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OVER 1000 PERSONS DROWNED IN CHICAGO RIVER WHEN EXCURSION STEAMER CAPSIZES LEAVING LANDING

SYNOPSIS OF AMERICAN NOTE TO GERMANY

Final Clause States Unalterable Position of United States as to Neutrals.

Washington, July 22.—The new American note to Germany was cleared from Washington over the telegraph wires during last night and being flashed today over to London, thence to Copenhagen, from where it goes by overland wires to Berlin. The note should reach Berlin tonight or Friday morning.

The note is in the nature of a final statement by the United States. Among the points in the note are:

- 1. The assumption by the United States that Germany, by declaring her submarine warfare to be a retaliatory measure against the alleged unlawful acts of her enemies, has admitted that the destruction of unresisting merchantmen without warning is illegal.
2. German submarine commanders already have proved that they can save passengers and crews of vessels and can act in conformity with the laws of humanity in making war on enemy ships.
3. The United States cannot allow the relations between the belligerents to operate in any way as an abbreviation of the rights of neutrals.
4. The representations which the American government has made in previous notes for disavowal of the intention to sink the Lusitania with Americans on board and the request for reparation are reiterated with renewed insistence.
5. The American government realizes the unusual and abnormal conditions which the present conflict has created in the conduct of maritime war and is willing to act as an intermediary as between the belligerents to arrange a modus vivendi or any other temporary arrangements which do not involve a surrender by the United States of its rights.
6. The proposals by Germany to give immunity to American ships not carrying contraband and to four belligerent ships under the American flag are rejected with the emphatic assertion that to accept such suggestions would be to admit Germany's right to set aside the American contention based on fundamental principles in international law—that neutrals may travel anywhere on the high seas on unresisting ships of any nationality, even if carrying contraband.
7. Secretary Lansing announced that the text of the note will be given out here for publication in the Saturday morning papers. Concerning the future conduct of German submarines, the note does not require an answer as it announces the United States intention to regard as unfriendly any further violation of international law resulting in the loss of American lives and renews the demand for a disavowal of intention to sink the Lusitania and request for reparation.
8. It is likely these points and the United States' willingness to act as intermediary between the belligerents to adjust the rules of maritime warfare will be the basis for further discussion by Germany.

Covington-Franklinton Road a Fine Illustration of Value of the Work of Good Roads Committee to Parish

The luxury of good roads is never appreciated until one travels them; and better still, when one compares them with the ordinary road as constructed under the old system of pick and shovel and road overseer supervision.

The good road just completed from Covington to Washington parish line, known as the Franklinton road, under contract with Mr. Kennedy and under the supervision of J. L. Wheelless, resident engineer Highway Department, Board of State Engineers, is a good illustration of what may be accomplished in the way of an unresisting dirt roadway. This road is twenty-four feet from outside to outside of drain ditches, giving about twenty feet of roadway. The road is sixteen and one-half miles long, running through rolling lands, necessitating considerable grading, filling and bridging. There are seven concrete bridges and thirty culverts. The longest bridge is 160 feet, and cost \$5000. The cost of the entire road was \$34,000. Of this amount the state paid one-third. State assistance has been of much value in road construction, because in paying its one-third of cost it has been very liberal in shouldering extra expense where improved conditions would result from a little extra outlay, while we have had the assistance of the highest scientific knowledge.

Thursday a party of road inspectors, consisting of E. J. Domergue, Engineers Huckaby and Wheelless, Herman Schultz, president of the police jury; W. A. Hood and D. H. Mason traveled over the road continuing on the Franklinton road about a mile in Washington parish in order to make a comparison. The party left Covington at 9:30 a. m. The drive was made in Mr. Hood's auto, and a stop was made at his place where the party sampled and carried away some of the finest Elberta peaches that can be found anywhere. A basketful of them on the table averaged one-half pound apiece. They were of delicious flavor, sound and fine in every way. Mr. Hood is one of the progressive farmers of

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Don't Miss "Her Life for His," on August 20th

Don't let this pass. Wait for it—the event of the season—a grand benefit for the M. C. B. Library on the evening of August 20th at the park pavilion. This should appeal and meet with the approbation of every citizen of Covington, as the cause is an excellent one, and hesitancy to extend a helping hand to so worthy and instructive a purpose should not be in evidence. On the occasion a dramatic treat is in store for the patrons. The play selected is a strong comedy drama in four acts entitled "Her Life For His," a play abounding in comedy-exciting situations and a laugh every minute. It is realistic and true to life. So in-

Sorrow Brought to Thousands of Homes and Support Taken From Some as Top Heavy Boat Turns Turtle in 25 Feet of Water.

