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Didn't we tell you so?—or did we?

Whatever may happen in the United States next November, the Republicans seem pretty sure of carrying China.

The big cotton mills dispute in England, which caused a lockout of 300,000 operatives just after Christmas, has been settled, and all the mills are at work again.

New Mexico's first members of congress, George Curry, Republican, and H. B. Ferguson, Democrat, were sworn in and took their seats on the 8th of January amid the hearty applause of the representatives of both parties.

Another New York "fireproof" building—the seven-story brick and concrete warehouse of the Terminal Storage Company, covering a full city square—was burned last week, entailing a loss estimated at considerably more than \$10,000,000.

Congressman J. T. Watkins of Louisiana slipped and fell on an icy street at Washington last week and was run over by an electric automobile, with the result that he is nursing a bruised leg and sprained ankle. Fortunately his injuries are not serious.

The Monroe News-Star is to be complimented on the fine annual trade edition it sent out December 16. The issue comprised twenty-four pages of interesting reading and advertising matter, attractively illustrated and very neatly printed.

In accordance with the will of the people of Mississippi expressed at the recent election, Earl Brewer has been inaugurated as governor and J. K. Vardaman has been elected by the legislature as United States senator to succeed Senator Leroy Percy at the expiration of the latter's term next year. Gov. E. F. Noel has resumed the practice of law at his home town, Lexington.

President Taft has commuted the sentence of Charles W. Morse, the New York banker and ice king, who has served two years of a fifteen-year term in the federal prison at Atlanta, Ga., and the prisoner is now at liberty. He is suffering from an incurable malady and is not expected to live six months. It was the state of his health and the assurance that continued confinement would cause death within a month that led to his release.

The attorney general of Texas has entered suit against the Missouri, Kansas and Texas railway, claiming \$40,000 for violation of the state railroad commission's order requiring trains to be run on schedule time. Trains were late eight consecutive days and the prescribed penalty for each day's offense is \$5000. How many Louisiana railroads could keep out of the bankruptcy court if such fines for being behind time were enforced in this state?

W. G. Randolph, sheriff of East Baton Rouge and a candidate for the Democratic nomination for reelection, died at his home in the city of Baton Rouge on the 17th instant, after an illness of only five days. He was perhaps the most popular man in the parish and his friends were confident of his success in the primary of the 23rd, but his sudden death left his opponent, T. A. Womack, the sole candidate in the field, hence the Democratic parish committee met and declared Mr. Womack the party nominee.

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RESULTS OF THE DEMOCRATIC PRIMARY ELECTION.

The Democratic primary election held in this state last Tuesday was conducted peaceably and fairly, with the trifling exception of a couple of fist fights at New Orleans polls and the privilege granted to a number of voters in the same city to have assistance in marking their ballots notwithstanding they were registered under the educational clause of the law and were not physically disabled.

The contest for governor has resulted in a substantial victory for the Democratic Good Government League, for although the candidate of the organization did not poll an absolute majority of the total vote, he did obtain such a plurality over his leading opponent, Mr. Michel, that the defeat of the latter in a second primary may be regarded as virtually a foregone conclusion.

According to the returns received up to this morning, Judge Luther E. Hall's vote totalled 51,008, of which Orleans parish gave him 14,144 and the country parishes 36,864.

John T. Michel's total vote was 45,730, Orleans giving him 23,695, and the country parishes 22,034.

J. B. Aswell polled a total of 23,576 votes, of which 1766 came from Orleans and 21,810 from the country parishes.

Judge Hall received a majority over both his competitors in twenty-nine parishes and a plurality in eight others. The parishes giving him majorities are Ascension, Assumption, Avoyelles, Bossier, Calcasieu, Caldwell, Cameron, Claiborne, East Baton Rouge, East Carroll, East Feliciana, Evangeline, Iberia, Lafayette, Lafourche, Livingston, Morehouse, Ouachita, Pointe Coupee, St. Charles, St. Helena, St. James, St. Landry, St. Martin, St. Tammany, Terrebonne, Vermilion, West Baton Rouge and West Feliciana. The parishes giving him pluralities are Acadia, Concordia, DeSoto, Sabine, Tangipahoa, Union, Vernon and Webster.

Mr. Michel received a majority vote in six parishes—Iberville, Jefferson, Orleans, Plaquemine, St. John and St. Bernard—and pluralities in five parishes—Caddo, Madison, Rapides, St. Mary and Tensas.

