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## ATTACK THREATENS LICENSE REVENUES

FIFTEEN SAY SHREVEPORT FAIL TO PUBLISH BUDGET TEN DAYS BEFORE ADOPTION.

\$40,000 HAS BEEN COLLECTED

Statement of Facts Shows That Budget Was Adopted For Year 1916 on December 15, 1915, and License Act Adopted at Same Time.

Shreveport.

The entire revenue of the city of Shreveport collected under the 1916 license tax ordinance is threatened in an attack made upon the ordinance by Attorney S. I. Foster, assistant district attorney, representing George McQuistian, and fourteen other defendants, charged in the City Court with failure to pay \$30 annual license fee on transfer business they are said to be engaged in. The city has collected under the ordinance \$14,000 of the \$52,000 budgeted. The suits were filed by J. F. Phillips, acting assistant city attorney, several days ago and for convenience in trial were lumped. The same defense to apply to each with equal force.

It is recommended by the defense that the city withdraw the suits before stirring up the illegality of the ordinance. The attack on the ordinance is based on the allegation that it was adopted and made effective without the 1916 budget having been published for ten days before adoption as required by law. The brief covering the fifteen cases, in which a decision is to be rendered by City Judge D. B. Samuel, after citing a number of cases defending the position, states:

"The statement of facts shows that the budget was adopted for the year 1916 on December 28, 1915, and that the license act for the same year was adopted December 30, 1915. We maintain that the license ordinance having been adopted within two days of the budget renders it null and void and that the city is without right in law to force the payment of all license from any business whatever in the city under such an ordinance. It would perhaps behoove the city to withdraw from this legal fight and not stir up the illegality of this license ordinance, which we have diagnosed and found wanting in such a vital point.

"The charter of the city of Shreveport requires that no levy of any license tax shall be had until after ten full days' publication of the budget in the official journal of the city. This charter provision is not discretionary, but is a condition precedent to the legality of the license and we have the language of the Supreme Court to that effect."

## BRIEF NEWS AND NOTES.

Preliminary surveys of the streets of Crowley were being made by M. C. Huckaby, C. E., of the state highway department, for the proposed interstate road way. This highway, as recommended by the good roads meeting at Orange, will enter Louisiana at Kinner and thence through Thibodaux, Morgan City, New Iberia, Lake Charles, leaving the state and into Orange, Tex.

A statewide campaign against tuberculosis will be inaugurated shortly, under the auspices of the Louisiana Anti-Tuberculosis League. Miss Kate M. Gordon of New Orleans is chairman in charge of a committee which will institute a systematic publicity campaign.

John G. Boyle and J. C. Fessler have sold to the Lake Charles Gas Company their gas plant in North Ryan street, together with their interest in the mains, franchise and good will of the business, for \$40,000.

Agitation for a compulsory cattle dipping law has again been undertaken by some of the Calcasieu parish cattlemen, who do not wish to wait until next year, when the state law goes into effect.

The Travelers Oil Company, financed by Lake Charles capital, has located its first well on the nine-acre Muller lease in the Edgerly oil fields. The drilling will be in charge of O. F. Bevers.

A carload of cattle was shipped from Morrow by Boudchaux & Mayer to points in Texas.

Briggs Bros. are putting in a three-winch Murray system gin at Oak Grove.

Development of the plans for the National Farm and Live Stock Show during the last week indicated progress that will spell success for the show which takes place at the Fair Grounds November 11 to 19. Letters received recently by the management show that exhibits will be shipped here from every section of Louisiana and Mississippi, from various points over the South, and from some of the more important cities of the United States. This fair, being national in scope, will embrace every branch of agriculture, stock breeding, poultry and the farm in general, and with a view of making the exhibits complete in every respect, the management has issued a general invitation to those interested in the subject matter to come here in November and compete for the handsome cash prizes included in the \$25,000 premium list.

While the fair management is completing the preliminary details incident to the show proper, the publicity department of the New Orleans Press Club is arranging the details of the souvenir program. The issue will number 10,000 and will be printed on a most elaborate scale. Prior to the program, the Press Club will publish the premium list, which is to be distributed under direction of I. B. Renyon, general manager of the National Farm and Live Stock Show.

