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GOVERNMENT IS PLANNING TO PROVIDE FOR SOLDIERS

Tells How Valuable Home
May Be Acquired With
No Money In Hand.

WORK GIVEN TO EARN FIRST PAYMENT

Farm Stocked and Crops
Planted When Posses-
sion Taken.

"Hey There! Do You Want a Home On a Farm?"
This is the unique title of a little booklet which the Secretary of the Interior, with the active co-operation of the War and Navy Departments, is sending to the various camps of the army, navy, and marine corps throughout the country to ascertain the attitude of the men toward his plan for providing them with work and homes on reclaimed land.
The booklet is in the form of questions and answers which give a complete and concise description of the plan, and also has attached to it a post card questionnaire which the men are asked to fill out and mail to the Department. Each man interested will be asked to state his name, home address, age, occupation before enlistment, whether he has ever worked on a farm, whether he is interested in the plan, what kind of farming he would like to follow, whether general, live stock, truck, or fruit, and whether he would be willing to take a job in his own State or anywhere in the United States if a job on one of these proposed projects is offered to him.
A tabulation of the replies will be presented to Congress in connection with Secretary Lane's request for an initial appropriation of \$100,000,000 to begin construction on meritorious projects throughout the United States.
The questions and answers in the booklet are as follows:
Q. What do you mean, work and homes?
A. Just this. There is a bill now before Congress asking for an appropriation of \$100,000,000, which, if passed, will enable the Interior Department to begin work at once developing co-operative farm settlements for soldiers and sailors in all or nearly all of the States.
Q. Who will get the farms?
A. Those who create them by working or draining, clearing, irrigating, and improving the lands.
Q. Will all get farms?
A. That depends on the amount of land reclaimed.
Q. Is this plan only for men who have been across?
A. No. It is for all of the men who have worn Uncle Sam's uniform in the great war.
Q. Where is this land located?
A. In practically every State in the Union there are large areas of this land. There is dry land in the West that needs water, which can be provided by building dams and canals. In the East are large areas of cut-over or logged-off timber land, from which it will be necessary to blow the stumps and clear off the underbrush. In the South is a large amount of cut-over land and swamp land which must be drained.
Q. Could I get a job near my old home?
A. Probably you could. These proposed settlements are scattered all over the country, and it is planned to have one in each State, if Congress provides the money for the construction.
Q. How about wages?
A. You would be paid fair wages by the Government while doing this work—just as good wages as you would be able to get in outside work of like character.
Q. Would I be enlisted?
A. No. The work is only for the men who have been honorably discharged from the service.
Q. What kind of work is it?
A. The Government will have work of all kinds in connection with these settlements, from the highest technical and clerical positions to that of labor.
Q. Now, how about getting a home out of this?
A. After you have helped build the dams and canals, or cleared the cut-over land of stumps, or built the ditches to drain the swamp land, after you have helped to erect houses and barns, built fences, constructed roads, and laid out town sites, built creameries, canneries, warehouses, schools, etc., after you have, in fact, actually reclaimed the land, the Government will allow you to pick out one of these farms planted in crops.
Q. Does the Government give me this farm for nothing?
A. No. And you wouldn't want the Government to do it. The plan is to arrange for you to pay for your farm home in small payments over a long term of years, with interest.
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SEILER-DULION.

Mr. Jacob Seiler, the popular postmaster of Covington, and Miss Bertha Dulion, daughter of Mr. P. J. Dulion, for many years an official of the municipal government, were married at St. Peter's Catholic Church Thursday, February 20, 1919, the ceremony being performed by Rev. Father John Burger, the pastor. The wedding was private, only immediate relatives being present and Mrs. John Domergue acting as mat-

TEXT ARTICLES OF THE WORLD GOVERNMENT LEAGUE

President Wilson Reads Re-
port to Representa-
tives of Nations.

