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GENERAL NEWS NUBS

Twenty Reported Killed in Train Wreck Near Houston, Texas. John Wanamaker Dead.

Two Airplanes Collide in Mid Air. \$10,000,000 Fire Reported. Snows in Northwest.

Dave Treadway, federal officer, was shot and killed by moonshiners Sunday near Mount Sterling, Ky.

Seven fires, all of unknown origin, late last Saturday night, resulted in an estimated loss of \$20,000 in Monroe, Mich.

Fire that originated at the Culver Military Academy Tuesday afternoon caused a loss in Culver, Ind., estimated at \$200,000.

Eight bandits held up the Mayor Storage and Van Company, in Chicago, yesterday and escaped with a truck load of liquor.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Sawyer, of Temple, Texas, were killed Sunday when their automobile was struck by a Santa Fe train near that place.

A lone highwayman held up J. B. Smith, of Nacogdoches, Texas, Tuesday and took \$300 in currency and \$100 in checks from his victim.

Ed Jett, of San Antonio, Texas, was fatally injured when the automobile in which he was riding turned over, six miles south of Austin, that state, early Tuesday.

The 49th anniversary of the founding of Texarkana, Ark., was celebrated by residents of that city last Saturday. It is claimed the city's population is now 30,000.

A few minutes after he had been served with divorce papers, Charles Williams, of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, ended his life Monday by hanging himself in his garage.

Daniel McIntyre was killed at Gary, Ind., Sunday, while standing on top of a trolley car, when his head came in contact with the heavily charged trolley wire above.

During the fiscal year ending last June, according to the annual report of the Commissioner of Patents, just issued, there were 107,650 applications for new patents.

A news item of the week says Eugene Bernice, sixty-three year old street cleaner, of Elizabeth, N. J., has become the heir of a \$1,000,000 estate left by his wife's brother.

Miss Veve Divan, of Monroe, Wis., during the past season won nearly 100 ribbons and gathered in more than \$500 in cash prizes by showing her six pigs at county fairs.

Robert E. Duff, federal prohibition agent, was shot and killed from ambush in a battle with alleged moonshiners in the hills near Mount Sterling, Ky., last Saturday.

The Tristate Medical Society meeting was brought to a close in Marshall, Texas, Thursday of last week. Texarkana was selected as the next meeting place of the society.

Les Smith, a negro, who shot and probably fatally wounded Deputy Sheriff Gran Farish, of Morrilton, Ark., last Saturday night, was taken from jail and lynched near that place.

Six persons were injured, one perhaps fatally, and the lives of a dozen others endangered in a series of automobile collisions and accidents in Dallas, Texas, Thursday of last week.

One man was killed, two policemen were wounded, one probably fatally, and a companion of the dead man is in a hospital, as the result of a shooting affray at Crestline, Ohio, Sunday night.

Five persons dead and six injured in the toll of the explosion that destroyed four mills and several smaller buildings of the Black Diamond Powder Company's plant at Suscon, Pa., last Saturday.

The new moving picture machine recently bought for the public schools of Lufkin, Texas, by business men, was operated for the first time last Friday night in the high school auditorium of that place.

A news item from Washington, D. C., says James Couzens, of Detroit, appointed by Governor Groesbeck, of Michigan, to succeed former Senator Newberry, took the oath of office Thursday of last week.

Roy Counts, of Mulberry, Ark., and C. B. Marier, of Fort Smith, that state, arrested in Longview, Texas, one day last week, confessed that they had stolen a Coffeyville, Kans., automobile, which they later drove to Oklahoma City, Little Rock, Texarkana and Shreveport. They were taken back to Kansas for trial.

When Charlie Gordon, of Longview, Texas, was taken to his home last Saturday night after having been injured by a fall from a building where he was working, he found that his wife had fallen down the stairway at home, and that shortly after she had been found in bed and medical assistance summoned his aged mother fell through a hole in the back porch and was badly injured. All these accidents occurred

within one hour and had no connection with each other.

Six feet of snow was reported on the ground at Rockdale, Wash., last Saturday.

