Louis Thompson, of Houston, chairman of the cut-over land committee of the Southern Pine Association, who briefly explained the object of the conference and its importance in view of the necessity of producing a greater supply of foodstuffs.

L. Alexander, state commissioner of conservation, was called upon to preside over the meeting. He brought the regrets of Gov. Pleasant, who could not be present on account of illness. Outlining Louisiana's interest in the cultivation of these lands, he said: "Louisiana has about 29,000,000 acres of land. Less than 5,000,000 are in cultivation. There are large areas of alluvial land not under cultivation, and this is the finest land in the country. There are about 41,000,000 acres of timber land, about 10,000,000 of it in pine. There are over 5,000,000 acres of cut-over lands, and more than 80 per cent of this susceptible to agricultural development. Much progress has already been made on cut-over land. Some of it has become the most profitable in the state. The actual value yield of some of it has been \$1000 an acre, and it has yielded as high as \$2000 an acre. Our experimental stations have found that the cash value from hog raising alone on the average cut-over land is \$50 an acre.

TEUTONS GIVEN THEIR PASSPORTS

BRAZIL TAKES ANOTHER STEP TOWARD WAR WITH GERMANY.

U. S. INFLUENCE IS SUPREME

Argentina Also Leans Toward the Side of the United States. — Culmination of Exciting Day.

By International News Service. Buenos Aires, April 11.—Herr Pauli, the German minister to Brazil, was handed a note to his government and passports for himself today, says a Rio Janeiro dispatch.

The Austrian minister is reported to have received instructions from his government to ask for his passports. This action, the culmination of an eventful day in the South American capitals, gave evidence that the United States has the upper hand over the German influence in the Latin-American republics.

Argentine, today expressed sympathy with the action of the United States.

DIED FROM HATCHET BLOW ON THE SKULL

Charles Hubbard, negro, 2715 Peniston street, who was struck on the head with a hatchet by Sam Baccout, another black, of 1615 Joliet street, while in the Young Men's Gymnastic club, where both were waiters, on March 27, died yesterday in the Charity Hospital. The blow fractured his skull. The charge of assault and wounding against Baccout has been changed to murder.

CURTAILING THE CROP OF BOOZE

Lexington, Ky., April 11.—James E. Pepper, the distiller announces that he will make no more whiskey during the war. Fifteen other distillers have taken similar action.

WILL MAKE STRONG FIGHT FOR CONSCRIPTION BILL

Administration Will Bring All Influence for its Passage. Foreign Minister Balfour and Other Allies' Representatives on Their Way Here

By International News Service. Washington, April 11.—The decision to concentrate all of the administration's influence behind the conscription bill which is now before the House was reached this evening at a conference between the President and Secretary of War Baker.

After the conference Secretary Baker declared that there would be no change in the administration's plans for the passage of the bill. Complete co-operation between the Allies and the United States will be accomplished through conferences with the representatives of the various countries.

Secretary of State Lansing today announced that Foreign Minister Arthur J. Balfour, of Great Britain, is coming to the United States on an "important mission," but would not discuss the matter further. Col. E. C. House and Secretary McAdoo are mentioned as possible representatives of the United States at these conferences.

Commanders of American merchant ships have been requested to look out for German submarines throughout the seven seas, the navy department announced tonight. They are urged to report immediately the sighting of any submarine.

POLICE SHAKE UP BIGGEST IN YEARS

One hundred and twenty-one transfers, affecting every police station, were ordered yesterday by Police Superintendent Reynolds and will go into effect today. Members of the force from supernumerary patrolmen to captains are included.

CHURCH ROBBER CONFESSES GUILT

John Murray, 24 1835 North Claiborne street, was arrested in the Baronne street Jesuit church by Patrolman Byrne, of the central station, and, according to the police, confessed having committed two robberies in that place of worship.

REFUSES OFFER OF LA. REGIMENT

NO MORE RECRUITING TILL CONGRESS TAKES ACTION

3 BATTERIES ON WAR BASIS

Regular Army Enlistments Being Sought—Fifty Were Enrolled by Capt. Caldwell Yesterday

News reached New Orleans yesterday afternoon that Adjutant General McGroarty received a telegram from Secretary of War Baker denying authority to organize a second regiment of Louisiana National Guardsmen and directing for the time being until congress took action, that recruiting be suspended.

