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ORLEANS TO GET BIG INDUSTRY

CITY WILL BE OPERATING HEAD FOR LAND COMPANY

WILL ASSIST FOOD PROBLEM

Largest Land Owners in South Back Movement Which Originated in Conference Here

Within a few days New Orleans will become the operating headquarters of what is expected to be the greatest land development enterprise ever launched on the American continent.

This enterprise will be known as the Southern Cut-over Land association. Revised articles of incorporation were approved by counsel after a conference June 15 in Houston, Texas, with J. Lewis Thompson, chairman of the organization committee, and A. G. T. Moore, assistant secretary of the Southern Pine association. Judge E. B. Parker, of the law firm of Baker, Bots, Parker and Garwood, Houston, Texas, has been instructed to proceed with all legal steps necessary to the incorporation, after which a meeting of the entire organization committee will be held in New Orleans, late this month, when officers will be elected and the actual work begun of utilizing by means of stock-raising, agriculture and reforestation the millions of idle, useless cut-over lands of the south.

The association, which has developed out of the cut-over land conference of the south held here in April, represents and has the active support of many of the largest land owners in the Gulf states. These men being largely lumber manufacturers whose mills have removed the trees from a vast empire of territory, the total extent of which is twice that of the state of Louisiana.

Offices in City

It will occupy a suite of rooms in one of the large office buildings of New Orleans, and will employ a corps of agricultural demonstration experts to co-operate with state and federal agencies, a publicity staff, a clerical force and other attaches necessary to the carrying on of a project of such immensity.

Colonization will be undertaken immediately on such limited areas of cut-over lands as may be most readily converted into farms and grazing areas. On request there will be made in co-operation with the state and federal authorities land surveys of individual land holdings, indicating the soil potentialities, drainage, climate, accessibility to markets, extent of woodlands, and other essential facts.

By utilizing as much of the land as possible now, the association has in mind the idea of meeting, as far as it can, the nation's need for an increased food production. Many thousands of acres, it has been ascertained, can be put under the plow with little preliminary effort; many more thousands of acres contain an abundant growth of grasses capable of sustaining animal life. Efforts will be made to induce a number of owners of extensive ranch lands, in the west, to transport their cattle and sheep to the south, where not only are the grazing areas more abundant, but the seasons of green pasture much longer and the winters less severe on live stock.

Will Aid Settlers

A distinct departure will be made in methods of colonization hitherto followed, in that a direct, sincere interest will be taken in the settler's immediate welfare, including his social requirements. So far as possible, settlements will be made in the form of neighborhood groups, where churches and schools will be established, and the usual loneliness of farm life in an undeveloped country eliminated.

GIRL'S BODY IS FOUND IN CELLAR

EFFORT TO COVER UP CRIME IS ONLY PARTLY SUCCESSFUL

MISSING SINCE FEBRUARY 13

Italian Located in Italy Where He Flew After Alleged Murder—New York Police Hold His Wife

By International News Service.

New York, June 16.—Under the cellar floor of a motorcycle repair shop of Alfred Cocchi, the last place she was seen alive, the body of Ruth Cruger, 17, a high school girl, missing since February 13, was found this afternoon.

The effort made to destroy the body was only partly successful.

The father identified the body by a ring the girl wore. Cocchi, who fled two days after the girl's disappearance, has been located at Bologna, Italy. Mrs. Cocchi was detained by the police.

SOLDIERS BEAT N. O. PATROLMAN

Two soldiers set upon Patrolman Fred Durant in the City park last night and took away from him a man he had arrested for insulting small girls. In the struggle Durant was struck on the jaw and his face scratched. The three fled.

Durant was patrolling the park when some little girls approached him with the complaint that the man had said indecent things to them. The officer went up to him and told him he was under arrest. A minute or two later the soldiers came along.

Evidently the soldiers knew the prisoner. They insistently asked Durant why he had arrested them and the officer warned them to be more civil. Then one of the soldiers punched Durant and a struggle followed. The three set upon him and he was unable to defend himself.

Durant was thrown to the ground and before he jumped up the soldiers and prisoner ran away and escaped in the darkness.

Police officials took up the matter with officers in charge of the soldiers at City Park.

\$2,500 HOTEL MODEL TO TOUR COUNTRY

New York, June 16.—Just what appearance the Titanic Commodore hotel, a twenty-eight-story 2,000-room building, which the New York Central railroad is building in its terminal property, will make when completed, is possible of easy visualization through the model of it, just completed by Francis T. Gillings, a sculptor.