James B. Robinson, of Birmingham, Ala., was killed Sunday in an automobile collision in that city.

Fred Bunker, a shot firer, was killed Tuesday night when a dust explosion wrecked the Mohawk (Ind.) coal mine.

As the result of three dams in Iron River being washed out Tuesday, the town of Iron River, Wis., is flooded.

John Wanamaker, the internationally known department store owner, died Tuesday morning at his Philadelphia home; aged eighty-four years.

Governor Lee Russell, of Mississippi, has been acquitted of the breach of promise charges brought against him by Miss Frances Birkhead, his former secretary, in her \$100,000 damage suit.

Dennis Bowles, of Marshall, Texas, was accidentally shot and badly wounded one day last week by Harrell Moore, his cousin, also of Marshall, while the two were hunting near that place.

Harrison Blanton, twenty-four years old, shot and instantly killed Paul Heron on the Court House steps, at Grayson, Ky., last Saturday a few minutes after Heron had been acquitted of killing Blanton's father.

R. L. Kelley, fifteen years old, of Lufkin, Texas, was killed Friday night of last week while riding a freight train near that place when he attempted to pass from a flat car to a box car and fell beneath the cars.

One participant and two bystanders, a girl and an infant, were shot and killed at Meadowbrook, W. Va., Sunday night as the consequence of an argument between Joseph Leussli and his brother-in-law, James Alilo.

Three unmasked bandits obtained \$96,000 and shot Thomas F. A. Henry, credit manager of the Dover National Bank, in a holdup staged in the main lobby of the Livestock Exchange Building in Kansas City Tuesday.

Stewart S. Lynch, nineteen-year-old high school student, of Nashville, Tenn., was shot and killed last Saturday night by J. J. Evans, a shop keeper of that city, when the boy and his two companions attempted to hold Evans up.

As the result of two aeroplanes colliding in mid air at Langely Field, near Newport News, Va., some days ago Maj. Guy L. Gearhart, of Leavenworth, Kan.; Captain Benton A. Doyle, of St. Louis, Mo., and four enlisted men are dead.

Joel Jensen, of New York, was killed and five others were seriously injured last Saturday when a compressed air tank aboard the steamship Fitzee exploded while the vessel was being overhauled in a Brooklyn, N. Y., ship yard.

The capital cities of the republics of Central America will soon be linked together by airplane service for passengers and mails, if ambitious plans to this end, encouraged by the government of Honduras, are carried out successfully.

As a result of a campaign to curtail accidents 281 persons were found guilty of traffic law regulations in Los Angeles, Calif., during the last two weeks of November and have served or are now serving jail terms of from one to one hundred days.

Charles Wright, a negro, accused of the murder of Miss Ruby Hendry, a young school teacher, at Perry, Fla., and who confessed his crime after being captured, was taken from the authorities by a mob and burned at a stake last Friday night.

A heavy snow fall in the Cascade Mountains resulted in the blocking of last Saturday of highways near Seattle, Wash., and delaying two transcontinental trains. Thirty-two inches of snow fell in the Cascades in twelve hours, according to the report.

A well completed in the Smackover Ark., field late Saturday afternoon flowed 18,000 barrels of pipe line oil during the first twenty-four hours following its completion. The depth of the well is reported as 2017 feet, the sand being penetrated at 1917 feet.

The body of J. F. Henderson, of Tyler, Texas, was found one day last week lying near a fence (with a discharged shotgun on the ground beside him) by his brother-in-law, Bob Crow, also of Tyler. Mr. Henderson had gone hunting, and in some manner his gun was discharged as he crossed the fence.

Maine has a new law which prohibits the serving of ice with drinks in hotels and other public eating places, the list of drinks even including drinking water. As a great portion of the state's ice supply comes from rivers and streams that are said to be subject to pollution, it has been pointed out by those in authority that there is danger of the existence of harmful bacteria in the ice.

Radium has dropped \$50,000 a gram in price and the Standard Chemical Company has been forced to close its carboxite properties in Paradox Valley, in Montrose County, Colorado, throwing 250 men out of work, according to an announcement made by officials of the company at Denver some days ago. Discovery of vast deposits of pitchblende in the Belgian Congo is said to be responsible for the decrease in price of

radium, which is said to sell for \$70,000 a gram now, compared with \$120,000 a gram formerly.

