

The St. Tammany Farmer.

The Blessings of Government, Like the Dew from Heaven, Should Descend Alike Upon the Rich and the Poor.

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DUNBAR CASE FINALLY ENDS IN WALTERS' CONVICTION

OPENING GUN OF A LEGAL BATTLE THAT MAY BE FOUGHT FOR MANY YEARS.

GUILTY WITHOUT CAPITAL PUNISHMENT

Opelousas Still Puzzled Over Mysteries of Case Which Trial Served to Deepen.

Opelousas, April 27.—The jury which for two weeks has been hearing the testimony in the case of Wm. Cantwell Walters, charged with the kidnaping of Robert Dunbar, August 23, 1912, from the Swayze Lake neighborhood, returned a verdict of guilty without capital punishment, at 5 o'clock this afternoon, thus terminating for the moment at least, one of the most celebrated cases that has ever occupied the attention of the St. Landry court in the record of the historic tribunal.

The report of the jury was compiled by a body of men by general concession one of the most representative ever empaneled in St. Landry parish. It was composed of Geo. Lang, bookkeeper, Eunice; A. F. Collins, farmer, near Opelousas; Gaston Horst, manager of oil mill, Sunset; Funstin Soltau, farmer, Grand Prairie; Robert McClelland, farmer, near Opelousas; E. Fisher, city contractor, Opelousas; George M. Callouet, merchant, Port Barre; Frank Oliver, farmer and merchant, Frozard; Hypolite Miller, merchant, Sunset; Walter Sibille, farmer, Sunset; Antoine Lamaury, manager Farmers' Union Warehouse, Sunset; J. B. Sibille, farmer, Sunset.

The conviction of Walters sounds the opening gun in a legal battle that may run for many months or years, and is certain to develop much that is new in Louisiana jurisprudence.

Without friends, without money, old and uncouth and uncultured, Providence has given Walters three lawyers who believe in his innocence. In Mississippi immediately after his arrest he employed Dale & Rawls, of Poplarville, turning over to them the meager means he then possessed. The money realized from the sale of this property barely covered the cost of the initial legal engagements. But these lawyers believed in his innocence and stuck to him, expending not only their own time, but their own money in developing his case.

Forced to trial in a country where a substantiation of the facts of the case of innocence, the district judge, through a sense of fair play, named E. B. Dubuisson, one of the leading lawyers in South Louisiana, to aid in the defense. Undertaking the defense from a sense of duty, Mr. Dubuisson soon became interested in the remarkable chain of evidence developed in Mississippi in substantiation of the wandering trader's story. He joined Dale & Rawls in giving the best of his talents in the trial, and now that Walters has been convicted, he has joined them in the promise to exhaust every legal resource and carry the case to the highest court in the land to prevent Walters serving one day in the penitentiary.

In Opelousas the verdict is hailed as a vindication of the Dunbar and a substantiation of the identification of the child of mystery as Bobbie Dunbar. Most of Opelousas has believed from the outset that Mrs. Dunbar could not be mistaken. Events since have strengthened that belief. But Opelousas is still puzzled over the mysteries of the case, mysteries which the trial only served to deepen.

Who kidnaped Bobbie Dunbar? If Walters did it, how did this lamplighter get in and out of the Lake Swayze wilderness? Where is Bruce Anderson?

These puzzles stand out more powerfully in face of conviction than they would have had acquired been the result of the jury's deliberations. And in the light of the experience thus far in this odd case of doubles and tangles, they promise to remain mysteries.

There were rumors here to-day of trouble in the event of acquittal. Gov. Hall wired Sheriff Swords yesterday in response to fears communicated.

The sheriff consulted with Judge Pavy and District Attorney Garland, and they did not deem that there was any cause for alarm or need for troops. Sheriff Swords tonight wired the Louisiana executive the verdict, and told of the order observed. The promise which Gov. Hall made to Gov. Brewer of Mississippi had been kept.

There were a few rifles in the prison, and the sheriff's brother, Ewell Swords, stood ready to rush relief, but there was never any sign of trouble. The force of deputies was not even increased. There was curiosity and tense interest, but no demonstration.

