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AROUND THE STATE.

Items of Interest Culled From the Louisiana Press.

Negro "Detective" Lynched at Marthaville. Rice to Supplant Cotton in Catahoula Parish—Destructive Fire at Conshatta—New Jail Completed at New Roads.

A volunteer fire department was organized at Slidell.

A gas pipe line will be built from the Caddo field to Marshall, Tex.

A handsome new jail building has just been completed at New Roads.

L. A. Walet was elected superintendent of education of Iberia parish.

Dr. John N. Thomas was elected superintendent of the insane asylum at Pineville.

Fire at Coushatta destroyed a considerable amount of property, causing a loss of $18,000.

A party of scientists from Philadelphia, Pa., visited Monroe on an exploring expedition.

The Louisiana board of agriculture estimates the cotton crop of the state for 1908 at 517,796 bales.

Jud Gilbert, a negro claiming to be a detective, was taken from jail at Marthaville and lynched.

A vacancy exists from the sixth congressional district in the West Point Military Academy.

A course in agriculture will be established in the normal department of the Louisiana State University.

Mrs. Maude Ballington Booth, head of the Volunteer Prison League of America, will visit Baton Rouge on Jan. 23.

The annual meet of the Interscholastic Athletic and Oratorical Association of Southwest Louisiana will be held at Lafayette on April 24.

J. E. Lacour, a merchant of Alexandria, committed suicide at Plaucheville when about to be arrested on a charge of complicity in arson.

One thousand acres of rice will be planted on the Llando and Ackland plantations, in Catahoula parish, where ravages of the boll weevil have made the culture of cotton unsuccessful.

Nick Fousse, who set a trap for chicken thieves at his home in Baton Rouge, awakened next morning to find the gun discharged and Lawrence Vilmont, a young white man, dead.

Freezing weather in the cotton-growing sections of Louisiana and Mississippi will, it is thought, materially reduce the boll weevil family and insure prospects for a fair crop next season.

The state game commission has instructed the Calcasieu parish game warden to allow the shipment of twenty-five game birds daily, while the parish authorities announce that twelve will be the limit.

At a meeting of the board of administrators of the Louisiana Institute for the Deaf and Dumb, a committee was named to investigate the proposition to install a central power plant for supplying water and light to the capitol, State University, Institute for the Blind and the Deaf and Dumb Institute.

LIST OF LETTERS

Remaining in the postoffice at Donaldsonville, La., Saturday, January 16, 1909.

Alexander, Jos	Jackson, Josephine
Aucoin, Edgard	Jackson, Andrew
Barras, Emile	James, Robert
Berocks, Robert	Johnson, Olive
Blouin, Dominique	Johnson, Mrs Carrie
Bosee, Mary	Knox, Mrs M
Crandell, Frances.	LeBoeuf, Rita
Frederick, Celestine (2)	Love, Mrs Mary
Gaines, Nathan	Mandeville, Mrs F B
Hichem, Mrs	Merry, Georgiana
Harris, Roxy	Pearly, Maurice
Harr s, Josephine	Williams, Gust
Hicks, Jimmie	Williams, Sarah

When calling for these letters say advertised. If not called for in two weeks they will be sent to the Dead Letter office at Washington, D. C.

Time Hard to Kill.

"Time," observes the Philosopher of Folly, "has more lives than a cat. I've killed it more than a million times myself, and eternity doesn't seem a bit closer."

Mrs. Catherine Beisel and Mrs. M. F. Erb were acquitted at Media, Pa., of the murder of the latter's husband.

Tang Shao Yi, China's special envoy to the United States, has been ordered to return to Pekin immediately.

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Society of the Holy Spirit.

Brittany, La., Jan. 12, 1909.

EDITOR CHIEF:

We presume that the readers of The Chief are awaiting the further proceedings of the controversy between the above party and Mr. J. F. Arceneaux. I (the latter) am in receipt of a letter from "Where am I at Watson." We will favor the "Society" with Mr. Watson's interview, which reads as follows:

"THOMPSON, GA., JAN. 5, 1909.

"MR. J. F. ARCENEAUX, Brittany, La.