The model of the Commodore required the work of six men and six months' time to finish it, at a cost of \$2,500. It is the finest attempt to reproduce a large building, and it faithfully follows even to the colors of the materials the completed structure. It is planned to send the model for exhibition purposes to the principal cities of the country.

ARREST MAN CHARGED WITH SELLING TO SOLDIERS

Alfred Trapagnier, 1533 Conti street, was arrested by Sergeant Kingman on complaint of a soldier who was sent out by his superior officer to find out if any of the saloon men were serving the soldiers drinks. On his tour of investigation he found three comrades at Trapagnier's place, all having a good time.

SHIPPING BILL PASSES

Washington, D. C., June 16.—After a day of debate, the Senate passed the preferential shipping bill, allowing the president to give priority over certain shipments.

PLEASANT NOT TO APPOINT BOARD

GOVERNMENT WITHDRAWS AUTHORITY GIVEN GOVERNORS

PARISH OFFICERS SELECTED

Cayor Goes to Visit Son at Fort Logan H. Roots—May Make Announcement Upon Return.

The visit of Governor Pleasant to the city the other day did not afford a solution of the problem as to the manner in which New Orleans' share of the draft army is to be furnished. Indeed the matter now seems to be more complicated than ever before.

Late Washington advices are to the effect that the proposed jury wheel method of selecting names from among those registered has been abandoned. A secret commission is at work in the capital city to devise a method by which a fair and impartial selection can be made, but so far the consultation has been without results. It is said, Exemption Board Selection.

The matter of the selection of the exemption boards has been automatically taken out of the hands of the governor. Throughout the country parishes these boards will consist of the sheriff, clerk of court, and coroner. In the city of New Orleans the boards will be appointed by the mayor, although this has not definitely been determined.

Mayor Behrman left Friday for Little Rock, Arkansas, for a visit with his son, who is attending the officers' training camp at Fort Logan H. Roots. When he returns it is expected that some announcement will be made as to the personnel of the various boards that will have charge of the drafting of men here.

Probably Have Names

It is probable that the names of the members of these boards have already been tentatively agreed on, and that they can be announced as soon as definite instructions are received from the governor.

Theoretically the naming of all the exemption boards throughout the country is in the hands of the president, but the practical impossibility of this is evident where more than 10,000 officials are to be named in a short time.

The task of registering the available throughout the country and classifying them, is apparently a bigger problem than was at first realized, and there is some possibility that the calling of the first 500,000 conscripts will be delayed beyond September 1, the date originally set.

PLANS BEING MADE FOR MOOSE FESTIVAL

Plans are being completed for the Moose festival at the Fair Grounds on July 1, which is expected to draw a large crowd. The affair will be for the benefit of the widow's orphan's home, and no efforts will be spared to realize a large sum for the purpose.

The program will include fireworks, a parade, music and dancing, and speeches. Among those who are to talk at the festival are Mayor Behrman, Governor R. G. Pleasant and John A. Woodville.

SAILORS ENJOY SWIMMING

Sailors are enjoying the swimming pools in the Behrman and Wiltz gymnasiums, according to the report of Physical Director John E. Lombard. Mayor Behrman offered the use of these pools to the sailors sometime ago, when he discovered that they had no place to bathe. As soon as the swimming pool is completed in Algiers, this pool also will be opened for the use of the sailors.

GERMANS DENY REPORT

Amsterdam, June 16.—The German admiralty denies the report from America to the effect the steamship Kronland was rammed and sunk by a German submarine.

Liberty Figures Given Out Monday

Washington, June 16.—Authentic figures on the two billion dollar liberty loan will not be known until Monday, when all the federal reserve banks have made their final returns.

The figures will be changed but little from the early estimate of oversubscription of at least \$750,000,000. Secretary of the Treasurer McAdoo issued the statement giving much credit for the success of the loan to publicity given by newspapers throughout the country.

Lumber Men Buy \$2,000,000 Bonds

Lumber manufacturers of the Southern Pine association have subscribed approximately \$2,000,000 to the Liberty loan.

This estimate is based on reports received at the office of the association up to yesterday noon from one-fourth of the mills, whose total subscriptions aggregate \$934,250,000.

Many of the largest Southern pine manufacturers are yet to be heard from.

