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SHIP YARDS ALONG THE GULF COAST

New Ones Started Daily to Handle Federal Contracts

MANY PRIVATE CONTRACTS

Plants at Beaumont and Orange Are Very Busy—Many New Concerns in Florida

Scores of shipbuilding plants are springing up along the Gulf and Atlantic coasts, and soon hundreds of wooden vessels, both for the government and private use, will be under construction.

The United States Emergency Fleet corporation has just placed contracts with the Universal Shipbuilding company, of Houston, Texas, for twelve wooden ships; with the Taylor Shipbuilding corporation, of Cornwallis, Va., for ten; and with the Portland Shipbuilding company at Portland, Me., for four.

Weaver and Son, shipbuilders at Orange, Texas, have closed a contract for the construction of a three-masted schooner for the U. S. Navy. The vessel will be placed in commission in a few weeks.

A shipbuilding plant has been begun by the Pan-American Trading company along the Buffalo bayou.

The company recently purchased a tract of 3,500 acres of land. Contracts were let for 1,000 piling to be cut from timber on the company's holdings.

At Beaumont, Texas, the Beaumont Shipbuilding and Dry Dock company expects to start laying the keel for eight wooden vessels of 1,000 to 2,000 tons within the next few weeks.

The keel for the first of seven ocean-going vessels to be built by the National Shipbuilding company, of Texas, at Orange, has been laid. The derricks are all complete, and most of the machinery installed on the new plant.

Ten acres of land on the waterfront at Palatka, Fla., have been purchased by Max Germain and Nicholas Dillon, both of New York City, on which they will build a plant for the construction of wooden vessels. The gentlemen interested expect to operate a plant that will give employment to 400 men.

The Florida Shipbuilding company has incorporated under the laws of the state, its officers being as follows: R. J. Clifford, president; J. M. Schlonbach, secretary, and J. K. Williams, Jr., treasurer. The stockholders are the owners of sawmills in Georgia and Florida. The site secured for the plant has a waterfront of 250 feet.

Crowell Visits Shipbuilding Plants

Charles N. Crowell, in charge of wooden vessel construction in the southwestern territory for the government, recently visited Orange, Texas, and held a conference with local builders. He was well pleased with the manner in which shipbuilding plants at that point are doing the work so far assigned them.

A wooden ship was launched last week by the Hilroy-Sperrin-Dun company at Jacksonville, Fla. This vessel was built for the Berg Distilling company of Philadelphia, and is the largest wooden vessel ever built in Florida.

It is announced by Capt. J. E. Cushman and associates of Philadelphia that they intend to build a plant at Jacksonville, Fla., for the construction of ocean-going vessels. They say they expect to have it in operation in a few weeks.

A contract has been closed by F. E. Bingham, shipbuilder at Pensacola, Fla., for the building of a 350-ton power schooner, the vessel to be built for a lumber shipping concern in that territory.

Submarine Chasers, Mine Sweepers. Contracts for the building of four mine sweepers and two 3,500-ton full

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WAR SUBSTITUTES NAMED BY Y. M. C.

YOUNG MEN REPLENISH EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

SEVEN LABOR FOR NATION

Absent Members With Government Will Retain Positions on Board. A. E. Johnson Congratulated

Seven war substitutes were elected last night by the Young Men's department of the Association of Commerce to fill the places of a like number on its executive committee until those absentees return from their work with the government.

Gustave E. Walker, J. B. Watson, John Fitzgerald, Oscar J. Thibodeaux, G. E. Gallop, Glen Barthelemy, and William C. Marked as substitutes for these officers. The old members of the committee who are connected with the government will retain their positions on the committee and resume them upon their return.

Attention of the department was called to the work being done for the nation. Charles E. Debasar, who presides, is vice president of the Young Men's Business Club of America, and George C. Marked is chairman of the expansion committee.

A. E. Johnson was congratulated upon his return to the committee after having resigned several of the positions and use of minutes received in an automobile accident some time ago. The regular weekly luncheon of the organization will be held at the Montebello hotel Tuesday.

The seven members who are serving the nation and the work they are doing follows: F. G. Gassaway, Washington; Anthony O'Rourke, Washington; Harry J. Burnett, W. B. Sinsler, Charles E. Taylor, attending officers; training school at Fort Logan H. Root, and E. B. Glenn, who leaves Friday for the navy.

SLAVE'S BODY BESIDE MASTER

The body of Henry Hawkins, 95-year-old negro, was buried beside the body of General "Dick" Taylor, his old master. He was a negro slave in the family of Zachary Taylor, one-time President of the United States.