"My Dear Sir:—The good Catholic who answers your statements in the newspapers and signs himself 'Society of the Holy Spirit' proves that one may wear a very religious name and yet have a most unchristian temperament. In effect, he seeks to discredit my historical statements by reference to the well known fact that I am a Populist who, having the courage of his convictions, is willing to stand with a hopeless minority. If it be a crime to have this sort of fortitude, and if being in the minority puts one in the wrong of itself, then Christ and his disciples would have been swept away by a puff of ridicule and contempt, for they were not only in a hopeless minority at the time He was on earth, but the Christian church is in a minority today, just as it has been for nineteen hundred years. If the gentleman who signs himself 'Society of the Holy Spirit' has such a scorn for minorities, and such a cowardly admiration for majorities, he ought, by all means, to leave the Catholic church. If this gentleman with the pious name knows nothing more about the massacre of St. Bartholomew than he does about my own record, he is not fit to discuss any kind of question in any kind of form whatever. He alludes to me as 'Where am I at Watson.' If this means anything but mere scurrillity, it means that the modest follower of the meek and lowly Jesus who signs himself 'Society of the Holy Spirit' actually believes that I was the intoxicated member of congress who lost the thread of his discourse on the floor of the house and inquired of the presiding officer, 'Mr. Speaker, where was I at?' Every well-informed person in this Union knows that I was not the person who used that famous expression. The gentleman who did make use of it was the Hon. James E. Cobb, of Alabama, and my connection with the phrase was that of the historian and satirist who preserved it.

"As to the massacre of St. Bartholomew, this gentle disciple of Christ, who signs himself 'Society of the Holy Spirit,' seems to think he demolishes my position by showing that the Papal representatives at the French court made a report to His Holiness, the Pope of Rome, stating that the butchery grew out of the failure of the Queen Regent to have Admiral Coligny shot dead in the streets. She did have him shot down like a dog, but the wound was not mortal. Your opponent says that because the perpretation of this dastardly outrage fired the natural indignation of the Protestants, they (the Catholics) began the butchery which is known to history as the Massacre of St. Bartholomew.

"Mr. 'Society of the Holy Spirit' argues that the Court of Rome had no knowledge that such a thing was contemplated, and that it was a purely local and almost accidental occurrence. Suppose you ask him why it was, then, that the massacre, even in Paris, showed such unmistakable evidence of previous design and careful preparation?

"Why did the bells of the Catholic churches in Paris peal forth from their towers the signal for the massacre; and why was it that immediately after the ominous tones of deep-mouthed bells had resounded thoughout the entire limits of Paris, the murderers simultaneously began their bloody work?

"Why was it that the priests of Paris, crucifix in one hand and sword in the other, ran through the streets, adding to the thirst for slaughter, inciting with all of their holy influence the maddened fanatics who were slaying with guns, slaying with pistols, slaying with swords and spears and daggers and clubs and stones?

"Why was it that this high tide of religious bigotry and assassination ran throughout the whole kingdom of France, and that in nearly every one of her cities similar scenes as that in Paris made shambles of the streets?

"Why was it that the attitude of the Holy Pope at Rome was that of expectation, and why was it that immediately upon receipt of the news of this ghastly series of massacres, the bells of all the Catholic churches throughout Rome pealed forth their joy. Why was it that solemn processions wended their way to the churches and great exultant Te Deums were sung?

"Why was it that the representative of Christ on earth, the Holy Pope at Rome, was in such a state of ecstacy upon receiving the news of this monstrous crime that he ordered the cannon of the Fort of St. Angelo fired, and gave Rome over to joyous demonstrations of glee?

"As to the dignity, value and accuracy of my historical works, I will content myself by saying that both in America and on the Continent they are accepted as standard authorities by men who would probably not consent to associate with men of the sort which Mr. 'Society of the Holy Spirit' shows himself to be. Not only have the books from which you quoted run through two editions per year, upon an average, ever since they came from the press, not only are they sold as standard works in Paris, but even now the Department of Education of the French Republic is considering a translation of 'The Story of France' into the French language, in order that the book may be used as a text book in educating the young people of France."

"Very respectfully and truly yours,

"THOS. E WATSON,"

J. F. ARCENEAUX.

THE WORLD'S NEWS.

Flashes of the Telegraph Wires From Near and Far.