ARMAMENTS ARE TO BE CUT DOWN

Powers Defend Each Other
From Attack. Guar-
antee Self Government

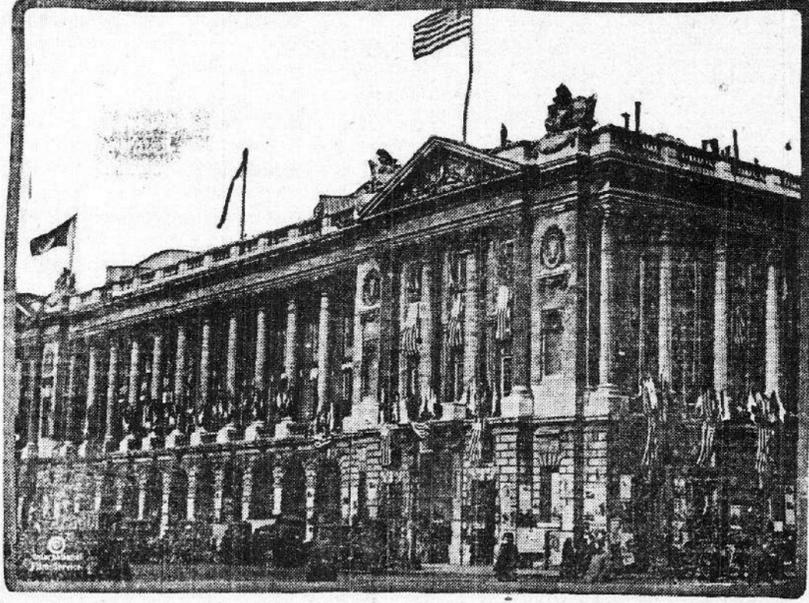
Paris, France, Feb. 14.—The executive council of the proposed league of nations, as outlined in the covenant read by President Wilson today, will consist of representatives of the United States, Great Britain, France, Italy and Japan, with representatives of four other states. The covenant reads as follows:
Covenant.
Preamble.—In order to promote international co-operation and to secure international peace and security by the acceptance of obligations not to resort to war, by the prescription of open, just and honorable relations between nations, by the firm establishment of the understandings of international law as the actual rule of conduct among governments, and by the maintenance of justice and a scrupulous respect for all treaty obligations in the dealings of organized people with one another, the powers signatory to this covenant adopt this constitution of the league of nations:

Article I.
The action of the high contracting parties under the terms of this covenant shall be effected through the instrumentality of a meeting of a body of delegates representing the high contracting parties, of meetings at more frequent intervals of an executive council, and of a permanent international secretariat to be established at the seat of the league.
Article II.
Meetings of the body of delegates shall be held at stated intervals and from time to time as occasion may require for the purpose of dealing with matters within the sphere of action of the league. Meetings of the body of delegates shall be held at the seat of the league or at such other places as may be found convenient, and shall consist of representatives of the high contracting parties. Each of the high contracting parties shall have one vote, but may have not more than three representatives.
Article III.
The executive council shall consist of representatives of the United States of America, the British Empire, France, Italy and Japan, together with representatives of four other states, members of the league. The selection of these four states shall be made by the body of delegates on such principles and in such manner as they think fit. Pending the appointment of these representatives of the other states, representatives of (blank left for names) shall be members of the executive council.
Article IV.
All matters of procedure at meetings of the body of delegates or the executive council, including the appointment of committees to investigate particular matters, shall be regulated by the body of delegates of the executive council and may be decided by a majority of the states represented at the meeting.
The first meeting of the body of delegates and the executive council shall be summoned by the President of the United States of America.
Article V.
The permanent secretariat of the league shall be established at (blank) which shall constitute the seat of the league. The secretariat shall comprise such secretaries and staff as may be required, under the general direction and control of a secretary general of the league, who shall be chosen by the executive council; the secretariat shall be appointed by the secretary general subject to confirmation by the executive council.
The expenses of the secretariat shall be borne by the states members of the league in accordance with the apportionment of the expenses of the international bureau of the Universal Postal Union.
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ron of honor, yet while the affair was kept secret and only known to intimate friends, the surprise came as a very pleasant incident and the many friends of the happy couple entertain the very best wishes for a prosperous and joyous future for them.
The bride was charming in a dark tailored traveling suit with hat to match, and the groom bore the cheerful attitude that has made him so popular in his official life.
At the train, rice was showered upon the bride and groom with good wishes and a hearty wish of the striving to avoid its downpour.
Mr. and Mrs. Seiler will spend a few days in New Orleans, after which they will return to Covington, where they will be at home to their friends at their residence on 20th and Jefferson avenue.

