

CAPITAL IS PORT OF ENTRY NO MORE

Taft Issued Order 'Abolishing It on Day Before His Term Expired.

SHIPPING IS HEAVY

Order May Be Set Aside and Then Effort to Get Deputy Collector May Be Successful.

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Baton Rouge discovered to-day that the port of entry for, which Baton Rouge so long labored had been abolished by order of President William H. Taft on March 8, just before he left office.

The fact was discovered when an effort was made to secure a deputy revenue agent for Baton Rouge, and to follow this with the establishment of a German consul here.

The order can be set aside and the support of entry for Baton Rouge recreated. The amount of shipping that is being done out of Baton Rouge makes this necessary. During the past four months and a half sixty seagoing vessels docked at the Standard oil wharf.

When the wharf is enlarged this summer there will be an average of four ships a week to discharge or take on a cargo of oil for the Atlantic seaboard or foreign ports.

Under the present arrangements there is unavoidable delay in New Orleans in getting clearing papers.

The abolition of the support at Baton Rouge by presidential order reorganizing the customs service can be set aside after June 30, so far as it affects Baton Rouge, and an effort to get a deputy collector of port for Baton Rouge may then be successful.

If a deputy collector is secured it is certain that a German consul will be established here, as the crews of all the ships coming to Baton Rouge are, as a rule, German, and the ships of German register.

The Baton Rouge Bar Association will give its first annual banquet tomorrow night at the Istrouma Hotel and have as its guests the members of the law faculty of the Louisiana State University. The banquet was scheduled for Tuesday night of last week, but was postponed, owing to the death of Mayor Jules Roux.

Mrs. Lydia Cook Wickliffe, widow of the late Congressman Robert C. Wickliffe, to-day secured from the city a building permit for the erection of her modern and up-to-date apartment house. The permit calls for a three-story building, upon which Mrs. Wickliffe is to spend \$12,000. The cost of the building, when complete, will be more than this sum. The apartment house will be the first built in Baton Rouge. Work is to begin at once. It will be constructed on her lot on Church Street, just in the rear of the Postoffice.

Minnie Gulce, the white woman, and Ben Parker, the negro man, arrested Friday night on the charge of concubinage, were arraigned in the District Court this morning before Judge Brunot by District Attorney Holcombe. Both entered a plea of "not guilty," and will be held over until the jury term of the court, when they will be tried. If convicted they can be sentenced to the State Penitentiary for five years.

Lawrence Scardena and Nick Scardena, Italians, who live across the lake, were arrested by officers last night charged with having stolen goods in their possession.

A negro named Jim Dunn, alias Jim Brown, with several other aliases, believed to have been implicated in some of the robberies, the goods from which went to the Scardenas, made his escape. An effort was made to arrest the negro while he was stealing some feed from the barn of the Standard Box Factory, at which the negro worked, but he eluded the officers.

The two Scardenas, who live near the box factory, were taken into custody because they were believed to be receivers of some of the feed stolen from the barn. Deputy Sheriff Hopkins made a search of their rooms and found three sacks of flour, three sacks of sugar, several sacks of meal, a case of coffee, and a small quantity of other articles. The two were placed in jail.

Adjutant General McNeese, Assistant Adjutant General Thompson, Lieutenant Lanza, of the United States army, instructor general for Louisiana, and Captains Fitch and Carruth have returned from Bogalusa, where they attended the camp school of instruction for the officers of the First Regiment of the National Guard, which was conducted by Lieutenant Lanza. This was the first school of instruction held by the officers of the regiment and it was a decided success. There were twenty-three officers in attendance. The camp was near the Y. M. C. A. building at Bogalusa, the privileges of which were extended to the officers. The officers declare that they were delightfully treated by the citizens of Bogalusa.

During the school the officers of the First Regiment organized themselves into an association with the idea of promoting mutual interests and bringing the officers of the regiment closer together.

TOWN IN CONVENTION DRESS.

Catholic Knights of State Open Sessions at Lockport To-Day.

LOCKPORT, LA., May 19.—The advance guard of the delegates to the State Council, the eighteenth annual convention of the Catholic Knights of America, began arriving to-day. The session opens to-morrow morning. Rev. A. Anseeuw, state spiritual director, and other state officers are expected in on the evening train to-day, but the main body of delegates will arrive to-morrow morning from Thibodaux, where they stopped to see the parish seat on their way here.

The program to-morrow includes a parade from the headquarters at the Commercial Hotel, by the Lockport Concert Band, Branch 778, of Lockport, the various societies, delegates and visiting branches, who will march to St. Sauveur Catholic Church, where high mass will be said, after which a banquet will be served at the parochial school. The convention will then be called to order in the auditorium of the parochial school, where an address of welcome will be delivered by Hon. C. M. Hargis, mayor of Lockport.

Rev. Eml. Raynal and the local committee from Branch 778 are completing all arrangements to-day for receiving and entertaining the visitors. The business men are decorating their places, and by to-morrow morning the town will have taken on the appearance of a convention city.

Among the various diversions planned for Wednesday is a boat ride through the Company Canal, viewing the Smithport and Kayport plantations, where extensive reclamation work has been done.

Postoffice Announcements.

WASHINGTON, May 19.—(Special.)—Louisiana postmasters commissioned to-day were: James F. Harp, Bouita; George C. McMillan, Grace; Maury A. Steele, Oxford; Annie D. Walker, Plainview.

The following Mississippi postmasters were commissioned: Jasper J. Busby, Etta; John W. Warpack, Huntlo; James B. McGehee, Little Springs.