John Ray, twenty-eight years old, of Dallas, Texas, was electrocuted yesterday when he came in contact with a live wire.

Through efforts of the club women of Jacksonville, Fla., 4000 half-pint bottles of milk a day are served to the school children of that city.

Fire, originating from a heater in the kitchen caused a loss of \$6000 to be suffered by the owners of the Gnocchio Hotel, in Marshall, Texas, some days ago.

Fire that started Monday night in the Pontiac lumber yard at Pontiac, Mich., caused a loss estimated at \$250,000 before it was brought under control.

A loan of \$10,000,000 from the Government to the Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul Railroad was authorized Tuesday by the Interstate Commerce Commission.

Elmer Qualeo, fireman, and B. A. Broyles, brakeman, both of Grand Junction, Colo., were killed yesterday when a Denver and Rio Grande Western freight train went through a bridge west of Deseret, Utah.

George Gay, a negro, arrested Monday in connection with an alleged attack on a young woman at Streetman, Texas, was shot and killed by a mob in that city that afternoon. More than three hundred shots were fired into the negro's body.

A report from Houston, Texas is to the effect that twenty persons were killed and fifty others injured last night at ten o'clock in a Houston East and West Texas train wreck near Humble, that state, seventeen miles north of Houston.

The Geneva Kathleen, the boat belonging to A. H. Tarver, of Shreveport, which was lost in the Caribbean Sea for seventy days during an autumn storm has returned to Mobile, Ala., on her return trip, according to a report from Mobile Tuesday.

Monday four bandits entered and robbed the bank at Pieru, Calif., of \$6000 and forced C. E. Spencer, its president, and his little daughter to ride with them to Los Angeles, a distance of about 15 miles, according to the bank official's report to Los Angeles police.

Prohibition officers who raided a suite of offices in the Garrick Theater building, of Chicago, Monday seized more than 100 gallons of liquor and arrested two men, said to be the managers of the place. A number of persons who were found drinking in the offices were allowed to go free.

A concrete bridge to cost \$40,000 is to be constructed across Cypress River at Jefferson, Texas, the need of which is felt because of the proposed construction of good roads in Marion County to connect with Harrison County roads. Contract for the construction of the bridge has been awarded.

Charging that the wealthy parents of her young husband, Mr. and Mrs. Lorenzo E. Woodhouse, of New York City, had alienated his affections, Mrs. Dorrit Woodhouse entered suit for \$1,000,000. A Burlington, Vt. jury some days ago awarded her damages in the amount of \$485,000. The case will be appealed.

Fire which swept through the heart of Astoria, the oldest city in Oregon, Friday of last week caused a loss estimated at \$10,000,000. The fire chief has given out the statement that the fire got beyond control because it burned beneath the buildings on pilings upon which the business section of the city was built.

Texas' Attorney General has been requested by the Commissioner of Agriculture of that state to investigate the cause for the alleged exorbitant prices of cotton seed meal and hulls in the Lone Star State. The mill owners are accused of profiteering, according to report, \$16 to \$18 per ton being asked for hulls and \$30 to \$55 per ton for meal.

A Washington dispatch of Tuesday reads: "This year's cotton production is the smallest in twenty years, excepting last season's small crop, but based on farm prices of December 1st it is the fourth most valuable ever grown, with an aggregate of \$1,134,098,356, not including the value of lint cotton and cotton seed, which will total many millions of dollars more."

A family of four was wiped out and the mother of three children was killed when a motor car in which they were riding plunged off a culvert into a ditch filled with water near Oklahoma City, Okla., last Saturday night. Also, three children and their father were injured. The blinding light of another automobile is said to have been responsible for the catastrophe. Those who lost their lives were pinned beneath the car and were drowned.

Two officers and ten men of the 17th Infantry, Oklahoma National Guard, were ordered to Madill Monday night to protect state and local officials who are investigating the operations of a gang of automobile thieves. The detachment is made up of members of a machine gun company of Ardmore. This step became necessary, it is claimed, because of threats made against the lives of the officers engaged in running down the thieves.

