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Items of Interest Culled From the Louisiana Press.

Prominent Young New Iberians Fight Fatal Duel with Revolvers—New Wood Distillation Process Perfected. Big Timber Deal.

A progressive league was organized at Natchitoches.

The Hammond sanitarium was formally opened with appropriate ceremonies.

An important meeting of the state board of education was held at Baton Rouge last week.

One or more battleships will visit the port of New Orleans during the carnival season.

A wholesale hardware company capitalized at $150,000 will shortly begin business at Alexandria.

Several buildings in the business section of Monroe were destroyed by fire, entailing a loss of $13,000.

Lake Charles Presbyterians are contemplating the erection of a handsome new church to cost about $20,000.

The body of an unknown white man was found floating in Bayou Lafourche just above the Thibodaux bridge.

Eleven normal schools for teachers will be conducted at various points throughout the state during the coming summer.

June Smith and Lan Layfield were shot and seriously wounded by Policeman H. V. Smith at Zwolle while resisting arrest.

It is proposed to construct an additional schoolhouse in the southern portion of Opelousas to accommodate the primary grades.

William Triplett, a negro, was fined $275 for drawing and discharging a revolver within the corporate limits of the city of Monroe.

A primary election to select candidates for municipal offices will be held at Thibodaux on Tuesday, Feb. 5. There are two tickets in the field.

Data contained in statements furnished by the four banks doing business at Shreveport indicate that that city is the richest in the country

The annual convention of the Louisiana division, Travelers' Protective Association of America, will be held at New Iberia May 10, 11 and 12.

John Tatum, a white man charged with criminal assault, escaped from a train near Lake Charles while the officer in charge of him was asleep.

The Ouachita National Bank and the Monroe National Bank have been consolidated and will henceforth be operated under the name of the former institution.

S. Q. Hollingsworth, of Shreveport, was appointed assessor of Caddo parish to succeed J. F. Flournoy, who was nominated for sheriff at a recent primary election.

The federal department of commerce and labor has indorsed the bill providing for an appropriation of $75,000 for the construction of an immigration station at New Orleans.

The congregation of the First Baptist Church, of Shreveport, obtained permission to hold regular services in the courthouse pending the completion of their new place of worship.

George H. Brigham and Roscoe Sealy, prominent young citizens of New Iberia, fought a duel with pistols on one of the principal streets of that town, Brigham being killed and Sealy seriously wounded.

All of the remaining timber land in this state owned by Wright, Blodgett & Co., of Saginaw, Mich., comprising 93,000 acres located in Vernon parish, was sold to the Chicago Coal and Lumber Co., of Chicago, Ill., for a consideration of $4,000,000.

Lake Charles sawmill men are investigating a new wood distillation process recently perfected, by means of which turpentine, tar, wood alcohol and other by-products are extracted from ordinary mill slabs or refuse, the wood fiber left being available for making box boards.

Albert DeBen, a Cuban who was arrested at Alexandria on a charge of larceny, attempted to commit suicide by swallowing an once of digitalis and stabbing himself in the left breast with a knife. The poison was pumped from DeBen's stomach, but physicians express the opinion that the wound in the breast will prove fatal.

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THEODORE THE MEDDLER.

Powerful Pen Picture of President Roosevelt's Course and Character—Why Wall Street Hates and the People Love Him.

One of the most striking and truthful articles yet published descriptive of the strong personality and indomitable faithfulness to private conviction and public trust manifested by the present occupant of the White House is contributed to the January number of Pearson's Magazine by James Creelman, and we regret that the space is not at our disposal for a reproduction of the entire contribution. Some of the more salient passages follow:

In the back rooms of Wall street Theodore Roosevelt is known as a meddler.

Pale, wrinkled captains of speculation and great archmillionaires, upon the waving of whose hands the tide of prices rises or falls, will tell you today bitterly that he is the most meddlesome president the country has ever had, either in peace or war, and that his meddling has unsettled the existing order and loosed on the American continent wild forces of political, economic and social revolution.

But the same thing was said of every strong man who grappled openly with ignorance, avarice or oppression in the history of the world. The Romans said it of St. Paul when they beheaded him; the Stuarts said it of Cromwell when they hung his exhumed skeleton on a gibbet; The Thirty said it of Socrates when they made him drink hemlock; the Diet of Worms said it of Luther; the Seignory said it of Savonarola, and burned him in chains; the Salamancan sages said it of Columbus; the Vatican said it of Bruno and Galileo; King George said it of Washington, and the greed of half a continent said it of Lincoln.

Mr. Roosevelt IS a meddler. It is in his blood. He has been a meddler since boyhood. He has meddled with the predatory elements of life, four-legged and two-legged; the crack of his rifle in the west has been no more destructive than the whisk of his official pen in the east; he has trailed his game as faithfully in Wall street as in the mountains of Colorado or the Dakota bad lands; nor has he failed to bring down the big beasts of politics.

