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There are now 2,900,000 American soldiers in France and more are going over as fast as ships can be provided for their transportation.

Sincere Gratitude.
Mrs. William Bell, Logansport, Ind., writes: "I deem it my duty to express my gratitude for the good Chamberlain's Colic and Diarrhoea Remedy did me when I had a severe attack of diarrhoea three years ago. It was the only medicine that relieved me."—(Adv.)

Federal Board Makes Coffins.
Under orders of the war industries board a coffin factory, which has been established in Knoxville, Tenn. for many years, is now in operation for the first time. The order of the board explained the shortage of coffins, stating that to keep up the movement of bodies it was necessary to operate the factory.

The United States Civil Service Commission announces an examination to be held at Baton Rouge on November 9, 1918, for the position of fourth-class postmaster to fill the vacancy at Hope Villa, this parish. The compensation of the postmaster at the said office being \$335 for the last fiscal year. Applicants must be over 21 years of age, and must reside in the territory supplied by the postoffice and the examination is opened to all citizens who can comply with the requirements. Application blanks and full information can be secured from the postmaster at the place of vacancy.

Cardinal Gibbons of Baltimore, celebrated his fiftieth anniversary as a bishop last Sunday. Delegations from the Catholics of France, England, Belgium, Ireland, Canada and Mexico joined with the delegates from this country in paying homage to the great prelate. The French government, through the French ambassador, conferred upon the cardinal the insignia of a Grand Officer of the Legion of Honor. The Sulphurians who are to build a new seminary at Washington, will make it a memorial to the cardinal. A purse of \$50,000 from Catholics of the archdiocese has been presented to the distinguished prince of the church.

NOT THE ONLY ONE.
There Are Other Donaldsonville People Similarly Situated.

Can there be any stronger proof offered than the evidence of Donaldsonville residents? After you have read the following, quietly answer the question.

S. L. Allemen, retired sugar planter, 34 Cleburne street, Donaldsonville, says: "I used to suffer a great deal from misery with my back and kidneys and my kidneys acted much too frequently. The secretions were highly colored, out of order, and unnatural. I was compelled to get up several times during the night on this account. I had dull pains across the small of my back and down into my hips. When I stooped over, it was difficult for me to get up and I was in pretty bad shape. I commenced to use Doan's Kidney Pills, which I got at the X-Ray Pharmacy, and they brought me quick relief and soon had me well. Since then when I have felt the need of a kidney medicine, I always get Doan's Kidney Pills and they have brought the same fine results."

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INFLUENZA SITUATION.

Physicians report the influenza situation throughout this parish to be about stationary. While several deaths have occurred during the week, the excellent preventive measures adopted by the health authorities very few new cases have developed and the disease seems to be under control. The crest is believed to have been passed, and it is hoped that the epidemic will be entirely crushed out in the course of the next ten days.

Like everywhere else throughout the United States, the disease has played havoc with everything in this section. Business has been seriously interfered with, and farming operations of all kinds which had been delayed on account of the bad weather, were practically brought to a standstill. There are many people still laid up with the sickness, but from all accounts all of the patients are improving, and with the excellent medical care and attention which is being bestowed upon them, it is sincerely hoped that they will all soon be restored to their former good health.

The Weather and Rice.

The few days of fair weather which prevailed this week made it possible for some of the rice farmers in this section who were not through with their harvest, and who were able to obtain labor, to resume operations. But the resumption was only temporary, however, as bad weather again put an end to all work. Those who were able to resume found that the rain which prevailed here almost continually for over two weeks, had caused serious damage to the rice in the field. The damage is variously estimated at between twenty and thirty per cent of the unharvested crop. Fortunately, the percentage of the crops still unharvested is very small, as the bulk of the product had been gathered, and marketed during the prevalence of fair weather. The present time is unusually late in the season to talk rice harvesting; but this has been an unusual year. On account of the scarcity of labor many farmers were late in planting and the low stage of water in the Mississippi river made irrigation very difficult and as a result the crops were slow in growing and in reaching maturity. Then the scarcity of labor made harvesting very slow, and despite the fact that the farmers strained every point, some were caught with rice standing in the fields when the bad weather set in. It is believed that with about one week of fair weather the balance of the rice crop could be gathered and saved.

Terms of Court Changed.

Judge Philip H. Gilbert has announced the rules of the twenty-seventh judicial district court, comprising the parishes of Assumption, St. James, and St. James, insofar as the dates for the holding of the terms are concerned, as follows:

Parish of St. James—Civil terms: On the first Monday in October, third Monday in November and third Monday in March. Criminal terms: On the first Monday in February and the third Monday in June.