Dr. Aswell carried eight parishes over his two opponents—Blenville, Franklin, Jackson, Lincoln, Natchitoches, Red River, Richland and Winn—and polled pluralities in five parishes—Catahoula, Grant, LaSalle, Washington and West Carroll.

The returns were not complete from several other parishes when the figures on which the foregoing statement is based were tabulated, but it may be assumed that when the additional reports are included Judge Hall's plurality will be increased. It is probable also that the alignment of two or three of the smaller parishes as to Judge Hall and Dr. Aswell may be changed by the final returns. Mr. Michel is not apt to be affected by such changes, and has "got all that's coming to him" in the statement of majorities and pluralities given above.

The contest for lieutenant governor resulted in the nomination of Thos. C. Barret, Mr. Michel's running mate, who defeated Henri L. Gueydan, candidate of the Good Government League, by a majority of approximately 4000.

Congressman Jos. E. Ransdell has defeated Senator Murphy J. Foeter for the senatorial nomination for the 1913 term by approximately 5000 majority. Senator Foeter polled about 3000 majority in Orleans, but Mr. Ransdell received about 8000 majority in the country parishes.

In the three-cornered contest for the 1915 senatorship Congressman Robert F. Broussard polled 47,537 votes, Governor J. Y. Sanders received 37,889, and Congressman Arsene P. Pujot 24,473. It is not known at this writing whether Gov. Sanders will stand for a second primary, inasmuch as it seems certain he wouldn't have a ghost of a show of winning in a run-off against "Cousan Bob," the popular third district congressman, whose spry qualities in Tuesday's contest has enthused and delighted his admirers all over the state. Mr. Pujot and his friends will flock solidly to Mr. Broussard's support in a second primary, and it is hard to see how anything short of a humiliating defeat for the governor could result from such a contest. Mr. Broussard carried both city and country, receiving nearly 3000 plurality over Gov. Sanders in Orleans and about 4000 more in the country parishes.

According to present returns the outcome as to the minor state offices is as follows: Paul Capdevielle has a majority of about 6000 over O. H. Steele for auditor of public accounts, Alvin E. Hebert is ahead of A. Villeret some 3000 votes for secretary of state; Ledoux Smith has undoubtedly defeated Baxter Braswell for state treasurer, and Col. R. G. Pleas-



CONGRESSMAN JOSEPH E. RANSDOLL
Who Defeated Senator Foeter for United States Senate, 1913 Term.

ant and Fred. Grace are nominated for attorney general and register of the state land office, respectively, by large majorities. For commissioner of agriculture, E. O. Bruner polled the highest vote, and in the event of a second primary for governor there will be a run-off between Mr. Bruner and William Polk, with B. W. Marston eliminated as the third man in the race.

The results of the primary as to Ascension parish are presented by the returns printed elsewhere in today's Chief, and call for no particular comment. With the exception of the candidate for coroner, all the candidates on what was commonly called the Hanson parish ticket were successful. The Ascension candidate for state senator polled a handsome plurality in his home parish, but received scanty support in St. James and consequently ran behind both the candidates from that parish, neither of whom obtained a majority of the total vote. If a second primary for governor is held there will be a run-off for senator between Messrs. Doussan and Himel, and for representative between Messrs. Marchand and Gonzales, who received the second and third highest votes in last Tuesday's contest. Mr. Picard's vote constituted a majority of the total poll, hence he is elected as one of Ascension's representatives. If there be no second gubernatorial primary, Dr. Doussan will be declared elected senator and Mr. Marchand representative, as they have pluralities over their nearest opponents.

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LEDOUX SMITH
Nominated for State Treasurer

A REPUBLICAN PRIMARY.

Not to be entirely out of the fashion, the Louisiana Republicans had a little primary election of their own on Wednesday, the result of which was a decisive victory for the party organization headed by Frank B. Williams as chairman of the state committee and Pearl Wight as national committeeman. The Cohen-Kuntz faction, generally known by the sobriquet of "Black and Tans," elected half a dozen members of the state committee in New Orleans and the first congressional district, and probably two in the country parishes, while the regular organization chose all the remaining members, numbering about a hundred, and Hugh S. Suthon received a large majority over C. J. Bell for the nomination as governor. Only five polls were opened in Ascension, and the returns from four of them show 14 votes cast, all being for the Suthon ticket.

BEWARE OF THE TERRIBLE REPUBLICANS!