It is not so many weeks since Edward Henry Harriman, president of the Union Pacific Railroad Company and overlord of countless American corporate combinations representing, literally, a billion of dollars, said privately that President Roosevelt must be got rid of politically at any cost. Mr. Harriman is a Republican and has secretly exercised great power in his party.

"But if you put Roosevelt out of power you will have to take Bryan or Hearst. Are you prepared for that?"

"Yes," said Mr. Harriman, passionately. "I'll take Bryan or Hearst rather than Roosevelt. We cannot be worse off than we are now with that man in the White House. I'll take any one rather than Roosevelt; for, if it comes to that, we can get at the other crowd."

Mr. Roosevelt has meddled with financial-political plans of Mr. Harriman and his accomplices—therefore the forked fingers and the hissed anathema maranatha.

Mr. Harriman is a man of black vindictiveness and remarkable energy. He can fight openly, but his great strokes are delivered in secret. On the day of the great "corner" of Northern Pacific stock, when Wall street staggered under the blows of the contending Harriman and Morgan forces and thousands of men and women were ruined in a few hours, Mr. Harriman sat on a sofa in New York and tempted James J. Hill, president of the Great Northern Railroad Company, to surrender stock control of the Northern Pacific line, promising to pay for the treachery by making him president of the Union Pacific Railroad Company.

Mr. Hill told Mr. Harriman that the ownership of the Northern Pacific line by the Union Pacific interests—a device to destroy competition—was forbidden by law, and declared that the thing could not be done. Yet, forgetting that memorable scene, Mr. Hill later on, in company with J. Pierpont Morgan, attempted to unite the Great Northern and the Northern Pacific lines in one ownership through the Northern Securities Company—the very thing in principle which he had warned Mr. Harriman against as a lawless act—and when President Roosevelt interfered with the attempted monopoly and smashed it in the courts, Mr. Hill, too, cursed him as a meddler, a demagogue, a reckless enemy of private wealth.

So that today the Harrimans and Hills and Rockefellers and all their like are planning the end of Rooseveltism, and the cry of predatory Wall street is that the president has deserted those who raised him to honor and power and has become a desperate enemy of legitimate business, a menace to prosperity, a fomenter of class hatred—in short, that he is a violent radical who stole into office disguised as a conservative. It is the new Roosevelt, they say, that has made possible

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THE WORLD'S NEWS.

Flashes of the Telegraph Wires From Near and Far.

Kingston, Jamaica, Devastated by a Violent Earthquake—Tidal Wave Causes Great Loss of Life in Dutch East Indies.

King Oscar of Sweden is steadily convalescing.

Gen. Fernando Figuera was elected president of Salvador.

The pope granted an audience to American students in Rome.

A merger of American packing establishments is contemplated.

Property valued at $500,000 was destroyed by fire at Chicago, Ill.

The Catholic population of the United States totals 13,089,353.

A famous Spanish matador was gored to death by a bull in Mexico.

The personal estate of the late Russell Sage was assessed at $50,000,000.

Anti-clerical demonstrations occurred at Bilbao and San Sebastian, Spain.

Severe earthquake shocks were experienced in Norway, Sweden and Russia.

The crown prince of Portugal fell from his horse and sustained serious injuries.

A warehouse fire at Lancaster, Pa., caused a loss of approximately $1,000,000.

Heavy rains occurred in southern California, with resultant floods and loss of life.

Washington women organized a club to work for the restoration of the army canteen.

A movement was inaugurated in France to organize an independent Catholic church.

The United States senate passed a bill limiting the hours of labor of railroad employees.

The annual convention of the United Mine Workers of America was held at Indianapolis, Ind.

Locomotive engineers employed on Western railroads will shortly receive an increase of pay.

The worst blizzard of the winter was experienced in the northwestern states during the past week.

Numerous reforms will be instituted in China as a result of the work of the imperial commission.

Hudson Maxim, the noted inventor, has patented a torpedo which may revolutionize naval warfare.

The Argentine government will probably raise its legation at Washington to the rank of an embassy.

Importations of American cotton goods into China were considerably smaller in 1906 than in the year before.

A total eclipse of the sun occurred in central Asia and was observed by astronomists from all parts of the world.

Marie Cahill, the actress, has offered to establish a library for dramatic students at Georgetown University.

The leaders of the strike of textile workers in the Orizaba district of Mexico were shot by government troops.

A tidal wave caused great loss of life in the Dutch East Indies, more than three hundred persons being drowned.

Kentucky farmers refused to accept mail delivered by a negro rural carrier, and the route was promptly abolished.

In a fight between union and non-union longshoreman at Eureka, Cal., one man was killed and two fatally wounded.

Five persons were killed and eight injured in a wreck on the Chicago, Rock Island and Pacific Railroad at Barney, N. M.

The grand jury of Findlay, Ohio, returned thirty-nine indictments against the Standard Oil Company and its officers.

The import and export trade of Great Britain for the year 1906 aggregated five billion dollars, breaking all former records.

Representatives Gaines of Tennessee and Mahon of Pennsylvania became involved in a bitter debate in the national house of representatives, and a personal encounter was narrowly averted.