Guillotine Method of Executing Murderers Revived in France—Western States Swept by Blizzard—British Explorer Killed in China.

Vienna is suffering from a water famine.

Nine ships of the Atlantic fleet have arrived at Port Said.

Severe earthquake shocks occurred in the western part of Mexico.

The shah of Persia has again issued a manifesto revoking the constitution.

An alleged plot to dethrone the king of Portugal was discovered at Lisbon.

Four murderers were put to death by the guillotine method at Bethune, France.

Two thousand persons attended the first rally of the Anti Saloon League at Mobile, Ala.

J. W. Brooke, a well known British explorer, was killed by natives in Lololand, China.

More than 100 men were killed as the result of an explosion in a coal mine near Bluefields, W. Va.

George D. Emery, said to be the largest mahogany operator in the world, died in Boston, Mass.

The worst blizzard in twenty years swept through the western states during the early part of the week.

The Bullis stave factory was completely destroyed by fire at Natchez, Miss., causing a loss of $40,000.

The packet J. A. Townes struck a snag and sank in the Yazoo river, a negro cabin boy being drowned.

Supplies from the American naval vessel Culgoa were distributed to the earthquake survivors at Messina.

Twenty-five men were killed as the result of an explosion of gas in Joseph Leiter's coal mine at Zeigler, Ill.

The annual reunion of the United Confederate Veterans will be held at Memphis, Tenn., on June 1, 2 and 3.

Earthquake shocks were felt at Vancouver, Seattle, Victoria and other cities on the North Pacific coast.

Huzzein Klazim Bey, the new Turkish ambassador to the United States, arrived at Washington, D. C.

Five schoolboys were arrested in St. Louis, Mo., being charged with the murder of a peddler whom they stoned.

There have been more than 9000 cases of cholera and 3599 deaths in St. Petersburg, Russia, since the epidemic began.

A mob at Lexington, S. C., lynched a negro who attacked a white woman and wounded the sheriff while resisting arrest.

Steve Veazey, a negro, who murdered "Boss" Veazey, was sentenced to be hung at Senatobia, Miss., on Feb. 17.

The Italian authorities have determined to isolate Messina as the only means of preventing an outbreak of serious illness.

Three persons were killed and another fatally injured as the result of a fire that destroyed a tenement house in New York city.

The United States and Great Britain have decided not to protest against the dismissal of Yuan Shi Kai by the Chinese government.

During services in a church near Sion, Switzerland, the building collapsed and practically the entire congregation was killed.

The Southern Commercial Congress has made arrangements to construct a southern building at Washington, D. C., at a cost of $1,000,000.

Owing to a row among negroes in Atlanta, Ga., over entertainment plans President-elect Taft withdrew his acceptance of an invitation to address them.

The body of Lieutenant Foertsch, the German aeronaut who lost his life at sea last October, was recovered in the North Sea by the fishing steamer Grion.

Swiss millers will boycott German grain in retaliation for Germany's failure to remove or modify the system of payment of bounties on flour exported to Switzerland.

The British authorities are investigating the strange disappearance of Miss Violet Charlesworth, a Welsh woman, who is alleged to have been killed in an authomobile accident.

Charles P. Taft resigned from the board of trustees of a Presbyterian church in Cincinnati, Ohio, because the pastor criticized the liberal religious views of his brother, William H. Taft.

Forestry officials in a number of the New England states will ask their legislatures to pass bills making railroads and individuals responsible for forest fires and liable for the resulting damages.

After being in service continuously for the past 150 years, the Leasowe lighthouse, which has stood on the Wirral shore of the Mersey estuary at the entrance of Liverpool, England, has been abandoned.

Japanese army officer students are allowed a salary of $1150 a year while learning the English language. Others get from $1000 to $1600 a year while mastering Russian, $1050 for French, $850 for German and $700 for Chinese.

Rev. John H. Carmichael, who murdered Gideon Browning in the church at Battle Run, Mich., committed suicide in Carthage, Ill. He declared the man he murdered had hypnotic power over him and he killed in self-defense.

Influential merchants of Barcelona, Spain, are contemplating a traveling exposition, to take a ten months' cruise around the world, for the purpose of exhibiting in all the principal ports Spanish manufactures and agricultural products.

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