FROM OVER THE STATE

Haynesville Becomes Home of New Million-Dollar Oil Company. Labor Agents Operating.

Shreveport May Get Cotton Mill. Fire Destroys Monroe Dairy. State Fair Dates Named.

Robert Marshall Churchman, aged eighty years, Confederate veteran, died yesterday at his home in Cedar Grove.

Harry C. Barnes, of Monroe, joined the Navy at Shreveport Monday. He has been sent to San Francisco, Calif. for training.

It has been announced from New Orleans that Catholic laymen of the state have organized to make fight against the Ku Klux Klan.

A news item from Jonesville says Cathoula Parish has signed 300 bales above the quota set by the Louisiana Farm Bureau Association.

Leon S. Mitchell, wanted at Delhi for the killing of his father-in-law, W. D. Lewis, two years ago, is now in the Richland Parish jail. He was arrested in Oklahoma some days ago.

The wife and three small children of Mankie Spillers, of Columbia, who disappeared from that place, have been located near El Dorado, Ark., according to a report received in Columbia.

The Fifth Congressional District Medical Association, composed of physicians from fourteen or more parishes in North Louisiana, held its semi-annual convention in Monroe Tuesday.

The Greenhouse Dairy, located near Monroe, and ninety-seven head of fine blooded jersey cows were lost in a fire that occurred at midnight Saturday night. The total loss is estimated at \$25,000.

Pete Joseph, thirty years old, of Cut Off Junction, was shot and badly wounded Sunday by Caddo Parish deputy sheriff in an attempt to evade arrest when surprised by the officers while making a run at his whiskey still.

Judge Joseph A. Breaux, eighty-two years old, of New Orleans, former Chief Justice of the Louisiana Supreme Court, was knocked down by a truck in that city last Saturday. At first he was thought to have been seriously injured, but his injuries are slight.

Mayor Arnold Bernstein and H. R. Speed and Joseph Biedehorn, city commissioners, announce that they will have a Christmas present to offer to Monroe residents in the shape of the completion of the paving of the entire business district of the municipality.

A news item of the week says the Shreveport-El Dorado (Ark.) Pipe Line Company is extending its pipe line leading from the El Dorado field to Shreveport to the new north field in Union County, and expects to be running oil through it by the first of the new year.

Considerable activity in the purchase of oil royalties is reported from the Arcadia section. According to the report, the demand is for a one-thirty-second royalty and the prevailing price \$12.50 an acre. A showing of heavy oil in a Brenville Parish test has prompted the transfers.

Isaac Wahlder, of Alexandria, said to be the youngest lawyer ever graduated from the law department of Tulane University (New Orleans) because of the age qualification was unable to practice for a time. He was twenty-one years of age Thursday of last week and was that day presented in court.

One white man and two negroes were killed and several others were seriously wounded Saturday morning in a pitched land and water battle at Ducktown, between Mississippi labor agents and Louisiana planters, following an attempt of the agents to remove negro laborers from plantations on the Louisiana side of the Mississippi River.

Workmen at Alexandria while digging a ditch one day last week unearthed the skeleton of a man five feet below the surface. In the back of the skull were found two holes, thought to be bullet holes. In the coffin in which the body was buried was found a Canadian quarter minted during 1901 and another coin so corroded that it could not be identified.

An oil company with a paid in capital of \$1,000,000 and with Haynesville as its headquarters, has just been organized. The new organization followed the dissolution of partnership of Smitherman & McDonald and is to be known as Smitherman & McDonald, Incorporated. The officers are R. G. Smitherman, president; L. L. McDonald, vice-president, and C. B. Smitherman, secretary and treasurer.

It is planned that the Louisiana Baptist Orphanage be removed from its present site, in Lake Charles, to the Kansas plantation, four miles east of Monroe. According to report, the Baptist churches of the state hope to put \$250,000 into the new buildings of the institution and that \$125,000 will be spent in this direction during the first months of the new year. Also, according to the report, \$75,000 donated through Shreveport's Baptist churches

is now available and it is thought an additional \$25,000 can be raised in Monroe.