One of the several funny things noticeable in the late Democratic primary campaign was the effort of the stump speakers and newspaper organs of the rival Michel and Hall factions to frighten the timid Democracy of the state with a Republican scarecrow. Each side's spellbinders and press agents pointed to the significant fact that prominent leaders of the other side were tarred with the taint or tainted with the tar of Republican affiliations or leanings, and that there was a deep-laid conspiracy on the part of the Republicans to play the Trojan horse trick on the unsophisticated and timorous Democracy and thus disintegrate, demoralize and teetotally disrupt the Democratic party of Louisiana.

The Hallites, for instance, recalled that John Fitzpatrick, premier boss of the ward bosses, was an officeholder under appointment of a Republican governor during the starless night of reconstruction; that Congressman Albert Estopinal, erstwhile chairman of the Democratic state central committee, was a foremost figure in Republican party councils not many years ago; that Congressman Garland Dupre strayed from the fold in 1896 and supported the Pharr ticket; that two of the Alexandria Hunters who are now spilling for Michel were not only Republicans, but black-and-tan ones at that; that General Jim Cosgrove once whooped-it-up for Republican principles and candidates as uncompromisingly and vitriolically as he is now doing in Cosgrove's Weekly for the Sanders-and-Michel variety of Democracy—and so forth and so on.

The Michelites, on the other hand, averred that John M. Parker, president of the Good Government League, voted for Taft in 1908; that Don Carbery ran for governor in 1900 against the regular Democratic nominee, W. W. Heard; that Dr. H. Dickson Bruns of New Orleans, a prominent leaguer, didn't give any party affiliation when he registered in 1900; that Jim Wilkinson, one of the league's most effective speakers, ran for congress on the Republican ticket in 1892—and so forth and so on.

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The approaching wedding of Miss Ida Lejeune, of Lockport, to Domigie Ducos, of this city, is announced, the happy event to be solemnized at the Catholic church in Lockport on Wednesday morning, February 14, at a nuptial mass at 6:20 o'clock. No invitations will be issued, but the friends and acquaintances of the contracting parties are invited through this medium to be present at the ceremony. The bride-elect is the attractive daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Felix Lejeune. The prospective groom is a genial and popular young citizen of Donaldsonville, and is employed as distributing agent of fuel oil for the Standard Oil Company along Bayou Lafourche and Terrebonne. The young couple will make their home in this city, occupying one of the handsome Vega cottages in Claiborne street.

President Taft was a guest at three dinner parties in New York city last Saturday evening, and he lives to tell the tale.

High School Notes.

Mid-term examinations, which were given on the 14th, 18th and 19th inst., closed the first school term. It is said that there are comparatively few conditions.

Miss A. Johnson is filling the vacancy caused by Miss Wallace's resignation, and Miss Clothilda Reed has taken Miss Jordan's place.

Lee day, Jan. 19, was unobserved in this school owing to the fact that examinations were being given in all grammar and high school grades. The same day being health day, was observed in the primary grades with appropriate health programs.

Shade trees are being planted on the school campus.

Julius Poles, after two months' absence, has returned and resumed his studies in the junior class.

The juniors and seniors now occupy the same study room, formerly occupied by the freshman division. The latter have been transferred to the junior classroom.

Quite a number of new students have been enrolled since the Christmas holidays. There are now over five hundred students in attendance.

J. H. Dupuy, formerly principal of the school, was in town this week.

E. H. Riley, representative of the American Seating Co., was in town and called at the office to see Mr. Messick.

The boys basketball team has improved considerably of late and a game is expected within a few days.

Wintz-Landry.

Miss Rena Marie Landry, the accomplished daughter of Mrs. Simon Landry, of Crevasse Settlement, and Victor Louis Wintz, of Barton, were married at the Catholic church in this city at 5 o'clock Thursday afternoon, Rev. V. J. Montellard officiating. The bride was given away by her brother, Val. E. Landry, of Garyville, and was attended by Miss Gertrude Wilson, of Donaldsonville, as maid of honor. Clarence Landry, of Barrow, stood with the groom as best man. A large gathering of relatives and friends witnessed the pretty ceremony.

The newly wedded couple left on the 6 o'clock T. and P. train for New Orleans, and after spending a few days in that city will take up their home at Barton, where the groom is employed as slidebar foreman by the Burton-Swartz Cypress Company. The Chief joins their host of friends throughout this section in extending them warmest congratulations and good wishes for a long and happy married life.

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