

BRYAN RESIGNS RATHER THAN BECOME A PARTY TO WAR WITH GERMANY

Washington, June 8.—William J. Bryan, three times Democratic candidate for the Presidency of the United States, and author of nearly thirty peace treaties with the principal nations of the world, resigned today as Secretary of State as a dramatic sequel to his disagreement with President Wilson over the government's policy toward Germany.

A SHREWD PIECE OF DETECTIVE WORK BY MARSHAL SCHULTZ RESULTS IN CAPTURE OF TWO FIRE FIENDS

Bryan's Resignation and Acceptance.

Washington, June 8.—Secretary Bryan's letter of resignation was as follows: "My Dear Mr. President: It is with sincere regret that I have reached the conclusion that I should return to you the commission of Secretary of State which you honored me at the beginning of your administration."

Proposition to Burn Church for \$25,00 Is Overheard by Two Other Negroes, Who Divulged the Fact When Schultz Questioned Them. Affidavits Taken.

The frequent occurrence of mysterious fires has caused the suspicion that they were of incendiary origin, and the people have felt that some investigation should be made to place the responsibility, if possible. Marshal Schultz is among those who have shared in the opinion that the negroes had a fire-bug in our midst.



Herman Schultz The Covington Town Marshal who traced the origin of the African Church fire.

MADISONVILLE MAN TAKES POISON AND DIES IN 4 MINUTES

Edwa Vassier, 40 years of age, living three miles from Madisonville, committed suicide last Saturday by taking carbolic acid. Vassier was a loader and section man had been out of work for some time. Family troubles were said to be the cause of his action.

CONVENTION CARRIES.

Baton Rouge, June 10.—The two-day fight in conference over the constitutional convention bill ended shortly after noon today, when Chairman Bule, on behalf of the House conferees, announced that his side would yield to the offer of the Senate to recede from delegates at large if New Orleans was given the convention.

Very truly yours, W. J. BRYAN.

The President's letter to Mr. Bryan was as follows: "My Dear Mr. Bryan: I accept your resignation only because you insist upon its acceptance; and I accept it with much more than deep regret, with a feeling of personal sorrow. Our two years of close association have been very delightful to me."

Cut His Wife's Throat Because She Refused to Return to him

Norma Bridges, a colored woman, came here from Tylertown two weeks ago and put up at a boarding house and restaurant of Big Boy, a well known negro resort in the old restricted district. The property is owned by Ida Dale. Last Sunday Walter Bridges, the woman's husband, and his brother, John Bridges, came to Covington and located the Bridges woman at Big Boy's. Her husband wanted to speak to her, but she seemed to be afraid to come out.

"With affectionate regard, sincerely yours, WOODROW WILSON."

Madisonville Man Invents Valuable Traction Engine

Mr. Edward Koopp, of Madisonville, has been working for some time on an improved traction engine, which has just been completed and which will make possible the cultivation of vast tracts of marsh lands in Louisiana which have hitherto been inaccessible to machinery or teams.

Not the Right Man, But Carried Two Sticks of Dynamite When Arrested

Deputy Parker brought a negro named Willie Williams from Slidell to Covington, Monday, on suspicion that he was Walter Bridges, wanted for killing his wife in Covington, Sunday night. Deputy Parker arrested the negro as he got off the train at Slidell and found two sticks of dynamite and caps and fuse in his pocket.

St. Tammany Man Arrested for Stealing Cattle Writes to President Wilson That He is in Need of Help

Jessie Farve, a white man arrested on an affidavit before Judge Huger, of the Eighth Ward Justice Court at Pearl River, charged with stealing four head of cattle from Edgar P. Robert, was brought to Covington, Thursday, by Deputy Jos. F. Crawford and lodged in the parish jail.

St. Tammany Parish Baseball League Organize and Schedule Some Games

The organization of the St. Tammany Baseball League marks a new era in baseball here. It has been the habit of local teams to strengthen themselves by hiring high grade amateurs and semi-professionals from New Orleans. This has tended to weaken local pride and handicap the development of home players.

Five-Year-Old Boy Jumps From Boat At Mandeville Half Mile Out in Lake

The five-year-old son of Indian Far was drowned in the lake at Mandeville, last Monday. The lake was dragged and the body was recovered. Emile Viol was in a boat with the little Far child and two other children. When about half a mile from shore the little fellow suddenly jumped overboard, believing, evidently, that he could wade ashore.

A VERY SAD OUTING

There was a very sad termination to a teaching party on the Tchoufouchee, at Sand Point, near Madisonville, Wednesday, when young Chas. Miller, son of Mr. Chas. Miller, of New Orleans, fell overboard and was drowned. The boy was but 11 years of age. Just how the accident occurred is not reported.

Parish Fair Association Preparing To Fence and Build on Fair Property

The Fair Association has taken possession of their newly purchased grounds and the land has been staked off and surveyed. The following committee on buildings and fencing has been appointed: J. L. Smith, chairman; J. H. Warner, Mr. Nielsen, M. W. Allen, John Haller, Mrs. Wm. Bodebender.

Regular Monthly Meeting of Covington Association of Commerce

Covington, La., June 7, 1915. The regular monthly meeting of the entire membership took place on the above date and a very large percentage of the membership answered the roll call. Mr. E. V. Richard, committee on court yard improvement, reported favorable progress, in fact, he mentioned that he had seen several officials and had had a promise of a sufficient appropriation to answer the purpose.

Farm Demonstrator Lewis Gives Notice of Law Disposing Infected Carcasses

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