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AROUND THE STATE.

Items of Interest Culled From the Louisiana Press.

Lake Charles Council Establishes a Precedent in Municipal Legislation in Louisiana—White Criminal Assaulter Executed.

A strike of street railway employees occurred at Monroe.

The annual state conference of the Methodist church was held at Shreveport.

Small oil mills in Louisiana are closing down because of a scarcity of tank cars.

The town council of Lecompte increased the retail liquor license from $1500 to $2250.

A negro couple were mysteriously murdered while asleep in their cabin at Garyville.

Will Singleton, a negro who killed a fellow-black at Bougere recently, was arrested at Vicksburg, Miss.

A very stringent and comprehensive anti-gambling ordinance was adopted by the town council of Abbeville.

Weather experts are of the opinion that the pending winter will be a comparatively warm one in this section.

The board of curators of the Louisiana state museum organized and took charge of the property of the museum.

The North Louisiana Cotton Planters' Association, in session at Shreveport, decided to boycott the cotton oil trust.

A Panama merchant declared that supplies for the isthmus could be purchased much cheaper in New Orleans than in New York.

Representative A. P. Pujo will introduce several bills in the national congress providing for the improvement of Louisiana waterways.

An agricultural expert connected with the Rock Island Railroad will tour Louisiana and deliver practical lectures on diversification.

Five arrests were made at Slaughter in connection with the theft of several bales of cotton from freight cars on the Mississippi Valley Railroad.

An attempt was made to wreck a Southern Pacific passenger train between Patterson and Berwick by piling a number of crossties on the track.

The Georgetown Lumber Company will shortly remove its plant to Tioga, having exhausted the timber supply in the vicinity of Georgetown.

The large freight and passenger depot of the Louisiana and Arkansas Railroad at Winnfield was destroyed by fire, causing a loss of several thousand dollars.

A. O. Sharpe, a veteran bridge-builder, fell from a bridge in course of construction at Shreveport and sustained injuries which caused his death within a few hours.

Thomas Brady, the white man convicted of criminally assaulting Miss Laura Warren near Lecompte, Rapides parish, was hanged at Alexandria Friday of last week.

Owing to the neglect of the Democratic executive committee, a primary may not be held in Rapides parish for the purpose of selecting a candidate for appellate judge.

Ned Ganson, the young son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Ganson, was caught in the machinery of B. P. Veazle's sawmill and ginnery at Palmetto, receiving injuries which resulted in his death.

Mrs. Abraham Kaufman, wife of a well-known merchant of Rosedale, attempted to commit suicide by shooting herself in the breast with a revolver. Mrs. Kaufman is a native of Kentucky and has been married only two months.

The common council of Lake Charles established a precedent in municipal legislation in Louisiana by enacting an ordinance making it unlawful to keep a woman for immoral purposes within the city limits, and prescribing heavy penalties therefor.

A rice farmer of Calcasieu parish entered suit against the North American Land and Timber Company, owners of the Farmers' Canal, for damages amounting to $10,492.88, alleging that his crop was almost ruined because of the failure of the defendant company to supply the proper amount of water during the irrigating season.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE.

Summary of Mr. Roosevelt's Annual Communication to Congress—A Long, Able and Interesting Document.

As the limited space of The Chief will not permit the reproduction of the full text of President Roosevelt's annual message to congress, which was issued Tuesday, Dec. 4, the following summary is borrowed from the columns of our esteemed contemporary, the New Orleans Times-Democrat:

The president again recommends a law prohibiting contributions to political campaign funds by corporations, directly or indirectly.

Pleads for the passage of the bill giving the government the right to appeal on questions of law in criminal cases, and for a law preventing the setting aside of judgments on technicalities where the merits are not affected.

Urges the enactment of a law to prevent the abuse of the power of injunction and defends the proper and temperate criticism of judges and their decisions.

Condemns lynchings and the crimes which lead to lynching; urges orderly negroes to aid in the punishment of the criminals of their race; urges speedy trials in cases of assault, and favors death sentences in cases of assault and attempted assault. Lawlessness grows by what it feeds upon, and when mobs begin to lynch for assault they soon lynch for other crimes. The two races can never get on until there is an understanding on the part of both to make common cause with the law-abiding citizens against criminals of any color.

Condemns a policy that would give to negro public school education only the money proportionate to the taxes paid by negroes.

Preachers of discontent in matters of labor and capital should not be countenanced. Both capital and labor should have all their rights, but no more. The election of an unworthy and sinister agitator on a platform of violence and hypocrisy is the worst blow that can be given popular government.

Asks congress to investigate the conditions of child labor.

Recommends the strengthening of the employers' liability law.

Would have labor and capital disputes investigated and arbitrated by a disinterested commission.

Public coal lands should be withdrawn from entry and saved for the generations to come.

Recommends no legislation on corporation regulation until the recently-enacted laws have been given a fair trial.

Favors a graduated inheritance tax and, if possible, a graduated income tax.

Urges technical and industrial training in the schools and agricultural education for the benefit of the farmers.

Asks for appropriation for a memorial amphitheater at Arlington Cemetery.

Advises a constitutional amendment so as to provide uniform marriage and divorce laws.

Urges the developing of American shipping and reform of the currency.