Chicago, July 24.—Almost 1000 persons, most of them women and children, were drowned today within a few feet of land by the steel steamer Eastland as she was about to leave her wharf in the Chicago river with 2500 relatives and friends of employees of the Western Electric Company for an excursion across Lake Michigan. The boat rolled over on her side in 25 feet of water within five minutes after she began to list.

Coroner Hoffman at 11 o'clock tonight said that according to the information at hand he had hopes that the total dead from the capsizing of the steamer Eastland would not exceed one thousand. The number of bodies in the morgue, according to official count was 842.

While others were added later, there was some duplication, it was discovered. The coroner said that any bodies in addition to the 812 were in the river or the hull of the steamer Eastland.

Several persons were taken alive from the cabins after the boat had lain on her side in the river for four hours, but the 300 others said to be in the hull are all dead.

Under the glare of searchlights tonight scores of men worked in the hull to remove the bodies. The steambot lay on the bottom of the river, one side protruding like a monument to the hundreds she had drowned as she turned over.

The cause of the capsizing had not been determined tonight, but federal city and state officers were conducting investigations to determine whether she was top heavy from faulty design, was improperly ballasted or was poorly handled in leaving the wharf.

Marine architects asserted that the Eastland was faulty in design, that the top deck had been removed because of her tendency to list and also pointed to the possibility that she had been unevenly or insufficiently ballasted. The Eastland used water ballast, so that she could pump out some of it on entering shallow lake harbors. Some investigators are working on the theory that the ballast tanks were not filled and the rushing of passengers to one side of the decks caused her to roll over.

7000 Went to Join Excursion. Under misty skies 7000 men, women and children went to the Clark street dock early today to fill five large steamships with holiday mirth in a trip to Michigan City. The steam-

er Eastland was the first to be loaded. Rain began to fall as the wharf superintendents lifted the gang plank from the Eastland, asserting that the government limit of 2500 passengers had been reached.

The passengers swarmed to the left side of the ship as the other steamers drew up the river towards the wharf. A tug was hitched to the Eastland, ropes were ordered cast off and the steamer engines began to hum. The Eastland had not budged, however.

Instead the heavily laden vessel wavered sidewise, leaning first towards the river bank. The lurch was so startling that many passengers joined the large concourse already on the riverside of the decks. The boat never heeled back. She turned slowly but steadily towards her left side. Children clutched the skirts of mothers and sisters to keep from falling. Water began to enter lower port holes and the hawsers tared out the piles to which she was tied. Screams from passengers attracted the attention of fellow excursionists on the dock awaiting the next steamer. Wharfmen and picnickers soon lined the edge of the embankment, reaching out helplessly towards the wavering Eastland.

St. Tammany parish. He has one hundred acres planted in corn that will yield between forty and forty-five bushels to the acre. A fine feature of this field is that all the stumps have been removed and the ground deeply plowed, well cultivated and fertilized. Mr. Hood is one of the few progressive citizens who is willing to place his personal interests to one side when they conflict with the general welfare of the parish.

To illustrate this, he is doing his heavy hauling over an old roundabout road in order to avoid cutting up the new road until it has become thoroughly packed and settled. He has a flowing well that gives 140 gallons per minute, is building a large silo and a large barn for his cattle. He is enthusiastic over the opportunity of St. Tammany parish for future development, and he believes in doing his share towards the Elberta peach orchard. It returned to the house, where Mrs. Hood graciously served some excellent lemonade (here we may whisper that it had a spike in it). Also some peaches were put in bags and distributed around. Mrs. Hood has a fine canning plant and offered for inspection some corn and peaches canned for family use. The party then started on the return trip, on the way stopping to inspect the \$5000 concrete bridge across the Bogue Falaya river. This bridge is a fine piece of work, one of concrete pillars being sunk 17 feet through quick sand to solid foundation. These pillars are sunk on an average about eight feet.