The state senate of South Carolina adopted a resolution indorsing the action of President Roosevelt in discharging without honor the negro troops which participated in the Brownsville outrage.

W. J. Oliver, of Knoxville, Tenn., and A. M. Bangs, of New York, submitted the lowest bids for the construction of the Panama Canal and will probably be awarded the contract.

Twelve workmen were instantly killed and ten or more frightfully injured as the result of an explosion of molten metal in the Jones & Laughlin Steel Works at Pittsburg, Pa. A score of workmen are missing.

Kingston, the picturesque capital of the island of Jamaica, was devastated by a violent earthquake, followed by a destructive fire. Nearly a thousand lives were lost, and millions of dollars' worth of property was destroyed.

Sensational charges against Herbert D. Pierce, United States minister to Norway, were made before the house committee on ways and means by Prof. H. W. Elliott, of Cleveland, O., in connection with a hearing on a resolution providing for the further protection of fur seals on the high seas.

NEW ORLEANS LETTER.

April Weather in January—Will There be Ice at Mardi Gras?—New Hotel Denechaud Dedicated—Important Court Decision—Budget of City News.

New Orleans, La., Jan. 16, 1907.
Staff Correspondence of The Chief.

Did you ever see such peek-a-boo weather? Here we are having a regular assortment of April days right in the very heart of winter, which fact has brought the parks once more into strong popularity, and last Sunday both beautiful playgrounds were thronged with great crowds of fresh-air seekers. This lingerie effect in the temperature would probably amaze and delight visitors from colder climates who will doubtless flock to New Orleans for carnival, but dollars to doughnuts—and far be it from me to croak—everything will be frozen stiff and strangers will lift supercilious eyebrows and observe in an exasperatingly maddening manner: "So this is what you call the 'Sunny South'?" But let us hope for the best, and maybe the weather, so feminine in its moods, will see fit to be mild and sweet and sunny during the period of our madcap festivities.

Two popular song hits that took the audience at the Orpheum last week were: "Let it Alone," and "Everybody's in Slumberland but You and Me." Both are extremely catchy.

The recently completed First Evangelical Church in Carondelet street, of which Rev. A. H. Becker is pastor, was formally dedicated last Sunday.

The fifty-second anniversary of the Jewish Orphans' Home was celebrated last Sunday afternoon, and addresses were delivered by President Gabe Kahn and Charles Rosen. Vocal and instrumental music was rendered by the children of the institution.

Archbishop Blenk was guest of honor and orator of the evening at the anniversary meeting of the Orleans Parish Medical Society Saturday night. The archbishop spoke on "The Medical Profession and its Social Mission."

Bishop Van de Vyver of Richmond, Va., was the distinguished guest this week of Father Prim, pastor of the Mater Dolorosa church in Carrollton avenue.

Leonard L. Stern, a member of the firm of Stroudback & Stern, was made president of the New Orleans Real Estate Exchange at the annual election of officers which occurred on Wednesday of last week.

At a meeting of the school board last Friday night the question of raising the salary of the secretary to $3000 was the only one coming before the board which met with any opposition. It was defeated by two votes, and $2700 was proposed as a compromise and passed.

During the last week or so activity in the shipment of cotton out of the port of New Orleans has been almost unprecedented, and there are indications that the same conditions will continue to prevail.

The New Orleans Wholesale Grocers' Association has joined in the fight to secure railroad legislation that will compel railroad lines to observe a time limit on shipments in keeping with the length of haul.

A. W. Downing, a coinage expert of the United States mint at Philadelphia, stated that the machinery of the New Orleans mint is of an obsolete pattern and inadequate for the handling of the work demanded of it. Mr. Downing is in New Orleans to supervise the coinage of 5,000,000 twenty-cent pieces of Mexican currency.

The Choral Symphony Society opened a musical festival at the new Athenaeum Monday night with a piano recital by the distinguished Jewish artiste, Fanny Bloomfield-Zeisler.

At the regular monthly meeting of the board of managers of the Touro Infirmary and Hebrew Association, the resignation of Dr. Joseph Conn as physician and surgeon for the outdoor poor was received and accepted, and Dr. Jules Lazard was appointed to fill the vacancy. The board addressed a letter to Dr. Conn expressing appreciation of his splendid services during the past seven years.

The new Hotel Denechaud was formally opened to the patronage of the public Monday night in the presence of about 600 people. Speeches were made by Governor Blanchard, Mayor Martin Behrman, Justin Denechaud, president and manager of the new hostelry, and Lawrence Fabacher, president of the La Baronne Hotel Realty Company. Emilien Perrin, vice president of the company, acted as master of ceremonies. The new hotel is a building 220 feet long by 57 feet wide, and is nine stories high, excluding the basement. It is built on the French Renaissance style, with a terra cotta and pressed-brick front and a base of granite and limestone. About 1268 tons of steel were used in forming the structure.

In the case of the City of New Orleans vs. Board of Liquidation of the City Debt of New Orleans, a decision was rendered by Judge John St. Paul in which the exception of no cause of action filed by the defendant is maintained and the suit dismissed at the

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