Parish of Assumption—Civil terms: On the third Monday in October, first Monday in December and second Monday in April. Criminal terms: On the second Monday in January and third Monday in May.

Parish of Ascension—Civil terms: On the first Monday in November, first Monday in May and second Monday in December. Criminal terms: On the fourth Monday in February and second Monday in July.

The changes made are as follows: In St. James the criminal terms were formerly held on the second Monday in January and fourth Monday in May. There is no change in the dates of the civil terms. In Assumption the criminal terms were formerly held on the first Monday in February and third Monday in June. There is no change in the dates of the civil terms. In Ascension there is no change in the dates of the criminal terms. The civil term which formerly opened on the third Monday in December will hereafter begin on the second Monday in that month, otherwise the dates of the terms remain unchanged.

Local Draft Board Notes.

Seven colored selectmen, qualified for special and limited military service, returned here last Wednesday for Charles E. C. as follows: Joseph Mulberry, Gonzales; Monroe Smith, Belle Helene; Arthur Ward, Donaldsonville; Samuel Ward, Burnside; Jeff Marshall, Sorrento; John Robinson, Lauderdale; Arthur Crisby, Burnside.

The following white men entrained Thursday for the Jackson Barracks in New Orleans: Charles Boudreaux, Cornervieu; Adam Hernandez, Barton; J. Bennett Nickens, Galvez; Rene Cassard, Barton; Clark King, Hope Villa; Joseph Carpenter, Aey; Harry Bullion, Prairieville; Ellis Marion Richardson, Brittany; Louis Martin, Barton; Joseph Carpenter and Marion Richardson, who were designated to form part of the above increment, did not depart owing to the fact that they are confined to their homes with influenza.

Private Conrad Mavor Wounded.

Willie S. Mavor who resides at No. 4907 Camp street in New Orleans, was advised by the war department a few days ago that his son, Private Conrad L. Mavor, had been wounded severely, after having been under fire for hours and passing through a gas attack lasting forty-eight hours on the battlefields of France. Private Mavor went to France with the early detachment of the Washington Artillery, and is now attached to the 117th Ammunition Train, Company C. He had made efforts to enlist with the navy and with the engineers corps several years ago. His father, W. S. Mavor, is a well-known steamboat man, and several years ago resided in Donaldsonville with his family. He is a brother of Mrs. Arthur J. Melancon of this city. The chief in common with the many friends of the family sincerely hope that the injuries of young Mavor will not prove serious and that he will soon recover and be able to return to the firing line again.

Save for your country or slave for the Hun.

LOUISIANA SOLDIERS IN BATTLE.

Payne Breazeale, Gives Thrilling Account of St. Mihiel Fight.

Lieutenant Payne Breazeale, a prominent young attorney of Baton Rouge, who married Miss Nita Sims, daughter of Hon. R. N. Sims of this city, and who is on the firing line in France, writes to his wife under date of Sept. 16, the following thrilling account of the St. Mihiel fight in which many Louisiana boys covered themselves with glory.

"This is my third start of a letter to you, none of which I have been able to do more than start, but I'll try and finish this one and give it to the Y. M. C. A. man to mail you. I'm deep in a German dugout writing on Boche paper, and more tired, dirty, exhausted and broken in heart than I ever imagined I could be. We've been through hell, girl—but the 358th can go down in history, those who will be left, if any are left and ever relieved. We started at the jump-off last week at the St. Mihiel drive, went over the top after our seven days' trenches. We are still in the front line, paying for it, but we're not as bad as you think. We've got our own gas, and we've got our own food. We've got our own water, and we've got our own shelter. We've got our own everything, and we've got our own God. God help and keep those heroes who are gone. Our casualties have been tremendous—counting everything—we have less than 50 per cent of men left.

Wounded or Gassed.

"Most of them are wounded or gassed, but many, many of them are gone. Our battalion has nine officers out of twenty-four left, so far—and the rest are as bad. Four Capt. Sam Craig (A Co.) was blown to pieces by a shell. His first sergeant, also, and old A. J. Sergeant, standing next to him, badly shell shocked. Tom Powell, from Lake Providence, who was my bunkie at training camp and who you remember played with Nita Sims that morning at the 4th O.T.C. was killed going over the top the first morning, also Houser. Capt. Horton and _____ of C Co. were both badly wounded today. I was with him in the trench. Capt. Gregg wounded, May and Bates gassed (only enough to put them out of business) and in the hospital.

"Major Ashburn wounded in the neck the first morning—left the first aid station and went back into the fight and was wounded in the leg again. Major Allen, ten wounds. Oh—all of the poor devils. B Co. so far has been remarkable—not an officer wounded yet in spite of hundreds of escapades. Gutcher was hurt and many of my good men are gone—but gone like men."

