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Edwin Jones and Walter Worley Are Injured In Tank Explosion

About 3:30 o'clock Sunday afternoon people of Covington were startled by the blowing up of a rosin tank at the Mackie Pine Products works. The sound was peculiar and different from that of a boiler, and many believed a building had fallen. Nevertheless, Mr. Diel, who was standing close to the tank when the explosion occurred, said he did not know there had been an explosion. Probably the noise caused by the tank was mistaken for that of a boiler, because people came from as far as the Boston street bridge, and soon a crowd was gathered around the company's grounds, expecting to find wreckage and apparent damage to the tank, probably not amounting to \$20.00, and were it not for the burns received by Edwin Jones and Walter Worley, who were cleaning the empty tank at the time of the explosion, the crowd would have been binned and joked for turning out in such force. It was learned that Jones and Worley were in the tank, working with steam and water to clean it of the deposit that usually accumulates and had just climbed out when the explosion occurred. Jones seems to have been just above the open manhole and perhaps leaning toward it at the time. He was blown upward with the ladder by which he had ascended and followed it through the hole made in the tank. He was a few feet above the tank. He was quite painfully but not fatally burned, as was reported. His right arm and side and the back of his neck were badly burned. Worley was more fortunate and escaped with less injury. Both were taken in J. E. Nelson's car to Dr. Gautreaux's office and the doctor bandaged and fixed them up.

Governor to "Keep Lid On" In the Parish of Jefferson

New Orleans, Dec. 1.—Gov. Hall proposes to "sit on the lid" in Jefferson parish for a while. The Bogalusa company of the State's militia went into camp in the public square in Gretna Tuesday morning to "remain indefinitely, subject to orders."

Martial law has not been proclaimed in Jefferson parish, and whether it will be proclaimed, and the length of time state troops will be kept in the parish, depends entirely upon developments. The governor proposes to definitely break up gambling in the parish, and to inaugurate an era of law-enforcement. To accomplish this he is prepared to go to whatever length may be necessary.

While the governor has refrained from discussing his plans for publication, his position with reference to the Jefferson parish situation is well understood among those close to him. He holds the attitude of the civil officials of the parish has been one of both disregard and defiance of law. The events of last Saturday climaxed a long series of incidents of this character. The successful militia raid of a lottery shop Saturday, providing that open gambling was going on in the face of his previous efforts at suppression, determined the governor upon the policy of stationing the troops in the parish to "put the lid on," and keep it on. If this more proves sufficient, martial law may not be put into effect.

Learning Tuesday that the gambling paraphernalia used in Jefferson parish might be transferred to New Orleans and an effort made to operate under cover in the city temporarily until the storm had blown over, the governor promptly communicated with the local police. Commissioner Newman and Superintendent Reynolds called on the executive at the St. Charles Hotel in the afternoon. The co-operation of the New Orleans police department in running down any such attempts was promised. A definite tip that the paraphernalia of one gambling house had been taken to Algiers, under cover of night, Monday, and that it was planned to pen a game here, was among the reports taken to the governor.

Utilization of the troops in Gretna to find and seize all gambling paraphernalia in the parish apparently is another part of the program. (Seizure of a number of slot machines Tuesday night was a move along this line.)

While the Bogalusa company was establishing itself in camp, Jefferson uniformed elements and the governor's commanding officer proceeded against the gambling places in Jefferson. The law was looked up to accomplish the methods of procedure. Ouster suits against the district attorney and sheriff can be made by the district attorney or on petition of twenty-five citizens. The governor can proceed direct only against district judges and judges of courts of appeal. The ouster move had not passed the preliminary stages Tuesday night, however.

Dr. Chas. Gebke, anti-Marrero leader who was accused of receiving the Hyland hush money in the grand jury report Saturday, prepared Tuesday to use the district attorney, grand jury, Paul Ristrop, Jos. Hyland, and all others concerned for slander and libel. He has engaged Mr. Clair Adams, former district attorney of Orleans, as his attorney.

More money slot machines were added to the State's collection of gambling paraphernalia collected from the gambling places in Jefferson parish when a detachment of the Bogalusa troops strolled a mile and a half down the shell road to Ameyville shortly after 8 o'clock Tuesday night and raided a shed in the rear of Gus Fazez's saloon.

Six privates and Lieutenant Shafter and LeBlanc made the raid. No resistance was offered them and no arrests were made. The raid was executed under instruction of Governor Hall to Adjutant General McNeese, who in turn instructed Capt. L. F. Gears to "go get 'em." The captain detailed his two lieutenants who selected a squad of half a dozen men. So quietly did the detail

C. M. Little Talks Improvement of Fair Grounds.

Slidell, La., Dec. 1, 1915.
Editor St. Tammany Farmer:
This is not in the nature of a political letter, but something more tangible from an economical viewpoint.

Just now a suggestion to the fair authorities may be in order, in case ornamental improvement of the fair grounds is contemplated. The season for planting shrubbery and trees will soon be here, and plans should be in hand to avoid delay and confusion and disappointment.