THE FARMERS INSTITUTE IS ON.
The Institute is on. Five State agricultural leaders were slated for Sun and Shidell yesterday and for Polson at 10 a. m. this morning, and Covington this afternoon session at the courthouse to last about two hours. It will be of interest to business men and women, as well as farmers.
Part of the issue of the day is to get in some better sheep and cattle blood, and to arrange for shipping a car of hogs from this place next Wednesday. Ft. Worth offers from 14 1/2 to 17 1/2 cents per pound live weight for our class of hogs.
A special rice meeting will be held at Madisonville school, Saturday (today) at 10 a. m. The rice expert will join in the program at the courthouse in Covington in the afternoon.

WHERE THE AMERICAN DELEGATES ARE RESIDING



The handsome Hotel Crillon on the Place de la Concorde, Paris, where the American delegates to the peace congress are housed.

MONEY AVAILABLE IN PARISHES FOR PUBLIC WORK

Baton Rouge, Feb. 17.—In order to stimulate public and private construction throughout Louisiana, and to obtain accurate information as to local conditions in each parish, the Louisiana State Council of Defense has collected data on this subject from forty parishes. Thirty parishes have funds available for road construction and school buildings, while the majority of the remaining parishes have the question of bonds or taxes for road building under consideration. The following tabulation shows these forty parishes have \$7,332,500.00 available for public construction, while private buildings now under way show a total of \$2,735,000. Seventeen parishes report a shortage of labor, especially for agricultural purposes.
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COMMANDANT OF THE AMERICAN PRISONERS IN GERMAN PRISON CAMPS TELL OF HIS EXPEDIENTS.

Vickey, Feb. 17.—"It was nothing more than staps. We wouldn't feed it to the hogs at home." That is what Sergeant Edgar M. Haliburton says of the food the Germans gave their American prisoners. Sergeant Haliburton was the man chosen by his 2400 fellow American prisoners at Rasat as "Commandant" of the prison camp there, where the captured Yanks were finally congregated. He was thirteen months in Germany as a prisoner. When he was sent to Rasat on August 14, 1918, he found 550 Americans already there as prisoners.
In an interview here Sergt. Haliburton said that when he was first captured on Nov. 3, 1917, the Germans did not allow the Americans to get in touch with the American Red Cross representatives at Berne, Switzerland. He adds that apparently no mail was allowed to go out from American prisoners. On January 25th a wire came from the Red Cross to the German commandant demanding the names and whereabouts of all American prisoners captured on Nov. 3, 1917. The sergeant was then at what he calls "hell-hole Tuelch," Germany. He at once sent in the names of all the American prisoners he knew of who were captured with him on that date, and this was allowed to go through.
"Within a month after that," said Sergt. Haliburton, "Red Cross boxes began to arrive regularly about every week. Apparently the Huns stole a small percentage of each shipment of the boxes each week, as there were always several missing and each time they were boxes of different men."
While at Tuelch the sergeant wrote the American Red Cross at Berne, Switzerland, telling them the American prisoners there understood Tuelch was to be made an official American prison camp. This was a Yanks' impression from the talk they heard. At the suggestion of the Red Cross representatives at Berne, the American prisoners at Tuelch had organized. They then wrote the Red Cross for a reserve supply of food and clothing aside from the regular weekly boxes. "One carload of such a reserve supply was shipped by the Germans."
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AMERICAN-SYRIAN RELIEF CAMPAIGN

Mr. P. A. Blanchard has been made parish director of the American-Syrian Relief Campaign, which will be conducted in this parish between February 24 and March 1. This is a deserving cause, and the selection of Mr. Blanchard for this important work is a good one. While being a very busy man, it seems that the very busy men are the ones that are selected for the accomplishment of big things.
Dr. Blanchard has made the following appointments of ward managers, with the allotment each is expected to get in his district:
Covington.
Local Director, Rev. F. C. Talma; allotment, \$425.00.
Shidell.
Local Director, W. E. Gause; allotment, \$125.00.
Madisonville.
Local Director, E. F. Caddin; allotment, \$425.00.
Mandeville.
Local Director, Charles David; allotment, \$150.00.
Abita Springs.
Local Director, J. P. Rausch; allotment, \$100.00.