This road is in fine condition, and by comparison with the continuation of this road into Washington parish, which we understand is one of the best of the roads built out of the \$160,000 bond issue for roads in that parish, shows conclusively the wisdom of the Good Roads Committee in the expenditure of road money in this parish. With all the stops, the thirty-five miles were made in two hours and twenty minutes, everybody reaching home in time to prepare for the noon meal.

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Don't neglect this opportunity. Remember what it is for and all witness this fine performance of "Her Life for His."

ELECTRIC CARS MAY BE RUNNING FROM COVINGTON TO MANDEVILLE TOMORROW MORNING

Since the Motor Line has been out of commission, during preparation for the electric system that is being established, people have realized its great importance in the transportation service of this parish. Everybody will be glad to learn that it is probable the St. Tammany and New Orleans Railways and Ferry Company will be able to run electric cars from Covington, Abita Springs and Mandeville next Sunday (tomorrow). If this report is verified we will make the announcement on the fifth page, so that people may take advantage of the service.

Mandeville Fire Department Will Give Grand Ball

Novel Feature Will Be Political Rally at Which Candidates Speak.

Mandeville Fire Company No. 1 will give a grand ball at Jackson Park Saturday, August 7th, which will be a grand success. The occasion will be a novel feature of being a political rally. All the parish candidates for office have been given an invitation to be present and lay their claims for official fitness before the people. There will also be other prominent speakers. The occasion promises to be very interesting and a record-breaking crowd is expected. There will be music by a first-class string band.

The Mandeville Fire Department has been working hard to build up a fire protection for the town that will be effective. Probably few towns of its size have been able to perfect a better system, but there is room for improvement and the department is not resting on its laurels. It proposes to give the limit to its efforts for the very best fire protection the town can afford. Everybody should encourage this spirit of progressiveness and judging by the expressions of the people the ball on August 7 will not only be well patronized by the people of Mandeville, but will gather quite a number of outsiders. Those who don't dance will go to hear the speaking.

BASEBALL.

St. Tammany 7, Covington 6

The St. Tammany defeated the Covington team in Madisonville last Sunday in a ninth inning rally. Covington, up to the last, had a safe lead with a score of 6 to 4 in their favor. The game was played before a fair but enthusiastic crowd. Though slow in the beginning, due to accidents on both sides, the maddening wind-up of the St. Tammany added ginger to the sport, and the period of slowness was forgotten. The umpiring was somewhat below par, but Merritt gave justice to both sides the best he knew how.

Pellot, Blanchard and Meyers were the individual stars for Madisonville, the last getting a three-bagger. For Covington, the sensational fielding of C. Sidney Frederick, the new recruit of Washington fame, R. Young, Jung and Lacroix, the latter getting two three-baggers, were not overlooked among the stars. Batteries: Covington—"Doc" F. F. Young and Lacroix. St. Tammany—Dendinger and Oulliber. Hits off Young, 6; Dendinger, 13. Struck out by Young, 8; Dendinger, 7; 2 base hits, R. Young, Bosque, 3 base hits, Lacroix 2; Madisonville 5. Umpire—Merritt. Covington is trying to arrange a game with the St. Tammany to be played in Covington, Sunday, August 8th, the gate receipts to go to the school grounds improvement fund.

King's Daughters.

A regular meeting of Covington Workers Circle, King's Daughters, was held on Monday, July 27, 1915. Though the attendance was not a very large one, it was a very enthusiastic meeting, and much good was accomplished. We thank our new member, Mrs. Wm. Schnyder, for her kindness in offering her services free of all charges in obstetric cases where the people are unable to pay, and are recommended by the King's Daughters. It is a very generous offer. A sewing machine has been given to our circle by another member, and the free use of it will be allowed to any one who stands in need of it and may not have one of their own. A fifty pound can of lard was sent from this circle to Rest Awhite last week.