"Yet We Must Go On."

"I'm sick, sick honey, and yet we must go on. The Lord is watching me for my girls. I've had men killed on every side of me—today was taking a can of coffee to my company—a shell burst overhead, wounded all four of my carriers—broke my helmet and knocked me over—and yet didn't touch me. We haven't 60 men left in B, yet those who are left, with no sleep, in all the rain—only every twenty-four or thirty-six hours—are marvelous. We have done everything they asked—and more—captured Germans by the hundreds, killed ten Germans to every one captured—and yet have not been relieved. Our men can do anything. In one drive on this hill we captured 40 machine guns in concrete emplacements and got every man.

"The Boche are using only machine guns or snipers. Don is so marvelous so are Divine and Wadley—wild men, brave, nervy, wonders, God bless them. I was called by the major just after we went over the top and detailed to handle all supplies for the battalion—ammunition and food—as our supply officer and adjutant were put out of business the first half hour. I have fed the four companies, machine gun and headquarters, and medical at least one meal a day. Today we have one cook and five carriers wounded. I captured a German horse to ride (I couldn't walk another step) and an airplane flew over and shot him while I was on him. I'm charmed, dear, for my girls—I hope.

Dugouts Electric Lighted.

"How we took the hill. I don't know. The Boche have held it four years. They have rock and concrete trenches and machine gun emplacements and sniper posts. Their dugouts are sumptuous, electric lights, rugs, mirrors, a piano in this one. Our men captured every, every thing. They have all German boxes, legging, pistols, field glasses, watches, and food everything they could find—lots of it. In this ten days they have lost everything they owned and hold on only to their rifles, bayonets and belts. But they are fighting things. Don't ever believe anything but that they are wonders, wonders. God bless and keep them. We've done our part.

"The spers, which the Y. M. C. A. man brought up to set the tanks and French had done so much. May be some where else, but here we haven't seen a Frenchman or a tank. Our own military started the garage, and our own infantry cleaned out these miles and miles of Boche infested country. We have taken four towns, I've seen the German and American dead piled up in heaps by the well, till you were sick at heart. I can't write connectedly, dearie, I haven't had off my shoes or hat for days and days—sleep a hour at a time among wounded and dead men and am exhausted. I can't mind this letter—don't worry. The worst is over and I am all O.K. yet. I'll write you when I can and I'll write you a real letter.

Set Your Clock Back.

Between 2 and 3 o'clock tomorrow morning all clocks throughout the United States will be turned back one hour, and the old time which prevailed six months ago when the clocks were advanced one hour will be restored. The daylight saving law has fulfilled the prophecies of its advocates. It has turned one hour of night into day. People live by custom. They rise by the clock, eat by the clock and go to bed by the clock. So during the past six months people have been awake one more hour of daylight and asleep one more hour of darkness than formerly. Be sure and set your clock back one hour tomorrow if you wish to conform to the time.

COUNCIL OF DEFENSE NOTES.

Brief Items From the Local "Work or Fight" War Board.

Field Agent Felix Acosta and Supt. R. P. Broussard visited last week a number of employers of labor in essential work and distributed service cards to be issued by the employer to the employees.

Every able-bodied person between the ages of 18 and 55 years should have a service card. Get one at once from Mr. Broussard and put in six days of work every week.

Those who are not now engaged in essential occupations should become so engaged at once to help win the war.

Secretary J. O. Montegut and Principal Brian of the Gonzales High School have been putting in good work assisting the doctors in the seventh and eighth wards in the influenza campaign. All of the teachers in New River have volunteered their services and are rendering valuable assistance nursing influenza patients. Secretary Montegut secured a number of masks from the Ascension Chapter of Red Cross.

Dr. A. W. Martin has volunteered his services to the council of defense and will visit Gonzales every other day while the influenza epidemic is on to help the local doctors to handle the situation.

The council of defense has issued notices to all colored societies that during the influenza epidemic all public funerals must cease, and all persons dying at this time should be buried as soon as possible.

The attention of the public is called to the fact that new buildings can be constructed only after permit has been issued by the war industries board. Any one contemplating building which he conceives to be in the public interest or essential under existing conditions, must make a full statement of the facts in writing under oath, and present same to the local council of defense for approval. Should the local council approve the construction project, the council will transmit the application stating clearly and fully the reasons for approval to the chairman of the state council of defense for his consideration. The council is confidently depending upon the co-operation of all local contractors, builders and all others interested in building projects and the sale of building material to help it meet this issue in a patriotic way, and defer until after the war building operations of every character not contributing directly or indirectly to the winning of the war.