P. C. Dunbar, father of the boy whose loss and, according to the

jury's verdict, recovery and identification have attracted every mother in the state to his story, awaited the report of the jury outside with the others. Someone called the verdict from a window, and the crowd cheered. It was the only sound that interrupted the proceedings. A prominent citizen rushed to their side from the doorway, and they were heard no more. Mr. Dunbar rushed to the office across the street and telephoned the news to his wife and home.

There is an ancient custom in Opelousas that whenever a jury finds a verdict the courthouse bell is tolled to summon the court and populace. Owing to the special care to protect the prisoner, the people formed the idea that the notice would be given more quietly, so that when the jury knocked at its door at 4:30 o'clock a boy gave the signal, and there was a charge up the stairs like that of a night army. Judge Pavy rose to the situation at once, and announced that the jury only wished to go out, and ordered the room cleared, the crowd melted fast. The jury made its exit in solemn silence and returned, and the waiting was resumed.

At five minutes to 5 o'clock the bell clashed out its summons. This time there was no mistake and no hesitation. The auditorium was soon crowded. The jury had been out exactly six hours. Walters was brought in, but he was scarcely noticed by the citizenship, absorbed more in the verdict than the individual. He made good his boast, and showed wonderful nerve. Judge Pavy again took command, and announced that the first man who applauded would be arrested.

The jury filed in. Not one of the twelve looked toward the prisoner, though he gazed at them keenly. Sheriff Swords took his place before the jury box. Clerk Bally called each juror's name, each answered, and the sheriff announced the number present. The jury was then asked to communicate its verdict to the court through its foreman, George M. Callouet, a Port Barre merchant and the largest man, physically, on the panel, arose and pronounced the decree, "Guilty, without capital punishment."

Walters sat immovable and outwardly unemotional. Not a creak was attempted, but there was some excitement. Mrs. A. J. Clavier, a bride of a local druggist, collapsed. Women tried to revive her, but she lay limp. The proceedings halted a moment while Chief Deputy Charles Cachere carried Mrs. Clavier from the court. Then the jury was polled, and each stood by the decision. The crowd was held by Judge Pavy until Walters was silently removed, a prisoner facing life servitude.

The judge then turned to the jury and thanked each member for patriotic service. He said his conduct had been perfect.

OFF FOR GULFPORT.

A party of Covington lawyers left for Gulfport, Wednesday, to attend the joint meeting of the Louisiana and Mississippi Bar Associations, and it is evident they intended to have a good time on the way. They left on the Rosalie, Mr. Eimer's 50-foot gasoline launch, which has accommodations for twelve or fifteen passengers, and while there were but six aboard provisions for an army were taken aboard. As Mr. Bryan was not along, we wonder what they wanted with grape juice. The party consisted of Messrs. Harvey E. Ellis, Arthur L. Bear and Fred J. Heints. The boat was in charge of Messrs. Rockenschuh and Mathies. Mr. Tony Gabriel was taken along as chief, presumably that his art in cookery might tempt them so that there would be little room left for grape juice.

If you have neuralgia of the toothache, ask for Piesall Balm. At Schenberg's Pharmacy, in Covington, or Beach Drug Store, Mandeville. It will give you relief.

IN MEMORIAM.

Died April 22, 1914, at 11 p. m., Carrie L. Anderson, aged 16 years and 6 months.

A precious one from us has gone, A voice we loved is stilled, A place is vacant in our home, Which never can be filled.

God in his wisdom has recalled The boon his love has given, And tho' the body slumbers here, The soul is safe in Heaven.

May her soul rest in peace. A FRIEND.

BEN WILLIAMS NOTES.

Our school is still progressing nicely with a large attendance. Our teachers, Mr. H. T. Stafford, Miss Kate Stafford and friend, Miss Lucille Faulstich, visited New Orleans Saturday.

Mr. F. E. Brown visited home folks Sunday.

Rev. T. V. Peters and family were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. S. E. Faulstich Saturday.

Mr. F. E. Brown visited friends Sunday evening.