As we had to draw on our funds to pay all expenses incurred by this convention, it was decided to have a picture show on next Thursday, Aug. 5th, to raise more funds with which to carry on our work. This is a cause which all should rally to and lend a helping hand. Donations of candy or ice cream will be gladly received. MRS. W. H. KENTZEL, Secretary.

ELLIS WINS FOR CONVENTION AFTER ONE OF HARDEST FOUGHT ELECTIONS EVER TAKING PLACE IN ST. TAMMANY

FARMERS MEET AT COURTHOUSE IN COVINGTON

Dr. Dalrymple and Mr. Tibout Give Interesting Talks About Cattle and Trucking.

Capt. G. E. Millar, of Abita Springs, was elected chairman of the farmers' meeting held at courthouse in Covington last Wednesday.

Mr. Millar gave a little talk on the benefits to be derived from the development of the trucking industry in this parish and then introduced Dr. Dalrymple, of Baton Rouge.

Dr. Dalrymple is the veterinarian of La. State University. He said that in progressive agricultural surroundings there should be a progressive town every five miles, at no time less than fifty miles apart, but built up by the crops of the surrounding country. The one-crop system is not successful. Variety of crops is the only real way.

The live stock on the farm are for the purpose of manufacturing the chief food products grown on the farm into higher food products and to maintain the fertilization of the soil. It is the very highest kind of fertilizer.

The two main types of cattle are the beef and the dairy. Both develop along different lines. The object of the beef cattle is meat. We get most of our beef animals originally from the old country. There is the short horn. Another kind give good amount of beef and good amount of milk. This is a dual purpose animal. Notwithstanding that, the dual purpose animal is a good animal. The short horn is the main type of beef animal.

In the old country the same farm will raise the same breed of animal for generations, and develop all the time. The Argentine paid \$15,000 for a bull. The Angus has won 10 out of 14 cattle shows in Chicago.

In regard to ticks. There is no use getting fine stock where there are ticks. In feeding the animal you are feeding the ticks. The tick eradication is very simple. There was 50 per cent of the southern hide lost on the November market on account of tick markings. The cattle tick will lay from 1500 to 5000 eggs. The ticks stay on for about 22 days. The animal should be dipped every 21 days to get rid of ticks.

Texas parish was rid of ticks in five months. In clearing the parish it cost 50 cents a head to dip 134000 cattle a month; and some of the cattle on the same feed brought \$7.00 per head more. This work has been going on in eleven southern states, and after they were free the cattle gained 25 per cent. Once the parish is clean, the Federal authorities remove the embargo.

The tick brings on what is known as Texas fever. The study of this disease led to the discovery of the causes of yellow fever and malaria by the mosquito. This gave the first clue to the investigation. One of the objections raised to the tick eradication is that the inspectors will go to the assessor and have the assessment raised on the cured cattle. Another is that some people have more cattle than they have land to raise them on, and on account of the lack of a stock law cattle that have been freed from ticks mix with infected cattle and ticks get on them. Dr. Dalrymple said that the other day he had heard another objection, that if ticks are eradicated strangers would come in and they could not be gotten rid of.

Relative to Charbon. Charbon is one of the oldest diseases known. It is said that the plague in the days of the Pharaohs was nothing else than what is now known as charbon. Charbon is also the first disease ever discovered caused by a germ, and is historically a very interesting disease. There is a great deal of charbon in Russia. Charbon is a most infectious disease. The germs are extremely small and have to be magnified 1000 times to be seen distinctly by the naked eye. These germs can live for years. When an animal dies of charbon everything should be burned, even the ground where the blood was spilled. Buzzards carry charbon. There are two things only worth while in the treatment of charbon. Early vaccination is the first thing. Never let the 1st of March go by in charbon sections without injecting the animals. Second thing is, the

Majority Given to Him in Ninth Ward and the Almost Even Split in the Fourth Came as Surprise Not Counted by Opposition.