A total of twenty-six students from Caddo Parish are registered in all departments of the University of Louisiana this year.

A report from Bogalusa states that Dr. E. O. Ware, of New Orleans, was elected president of the Louisiana State Baptist Convention while the convention was in annual session in that city.

Eighteen robed and hooded klansmen marched into the Methodist tabernacle in Alexandria, Sunday night shortly before the service began and presented \$52 to Rev. C. V. Briethaupt, the pastor.

Joseph Sonnenberg, oldest prohibition enforcement officer in Louisiana, and Henry Harmeyley, another oldtimer, were asked to resign by Federal Prohibition Director J. D. Taylor. Both complied.

Young Gilroy, sixteen years old, was killed, Onezime Fontenot, town marshal, was badly wounded and Oze Morin was perhaps fatally wounded in a fight that occurred in Marion one night last week. All were residents of the Union Parish town.

The farm women and girls of Ouachita Parish made \$5336.20 by selling vegetables, preserves, canned products, jams, jellies and other delicacies made from farm products, according to the annual report of Mrs. Jewell McQuillier, Ouachita home demonstration agent.

A news item of yesterday from De Ridder, says, as the result of an oil train wreck, a great fire has been raging for two days on the Santa Fe Railroad near Ikes. Fourteen oil tanks went into the ditch, twelve of which, together with their contents, are virtually a total loss.

Shreveport.

An office has been opened in Shreveport by the Globe National Detective Agency.

The 1923 State Fair will be held in Shreveport October 18th to 28th, inclusive.

Shreveport's 1923 budget will show receipts and disbursements totalling slightly more than \$700,000.

A sale of goods made by disabled soldiers of the World War, held in Shreveport last Saturday netted the sum of \$150.

The store of George Hawkins, 1031 1/2 Christian Street, was entered some nights ago and a quantity of groceries and cigarettes stolen, according to a report to Shreveport police.

Shreveport's new library building will be completed and open to the public by next April. It has been announced, and a "book day" for its benefit has been suggested by residents of the city.

According to information given out from Shreveport's weather bureau, that city experienced its hottest December day in forty-nine years last Friday. The official high registration for the day was 83 degrees.

Residents of Shreveport expect to celebrate Christmas by joining in the singing of old carols, which is to say that a vesper service under the municipal Christmas tree on the Court House square is being planned for Christmas Eve.

Lee Kinnebrew, Shreveport oil man, residing at 2138 Highland Avenue, was held up by a lone highwayman at the Travis Street entrance to the Youree Hotel at nine o'clock Thursday night of last week. The thug took \$22 and escaped.

Inquiry has been received by the Shreveport Chamber of Commerce from a Northern bonding company as to what Shreveport's attitude would be toward the establishment of a cotton mill necessitating an outlay of more than \$1,000,000,000, a portion of the bonds to be sold locally.

According to John McWilliams Ford, of Shreveport, unless public spirited residents of the state make concerted effort to prevent it, there is danger that the course of the Jefferson Highway will be diverted from the state. According to Mr. Ford, effort in such direction has been made before, "and it has only been through hard fighting that the course has not been changed." The highway, already constructed, leads from Winnipeg, Manitoba, to New Orleans.

Prominent Men Ask for Pardons.

A New Orleans dispatch appearing in Tuesday morning's dailies reads:

"A liquor case from North Louisiana which has attracted the attention of three states came to the Pardon Board Monday, when Baxter S. Brasswell, of Ruston, banker and former candidate for State Treasurer, and P. W. Baskerville, who were convicted in the district court of having liquor in their possession and were sentenced November 9th to pay a fine of \$500 and serve thirty days in jail, asked for a pardon.

State Senator Howard B. Warren, of Ruston, represented the two accused. The trial judge refused to recommend the pardon. The case is now up to Lieutenant-Governor Bouchaud and Judge A. V. Coco, Attorney General.

This is the regular Christmas session of the pardon board. Consideration of thirty-three country cases began this afternoon."