WHIT AND THE DODGE CAR.
Richard & Riggs are now dealers in the Dodge Car. Everybody knows Whit Riggs. He is a weather prophet. He is the weather man of Covington (and this is not meant to take away from him any notoriety gained as a teller of fish stories). But we must not get away from the subject. He is now a booster of the Dodge car. We have often heard that the Dodge has a wonderful reputation for its accomplishments in mountain climbing and in plowing through the desert sands, but we never fully appreciated the wonders of this car until we heard Mr. Riggs' version of it.
The cars look very fine and tempting lined up in the showroom of the company on New Hampshire street. The enameled bodies (and Mr. Riggs is careful to explain that they are ENAMELED, not painted)—enamel and burn in) glisten in the few rays of sunshine the good Lord has given us in the past few weeks, and the weather prophet looks anxiously at the cloudy sky at intervals, as he tells visitors of the wonderful motor and the qualities of the car, and admits that as a weather prophet he has not made good. Mr. Richard looks helplessly from Whit to the clean wheels to the spottish cars when somebody speaks about a demonstration and Whit desperately throws open the hood and points out the good qualities and mechanical perfection of the engine, the carburetor, the generator and gas feed, but he never says lets take her out and show the natives something they haven't seen yet in motor cars. No; he only predicts fair weather and curses under his breath.
Well, Whit, don't worry. Good weather and good roads are both coming, and when they do, we are going to give you a chance to show what the Dodge can do without getting muddied up, but you can't make us believe that it is dust proof and nontaxable like Liberty Bonds nor that the heavy fenders make it unnecessary to put on a bumper. We believe you can carry passengers on them or even a trunk, but we draw the line when you say the government used these steel fenders to make tank cars with when metal was short.
But Whit says you can't dodge a Dodge. It's all there.

POLICE JURY.
There will be a special meeting of the Police Jury on Tuesday, February 25th, 1919, to consider the question of formal bids on the road bond issue and to transact other business incidental to the question of these bonds.
F. J. MARTINDALE,
Secretary.

NATIONAL WEEK OF SONG.
Friday the school children, under the auspices of the School League, celebrated the "National Week of Song" by singing the national airs. The various church choirs participated in this patriotic celebration.

LAUNCHING OF THE CAMPELLO.

(By F. F. Wigginton)
Shidell, La., Feb. 20, 1919.

The S. S. Campello successfully launched here to-day at 4 o'clock p. m., and is the second steel ship to be launched at the local yards for the U. S. Emergency Fleet Corporation, who was represented by Mr. R. S. Soule, of the U. S. Shipping Board, construction having been under the supervision of Mr. R. A. Pierpont, resident manager.
Miss Sallye Halley was sponsor, Miss Sybil Nehls maid of honor, and Mrs. E. F. Halley matron of honor.
The Campello is a Ferris type of construction of southern yellow pine over steel frame, is of 3300 tons capacity, 284 feet 6 inches long, beam 45 feet, depth of hold 24 feet 3 inches, and will draw 20 feet 10 inches loaded, and a light draft of 7 feet. The boat as launched is 85 per cent complete, and will be fitted completely here and ready for sea by March 15th.

This is a banner day in the history of the Louisiana Shipbuilding Corporation, as they also succeeded in delivering the S. S. Buchanan, launched Nov. 10, 1918 and outfit here, and which left here on Feb. 3, 1919, but was unable to get through shallow water in Bayou Bonfouca until today.
As General Manager S. C. Jenkins with the S. S. Buchanan, Secretary-Treasurer E. F. Halley was master of ceremonies, with Supt. C. H. Godard in active charge of the launching. As stated, the Campello is 85 per cent complete, with practically all machinery installed under the direction of General Foreman E. Theob.
Two other steel ships of like construction are under way and will be launched within the next ninety days, the Mankato and Bethpage.
The construction of ships by the Louisiana Shipbuilding Corporation at Shidell is especially commended by the U. S. Shipping Board, who, we are advised, state they are the best steel ships constructed in the South.

BAPTIST CAMPAIGN PROGRESS- ING FINE.

From every section of Louisiana comes the encouraging news of large contributions being made to the \$200,000 campaign for the Baptist Bible Institute of New Orleans. The fashion of "over the top" and still going has a contagion about it that is becoming state-wide.
Many churches with large apportionments have already raised their full quota and more. Big business men throughout the State are recognizing the merits of this institute and large gifts ranging from \$1000 upwards are being made.
The great mass of the Bible constituents of Louisiana, however, are men and women of ordinary financial standing. These are responding in a sacrificial and large hearted way. Thousands of dollars are being gathered in from the small contributor.
Many people are contributing bonds of previous issue. These afford a fine opportunity for those who have been patriotic to the Government in the stress of the recent war and who are unable to contribute cash in the present appeal.