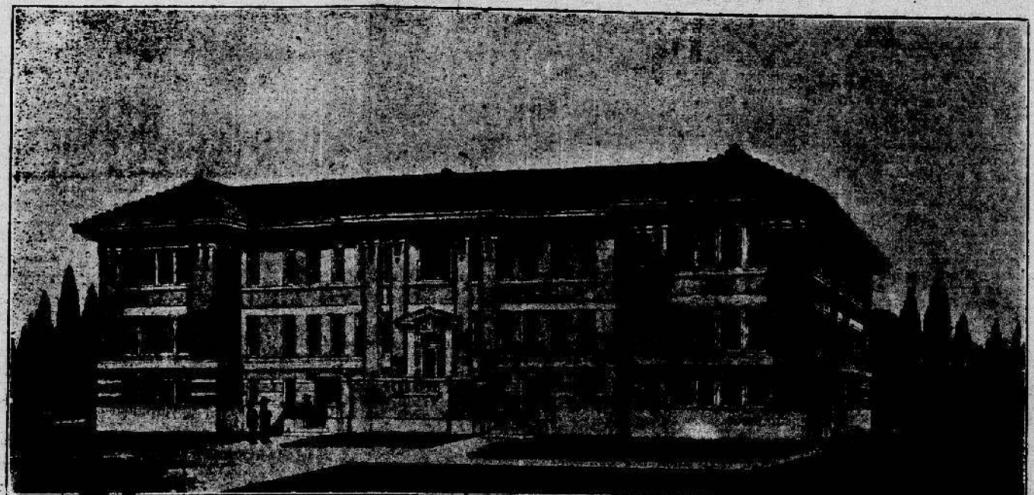
Miss Kate Stafford and Miss Myra Faulstich visited Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Gantley, Tuesday night.

Misses Rose and May Frederick were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. S. E. Faulstich and family Sunday night.

The teachers spent Friday night at the home of Mr. and Mrs. S. E. Faulstich.

Mr. Newsom Grantham and wife visited their home folks Saturday and Sunday.

The Newly Completed Covington High School Building.



The above building contains fourteen rooms and fine auditorium, with basement. In the basement is the boys and girls lavatory and closets. Each floor is equipped for fire-lighting, with hose, etc., and each floor has a drinking fountain. It is finished in excellent style and has a low pressure steam heating system. A carload of desks and seats have arrived and are being put in place. The architects are Nolan & Torre, of New Orleans, and the builder is Mr. Charles Jenkins, of Covington.

School Building Finished

The corner stone of the new school building was laid Tuesday, April 28, 1914, without formal ceremony. Plans had been made to have the ceremonies take place during the rally, but the rainy weather broke up

the program. Tuesday Superintendent Lyon, President FitzSimons of the School Board, Mr. Charles Jenkins, the builder, and a few others went through the simple process of placing under the corner stone some coins of the present date, a copy of the rally edition of the St. Tammany Farmer, which contained photographs of school board members and teachers, a picture of the building and other pictures and mat-

ters of educational and historical interest, and a copy of the plans of the building, with names of architect and builder, coat of building, with use of brick from incomplete building, statement of bond issue, etc., and date corner stone was laid. It is within a few days of one year from the time the bond issue was voted up to the day of its completion. Wednesday, April 29, Mr. Nolan,

of Nolan & Torre, the architects who designed the building, came over and went throughout the building and inspected the work. He was very much pleased with everything and announced that the work had been well done. The building will be occupied this fall, and the school children of Covington will be proud of this handsome structure. Congratulations are in order all around.

MEXICAN WAR HALTED FOR MEDIATION

UNITED STATES AND MEXICO ASKED TO AGREE TO AN ARMISTICE.

GENERAL CARRANZA TO BE INCLUDED

Has Been Brought Into Mediation So As to Include All Factions in the Settlement.

Washington, April 27.—President Wilson today decided to order Federal troops to Colorado to restore order in the coal strike district, where virtual war exists.

The decision was reached after the president had gone over the Colorado situation with his cabinet, during the greater part of a two-hour session and a proclamation will be issued later today ordering Federal soldiers to the scene of the industrial conflict.

The number of troops will be decided upon in a conference between the president and Secretary of War Garrison at 2 o'clock this afternoon.

President Wilson's first caller today was Senator Thomas of Colorado, who discussed the Colorado coal strike situation. After his visit the president and Secretary of War Garrison went into conference to determine what should be done about the request from Gov. Ammons for Federal troops in the strike district.