Association members number two hundred mills, operating in the states of Alabama, Mississippi, Louisiana, Texas, Arkansas, Oklahoma and Missouri.

Subscriptions do not include thousands of small individual purchases of bonds by mill operatives on easy payment plans provided by employers.

The association, at a meeting held in Memphis May 26th, started a movement for the purchase of a million dollars worth of bonds by its members. It is stated that this figure has been oversubscribed by at least 100 per cent.

DOG SHOW PROCEEDS FOR LIBERTY LOAN

Cleveland, O., June 16.—The dogs have their day in the Liberty loan campaign. On July 3 a dog show will be held by the Cleveland Boston Terrier club and the proceeds will be invested in Liberty bonds in the club's name.

ORLEANS TO GET LONGSHOREMEN'S MEET

Mobile, Ala., June 16.—New Orleans was selected as the next convention city at today's session of the International Longshoremen. Delegates from seven states were in attendance.

ELIHU ROOT MAKES SPEECH IN RUSSIA

by International News Service.

Petrograd, June 16.—Elihu Root, America's official spokesman in Russia, late tonight delivered an address before the Council of Ministers. He reaffirmed America's disinterestedness in the war, saying conservation of democracy was the only aim. The speech came at an opportune moment for suspicion of what Russian Socialists have come to call "American imperialism." The report has spread far and wide throughout Russia and is assiduously nourished by pro-Teuton elements.

WILSON DETERMINED TO HAVE FOOD CONTROL

Washington, June 16.—President Wilson is determined to have food control even if Congress delays action. In a letter to Food Administrator Hoover, the president stated: "I give you full authority under any steps necessary for the proper organization and stimulation of their efforts." By "their" the president referred to the business men and housewives of the country.

MOB LYNCHES NEGRO FOR HIS CRIME

Oklahoma City, Okla., June 16.—Henry Conly, a negro, was lynched by a mob of 1,000 men and women at Wewoka, Oklahoma, today. He was hung at the scene of his attack on a white woman.

EXTRA SESSION AROUND JULY 9

SOLONS WILL MEET FOR TWO WEEKS

CALL IS EXPECTED SOON

Large Majority of House Favors Repeal or Amendment of Widow's DOWRY LAW—Little Opposition

An extra session of the Louisiana legislature to amend the widow's dowry act so as to permit the operation in Louisiana of the Federal Land bank probably will be called for July 9, and will last a couple of weeks. The formal call is expected from Baton Rouge within a few days, and will authorize the legislature to amend the act, and probably to revise the bank taxation laws.

Governor R. G. Pleasant, who has been waiting to ascertain public sentiment in the matter, has finally become convinced that there is a real demand and need for the extra session. The governor was here Friday to attend the reception accorded the Italian mission, and while in the city conferred with Senator E. M. Stafford, who has taken a leading part in the movement to amend the law.

Poll Taken

Senator Stafford recently took a poll of the members of the legislature on the question of an extra session, and Friday he placed the results of the poll before the governor. His figures showed that of 68 members of the lower house replying to his letter of inquiry, 66 favor the repeal or amending of the widow's dowry act. In the senate 17 members replied that they favored the amendment of the law, and one was opposed. Six members of the senate do not favor the calling of an extra session at this time.

When the legislature amends the widow's dowry act next month so as to permit the operation of the farm loan bank, it will not be too late for Louisiana farmers to enjoy its benefits this year, thereby making possible a saving in interest charges of more than \$800,000 yearly. The only opposition that has developed against the operation of the Federal Land bank is said to come from a few country merchants who have been acting as bankers to the farmers, and charging high interest rates.

Always a Leader

State Senator E. M. Stafford has been a leader in the movement to have the widow's dowry law amended, and should this action be taken it will be due largely to his efforts. He took charge of the campaign at a time when it was thought the whole matter was dead, and working in co-operation with the farm bank officials, has accomplished highly important results.

BITTER FIGHT ON FOOD BILL BREWING

By International News Service.

Washington, June 16.—Definite indication of a coming bitter fight on the administration's food control bill was given today in the senate. The bill was not even reported by Chairman of the senate agricultural committee, Senator Gore, who opposed it.

Senator Chamberlain, of Oregon, presented it. He announced the committee reported out the bill without recommendation nor approval. This means the bill failed to get the sanction of the committee. It is predicted that it is impossible to pass it before July 1.