Another matter merits attention also. Adverse comment was made upon the cheap, catch-penny devices in evidence at the late fair. They seem to have been given undue publicity by being placed in the most conspicuous positions on the grounds. In the month of September, last, I attended a fair in the state of Michigan, in a town of five thousand population, where games of chance were not featured. The money received from such privileges is said to not pay the loss to good morals. To make the place of such questionable games, wholesome amusements could be provided, thus making a better atmosphere and surroundings morally.

At the same time, the wheel of fortune and other descriptive games, not at all attractive, and are small things as compared to the greater advantages of educational exhibits, which appeal to solid citizenship.

At the January meeting of the parish school board, will be an opportune time for the fair directors to arrange for a school or educational building, to be ready for the next parish fair.

Schools Will Close December 24 and Open Jan. 3.

Already the minds of the young folks are turning to thoughts of Santa Claus and school books are being pushed aside to read the advertisements of Christmas goods and the catalogs of jewelry and holiday presents. Many of the pupils have been wondering, as Christmas comes on Saturday, whether the school week would be finished clean up to the end or whether Friday would be given to them to prepare for Christmas. This question is settled by the announcement of Supt. Lyon that school will close December 24 and open Monday, January 3, 1916, which gives a week of holidays, and all are happy.

The Lyceum Entertainment

The School Improvement League will give an entertainment December 15th, entitled "Red Wing." This is a fine play, given only once by the Lyceum Company. We want this to be the one large feature of the school work this winter, and we ask the public to keep the date in mind and help in our success. The receipts will be for the improvement of the school.

Laborer's Son Has Leg Broken

Robert Laborde, aged 3 years and 6 months, met with a painful accident Friday morning. His father, Paul Laborde, Jr., was unloading hay near the wagon when a bale of hay fell from the wagon and struck him just above the ankle. The bone was said to be slightly fractured. Dr. Gautreaux was called in and he dressed the little fellow's leg in plaster.

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Association of Commerce Receives Report on Waterworks and Sewerage; Engineer Kramer Files Plans and Specifications With the Council

The most important matter that came up at the meeting of the Association of Commerce at its rooms in the Southern Hotel, Monday night, was the question of putting in waterworks and sewerage for the town of Covington. Mr. Robert L. Aubert, chairman of the committee from the sewerage before it is finally emptied into the river. This takes care of sewage proper from closets, sinks etc. The rainfall will be carried off by surface drainage.

"Moving Day" for the District is Celebrated This Week, and the Redlight Christmas Will Be Celebrated Only in Memory of Past

It was "Moving Day" in the district December 1. The furniture has been packed up and will be shipped as soon as orders are received as to destination. It is not known which direction it will take, but probably it will go to New Orleans, although it was reported that some might go to St. Louis.

Jenkins Girl Said to Have Attempted Suicide, Found By Her Father in Hospital at Laurel. Will Not Return To Her Home in Sun. Will Become a Trained Nurse

November 15th the New Orleans item published a story regarding a young girl named Dorothy Henington, giving her age as 22 years. It told how Miss Henington had, in her desperation and despair, jumped from the second-story window of a Laurel hotel a short time previously, because she could not obtain employment, and how the item had made arrangements with the Spencer Business College of New Orleans to give her a course in that institution, upon the completion of which she was to have a position with Furst & Kramer. This story would probably have attracted little attention at the home of L. A. Jenkins, at Sun, La., had it not been that accompanying the story was a large ornamental picture of the said Miss Henington. This picture was quickly recognized as the likeness of Miss Hattie Jenkins, who was the missing daughter of Mr. L. A. Jenkins, of Sun.

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Parish Sunday School Convention To Be At Slidell

The Parish Sunday School Association will hold its annual convention in Slidell on Thursday and Friday, December 9 and 10. There are thirty-seven Sunday Schools in the parish of St. Tammany. Every one of these schools should send at least one delegate to the convention so as to put themselves in touch with the work that is being done by all the schools of the parish. By exchanging ideas and methods, Sunday School workers broaden themselves and aid the growth of their schools.

Farm Demonstrator Lewis Resigns. A Public Letter.

To the Farmers of St. Tammany Parish:
I am taking advantage of the columns of The St. Tammany Farmer to notify both farmers and businessmen that my services as farm demonstrator have terminated. I regret that there should have arisen any antagonism or unpleasantness or that my inevitable inability to secure the approbation of all the people and to meet the demands of every section of the parish should have resulted in a partisan influence being used to my discredit and my final resignation. I wish to state, however, that I harbor no ill will against even my enemies, and that I realize that the knocker is something that will always abide with us. I am especially desirous that my successor shall be a competent and useful man, and that he may not only be successful in his demonstration work, but that he may receive the assistance, co-operation and confidence that makes for success. I shall always remember the many kindnesses of my friends and acquaintances, and I thank each and every one of them. I believe that my efforts in this parish have been followed by good results and that better farming each year is an ideal that has been set up to stay, and that farmers may look back and remember that the seeds of this harvest were sown during 1914 and 1915, and that Lewis was right in a good many things after all.

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