Pending its activities along the lines above indicated, the Press Club will undertake a campaign of publicity throughout the United States that will advertise New Orleans, Louisiana and the South. This publicity will not be confined to daily papers, but to all stock, farm and agricultural papers published over the country. The most intensive work is being done in Louisiana and Mississippi and other parts of the South.

More than 250 Vernon parish voters visited Calcasieu parish for the purpose of inspecting the model highway system, which is shortly to be enlarged. The visitors left Pitkin in half a hundred automobiles and entered the parish at DeQuincy. After inspecting the roads west of the river they were ferried across the lake to the city and given a glimpse of the east highways.

Material for the new \$7,000 jail to be built at Oak Grove is arriving daily and foreman Rollins says the building will be completed within two months. It will be modern and up-to-date, being furnished with electric lights, steam heat and water throughout, and will be built of gray pressed brick, the same as used in the courthouse building.

A good start has been made on the large drainage canal being dug from Bayou Lafourche back into the Scully property at Cut Off. It is the intention of the owners to reclaim a 2,000-acre tract of their land at the present time, and if the work proves satisfactory, probably several other tracts of equal proportion will be reclaimed.

Judge John R. McIntosh and former sheriff J. D. Herring, of Floyd, donated four acres land to the Oak Grove school, Joe Chatman one acre, and three more will be purchased, making eight acres in all, to be used as a site for the new \$27,000 brick school building which will soon be erected by H. E. Monk, of Pine Bluff, Ark.

Quarterly conferences of the Methodist Church have just been held at Oak Grove, Shelby and Lake Providence, proving most successful. Dr. S. J. Channell is the presiding elder and is creating added interest in the work. At the Lake Providence conference, Mrs. L. M. Channell, of New Orleans, was one of the speakers.

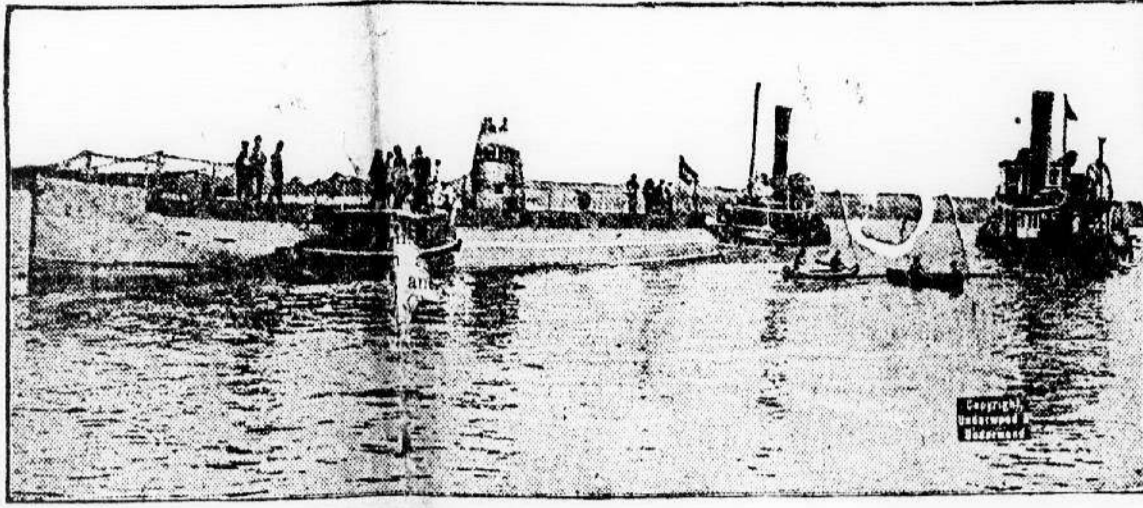
The first report of the death of a white child from infantile paralysis in Louisiana this year was received by Dr. Oscar Dowling, president of the State Board of Health. It was the death of Hilda Hood, age eight years and six months, daughter of Lee Hood of Holden, Livingston parish, reported by Dr. N. W. Carter.

The rice harvest on some places along the Lower Coast near Pointe-a-La-Hache will begin next week. The crop is very large and most promising, the planters having seeded their lands with the best of rice. The cane and corn crops are better than last year and the yield of the latter now being gathered is very good.

