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## AROUND THE STATE.

Items of Interest Culled From the Louisiana Press.

**Distressing Accident at Bossier City Results in Death of Two Little Girls.**  
Farmers' Union Erecting Cotton Warehouses—Fire at Morgan City.

Dr. A. A. Forsythe, mayor of Monroe, wagered \$1000 to \$500 that he would be re-elected.

The police jury of Avoyelles parish appropriated \$25,000 for the erection of a new jail at Marksville.

Justice of the Peace W. H. Flowers shot and fatally wounded Homer Smith at Forest Hill, Rapides parish. James A. Miller, who was accidentally shot by J. N. Harvey at Tallulah, died from the effects of the wound.

Five cases of smallpox developed at White & Dameron's levee camp in the lower portion of West Baton Rouge parish.

Frank McCoy, a white man wanted at Lufkin, Texas, on the charge of forfeiting a bond, was arrested at Zachary.

New Orleans will probably be selected as the market wherein the government will purchase supplies for the soldiers in Cuba.

The Vinson Manufacturing Company's shingle mill at Morgan City was totally destroyed by fire, entailing a loss of \$15,000.

Robert McNeal, a negro accused of killing a white flagman in the railroad yards at Vicksburg, Miss., was captured at Alexandria.

At a special election held in Lake Arthur, the proposition to vote a four-mill tax in aid of a high school was carried by a large majority.

A negro named Rachel Hutchinson was run down and killed by a passenger train on the Mississippi Valley Railroad at Kenner.

Radishes are being shipped from Roseland to Chicago and other northern markets in carload lots, and are said to be bringing good prices.

The Long-Bell Lumber Company proposes to establish at Longville, Calcasieu parish, a sawmill which will cut 300,000 feet of lumber per day.

The French and Italian cruisers presently visiting the port of New Orleans fired national salutes on the occasion of Washington's birthday.

Hon. Henry McCall, collector of customs at New Orleans, has been instructed to refuse clearance papers to ships carrying military stores to Nicaragua.

The section of the Mermentau dam at Grand Chenier which was destroyed with dynamite a little over a year ago has been repaired, and the structure is now intact.

The requirements of Franklin having outgrown the present electric light plant, steps were taken to ascertain the cost of installing a larger and more modern plant.

F. D. Haas, an itinerant vendor of patent medicines and nostrums, was arrested at Abbeville on a warrant charging him with violating the medical practice act.

Deputy Sheriff William Butler, of Belcher, Caddo parish, shot and killed Larry Armstrong, a negro, when the latter attempted to escape after having been placed under arrest.

Joseph Billef and his wife were found dead under mysterious circumstances in their home at Billef Landing, twelve miles north of Colfax. It is known that Billef had \$15,000 concealed in his residence.

The case of M. R. Stewart, district attorney pro tem., vs. D. J. Reid, sheriff of Calcasieu parish, et al., resulted in a mistrial at Lake Charles, the jury remaining out for thirty-two hours without being able to reach an agreement.

The Farmers' Union of West Carroll parish is building near Floyd a warehouse which will have a capacity of 1200 bales of cotton and cost \$1750. Similar structures are being erected at Sunset and Echo by local branches of the union.

The Atlantic, Gulf and Pacific Company, one of the big contracting firms of New York, notified E. A. Pharr, general manager of the Atchafalaya Bay Ship Canal Company, that its superintendent had made an examination of the proposed ship canal, and that it is prepared to quote figures for the work as soon as the Atchafalaya Bay Company has succeeded in financing the project.

Fannie Lee Colquitt, aged 14 years, was killed outright; Penny Colquitt, aged 11 years; fatally crushed, and Mary Colquitt, aged 15 years, seriously injured by being run over by a freight train on the Cotton Belt Railroad at Bossier City, across the river from Shreveport. The two white men and three negroes composing the crew of the train were arrested on charges of criminal negligence and will be tried at Benton.

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## STATES' RIGHTS INTACT.

Sovereignty of the Republic's Subdivisions Not Impaired—No Limitations on their Efforts to Do Well.

The following timely remarks quoted from the January number of the Review of Reviews are commended to the attention of readers who may be disposed to take stock in the shell-worn political argument that the rights of the sovereign states are being gradually curtailed and restricted and the powers of the general government continually and insidiously enlarged:

"A great deal was said last month in speeches and also in newspapers about the rapid trend toward centralization and toward the assumption by the general government of activities that might better have been left to the states. A considerable part of this discussion was provoked by a speech made by Secretary Root at a banquet of the Pennsylvania Society in New York. Mr. Root made a brilliant presentation of the vigorous work of the general government, and pointed out the tendency of the times in a masterly way. It did not follow, however, that he was attacking the sovereignty of the states or arguing for a diminution of energy on their part in the treatment of pressing matters of public concern. Mr. Root would unquestionably like to see the states doing their whole duty, and would prefer that less work should be thrown upon the general government, even where falling clearly within the reasonable interpretation of the federal government's constitutional authority. Thus Mr. Root would not hesitate to point out the fact that if the state of Illinois had risen to its full opportunity and duty in the matter of regulating the stockyards and packing-houses of Chicago, we should not have been confronted with the need of passing the recent meat inspection law, which adds much to the work of the general government. And Senator Beveridge would doubtless be glad to admit that if all the states had been as progressive as a few of them in the matter of regulating child labor, there would be little if any advantage in bringing the subject before the national congress at the present time. Similar things might be said about the pure food bill and various other matters of general public concern with which the government at Washington has of late been occupying itself.