Why this action has been taken by the War Department is not known, but it is believed in military quarters that recruiting of guardsmen has been suspended to enable President Wilson to get busy on the big army congress has planned to raise through selective conscription.

Excepting Washington artillery and the second troop cavalry, of New Orleans, recruiting in all units of the Louisiana Militia was practically discontinued yesterday.

Batteries A, B and C of Washington Artillery are now on a war basis, having 190 men each. Six hundred more men are being sought to complete the three new batteries needed for the full regiment of artillery, which is the goal.

Twenty-five recruits were enrolled yesterday by A. de St. Aubin, who was commissioned by General McGroarty to enlist a troop of cavalry in New Orleans. He has established an agency in front of the Gunwald music store, Canal street.

BANDITS ATTACK MEXICAN TRAIN

KILL FIFTEEN OF THE PASSENGERS AND CARRANZA GUARD.

20 BANDITS LOSE THEIR LIVES

Train Permitted to Proceed After Soldiers Were Slaughtered, Arriving at Laredo Last Night.

By International News Service. Laredo, Tex., April 11.—Fifteen Carranza soldiers were killed and at least fifteen passengers slain when bandits attacked a national line train near San Felipe Hidalgo.

The survivors stated that the bandits lost twenty of their men. The coaches showed bullet marks and the lights were broken.

After killing all the government troops and many passengers, the bandits permitted the train to proceed toward Nuevo Laredo, where it arrived tonight.

The bandits numbered eight hundred. Government troops are pursuing.

DROP IN PRICE OF LIVESTOCK

Chicago, April 11.—Livestock market broke from ten to forty cents today on the presumption that the government is about to fix the prices.

EARLY MORNING FIRE COSTLY

Double Cottage in Dufossat Street. Flames of unascertained origin yesterday morning almost destroyed the \$10,000 double cottage at 1716-1718 Dufossat street, and resulted in a total loss estimated at \$7,500.

STEADY PRESSURE TOWARD CAMBRAI

London, April 11.—The struggle on the Western front entered its second stage today. The cyclonic drive spent, the German defense stiffened by hastily summoned reserves, the British have settled down to dogged tenacity in slow but constant movements to widen the gap in the German front.

Gen. Haig's forces today pushed within five miles of Arras. The battle of Loos has taken an encircling movement aimed at Cambrai, which if captured means the crumbling of the entire German line in France.

Apparently the first swift rush of the powerful offensive is over, but the reports from correspondents indicate that the work of consolidating the ground won was taken up speedily and done thoroughly while during the progress of this task there was no interruption of the pressure upon the retreating Germans.

TALKING PEACE TO THE RUSSIANS

Petrograd, April 11.—Enemies of the new Russian government are spreading the talk of peace at any price in every quarter of the empire. They have been unable so far to make an impression.

ACTIVE CAMPAIGN FOR NEW CHURCH

For the purpose of completing plans for the successful bazaar and entertainment to be given in the Annunciation Hall, Spain and Marais Sts., on April 14th, 15th and 16th, the officers of the Improvement Association have called a special meeting Friday night at the presbytery.

CHARGED WITH TAKING BETS ON RACE HORSES

Charged with violating the pool room law by accepting bets on race horses, Frank Porretto, 1732 Du Maine street, was arrested yesterday at Canal and Royal streets by Patrolman Shelter, of the Third precinct station. According to Shelter he arrested Porretto as he was handing a slip containing names of horses to a player.

MEDICO-LEGAL JOURNAL

The Journal of the Medico-Legal Society the headquarters of which is in New York City and which is one of the leading law and medical organizations of the United States, is preparing for an early number, a symposium on the cigarette prepared by Doctor Alfred W. Herzog, editor thereof, and would like contributions on the subject from the different large cities, and Mr. W. O. Hart, a member of the society, requests any interested in the subject and who may see this notice to communicate with the doctor.