Work on the demolition of old landmarks near the corner of Court and Landry streets at Opelousas is being pushed to make way for the modern brick store building to be erected by Aaron Jacobs of the Jacobs News Depot.

The 5-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Osa Daneon, near Haynesville, while playing with a gun accidentally discharged the weapon, instantly killing his little 2-year-old sister.

## SUBMARINE DEUTSCHLAND STARTS FOR HOME



German merchant submarine Deutschland just as she started from Baltimore on her dash to sea. The Deutschland is bound for Bremen with her cargo of rubber, nickel and gold. She will have to evade the hostile cruisers that have been waiting for her to leave American waters.

## CHILD LABOR BILL PASSED BY SENATE

MEASURE ALREADY HAS PASSED IN HOUSE—SPEEDY ACTION AT WILSON'S INSISTENCE.

Washington.—The Senate passed the bill to prevent interstate commerce in products of child labor by a vote of 52 to 12. The measure, which already had passed the House, was brought to a vote in the Senate upon the insistence of President Wilson after the Democratic Senate caucus had decided to defer its consideration until next December.

Opposition to the measure had come chiefly from Southern cotton mill owners, and the group of Southern Democrats who voted against it had fought it in caucus and maintained their opposition during the Senate debate on the ground that the regulation proposed is unconstitutional and would interfere with the rights of the states. Eleven Democrats from the South, Senators Swanson and Martin of Virginia, Underwood of Alabama, Vardaman of Mississippi, James and Beckman of Kentucky, Culberson and Shepard of Texas, Ransdell of Louisiana, Robinson of Arkansas and Shields of Tennessee, voted for it.

Senators Broussard of Louisiana, Clarke of Arkansas, Gore and Owen of Oklahoma and Lea of Tennessee, were absent and did not vote.

In order to expedite consideration of the measure in conference, Senate conferees were appointed immediately after the final vote. The only amendment adopted would extend the bill's provisions to bar all products of establishments employing children from interstate commerce. The House measure was directed only against those on which child labor actually had been employed.

## "Insect Bags" to Guards.

New York.—Eighteen hundred "insect bags" designed to protect the troops from fleas which infest many camps along the Mexican border, were forwarded to the soldiers of the Twelfth Infantry, New York National Guard, at McAllen, Tex., by the women of the Army and Navy Supply Committee of the American Defense Society. The bags are filled with naphthalene and are made to fit over a man's shoulder, one end suspended down his chest and the other down his back.

## Mexicans Fight Battle.

Chihuahua City, Mex.—Government troops and Villa forces both lost heavily in a sharp skirmish a few miles north of Mapimi, Durango, according to reports to Gen. Jacinto Trevino, Lieutenant Colonel Company and a dozen privates were killed, while the bandits' casualties were estimated at 18.

## Denies Appam Petition.

Norfolk, Va.—Judge Waddill refused the petition of the British libelants in the Appam case, asking that the vessel be delivered to them by a prize court order pending the result of an appeal to the Supreme Court. The decision, however, was conditional upon the respondents giving a proper supersedeas bond.

## Will Submit Prohibition.

Houston, Tex.—The proposition to submit a constitutional amendment for state-wide prohibition received a favorable majority of 2,103 voters in the July 22 Texas primary, according to the official canvass. The total vote was: For, 174,435; against, 172,332.

## Would Destroy Her Eyes.

East Liverpool, Ohio.—A note threatening to destroy the eyes of Mrs. Irma Little, aged 23, wife of George Little, a wealthy manufacturer of this city, was received from an unknown writer.

## PLAN \$250,000,000 LOAN FOR ENGLAND

NEGOTIATIONS MAY BE COMPLETED WITHIN A FORT-NIGHT, IT IS SAID.

## WOULD RUN FOR TWO YEARS

Securities For Loan Would Be Canadian, Argentine and Swiss Government Stocks and Bonds of American Railroads.

New York.—Expectation was expressed in financial circles that within a fortnight official negotiations would be made that a loan reported to be \$250,000,000 to Great Britain. This loan would run for two years, according to a summary published here with interest at 5 per cent and the notes to mature in two years, is to be offered at 99, would be obligations of the American Foreign Securities Company which advanced \$100,000,000 to France recently or of a new corporation with which the same interests would be identified.