Asks congress to lower the tariff on products of the Philippines, declaring no American industry will be hurt.

Recommends American citizenship to the people of Porto Rico; revenues

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THE WORLD'S NEWS.

Flashes of the Telegraph Wires From Near and Far.

Louisiana Congressman Elected President of Rivers and Harbors Congress—Conditions in Cuba Approaching Another Crisis.

Conditions in Cuba are gradually approaching another crisis.

Fire in a shoe factory at Lynn, Mass., resulted in a loss of $50,000.

Severe earthquake shocks were experienced in the British West Indies.

Twelve men were drowned by the accidental flooding of a mine in Mexico.

Two sugar dealers of Detroit, Mich., were fined $6000 each for accepting rebates.

Many notables attended the annual dinner of the Gridiron Club at Washington, D. C.

Burglars secured 165 quarter-pounds of gold from the Russian assay office at Irkutz, Siberia.

Seven persons were killed by an explosion of dynamite in a tunnel near Charlotte, N. C.

The pure food commission is investigating the standardization of whiskey at Louisville, Ky.

The Mexican government will reduce taxes and increase the wages of minor government officials.

The suppression of the Seamen's Union by the Russian government caused a strike at Odessa.

The National Lumber Company's plant at Jackson, Miss., was destroyed by fire, entailing a loss of $135,000.

Four American soldiers were killed and eight wounded in a battle with Pulajanes on the Island of Leyte.

The French law providing for the separation of church and state went into effect Wednesday, the 12th inst.

San Francisco was swept by a storm which caused the death of one man and the injury of several others.

Robert S. McCormick, American ambassador to France, will be recalled and retired from the diplomatic service.

France may impose a prohibitive duty on cotton seed and cotton seed oil in order to protect native olive growers.

Dr. Frank Billings advocated state regulation of marriages in an address before the National Board of Charities at Chicago.

Quo warranto proceedings were instituted at Laurel to oust the Cumberland Telephone and Telegraph Company from the state of Mississippi.

A mass-meeting of citizens was held at Brookhaven, Miss., for the purpose of devising means to prevent the illicit sale of liquor in that town.

W. W. Finley, second vice president of the Southern Railway, was elected president to succeed the late Samuel Spencer, who lost his life in a wreck at Lawyer's Station, Va., a couple of weeks ago.

The federal grand jury at Salt Lake City, Utah, returned indictments against the Union Pacific Railroad, the Oregon Short Line and several other corporations for alleged complicity in government land frauds.

The Rivers and Harbors Congress which met at Washington, D. C., adopted resolutions urging congress to appropriate not less than $50,000,000 annually for the improvement of harbors and waterways. Congressman Joseph E. Ransdell of Louisiana was elected president of the organization for the ensuing year.

NEW ORLEANS LETTER.

Christmas Displays at the Shops—Remarkable Weather—Battleship Louisiana Arrives to Receive Her Silver Service—Miscellaneous Matter.

New Orleans, La., Dec. 12, 1906.

Staff Correspondence of The Chief.

Christmas shopping and Christmas shoppers are turning Canal street into a very festive place these days, and the show windows of nearly all the big stores are indeed revelations of the decorator's art. Holmes' center window has a gorgeous display of many giant holly wreaths rising from amid a wonderful confusion of playthings ranging from the tiniest wooly "Teddy" bear to the most perfectly appointed toy automobile. This Christmas season is a great season, sure enough, and a sight of the big moving picture of Canal street is bound to fill you with the holiday spirit and egg you on to a reckless disbursement of your pennies whether or not you can really afford to do much buying.

I don't want to talk about the weather, but have you noticed the remarkable character of this particular commodity we've been having here of late? It would almost seem as if summer had missed her cue and come dancing into the limelight long before her proper time for appearing, for certain it is that regular summer weather has been prevailing here all of last week and the better part of this week as well. It behooves the weather man to sit up and take notice, for if he doesn't quit getting his dates mixed in this way, some sensational magazine writer is going to hop up and electrify the world with burning articles on "Frenzied Forecasts," or, "The Treason of the Temperature," or something else equally startling in the way of climatic muck-raking.

The event of the week in New Orleans will be the presentation of the magnificent $10,000 silver service to the battleship Louisiana, which is to occur Saturday. The ship arrived in port on Tuesday, and thousands of visitors are expected to board the splendid vessel. The service which is to be presented to the Louisiana was designed by Coleman E. Adler, a leading jeweller of this city, and has been on exhibition in Mr. Adler's store window in Canal street during the past week. Governor Blanchard is to make the presentation speech, which will be responded to by Capt. Albert R. Couden, commanding the vessel. Hon. Henry McCall, collector of the port of New Orleans, will propose a toast to the president of the United States, Congressman Adolph Meyer will pay a like compliment to the secretary of the navy, and Admiral Frederic Singer, commandant of the New Orleans navy yard, will respond. The Louisiana will remain in the harbor of the Crescent City until the early part of next week, and elaborate arrangements are being made for the entertainment of her officers and crew during their brief sojourn in our hospitable harbor.

Striking employees of the Southern Pacific Railroad or their sympathizers have been guilty of further lawlessness, and in Algiers Thursday evening of last week brutally assaulted two clerks and a mail messenger in the company's service. It is charged that members of the city police department were being influenced by the strikers,

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