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GENERAL NEWS NUBS

Katy's Lines Sold for \$6,500,000.
Opposition to German Loans.
Woman Mayor in West.

Bank Robbery Nets Thugs \$200,000.
Mexicali Suffers Big Fire.
Two Trains Collide.

Mrs. Carrie Barnett is the new mayor of Union Gap, Wash.

Beavers of Alaska are reported to be felling telephone poles where the poles stand near the waterways.

One man, a shot firer, was entombed last Saturday when Deering mine No. 8, near Clinton, Ind., was wrecked by a dust explosion.

Miss Lucille Atcherson, claimed to be the first woman ever appointed in the United States diplomatic corps, received the oath of office in Columbus, Ohio, last Saturday.

Thomas Walsh, labor leader, was acquitted of a charge of murder by a Chicago jury Sunday. He was arrested following the killing of two men on the streets of Chicago a year ago.

Yeags entered the postoffice at Pachuca, Miss., Friday night of last week and after blowing the safe escaped with money and stamps, the total value of which has not been determined.

Dr. R. A. Milliken, of Pasadena, Calif., has been awarded the 1922 Edison medal for meritorious experimental achievements in electrical science by the American Institute of Architects.

Four masked bandits held up a jewelry store at Independence, Kans., Tuesday night and escaped in an automobile with diamonds valued at \$15,000, according to a report from that place.

S. S. Dorwart, of Chicago, assistant treasurer of the Rock Island Railroad, died on a train in Kansas Friday of last week. Mr. Dorwart was seventy years old and was nationally known in railroad circles.

Since Mrs. Clara Phillips, hammer nurseries, escaped from a jail in Los Angeles, Calif., rewards totaling \$3000 have been offered for her recapture. Of this sum \$2000 is offered by the Los Angeles Examiner.

After murdering Juan Gonzales, watchman at the Mexico Theatre, in Los Angeles, Calif., bandits kidnaped a fire which swept half a block adjoining the theatre, causing a property loss estimated at \$100,000.

A report from Seattle, Wash., states the mayor of that city has signed an ordinance calling for five-cent street car fare to go into effect March 1st next. The former rate, for more than two years, was 8-13 cents.

Federal Judge Jack, of New York, Thursday of last week appointed a receiver in equity for the Metropolitan Publications Corporation, publishing the Metropolitan Magazine, with a bond of \$5000, on petition of the National Rotary Company, who presented a claim for \$5000.

The official weather reports give Sunday a wide range of temperature in the United States. At Devil's Lake, N. D., the mercury reached 24 degrees below zero, and at Miami, Fla., during mid day, it climbed up to 74 degrees above.

At Medicine Hat, Canada, the official observation was 34 degrees below zero.

A news item from Washington, D. C., says objection to immediate action on the nomination of Walter L. Cohen, an negro, to be Controller of Customs at New Orleans, was made by Senator Blandell, of Louisiana, Friday of last week.

OUT OF THE ORDINARY.

From the Dearborn Independent.]

White ants are destroying the beautiful old temples of Nikko, Japan. The temples, built of wood, sculptured and incised, are going fast under the attacks of the insects.

Every pint of brandy a steady drinker takes shortens his life by 11 hours, and the average drinker consumes curbs his earthy sojourn by 25 minutes, according to statistics compiled by scientists of Denmark.

Colorado has a silver highway. The material of the highway from Durango to Silverton was taken from the dump piles of abandoned silver mines. The hard surface of the highway contains an appreciable amount of silver in its native state.

In addition to a prison sentence for speeders, a Detroit municipal judge has the violators taken through the children's ward of Receiving Hospital that they may see at close hand what suffering the speed craze has wrought. The judge also promises to take the speeders to the county morgue, there to view those who have been killed by reckless drivers.

Three beautiful lakes, covering several acres, have been discovered in northern Colorado in the land of sand dunes. A forest ranger of the San Isabel National Forest found buried bones, stone bowls, carved pedestals and arrowheads in profusion on the dune shores, proving that at one time Indians inhabited the region. The lakes are situated among the sand

week when the Senate Commerce Committee took up the appointment.

More than 300,000,000 board feet of lumber were used in the manufacture of automobiles last year.

A solid train of fourteen cars of silk, valued at \$5,000,000, recently made an unbroken trip from Seattle, Wash., to New York.

Mrs. Anna Catolda and her nine-year-old son, of New York, were stabbed to death and their home set on fire early last Saturday.

Jesse M. Overton, fifty-nine years old, of Nashville, Tenn., was killed last Saturday when his automobile collided with a street car in that city.