Through the Mexican war Hawkins accompanied General Taylor from Brownsville deep into Mexico, and again he served General Richard Taylor in the struggle between the states. He also accompanied Mrs. Taylor when she was in the Confederate lines. Hawkins never left the Taylor family, and after the war he became a dining room servant at the home of Mrs. Taylor's mother, Mrs. M. D. Brinard. Mrs. Walter Stauffer and Mrs. L. H. Stauffer, daughters of General "Dick" Taylor, provided for the man during the last five years of his life.

GIRLS TO BE FARMERS

About eighty of the girls attending the Nicholls vocational school will leave their studies July 26 to take up farming July 30. After listening to an address by John M. Parker Thursday and others of the food preparedness commission they volunteered to cultivate vacant lots wherever they could be found.

CAVALRY TO REPORT

The second separate troop of cavalry has received orders to report at the armory, 530 Natchez street, at 8 o'clock the evening of July 11. This is believed to be the preliminary step toward mustering in the troop into federal service.

Mississippi Fears Pellagra Spread

By International News Service.

Jackson, Miss., July 6.—The Mississippi state board of health today issued a warning that a great spread of pellagra is imminent this and next year, unless the people stop selling their milk cows.

Dr. W. S. Leathers, its executive officer, urges the production of antipellagra foods, such as peas, beans, poultry and eggs. Milk is both a preventative and a cure. Dr. Leathers writes:

"It is possible that there will be an increase owing to the fact that many families of the state are selling their milk cows and, therefore, robbing their homes of one of the most important articles of diet in the prevention and cure of this disease. Moreover, owing to the high price of foods, unless the people of the state grow their own food products, such as peas and beans, and have poultry, eggs and other antipellagra foods for use on the family table, then pellagra will undoubtedly increase during 1917 and 1918. It is, therefore, urgent that the citizenship of the state realize the importance of supplying their families with milk, poultry and eggs, fresh meat, when possible, and nutritious foods, such as peas and beans, dried, not canned, during the fall, winter and early spring is necessary, if pellagra is to be gradually suppressed."

GERMAN ATTACK STILL CONTINUES

London, July 6.—The Crown Prince's offensive against the French is not over. He continues to throw formidable effectives against Peain's lines north of the Aisne and in the Champagne everywhere he was beaten off.

On the Verdun front the French seemed to have the upper hand today. A terrific destructive fire is directed against the German positions along the west and north hill. Berlin report: a bitter hand to hand battle between the Wuerstenburgs and French troops north of the Aisne in which a "large number of Frenchmen were killed."

The deadlock continues along the British front.

MERCHANTS DISCUSS DELIVERY ECONOMY

Retail merchants of the city yesterday discussed methods of reducing the cost of delivery at the Association of Commerce. As a result of the meeting they will appeal to shoppers to carry all small bundles themselves, and in the future there may be but one delivery of the delivery wagon to the same section of the city during the day. M. B. Kroezer, Fred W. Evans, Ben Beckman, S. J. Schwartz and others attended the meeting.

NEW ORLEANS REPRESENTED

For the great conference to be held at Lake Chautauqua this week to consider the relation of education to preparedness and conservation, Mr. W. O. Hart was invited to participate through Professor Albert Bushnell Hart, but found it impossible owing to other engagements to be present. New Orleans will be well represented, however, by Professor Henry M. Gill of the New Orleans Public Library, and Professor Nicholas Bauer, Assistant Superintendent of the Public Schools.

LAWN PARTY HELD

The Christian Endeavor society of the St. Charles Avenue Christian church, gave a lawn party last night at St. Charles and Henry Clay avenue. A program was given and refreshments were served.

INSURANCE FOR TROOPS PLANNED

COMPANIES OFFER GOVERNMENT EVERY POSSIBLE AID

NATION MAY CARRY RISKS

Plan May Develop Into Substitute for Pensions.—Insurance Up to \$4,000 Is Proposed.

Washington, July 6.—After an extended series of conferences with Secretary McAdoo and other Treasury officials, here representatives of the large life insurance companies of the country voted to assist the government in every way in working out a governmental plan of insurance on the lives of its soldiers. The companies voted it was preferable that the government should carry the insurance itself rather than take it out in private companies, although several companies volunteered, should the government finally decide to insure through the private companies, to take hundreds of millions of dollars in risks. One New York company expressed readiness to insure 200 million dollars in war risks at a premium of \$58 per \$1,000.