LIST OF DEAD LETTERS.

Following is the list of dead letters remaining in the Covington post office:
Mrs. A. A. Alphonso, Mrs. Prossly Ard, Mrs. Lucy E. Brown, Miss Pink Borchu, Courtney Booker, Miss Louise Burks, J. B. Caslor, Miss Rose Carlet, John Carnon, Miss Larmay Conke 2, Addie Decker, Will Fountain, Edwin Gaspard, C. C. Hart, Leander Hewitt, Mts Dollie Johnson, Jim Johnson, Miss Velma Jones, Leon Kinney, Mrs. M. E. Martin, Mrs. L. Martin, Miss Louise Roberts, Mrs. Margain Sharp, Willie Sharp.

JACOB SEILER.

Postmaster.

NOTICE.

Public notice is hereby given that the next examination for teachers' certificates will be held at the office of the Superintendent on March 31 and April 1 and 2 for whites, and April 3, 4, and 5 for colored.
ELMER E. LYON,
Superintendent.

ITEMS OF INTEREST AT JAHNCKE SHIPYARDS IN MADISONVILLE

Items of interest to the shipbuilders and public in general will be published in this column each week, and those who have interesting news and local notes can forward same to the Editorial Department Jahncke Shipbuilding Corporation, and they will be handled by them. Notes should be in so as to be mailed every Wednesday, otherwise they will be held over until the next week.
E. F. CADDIN,
Editor-in-Chief.

The Jahncke Shipbuilding Plant is the Mecca for men of all trades living in St. Tammany and adjoining parishes. The skilled workmanship, and efficiency of its force of employees, is reflected in the substantial construction in every detail of three splendid ships. This accomplishment it strikes us should be an incentive to the citizens and "town fathers" to take some action in the matter of improving their streets, so as to prove to the strangers within their gates, that they too are abreast of the times, and the best of the spirit that animated their fellows in the construction of these fine ships. He who hesitates is lost. Now commence at once to circulate street improvement propaganda and every person will assist you who is not a slacker. We observed that during the fire last Thursday, which destroyed two houses, two very necessary things are needed—a fire engine and good streets—and we had neither.

Too much praise cannot be given to Mr. Louis Stockfeth, plant guard marshal at the Jahncke Shipyard, for the mastery and very successful manner in which he handled the fire fighters on last Thursday when two houses caught fire and burned down in the north end of Madisonville, known as "Skeeterville."
Mr. Malloy, general superintendent of the ship yard, was equal to the emergency, and when the alarm of fire was sounded he knocked off the yard and gave orders to his entire force to fight the fire to a finish. These determined men only needed a trained fireman to direct them and such a man was found in the person of Mr. Louis Stockfeth. He worked with might and main, and it was largely due to his efforts that the fire did not spread, as on that day there was a very high wind blowing. Madisonville feels proud of Louis and would like to adopt him as one of her sons.

A number of the presidents of Houltonville who are employees in the ship yard, have stated that at present the school is closed in Houltonville. About twenty children for that reason cannot attend school. The parents would appreciate it if the Parish School Board would look into this matter and find out if a teacher can be obtained for Houltonville.
The Jahncke Recreation Club is growing rapidly and new members are joining every day. All kinds of games, music and writing paper are available and the employees of the yard should take advantage of this place to spend their evenings.

Friends and patients of Dr. Grimmer are glad to learn that he has recovered from the flu and has resumed his practice here.
Tramp! Tramp! the boys were marching, marching home at 2 a. m. The night was cold, but not dark nor stormy, and the moon shone clearly but the boys soon became weary as they marched along, Madisonville bound. Some were Hill Billys by birth, some by choice.
Hark, ye Covington lassies, we like thee well, and thy dances of the K. of C. was of such splendor that we will not soon forget, but the Hole E road from Covington south-bound is not conducive of that which is best with in our gentle selves, for as we squaddered right on one of the moon-lit corners of the road of Hole E Mess one of our number mentioned the fact that we were passing a haunted house, wherein once upon a time there dwelled an ancient Indian Chief who had committed suicide when he first beheld the Pine Knots and Hill Billies, but before he died he called upon his spirit to haunt his old place of abode and to frighten all Pine Knots and Hill Billies until their teeth chattered and their knees knocked. The mental state of the marching Billies can be imagined. One of the brave lads, Pons by name, saw a window of the house close without making any noise. Calceas, a stalwart lad, observed that the house seemed to float in mid air. He raised his voice and called out, "Dan Vinet, who seems to take great pleasure in writing about others who have been patriotic to the Government in the stress of the recent war and who are unable to contribute cash in the present appeal."