A report from Tyler, Texas, is to the effect that the Peoples Guaranty State Bank, of that city, has increased its capital stock from \$100,000 to \$150,000.

James O. Davidson, Governor of Wisconsin from 1906 to 1911, died in Madison, that state, last Saturday afternoon, after an illness of several months.

Compulsory vaccination in Denver, Colo., as a prevention of smallpox, was recently declared in effect. Within a few weeks there were 100 deaths in that city from smallpox.

A tourist in passing through four states recently was required to purchase four different sets of lenses that the headlights of his automobile might comply with the state laws.

The first woman in Wisconsin to head any of the important state commissions is Mrs. Charles A. Kading, who has been chosen chairman of the state civil service commission.

Unable to quickly learn English, Julio Garcia, of Havana, Cuba, a student at the Chamberlain Hunt Academy, Port Gibson, Miss., committed suicide Sunday by hanging himself in his room.

Two youthful bandits, operating in Salt Lake City, Utah, Sunday, perhaps fatally wounded Miss Roylance Fitzgerald, of Draper, that state, filled two automobiles with bullets and stole two others.

Lott Flannery, a sculptor, of Washington, D. C., best known for his statue of Lincoln, which was recently placed before the Court House in that city, died Tuesday at the age of eighty-eight years.

An addition to the Ouachita County (Ark.) Court House, to cost approximately \$10,000, is being planned and an architect has been engaged to draw the plans, according to a report from Camden, that state.

Sidney Eanes and H. B. Wiggins, both eleven years old, of Georgetown, Texas, were seriously injured last Saturday when a radio wire they were stringing came in contact with a 2200-volt electric light wire.

The naval appropriation bill, carrying \$325,000,000 for the maintenance of the naval establishment during the fiscal year beginning July 1st next, was passed by the House of Representatives without a record vote Monday night, says a Washington, D. C., dispatch.

The Missouri, Kansas and Texas railroad lines in Texas were sold to J. W. Selligman & Company and Hall Garten & Company, of New York, at Sherman Junction, Texas, Friday of last week, for a consideration of \$6,500,100, according to a report from Denison, Texas.

After shooting and killing Charles Linton, guard at the Denver (Colo.) branch of the Kansas City Federal Reserve Bank, Monday morning, seven bandits stole \$200,000 in currency and escaped after waging a gun-battle with armed guards on duty at the United States mint. One of the bandits was perhaps seriously wounded by a govern-

ment guard, but made his escape with his companions in a high-powered automobile.

Three men are dead as the result of a quarrel over a flock of turkeys Monday at Harrisonburg, Va.

Twenty-five persons were injured last Saturday night when a passenger train plowed into a stalled train in New York.

R. L. Cunningham, of Lufkin, Texas, has announced the purchase of a site in that city for the erection of a modern and fully equipped laundry.

Lynnan Rhea and Joseph Bert, of Tracy, Tenn., fought a duel with knives Tuesday, the former being cut to death and the latter probably fatally wounded.

As the result of a boiler explosion at the Webb saw mill, near Van Buren, Ark., late last Saturday afternoon, Toke Brewer, Lawrence Henson and Henry Basham are dead.

Sol Johnson, a negro, accused of the murder of G. W. Landers, a merchant, of Eylan, Texas, last February, was found guilty by a jury last Saturday and sentenced to be hanged.

At a special meeting held in Houston, Texas, Monday, the stockholders of the Humble Oil and Refining Company, announced an increase in capital stock from \$25,000,000 to \$43,750,000.

Thomas L. Bird, of St. Paul, Minn., who won fame as a bicycle racer, dropped dead at Harve, Mont., some days ago. He claimed to have ridden more than 100,000 miles on a bicycle.

In London any person surviving a suicide pact is guilty of murder, according to a decision handed down by the Lord Chief Justice of England, and must pay the penalty, which is death.

A fireman and a mess attendant are reported missing as the result of a fire followed by an explosion, which swept the steamship Valva, in the Robbins dry docks, at Brooklyn, N. Y., last Saturday.

According to a report from Magnolia, Ark., work will begin the first week in January on the construction of a new Methodist church in that city. The proposed cost of the building is said to be \$35,000.

Outspoken opposition has developed at the national capital to the proposed loan to Germany "or to any plan for sending additional funds to Europe," according to a news dispatch sent out the first of the week.

A speed of 1200 miles an hour will be possible in aircraft within the next twenty-five years, according to Professor F. W. Pawlowski, of the aeronautical engineering department of the University of Michigan.

The body of Mrs. A. M. Chastain, of Madill, Okla., was found last Saturday night in the flames of her burning home. It is believed she was murdered for her money and jewelry and the house fired by the thief to hide the crime.