Senator Thomas said he believed troops would be ordered to the scene of the industrial outbreak.

After talking with Secretary Garrison the president received a report from Chairman Foster of the House Mine Committee on the latter's interview with John D. Rockefeller, Jr., in New York yesterday.

Mr. Foster said the interview had failed to relieve the situation.

Washington, April 28.—The scope of mediation plans for the settlement of the Mexican crisis suddenly was broadened tonight so as to include the entire range of Mexican affairs, not alone the critical issue between the United States and the Huerta regime, but also the conflict between the elements of Northern and Southern Mexico, which have rent their republic for many months.

This signal enlargement of the mediation program followed the receipt, late in the day, of a formal acceptance by Gen. Carranza, chief of the rebels, of the principle of mediation as proposed by the ambassador, from Brazil and the ministers from Argentina and Chile.

Already the United States and Gen. Huerta had accepted formally the good offices of the South American envoys, and now, as a further step, Gen. Carranza has been brought into the deliberations so as to draw every element and faction within the range of any settlement which may be attained.

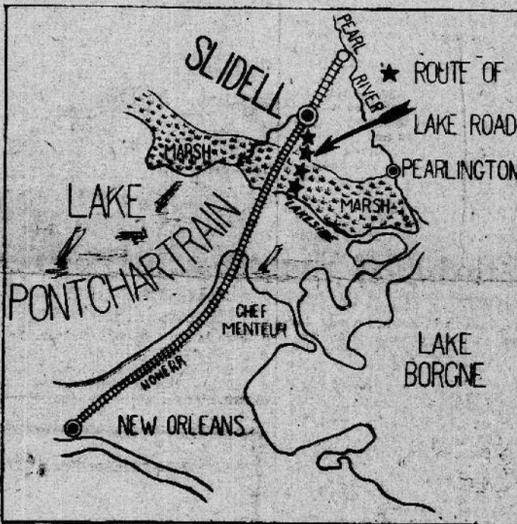
Earlier in the day the mediators made another decisive move in asking the United States and Gen. Huerta to agree to an armistice by which all active military movements would be suspended pending the outcome of the negotiations. The mediators ex-

BASEBALL

Some time back a reporter with an inventive turn of mind conceived the idea of printing a tabulated form of a baseball game, commonly called box score, with an idea of curtailing his labor with an elaborate description of the game, and the dyed-in-the-wool fans have been satisfied ever since. At times we find the idea a very good one and follow in the footsteps, but as it is our purpose to give a description of the games, we feel as if we would fall in our efforts were we to omit advising you that the box score in the St. Paul-Chenet game should not be accepted as final insofar as the actual happenings of the game, for it is correct in showing the St. Pauls won the game, but one would have to draw mightily from the imagination to discern from the score how close Chenet came to defeating our boys, hence if you care to be advised of what might have been, read on, and you will learn that in the second inning the Cheneis team had two runners across the plate and another perched on third, and still they failed to score officially. In this inning, Kennedy sprang grounded out from pitcher to first. Hymel then laced a single to center, and after Neville and struck out he moved to second when Trestant was poked on the arm by Delcambre. Show, catcher for the Cheneis, then laced out as beauty to right and Hymel came home, and on a wild throw of the rightfielder, Tristant, who had rounded third continued on to the plate, and S card was perched on third. Here is where the box score fails to inform you that Hymel, in his anxiety to cross the pan, passed within three feet of the third sack, and it likewise fails to put you wise to the fact that the umpire was watching for just such an overt act, with the result that Hymel was called out for failing to touch the base, hence two runs that had crossed the pan went for naught. What might have happened following this bombardment we must let you draw from imagination.

Again in the last inning figures show that this Chenet bunch of ball tossers made three runs and three hits, but it fails to inform you that steady base running on the part of Neville who tried to take two bases from a grounder to first resulted in his being doubled at the difficult corner for the third and last out of the game. Neville's misplay in the last inning was barren of any effect, unless one admits he ran like a hydrant. (In the same place), but Hymel has a strong alibi, as Gueno, centerfielder for the St. Paul crowd, should be halled into court for petty larceny, as he deliberately pilfered both the second and third base, and tried to take the catcher's mask and glove after swiping the home plate, hence it is small wonder Hymel was called out for not touching a base that had been stolen.