State Authorities Plan Important Road Links

The Louisiana authorities have definitely agreed on interstate highway connections with Texas, Arkansas and Mississippi, according to a Baton Rouge dispatch appearing in Monday's dailies. These are the chief results of the conferences held in Kansas City last week by James M. Fourny, state highway engineer, and W. H. Rhodes, maintenance engineer, with engineers from other states.

The decisions will result in the completion of the Spanish Trail across Southern Louisiana through Lake Charles and crossing the Sabine River into Texas; the Jefferson Highway, Shreveport and west to the Texas line; the Dixie Overland Highway, from Vicksburg to Shreveport, where it connects with the Jefferson Highway for Texas; the Pelican Highway, from Alexandria through Ruston and Arkansas near the Union and Claiborne Parish line; the Ozark Highway from Baton Rouge north to the Mississippi line and from opposite Natchez to the Arkansas line; near the Mississippi River the Pershing Highway, north from Alexandria to Monroe and thence to the Arkansas line; the Baton Rouge, Hammond and Sildell Highway on to the Mississippi line in St. Tammany Parish, and the Shreveport-Arkansas Highway, from Shreveport to the Arkansas line on the way to Texarkana.

Beside these interstate connections others will be made at many points along the Beauregard Highway, between Lake Charles and Shreveport, from the Ozark Highway, leading from North Louisiana to Natchez, Miss.

The New Oil Boom.

A clipping from last week's issue of the Mansfield Enterprise, published under the heading above made use of, reads:

"The recent bringing in of the second producing oil well by Tarver et al., on the Wright Rock lease in section 32, township 12 of range 11, has brought about something like an active oil boom in this parish, and there is a big demand for leases in the new field.

"The first well on the Wright Rock lease was brought in during October as a 400-barrel producer, and is still flowing at the rate of about 120 barrels per day. This created some considerable interest, and an offset was at once started on the J. W. Matthews lease, 400 feet north of the first Wright Rock well, and the Tarver people started a second well on the Wright Rock lease, 400 feet south of the first well. The Fortuna people also renewed drilling on an uncompleted well 400 feet east of the Rock No. 1, so that there were three offsets started, 400 feet north, east and south of Rock No. 1. The first of these offsets to come in was Rock No. 1, which came in a few days since as a 1300-barrel producer. This added interest to the situation, and an active demand for leases at a big price was at once started, but there is so much faith in the new field by the land and lease holders that there have been few transfers, although big offers have been made. The offset on the Matthews lease will be brought in this week, as on Sunday last they had only about 70 feet to go, but were in a hard soapstone foundation. The formation in this well is exactly the same as that of the Rock wells, and as it is only 400 feet north of the Rock wells it is very probable that they will get a producer."

Big Ku Klux Rally.

Mansfield Enterprise, 7th.]

On Thanksgiving Day the Ku Klux Klan at Baton Rouge initiated 437 new members. In a pasture near that city. About 5000 people witnessed the ceremony and there would have been more but for the want of adequate transportation. While the big outdoor show was in progress Governor Parker was delivering an address to about a thousand school teachers, in which he attacked the Klan in measured terms.

The course that the governor has seen proper to pursue in this matter is humiliating to his friends, who realize that he is absolutely sincere in his views, but feel that he has gone off half cocked, because he does not know a thing about what he is talking about.

We all know that the law is now better enforced in Louisiana than it ever was before, which is to be attributed largely to the courageous convictions of our Governor, who has both the moral and personal courage to advocate what he believes to be right, and for the best interest of the State, but all this talk of the past of the Governor amounting to unmasking the Klan is absurd, and will not amount to a row of pins. We may be like the Governor and not know a thing about what we are talking about, but we consider the Klan to be the most useful organization in the nation, and it is undoubtedly composed of only the very best class of our citizens.

To condemn the Klan is to condemn all that is worth while in the South, and particularly in Louisiana, and if the Governor was better informed he would see things in an altogether different light.

It is said that the Governor will hold a public examination to learn the true facts about the Klan, and if he learns the truth we feel sure that he will realize he has been humbugged with reference to the matter, and that he has the moral courage to say so.