Thursday, Feb. 13, 1919, at 8:10 p. m. Douglas Pons (Would Be Wicked) bought a jar of Rosaline nail polish, and he wanted to buy something else but the whole gang was there. Oh you lip sticks!
Gus Dietrich, for some reason or other, seems to take it for granted that Listerine can be used for the hair, curing of corns, and other ailments. Be careful Gus, we advise you to consult a specialist.

We have just received word of a great discovery. One of our smart set has discovered that there is such a person in existence as a Hill Billy Vamp. She exists in a manner different from the Pine Knot Vamp in that she only vanps the Covington lads, that is, so far she has not tried to bewilder any of our Hill Billy lads.
Godfred Calceas, the world-renowned tight rope and slack wire performer, appeared in an exhibition last Sunday night which ended his career as a performer. He tried to walk up a telephone pole but got a bad start. He explained his failure by saying it was his first attempt at pole walking.

Every one wants to know who the young man is that had his picture taken last Sunday in a "tin Lizzie" with a young lady standing on the running board looking at him as if he were IT.
Who is the young lady that had a day dream the night of the K. of C. dance at Covington. Alice where art thou?

Bill Sunday says give your enemy a chance. I did once but got a belt in the jaw.
Last Saturday's pavilion dance greatly resembled a question and answer department so many questions were asked regarding the Pine Knot Vamp. Am I the Vamp? Is that she with the blue dress on? No, she here tonight? and so on. No, my dear young ladies, you are not she, because the Vamp did not appear Saturday night. We suppose that she contented herself with the vamping in Covington and that she forsook us for the time being.

Did you see the young man with the St. Patrick's Day necktie? He was very much in evidence at last Saturday's dance. He had a rainbow handkerchief which he said belonged to a girl. We wonder if this handkerchief is one of the charms of the Pine Knot Vamp or the Hill Billy Vamp.
We have just received word that all Vamps use highly perfumed handkerchiefs. It is possible that the Greenneckie Kid did have some Vamp charm.

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some of the names that I heard being Eddie Carlson, Louis Stockfeth, Devaney, Pons, Morgan, Moreau, Neyrey and SCALDES.
The writer was unable to determine just what the men were doing and judging from their line of talk he does not think that they knew themselves. Nevertheless the game—pardon me—I mean the conversation kept on. The first words spoken were, "let's use the Baby Lima Beans," then some one said "let's make them five cents each." The night was dark and stormy, the rain fell and so did the beans—but not in value—sometimes to the floor, sometimes to the table. The faces of the players—pardon me again—I mean the men, wore an anxious look.
The words "four beans call," "three twos, out," "four beans call," rang out on the mid-night air. The writer thinking that some horrible conspiracy was going on whereby the price of beans would be raised to five cents each and thus send up the costs of living, he went to retire for the night only to dream of the days of his childhood when beans were a poor man's food and not the luxury that these plotters would like to make them.

Some one wants to know if Mr. Sciles weighed the beans after the game was over.
She came down from Covington last Sunday. She and several others rode around in a machine past his place of abode, but he was busily occupied in studying his part for a second production of the famous drama, "Shake, Rattle and Roll."

Mr. E. F. Caddin, mariner of the Tchefuncta, attempted to cross over from Houltonville with a skiff load of lumber which was green oak. The skiff was being towed by the seaworthy Henpecko and encountered high seas which swept her fore and aft, and the skiff suddenly capsized and the green oak sunk to the bottom. The old mariner was dazed for a while, and when he came to began to think that he was the victim of some Hun conspiracy. He had intended to use the green oak for the making of life preservers.

Dan Vinet, who is the young lady that said you reminded her of Bill! Get busy boy, change your name to Bill.
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