The hundred or so of fans that witnessed the game were delighted with the comfort being provided by the Callee, in the erection of a spacious grandstand, that is fast near completion, and the many ladies in at-



The stars in the above map show the route of a road to Lake Pontchartrain from Slidell. This improvement is now being made by the parish, under the supervision of Police Jurymen Howze. It is a most excellent showing for the short time the work has been under way, for a portion of the road bed is a boulevard, and the road bed in the marsh

and also the canal alongside, is all that the most exacting can ask looking to the work thus far accomplished. New Orleans has West End, New York has Coney Island, Philadelphia has Atlantic City, and Slidell will have Lakeside. The map also shows a possible route for a road from New Orleans over Chef Menteur to connect with the Mississippi gulf coast.

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COVINGTON IS CHOSEN NEXT CONVENTION CITY K. D'S

SESSION IN NEW ORLEANS MUCH ENJOYED BY COVINGTON DELEGATES.

VIEWS AT REST AWHILE ARE SHOWN

Mrs. Addison Responds to the Address of Welcome by Mayor Behrman and Mrs. Willis.

[By Mesdames Preston Burns and W. H. Kentzel.]

The Seventeenth Annual Convention Louisiana Branch of the International Order of the King's Daughters and Sons, was held in the first Methodist Church, St. Charles Avenue, near Calhoun street, New Orleans, April 24 to 26, 1914. Eight delegates representing the Covington City K. D's were in attendance. On Friday morning, the 24th inst., Mrs. D. I. Addison, Leader, Mrs. Wm. Henderson, Mrs. J. H. Evans, Mrs. W. H. Kentzel and Mrs. Preston Burns boarded the train for New Orleans and were met by Mrs. L. S. Hadden, who entertained us while there, at her beautiful home on Lakeside, also Mrs. F. G. Marrero and Mrs. Frank Norman, delegates, who had gone the day before.

The first business session began at 2:30 p. m. All the sessions were interesting. There was delightful music, vocal and instrumental, also a beautiful recitation. The Calendar Club of the Methodist Church served a delicious lunch on Saturday. After this it was decided that we should have Parish Secretaries, and Mrs. J. B. Wortham, of our Circle, was elected Secretary for St. Tammany parish. Mrs. Preston Burns was put on the Balloting Committee and Mrs. Addison elected as one of the Executive Board.

Mrs. Addison was asked to respond to the address of welcome by Mrs. Willis and Mayor Behrman, which she did in a very gracious manner. She also presented a formal invitation to the State Order to meet in Covington next year, and accompanying the request was the introduction of the Mayor of Covington, the Women's Progressive Union, School Improvement League and Women's Club.

An appeal for Silver Cross subscriptions was made by Miss Hazel Leitch, with the result that many new subscriptions to the official organ were added to the mailing list of the magazine, among them five from our Circle.

Mrs. Geo. A. Williams presented an appeal for Rest Awhile, giving a resume of work, stating its needs and the opportunities offered the Circles for usefulness in this connection.

Through the kind efforts of Miss Lydia Granier some very beautiful stereoscopic views of Rest Awhile were shown.

Mrs. Hadden was appointed to represent this Circle on the Rest Awhile Board.

Offerings for Rest Awhile Sophie B. Wright Memorial Cottage amounted to \$285.50, work on the cottage to be commenced at an early date. Introduction of and charge to new officers and executive committee were made by Rev. J. W. Caldwell and were very impressive.

Mrs. George S. Brown's memorial tribute to Miss Sophie B. Wright was very beautiful. She spoke of the work done by her, from her childhood days, when she was known as "The Little Princess," to the time of her death.

Memorial services for the deceased members of each Circle, who departed this life during the year, were held, after which the beautiful hymn "Asleep in Jesus" was sung.

Offerings for the summer work at Rest Awhile amounted to \$322.

What with the hospitality of those who entertained us, the honors heaped upon us by election to offices of trust and the acceptance of our invitation to hold the Convention in Covington in 1915, we arrived home, tired but very happy, having had a very good time.

HOW'S THIS? We offer One Hundred Dollars reward for any case of Catarrh that cannot be cured by Hall's Catarrh Cure.

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