The election Tuesday was one of the closest and hardest fought that has ever occurred in St. Tammany parish. When all the boxes had been heard from except the first precinct of the second ward, the vote stood: Ellis, 633; Lancaster, 607; leaving a majority of 26 for Ellis. Lancaster supporters claimed that this box would go for him from three to four to one. Ellis supporters were doubtful of the situation, but claimed that they had a good chance of winning, with a small majority against them. When time crept along and the box did not make its appearance, several automobiles, loaded with supporters from both sides, started for the Sandy Ford polling booth to find out result of count. They returned about 10:30 with the news that the box had given Lancaster a majority of ten votes. This brought the figures to 690 for Ellis and 674 for Lancaster. A majority of 16 for Ellis. It was all over. Ellis had won. Probably the greatest surprise of the election was the carrying of the ninth ward for Ellis by a majority of 18. Lancaster supporters had depended upon this ward to give them a majority. When Mr. Ellis left for Slidell to turn the tide that was supposed to be against him, he sacrificed his vote in the third ward. He won the election without voting for himself, and he worked up a majority for himself in the Slidell box. The vote in this ward was: Ellis, 97; Lancaster, 79.

Following is a complete and official return of the election:

Table with 3 columns: Ward, Lancaster, Ellis. Rows include 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th, 8th, 9th, 10th wards.

The returns from New Orleans show that the Regulars won out all around. Ewing's majority was 844. In Washington parish, M. C. Poole got 535, M. W. Ott 255. Poole's majority 280.

EXAMINATION FOR THE RHODES SCHOLARSHIP TO BE HELD IN OCTOBER.

President Theo. D. Boyd of L. S. U., who is chairman of the State Committee of Selection of Rhodes Scholars for Louisiana, has received the following announcement concerning these scholarships: A scholarship of the value of nearly \$1,500, tenable at the University of Oxford, England, for a period of three years, beginning from October, 1917, will be open for competition in the State of Louisiana during the year 1916. Similar scholarships will be awarded for the years 1918, 1920 and 1921.

Competitors must be citizens of the United States, between 19 and 25 years of age, and must, before the date of entry on residence at Oxford, have completed at least their second year at some regular degree-granting American university or college. Candidates having their domicile in the State, and those who have received any large part of their education there are alike eligible. A qualifying examination will be held in October of each year; and an election of the scholarship at the close of each year preceding that for which the scholarship is assigned.

Candidates for the 1917 scholarship may take the examination on Tuesday, the 5th, and Wednesday, the 6th, of October, 1915, or in 1916. A State Committee of Selection chooses the scholar from among those who have passed this examination. Application for examination should be made to the chairman of this committee, President Theo. D. Boyd, Louisiana State University, at Baton Rouge, La.

A memorandum giving further information and particulars may be obtained from the chairman of the Committee of Selection, Press Bulletin, La. State University.

GOVERNMENT RECIPE FOR WHITEWASH.

Half a bushel of unslaked lime; slake with warm water; cover during the process to keep in the steam; strain the liquid through a sieve or strainer; add a peck of salt, previously well dissolved in warm water, three pounds of ground rice boiled to a thin paste and stir in boiling hot, half a pound of powdered Spanish whiting and a pound of glue which has been previously dissolved over a slow fire, and add five gallons of hot water to the mixture; stir well and let it stand for a few days, keeping it covered to exclude dirt. It should be put on hot. One pint of the mixture properly applied will cover a square yard. Small brushes are best. There is nothing that can compare with it for outside or inside work, and it retains its brilliancy for many years. Coloring matter may be put in and made of any shade—Spanish brown, yellow ochre, or common clay.—Press Bulletin, La. State University.

Ladies' Auxiliary Entertainment

The Ladies Auxiliary of the Presbyterian Church will give an entertainment at the Park Pavilion, Aug. 31. Pantomimes of "Old Black Joe," "That Sweetheart of Mine," and "Quarrel of the Flowers," "Uncle Ben," etc., will be features. Many beautiful children and some good grown ups will take part. Keep the date open.

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