A dispatch from Los Angeles, Calif., is to the effect that bandits obtained between \$3000 and \$4000 in robberies at two banks in that city Monday and missed \$15,000 at a cafeteria when they became frightened by the screaming of a girl employe.

The Methodist Preachers' Association of Southern California has asked the Los Angeles City Commission to appoint a commission of men and women to make a thorough investigation of the use of habit-forming drugs in that city. The movie industry at Hollywood, grown to be a big thing to the state, is thus threatened, it is claimed.

Alvin Clark, of Easton, Mo., and William Kramer, were arrested in St. Joseph, Mo., Monday and, according to the police at that place, confessed to the wrecking of a Burlington passenger train east of Sixton, that state, Tuesday night of last week. Robbery is thought to have been the motive for wrecking the train, but the boy bandits became frightened and fled.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Y. Wheeler, of El Reno, Okla., some days ago celebrated their seventy-third wedding anniversary. Mr. Wheeler, now ninety-seven years of age, was born in Paris, Ill., and Mrs. Wheeler, ninety-one, in Claremont County, Ohio. The living members of the family of the aged couple include three daughters, twelve grandchildren, twenty-one great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild.

Four Columbia fishermen shipped during the past three months 150,000 pounds of catfish, which netted them \$55,000, and 1037 pounds of fish eggs, which netted them \$2850.75. All of the fish eggs were shipped to dealers in New York City, who claim that these eggs contain an ingredient that is very valuable from a medical standpoint, and that the demand for fish eggs is hundreds of times greater than the supply, hence the very high market price for this product.

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FROM OVER THE STATE

Bank Doubles Its Capital Stock.
Catfish Sales Total \$55,000.
DeSoto Pledges Cotton.

Monroe Fishermen Earn \$100,000.
Haynesville Votes For Bonds.
Sugar Yield Is Short.

J. B. Novo, a merchant of Alexandria, dropped dead last Saturday at noon as he entered a restaurant and called for a cup of coffee.

Ike Broussard, sixty-four years old, who was sheriff for Lafayette Parish for sixteen years, died at his home in Anse la Butte, Friday morning of last week.

Fire Tuesday morning completely destroyed the hospital of the Industrial Lumber Company at Elizabeth. The report says no lives were lost in the blaze.

A news item from Baton Rouge says the production of sugar in Louisiana for the 1922 season is estimated at 241,376 short tons, as compared with 324,431 tons in 1921.

The Monroe Glass Company, which was organized in that city several months ago and has built a factory there, Monday began the manufacture of glass lamp chimneys.

The locating of nine stills, 1500 gallons of mash and several gallons of liquor were the results of work done last Friday by deputies from the sheriff's office at Alexandria.

A report from Mansfield says "Victory Week" for the DeSoto Parish Farm Bureau cotton contract campaign was a success and that parish has gone far above the allotted quota.

The Monroe Community Service executive committee, at a meeting held Tuesday, decided on holding a great spring carnival and festival in that city during the first week of May.

The town authorities of Haynesville have purchased a siren whistle, costing \$400, to be used to give notice of fires. It is to be installed at the plant of the Haynesville Ice and Power Company.

Officials of Oak Ridge are investigating the unusual death of Louis Daves, a negro, twelve years old, who, according to the evidence at hand, was tied to the tail of a horse and dragged to his death.

The Richland Parish Police Jury has adopted an ordinance offering a reward for the furnishing of evidence leading to the arrest and conviction of any one violating the Hoop prohibition law. The reward is \$25.

Construction work on the plant of the Calcasieu Manufacturing Company, Incorporated, paper mill at Elizabeth has begun, a spur track from the Santa Fe Railroad has been completed and materials are being delivered at that place.

According to a report from New Orleans, the Crowley Bank and Trust Company, of Crowley, capitalized at \$30,000, is being reorganized into an institution with a capitalization of \$100,000, which will be renamed the Crowley Trust and Savings Bank.

At an election held in Haynesville last Saturday residents of the place voted to authorize a \$140,000 bond issue, the proceeds of the same to be used in the erection of public school buildings. A \$90,000 grammar school building is now under way of construction in the town.

The petition of Mrs. Rosa B. Winger, in which she asked for \$10,000 damages in the Sixth District Court, at Monroe, from J. W. Winger, sr., her father-in-law, for alleged defamation of character, was refused by Judge Fred M. Odum in a decision rendered some days ago in favor of the defendant.

Monroe fishermen are authority for the statement that during the past few months their sales of fish have totaled \$100,000, the shipments being made to St. Louis, Chicago, Cincinnati, New York and other Eastern and Northern centers. It is claimed that during the past year the fish industry of the Ouachita Valley has doubled in production and sales.