"There have been no recent curtailments of the power and authority of the state governments that can be said in any state whatsoever to make it more difficult for the legislature or the executive officers to act for the welfare of the people of their commonwealth. However the national government may magnify its delegated powers, the sovereign states have such vast reserves of authority that they are not conscious of any limitations upon their efforts to do well. If there were any real rivalry or conflict, as there is not, between the nation and the states in the partitioning of authority, the nation would have a better right to reproach the states for undue negligence in governmental work than the states would have to reproach the national government for undue activity. Since nobody is affected in all this but we, the people, who are at the same time citizens of the states and of the nation, we are not likely to injure ourselves by any serious shifting of the 'federative balance.' Undoubtedly the railroads of the country have become a great national concern, and it is highly proper that their national regulation should be made efficient by such changes in the law as are found needful from time to time. Moreover, there is a steady growth of opinion in favor of subjecting the large industrial corporations that do an interstate business to a measure and degree of federal control that the public welfare seems to require and that the state governments cannot in the nature of things hope to exercise.

"This matter is presented with great clearness by James R. Garfield in his latest report as chief of the bureau of corporations. He points out the remarkable results that have already followed the mere exercise of the government's right to make investigations. For example, the recent investigation of the oil industry showed that the railroads very generally and in all parts of the country were making illegal discriminations in favor of the Standard Oil Company. A great number of indictments on thousands of different counts have already been secured as a result of this investigation. But without waiting for the courts to act, the railroads have very generally stopped the discriminations, as a result of publicity; so that the independent producers and shippers of oil suddenly find themselves free from all sorts of disadvantages against which they had for years been painfully contending. As a further result of this study of the oil industry and of other investigations made by his bureau, Mr. Garfield is more than ever convinced that the time has come for a direct control of great industrial corporations through some form of federal license, to be issued as a condition of their engaging in interstate commerce. In short, since the federal government undertakes the regulation of interstate commerce, it may as well provide itself with the methods whereby it can best achieve results. Mr. McCall in setting forth the work of his department argues in like manner."

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## THE WORLD'S NEWS.

Flashes of the Telegraph Wires From Near and Far.

**War Declared Between Honduras and Nicaragua—Remarkable Accident on the Pennsylvania Railroad.**  
Big Sum Missing from Chicago Subtreasury.

A cyclone in the Philippine Islands caused in the loss of 200 lives.  
Dr. Harry Pratt Johnson was elected president of the University of Chicago.  
The Boers defeated the British in the parliamentary elections in South Africa.

Fire in the business section of Pittsburgh destroyed property valued at \$350,000.  
The trustees of the University of Mississippi will meet at Oxford today to select a chancellor.

The independent steel companies throughout the United States are being merged into a syndicate.  
The Postal Telegraph Company announced an increase of ten per cent in the salaries of its employees.

Over 900,000 pounds of dynamite will be shipped from this country to Panama for use in constructing the isthmian canal.  
A twelve-year-old child, abducted a year ago at Little Rock, Ark., was rescued from a gypsy camp near Chicago.

Fire at San Antonio, Texas, gutted the handsome new depot of the Southern Pacific Railroad, causing a loss of \$15,000.  
The Austrian steamer Imperatrix was wrecked off the island of Crete and a large number of people lost their lives.

James Bryce, the new British ambassador to the United States, arrived at Washington and assumed the duties of his position.  
The enormous sum of \$173,000, all in bills of large denominations, is missing from the United States subtreasury at Chicago.

One hundred bodies have been taken from the Mexican Coal and Coke Company's mine near Las Esperanzas, Mexico, in which an explosion of gas occurred several days ago.

## NEW ORLEANS LETTER.

What Happened to Two Frolicsome Maidens Who Tried to Climb a Tree.  
Death of Banker George J. Whitney—Miscellaneous Matters.

New Orleans, La., Feb. 27, 1907.  
Staff Correspondence of The Chief.

Sollitude is a jewel that doesn't shine to noticeable advantage in a metropolitan setting. And it behooves me to mention that this remark is apropos of a little incident that happened to two girls I know who went to City Park one brilliant morning last week imbued with a feverish desire to be alone—together. "Surely," quoth one, "it will be easy to find some secluded nook in this great big park where we may be 'far from the madding crowd' and free to abandon ourselves to the delights of nature unseen by the eyes of man." So the twain traversed the park from one end to the other—which is no small feat, permit me to remark parenthetically—and at last they hit upon a spot beneath a mighty oak in a little-used corner of the big inclosure, where a tangle of grass and unmolested creepers advertised the fact that here, indeed, was a haven apart, a spot rarely trod by the foot of man. They sat for a while enjoying the peace and silence of the hemmed-in greenness about them. Not a sound was to be heard beyond the noisy protestations of several quarrelsome sparrows and the staccato chirpings of crickets hidden in the clover. "It's just like the country," breathed one of the girls in an ecstatic whisper. "Do you know," observed the other after a prolonged pause, "I have an insane and uncontrollable desire to pretend I'm a youngster again and try to climb this tree. It's the first time I've ever felt so safe from human inspection in the city!" "Then let's do it," chimed in maiden number two with responsive enthusiasm. And they forthwith proceeded to "do it!" Now, as is generally known, skirts rather hamper one when one has any ascending to do, and I blush to relate that these fair climbers, realizing this snarling difficulty, gathered their smart walking skirts about them in true soufriere fashion and began the perilous ascent amid a necessarily generous display of frothy lingerie.

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