Securities for this loan it is reported would include deposits of about \$300,000,000 of Canadian, Argentine and Swiss government bonds and stocks and bonds of American railroad and industrial corporations and principal and interest would be payable in gold in New York. As in the case of the French loan the proposed one to Great Britain would be distributed among banks and the public by debenture notes. The main purpose of such a loan is said to be to provide funds for payment for munitions purchased in the United States.

## Railroads Oppose Move.

New York.—Railroads with terminals in Jersey City, it is reported, will fight the resolution adopted by the Board of Commissioners of Jersey City to prevent a recurrence of the Black Tom Island explosion by prohibiting the shipment or storage of high explosives within the city limits. It is said the railroads will seek an injunction restraining the city commissioners from enforcing their order.

## Criticizes Government.

New York.—After the arrival here of McCoskey Butt of the Seventh Infantry, New York National Guard, who was ill with typhoid fever, contracted on the Mexican border, Gen. McCoskey Butt, his father, issued a statement criticizing the federal government for not providing in times of peace proper safeguards for the health of the men who volunteer their services to the United States when called for.

## To Accept U. S. Offer.

Copenhagen.—It is believed probable that the Rigsdag will accept the offer of the United States to purchase the Danish West Indies, despite opposition from several quarters, including the Socialists, who demand that the negroes in the island be allowed to vote immediately.

## Aero Companies Merge.

New York.—The Wright Aeroplane Company and the Glenn L. Martin Aeroplane Company have been merged, under the firm name of the Wright-Martin Aircraft Corporation, with a capital of \$10,000,000.

## S. C. N. G. To Entrain.

Columbia, S. C.—The South Carolina National Guard mobilized at Styx, S. C., has been ordered to El Paso for border duty. It will move as soon as transportation facilities can be supplied.

## ITALIANS ADVANCE EAST OF GORIZIA

THE AUSTRIAN ENTRENCHMENTS NORTHEAST OF SAN MARTINO ARE PIERCED.

Rome.—The Italians have pierced the strong Austrian entrenchments northeast of San Michels on the Isonzo front, and near the village of San Martino, the war office announced. They have occupied Boschini. The statement says that more than 12,000 Austrians have been captured thus far in the offensive. The figures given are 268 officers and 12,072 men.

The official war office statement said:

"In the Gorizia area our troops continued to cross the Isonzo on the newly repaired bridge. Our cavalry and cyclists pressed forward east of the town at several points under heavy fire. The presence of hostile forces is reported on the heights northeast of the town on the hills of Rosentha, and at several points along the Ver-toiba line. Our cavalry charged the enemy with standards flying, inflicting heavy losses and taking several hundred prisoners.

"On the Carso, after very hot fighting, our troops succeeded in piercing the strong entrenchments northeast of Monte San Michele and near the village of San Martino and occupied Boschini. Prisoners continue to arrive. We have counted up till now 268 officers and 12,072 men.

"The enemy attempted to relieve the pressure on the lower Isonzo by violent attacks and heavy bombardment on various other portions of the front. Other attacks of this kind took place on the Tonale, in the Giudicarie and La Garina valleys on the Pasubio on Monte Cimone, in the Val Travi-nolo and in the Meizli. Everywhere we maintained our positions.

"A squadron of eighteen Caproni aeroplanes escorted by Nieuport machines, raided the supply stations at Pravecina and Dorberg. More than three tons of high explosives were dropped on the railway station and on military depots. Good results were observed. Notwithstanding the intense fire of anti-aircraft batteries and attacks by hostile aeroplanes, one of which was brought down, the squadron returned safely.

"A hostile aircraft dropped bombs on Venice. Two persons were killed and some damage was done."

## Four Treaties Ratified.

Washington.—Costa Rica has ratified the four Pan-American treaties on pecuniary claims, patents, trademarks and copyrights. These treaties were signed by delegates to the fourth Pan-American conference in 1910, were ratified by the United States, and endorsed at the recent meeting of the high commission in Buenos Aires.