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discharge and take on passengers. Eight high-powered cars will be used, four going each way daily.

Patients at the Charity Hospital are getting the benefit of the best music in the United States as a result of the installation of a radio receiving set.

Ernest Aiken, aged sixteen years, committed suicide last Saturday by hanging himself in his home at 1517 Poland Street. Despondency over ill-health and deformity are believed to have caused him to take his life.

At a meeting of the board of directors of Shreveport Lodge No. 122, B. P. O. E., held one night last week, resolutions were passed authorizing the building committee to purchase the Keen & Wolff lot measuring 70 feet, facing Milan Street, by 100 feet deep, for a consideration of \$75,000.

Work of the Baptists of the state for 1923 was laid out during a general conference of all boards of the Louisiana Baptist Convention, held Tuesday at the First Baptist Church, Shreveport. Financial plans were completed for the raising of \$600,000 by Baptists in Louisiana for missions, benevolences and education.

Early Tuesday morning, in the basement of the Police Station, Patrolman H. O. Dupree, for six years a member of the Shreveport police force, shot and killed Paul Black, a negro who had just been arrested for stealing chickens. The negro had been searched and was thought to be unarmed, but he produced a pistol and apparently meant to shoot his way to freedom. The officer was shot once through his left hand.

The Methodist Ministers. Methodist ministers assigned to preach at the churches in the Ruston and Shreveport districts, in this state, of the M. E. Church, South, at the annual conference recently held in Shreveport (not heretofore reported in the Banner) are:

- RUSTON DISTRICT.
Rev. K. W. Dodson, Presiding Elder.
Arcadia—Rev. H. W. Ledbetter.
Athens—Rev. C. F. Sheppard.
Bernice—Rev. O. L. Tucker.
Bienville—Rev. L. P. Moreland.
Castor—Rev. E. J. Buck, supply.
Cotton Valley Circuit—Rev. D. F. Anders.
Dubach—Rev. J. W. Faulk.
Elmore—Rev. L. W. Smart.
Farmerville—To be supplied.
Gibbsland—Rev. S. S. Bogan.
Haughton and Doyline—Rev. J. O. Bennett.
Haynesville—Rev. A. J. Gearheard.
Homer—Rev. R. W. Tucker.
Jonesboro—Rev. J. C. Price.
Marion Circuit—To be supplied.
Minden—Rev. W. C. Childress.
Ringgold—Rev. A. L. Harper.
Ruston—Rev. N. E. Joyner.
Sibley—Rev. J. F. Dring, supply.
Simsboro—Rev. H. J. Boltz.
Spring Hill—Rev. T. W. St. John.
Wesley Circuit—Rev. D. C. Bennett.
Winfield—Rev. W. H. Jordan.
Winfield Circuit—Rev. E. W. Day, supply.

Superintendent of Louisiana Methodist Orphanage—Rev. R. W. Vaughan; Financial Secretary—Rev. Briscoe Carter.

Student Southern Methodist University—Rev. J. L. Greenway, jr.

- SHREVEPORT DISTRICT.
Rev. R. H. Wynn, Presiding Elder.
Bayou LaChute—Rev. D. B. Rawlins.
Belcher Circuit—Rev. A. S. J. Nell.
Bossier City—Rev. A. H. Parker.
Cedar Grove—Rev. H. L. Johns.
Grand Cane Circuit—Rev. T. D. Lipscomb.
Greenwood Circuit—Rev. D. E. DuLaney.
Ida Circuit—Rev. W. E. Aiken.
Logansport—Rev. Leland Clegg.
Longstreet Circuit—Rev. W. F. Roberts.
Mansfield and Mission—Rev. J. W. Pearson.
Mooringsport—Rev. I. T. Kennes.
Oil City—Rev. R. A. Bozeman.
Pelican—Rev. T. J. Honaday.
Plain Dealing—Rev. A. J. Bonnett.
Pleasant Hill—Rev. J. L. Lay.
First Church, Shreveport—Rev. H. F. Brooks.
Mangum Memorial—Rev. J. Cudd.
Ropseaux.
Noel Memorial, Shreveport—Rev. W. W. Holmes.
Texas Avenue, Shreveport—Rev. R. S. Walton.
Shreveport Circuit—To be supplied.
Vivian—Rev. R. T. Ware.
Centenary College—President, Rev. George S. Sexton.
Centenary College—Professors, Rev. R. E. Smith and Rev. Roy Moore.
Conference Secretary of Education—Rev. A. S. Lutz.
Superintendent Anti-Saloon League—Rev. A. W. Turner.
District Evangelist—Rev. G. D. Anders.