Insurance Men Attend. Col. Fred Fleming and Joseph R. Boone representing the Kansas City Life Insurance company, and Daniel Boone representing the Midland Life.

The insurance companies were almost a unit in the expression that in the long run it would be better for the government to carry the risk itself. They volunteered to turn over to the government all the statistics and information of the private companies and furnish all the insurance experts that the government should need without cost to the government. In other words, with Secretary McAdoo they would practically organize the government insurance plan. Secretary McAdoo will name a committee of ten insurance heads who will work with the Treasury in organizing a plan to present to Congress.

Payable Monthly

In a general way the plan discussed yesterday provided insurance on each soldier up to \$4,000, payable in monthly payments over a period of fifteen years. The disability payments will be provided on schedules according to the injury. Also the payments would be scheduled according to the number of dependents.

The insurance plan will be worked out during the next few months and presented to Congress at the regular session as a substitute in a large measure for the pension system. Whether Congress will accept it or turn it down and depend upon the pension system remains to be seen.

PLAN TO FLAY WHEAT BURNERS

Topeka, July 6.—Secretary of State Tom Botkin has applied to Governor Cappers for permission to organize home guard companies in the belt of Kansas to mete out punishment to I. W. W. men who have been setting fire to stacks of grain. He told the Governor that German spies were behind the outrages. The stacks were fired by flaming bombs thrown from passing trains. Much grain was lost near Hutchinson through fires.

WEEKLY AGAIN SUPPRESSED. Copenhagen, July 6.—Die Zukunft, Maximilian, Hardsens famous weekly, which Wilhelmstrasse considers infamous, again has been suppressed.

Illinois Street Car Strikers Win

By International News Service.

Bloomington, Ill., July 6.—The rioting street car strikers won their fight this afternoon, when it was announced from the city hall that the street car company had agreed to recognize the employees' union, and that the men would return to work tomorrow morning.

Several persons were injured during a riot last night which started after an address by "Mother" Jones, a socialist leader. After breaking up several street cars, the crowd started for the street railway power house, which furnishes power and light for commercial purposes in the city. In order to avert damage at the power plant, Sheriff Fleisher turned off the power. Filled then the crowd wrecked more street cars and then attacked the officers of the company, smashing a number of windows.

Mayor Jones and Sheriff Fleisher met the crowd and urged them to desist from further rioting, but they demanded that the officers arrange a conference with the officials of the company. When this demand and another that a prisoner taken during the evening be released had been complied with the crowd dispersed.

DRAWING PLANS ARE ARRANGED

Washington, July 6.—The final plans for the draft are completed. Secretary Baker withdrew his promise that he would make public this afternoon plans of the drawing. He gave an insight of the plan. This is the epitome:

Duplicate cards with registered numbers will be sent to Washington. Drawing by states. Say there are thirty districts in the state. When a number is drawn, call it 8, the man whose card is 8 in each of the thirty districts will be a conscript. They expect difficulty in local boards to forward to Washington the numbers in time for the drawing. It is impossible to fix a definite day for the drawing.

\$765,000,000 IN GOLD STORED IN NEW YORK

New York, July 6.—The greatest hoard of gold said to have been stored in one place has been counted and found complete "to a penny." The amount was \$765,000,000 in American, French and English coins and bullion. It was stored in the United States Assay Office in this city. The count was made under the direction of Edward P. Leach, chief clerk of the Denver Mint.

N. O. BOY WOULD BECOME AVIATOR

There is a New Orleans boy who is a "bookie" applicant at Atlanta aviation school which has been opened at Georgia Tech. He is J. H. White.

LONG DROUGHT BROKEN

Memphis, July 6.—A four weeks' drought was broken by a million dollar rain today in West Tennessee. North Mississippi and West Arkansas.

RUN DOWN ODORS TO THEIR SOURCE

SMELLING COMMITTEE IS ABOUT READY TO REPORT

TWO PLANTS WILL BE NAMED

Will Be Given Chance to Abate the Nuisance. Otherwise Court Action Will Be Instituted.

The commission which has been investigating the odors from two Jefferson parish industrial plants across the river from New Orleans has about completed its labors. The recommendations contained in the report will be laid before the district court at Gretna, and immediate action will follow.

If the two companies who are blamed for the disturbing odors agree to make the changes suggested by the commission it is believed that the upper part of the city will soon be relieved from a very disagreeable condition. If the companies cannot see their way clear to following out the recommendations of the engineering experts, then they have agreed to notify the attorney-general's office, and immediate court action will follow.