## Aviator Is On Parole.

New York.—Jeroll Boyd, a Canadian aviator, who was forced to land in Holland after his aeroplane had been damaged by the Germans, arrived here on the steamer Noorddam on parole. He has given his word to the Holland government that he will take no further part in the war if allowed to return to Canada.

## Lightning Hits Oil Tank.

Beaumont, Tex.—Lightning struck three tanks containing 112,500 barrels of crude oil belonging to the Gulf Pipe Line Company at El Vista near here. About half the oil will be saved by pumping from the bottom. The total loss will be about \$100,000.

## Rio Grande Is Flooded.

Brownsville, Tex.—All members of the First Illinois Cavalry were ordered to report at camp to guard their equipment, owing to fears that the levee on the Rio Grande might break. The river is at flood stage.

## RUSSIANS STILL GAINING GROUND

ALONG GALICIAN FRONT CZAR'S FORCES SWEEPING FORWARD UNCHECKED.

DNIESTER HAS BEEN REACHED

In the Region of Yaremze, Yaloviczary and Kiriababa, in the Wooded Carpathians, Attacks of Enemy Were Repelled.

Petrograd.—Along the Galician front the Russian sweep continued unchecked, the official announcement states. Further gains have been made on the Upper Sereth. In the region of the Middle Stripa and the Kuropice the Austrians are being pursued by the Russians, who reached the northern bank of the Dniester before Mariampol.

The statement says: "Western front: In the Priamur Hospital, near the little town of Sinjavka, two sisters and one hospital orderly were killed and two sisters wounded by a bomb from an enemy aeroplane.

"In the region south of the little town of Stebychava, the enemy attacked our troops on the western bank of the Stokhod, but as the result of a counter-attack which followed he was driven back to his positions.

"In the Upper Sereth our advance continues. The enemy retired to the west to a fortified position, behind which at some points he is checking our advance by fierce artillery fire.

"In the region of the Middle Stripa and the River Koropice our troops, continuing to pursue the enemy, advanced to the west, and arriving before the Blota Sipa, near Zavalov and Korzov, reached the northern bank of the Dniester before Mariampol.

"In the region of Yaremze, Yaloviczary and Kiriababa, in the wooded Carpathians, local attacks of the enemy were everywhere repelled by our troops.

"Caucasus front: Our flotilla on Lake Yan bombarded the enemy's positions on the northwestern bank of the lake, forcing him to retire.

"In Persia, to the north of Sakkiz, our troops captured some positions. To the north of Hamadan the Turkish offensive continues. Our armored motor cars inflicted great losses upon the enemy in the region of this town."

## On the Trail of Villa.

Washington.—Major M. C. Butler, shot to death by H. C. Spannall at Alpine, Tex., July 20, was declared a lieutenant colonel. Butler's nomination for promotion had been confirmed before his death, but his commission had not been forwarded. By a bill passed the president was authorized to issue the commission with date of July 1. This will increase his widow's pension.

## Texas Prohibits Nominate.

Dallas, Tex.—At the Prohibition party state convention here the Rev. H. W. Lewis of Dallas was nominated for governor; Dr. J. R. Richardson of Seymour, lieutenant governor, and E. H. Conibear of Dallas, United States senator, P. F. Paige of Dallas was named state chairman.

## Signs Lassen Peak Bill.

Washington.—President Wilson has signed the act creating the "Lassen Volcanic National Park" in California. Included within its area are: Lassen Peak, the only active volcano in the United States, and Cinder Cone, which also showed volcanic activity at one time. The new park contains 82,880 acres.

## Gets Anti-Aircraft Guns.

New York.—The battleship Nevada will be equipped with four anti-aircraft guns. The Pennsylvania also will carry four, and it is said the rest of the larger warships of the Atlantic fleet will mount two each. The Oklahoma now is the only vessel in the navy carrying such weapons.

## Tax Would Add Millions.

Washington.—A net profit excise tax on all manufacturers selling goods to foreign governments, as a substitute for the munitions tax, is being seriously considered by Democrats of the Senate Finance Committee.

## U. S. Solicitor to Resign.

Washington.—Cone Johnson, 80-year-old solicitor of the State Department, announced he will resign before the end of the year to return to his home in Texas and resume the practice of law.