Train Load of Cattle Shipped. Last Saturday afternoon a train of Bossier Parish cattle was shipped from Benton, consigned to St. Louis, and routed over the Cotton Belt. The chief owners of the cattle, so the reporter is told, were: Mr. J. E. Burt, something over 200 head; Mr. C. O. Gayle (of Shreveport), 115 head; Mr. D. H. Stinson, about 200 head; Mr. W. G. Burt, 66 head, and Mr. W. W. Carter, Mr. W. G. Stinson and perhaps others owning lesser numbers. The cattle were in fair condition and there were enough of them to fill twenty-one cars. At Plain Dealing one other car was picked up, a second car at that place being refused because of the cattle being ticky, according to report.

Those to go to St. Louis with the shipment of cattle were: Mr. W. W. Carter, Mr. J. E. Burt, Mr. Jesse Jones and Mr. E. A. Connell (of Belcher) and Masters James, Giroud and Sidney Burt. We suspect the last three named saw many sights that were new to them and, generally, had a better time than the other members of the party.

Negro Shot, and Dies. Deputy Sheriff N. A. Yarbrough and Deputy Sheriff Pete Morgan, both of Bossier City, last Saturday destroyed a still and some mash on a farm on "Nigger Ridge," about three miles west of Bolinger, and arrested the colored operator Will Flowers. The negro was being brought here to be lodged in the Parish Jail, but when the party reached Plain Dealing he jumped from the automobile and made a run to gain his freedom. Not stopping when commanded to halt, he was fired upon by Mr. Yarbrough and the following day died from his wound at the Shreveport Charity Hospital. It has been explained to the reporter that the negro ran down a ditch, only his trunk being exposed, which explains why he was not stepped by a shot in one of his legs.

Card of Thanks. On my own behalf, and in representation of absent relatives, I wish to thank the residents of the Ivan community for kindnesses extended during the illness and following the death of my father, C. D. Perkins. Your kindly acts and friendly solicitude shall be long cherished in heart as a welcome memory—a solace that came during an hour of trial. Gratefully.

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Ivan, La., Dec. 20, 1922.

Deep Test in Bossier Produces New Record

From to-day's Shreveport Times.]

Bossier Parish, famed for its large gas deposits and as the shallowest oil field in the world, comes to the front at Christmas time with another gift for the stocking of the oil fraternity. The latest contribution of Bossier to the oil history of the mid-continent field is the discovery of high gravity oil at an unprecedented deep level. The Gulf Refining Company is the operator which has set a new precedent in Louisiana oil explorations. The test is No. 11 Hodges, in section 24-16-12, in the Elm Grove district.

Here are some of the outstanding features of the well:

It is 4430 feet deep.

The oil tests from 39.6 to 48.28 Beume gravity.

The crude congeals after a few minutes' exposure to the cold air, resembling a mass of petroleum jelly or vaseline.

Experts agree that the oil defies classification. In the sixteen years of exploration of the Louisiana fields it is the first time that oil of its kind has been found. Geologists identify the sand from which the oil comes as the Trinity, corresponding to the deep gas sand of the Bossier field.

The particular stratum of the Trinity from which this new variety of crude is produced was topped at 4421 feet. Seven feet of soft formation—a sand—followed. After that the bit went into blue lime, and two days after the first returns of the lime reached the surface the hole had been deepened only two feet.

The seven-foot streak of pay was drilled through before returns reached the surface. Advocates of cable tools in deep drilling in this territory will take heart from this circumstance. When the oil reached the surface it was estimated the hole was good for 50 barrels, but with the crude, after the first 100 barrels or so, came salt water and then blue lime cuttings.

A preliminary laboratory analysis gave the following report: Gasoline, 4.5 per cent; kerosene, 15 per cent; gas oil, 32 per cent; residuum, 48.5 per cent. Crude gravity, 39.6 Beume, paraffine base.

The immediate value of the strike is offset by the small amount of production and expensive depth, but the authorities do not hesitate to say that as an indication of the presence of oil below 4000 feet, the well is the most important yet drilled in Shreveport territory since the old Caddo field was discovered.

It is probable, they say, that deeper drilling in all North Louisiana will follow, particularly in Caddo, South Bossier and DeSoto, and that this territory will stage a comeback without parallel.

It is noted by those who have been watching the well that this is the second deep pay encountered below levels at which anything has ever been found in this territory. At 4300 feet the hole threatened a gas blowout of large proportions. Elm Grove's deepest gas is between 2500 and 2600 feet.

Meanwhile, having drilled through the new deep pay, the owners of the well are drilling on with no limit set on depth to be reached.

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