The objectionable odors come from the plants of the Jefferson Dis-

tilling and Refining company, and Swift and Company, and are caused by the burning of "molasses slop" in order to obtain an ash containing potash, a by-product at present worth about \$200 a ton, according to members of the commission. They have been experimenting with machinery and other apparatus, and it is believed that the commission will suggest a practical method to do away with the offensive odors.

Since the value of potash has risen on account of the war these two plants have been operating day and night, and the odors are present all the time. They are chiefly noticeable at night, on account of physical reasons, and have evoked numerous complaints from the upper section of the city. The matter has been in the hands of the state board of health for some time, and the commission making an investigation is composed of J. H. O'Neill, sanitary engineer with the state board; Professor C. S. Williamson, head of the department of industrial chemistry at Tulane University; and John L. Porter, a well-known engineer and chemist.

An investigation by the city board of health shows that no odors are being caused by the plant of the By-Products company, at Elizabeth and Broadway, according to a letter addressed by Dr. W. H. Robinson, president of the board, to the state board of health yesterday.

THEIR ESTATE WORTH \$74,000

Two Inventories Filed in Court—Succession the Other. The estate of the late John Thiel is \$74,000 in an inventory filed for recorded yesterday. Real estate, including the barroom property at North Peters and Governor Nicholls streets is appraised at \$31,500, while cash in bank forms an item of \$14,350.

The deceased owned stocks and bonds in excess of \$25,000, according to the inventory. The stocks consisted mainly of holdings in breweries and in a couple of banks, amounting to \$10,000, while among the bonds, listed at \$1,610, are \$8,000 worth of state bonds, and a number of street railway obligations.

An inventory in the succession of Joseph Austin Moore shows property valued at \$2,000. This consists of the deceased's interest in the succession of his parents, an item of \$2,000, and the value of a bronze horse and an antique brass clock.

"BONE DRY" LAW FAILS IN SENATE

TWO AMENDMENTS STILL ARE PENDING IN UPPER HOUSE

AMENDMENT MOST DRASTIC

Whiskey Cannot Be Imported Nor Any Bonded Goods Withdrawn for Beverage Purposes

Washington, D. C., July 6.—The bone dry provision failed to pass in the senate today. By a vote of 54 to 34 the senators refused to include beer and wine in the class of whiskey. Immediately afterwards, the senate passed a drastic amendment by Senator Cummins forbidding not only the importation of whiskey during the war, but also the withdrawal of any bonded distilled spirits for beverage purposes. Senator Underwood called attention to the fact that this cut off some \$250,000,000 revenue and choke millions of dollars involved in the whiskey business without compensation to the manufacturers. He held this unconstitutional.

Senators Brandegee, Harding, and Penrose supported Underwood's contention. Finally the senate adjourned without voting on the Chamberlain and Robinson amend-

ment. In the first real test of strength between senate "wets" and "drys", the senate late today, by a vote of 52 to 41, rejected an amendment by Senator Meyers to Senator Robinson's appeal for prohibition distilled beverages which would also have prohibited manufacture of malt, fermented and vicious beverages as well.

An amendment by Senator Cummins, of Iowa, prohibiting imports of distilled liquors during the war and also use of those now in bond for beverage purposes was the vehicle for the vote.

TEDDY, GOMPERS ALMOST BATTLE

New York, July 6.—Theodore Roosevelt and Samuel, president of the American Federation of Labor, came to a near clash in Carnegie hall, tonight at the formal reception to the Russian war mission, over the Colonel's speech, which attacked the laboring men for their alleged participating in the East St. Louis riots.

Gompers warmly defended the laboring men. The Colonel started across the platform to face Gompers. They were near a belligerent attitude when Mayor Mitchell stepped into the breach and called the next speaker.

DOMESTIC POSTAGE TO SOLDIERS IN FRANCE

Domestic postage of two cents per ounce on first class mail will apply on the postal rates between the United States and France. H. M. Robinson former superintendent of the twelfth division of the railroad mail service has been made postal agent in France. He left New Orleans where he has been making headquarters, to report to the authorities in Washington.

TURKS ARE REINFORCED

London, July 6.—The Turks again have been reinforced on the Caucasus front today. The Petrograd report shows. In the battle region of Eristan and on the Abshirvan river from Constantinople, claim official reports, the capture by Turks in Galiois of 200 Russians and the killing with bayonets of 800.