GOLDMAN AND BERKMAN PLACED IN TOMBS

New York, June 16.—Charged with conspiracy against the government, Emma Goldman and Alexander Berkman are in the Tombs tonight in default of a \$25,000 bail. Both pleaded not guilty when arraigned today, but were held.

GERMANY SEEKS PEACE WITH RUSSIA, BUT IT IS IN VAIN

Teutons Try To Regain Losses in Region of Messines Ridge—Japanese Lose First Vessel in Campaign

By International News Service.

London, June 15.—From Stockholm comes the report today that Germany, through the good offices of members of the Swiss Federal council has offered peace to Russia. Simultaneously Berne dispatches asserted the Federal council sees no success at present and will not take the initiative in proposing peace to belligerents at present. The council, it was said, will disregard various petitions requesting peace proposals. Observers say there would be nothing surprising in the reported formal German offer.

The Germans tried to regain losses in the region of the Messines Ridge. After bombardment they threw a large force against the British below Ypres-Comines canal. The attacks failed. The French made a successful raid on the German trenches east of Rheims. Petrograd reports successful Russian surprise attacks of a local nature.

Tokio, June 16.—While Japanese destroyers were attacking a submarine in the Mediterranean on June 11, the destroyer Sakaki was (sunk).

(towed to port. It is believed many of the crew were either killed or wounded.

The Sakaki is of the most recent type of Japanese destroyers, one of ten of a class listed in the naval registers as under construction last year, some of them then nearing completion. No details of construction or armament are given.

The Tokio message received today clarifies a dispatch that came through from Tokio last night which it was thought might have reference to the Japanese auxiliary cruiser Sakaki, but evidently referred in reality to the destroyer of that name. The dispatch gave the casualties on the Sakaki as 57 killed including the commander of the craft and 14 officers and men wounded.

Paris, June 16.—The throwing of bombs in the track of submarines is the latest method of combating the sea peril. The French report attacking submarines by this method.

Amsterdam, June 16.—Rumors, grave rumors, in several German towns yesterday reached the Dutch-German frontier tonight.

BOYLAN POLICE SHOOT BURGLAR

At twenty minutes to one the residence of Miss Ella Farwell, on St. Charles avenue, was entered by two burglars, but was seen by Boylan officer George Lester, who fired at them, one of the bullets striking one of the fleeing men. He was captured. His name is George Kern, alias Red, known by the police as a bad egg. He was shot on the right lung, the bullet penetrating his right lung. He was taken to the hospital.

Detective Charley Mellen and Joseph Cassard were investigating a hold-up at 2415 Coliseum street, where it was reported by phone by Doctor Clarence May, living at 2425 Coliseum street that a Mr. Sam Klein, living at 2415 Coliseum street, was held up by two negro burglars. Dr. Clarence May and Mr. Lewis Cohen were on their galleries when they heard the call for help and notified the police. Dr. Clarence May's residence has been visited twice lately by burglars.

BLIND MAN KNOCKED DOWN BY AUTOMOBILE

George Fucks, a blind man, living at the Southern park, was knocked down last night by an automobile at Moss street and Esplanade avenue and suffered slight bruises. He was taken to the Charity hospital in an automobile by Phil Georger, with whom he lives. Identity of the driver of the car that ran down Fucks was not known last night, but police have his number.

DR. BROWN DIES AT ORANGE, TEX.

News was received in the city yesterday of the death at Orange, Tex., of Dr. E. W. Brown, one of the best known of the Southern pine manufacturers. Dr. Brown received an injury above the ear several years ago in a fireworks explosion, and a malignant disease developed which finally caused his death.

Dr. Brown was a big stockholder in the Dohert-Stark-Brown Cypress Lumber company, and in the Lutecher-Moore Lumber company, and was a man of considerable wealth. Mrs. A. P. Pajo, wife of former representative Pajo of Lake Charles, is a sister of the deceased.

LOTTERY VIOLATION CHARGED

Joseph Ingram, who, the police say, is a constant violator of the lottery law, was arrested yesterday at St. Peter and Rampart streets by Assistant Detective Chief Mounney and Patrolman Kennedy. He was charged with having lottery paraphernalia in his possession.

TAX DELEGATION WILL GO TO BATON ROUGE

The special delegation appointed by the Merchants Retail bureau will leave New Orleans for Baton Rouge tomorrow to confer with the state board of arrais in regard to the assessment of stocks and merchandise. They will appear before the board at 11 o'clock.