It will be well for all to bear in mind as stated by Priorities Commissioner Edwin B. Parker and Chairman Branch of the war industries board, "obviously it does not follow because there happens to be an ample supply of building materials or local labor in a particular community that building projects not contributing directly or indirectly to the winning of the war should not be curtailed for the labor required for such construction is presently needed elsewhere in war work, and in many cases the demand is imperative that the fuel required in producing such building materials and the transportation service to deliver them should be conserved."

Do only the essential and necessary repairs. Everything else should be subordinated to the one essential—the winning of the war.

The big Salsburg refinery in St. James parish which began operations some two weeks ago, was forced to suspend almost immediately on account of bad weather which was followed by an outbreak of influenza among the mill employees. Mr. Jacob L. Salsburg, president of the concern, who is noted for being very generous, has ordered the building of a temporary hospital where the influenza patients were quarantined and nurses and medicine were provided and the men given every care and attention possible. All of the sick men have sufficiently recovered to make it possible for the big factory to resume operations today or tomorrow.

ELECTION PROCLAMATION.

Office Board of Supervisors of the Parish of Ascension, La.
Donaldsonville, La., Oct. 18, 1918.

IN ACCORDANCE with the law and proclamation of His Excellency, Ruffin G. Pleasant, governor of the state of Louisiana, dated October 8, A. D. 1918, directing that an election be held on the 5th day of November, A. D. 1918, for the election of officials therein designated, notice is hereby given that an election will be held within each precinct of the various wards of the parish of Ascension, Louisiana, at each of the polling places as may be selected by the proper authorities on TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 1918, from 6 o'clock in the forenoon until 7 o'clock in the afternoon, for the purpose of electing officials designated by law, namely: United States Senator for the term beginning March 4, 1919; United States Senator for the unexpired term ending March 4, 1921, caused by the death of the honorable Robert F. Broussard; Congressman from the Sixth Congressional District of the state of Louisiana, and members of the School Board of the parish of Ascension from the second, third and fifth wards of the parish of Ascension, and certain amendments to the constitution passed by the General Assembly at its regular extraordinary session of the year 1918; therefore, the commissioners and clerks of election and the deputy sheriffs of the various precincts of the wards of the parish of Ascension, and all other officers interested and concerned are hereby directed and required to hold said election on the day above mentioned, and within the hours prescribed, and to cause said election to be held and conducted and the returns thereof to be made in all respects in the manner and form prescribed by law for general elections.

By order of the Board of Supervisors of Election of the parish of Ascension, Louisiana.

W. K. GREMILLION, President.



They're in to Win

Fair targets, every one of these men, for the German riflemen and machine gunners hidden behind the parapet.

But they are not thinking of the bullets whizzing past them; of the shells bursting over their heads.

They are intent on one thing—to scale that bank, take the bridge head and win the day.

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CITY COUNCIL MEETING.

Secretary Resign—Routine Business Transacted.

Donaldsonville, La., Oct. 15, 1918.
A postponed regular meeting of the commission council was held this day at 8 o'clock p. m., with Commissioners E. K. Sims, Alexander Bloomenstiel and John H. Schaff present.

The minutes of the regular meeting of September 9 were read, approved and ordered signed.

Mr. Schaff reported that the drainage culvert at the crossing of Houmas and Claiborne streets was found to be too small for the volume of water to be relieved at that point, and the same is now being replaced by a larger hoxing.

Mr. Schaff moved that the salary of the assistant to the chief of police be raised from \$55 to \$60 per month, commencing October 1, 1918. The motion was seconded by Mr. Bloomenstiel, roll-call resulting as follows: Yeas—Sims, Bloomenstiel, Schaff.

The following report of cash receipts and disbursements for the month of September was read:

GENERAL FUND.

Aug. 31—Balance	\$4965.31
Sept. 6—Col. report No. 263:	
Taxes—regular interest	74.75
Sept. 2—Wharf	4.75
Total	\$5044.81

Disturbances.

Sept. 6—Trans. to Bond Fund	\$ 21.92
Sept. 9—Bank of Ascension, approved orders	62.75
Sept. 9—B. Lonnann & Bro.	182.20
Sept. 9—Ascension Lumber Yard	15.10
Sept. 9—Chas. E. Wernuth	23.80
Sept. 20—Don. Lumber Yard	12.43
Sept. 20—Ganewell F. A. T. Co.	75.64
Sept. 21—Bank of Ascension, approved orders	39.00
Sept. 30—Bank of Ascension, approved orders	34.24
Sept. 30—Pay-roll	315.53
Total	\$ 851.14

BOND FUND.

Aug. 31—Balance	\$1229.76
Sept. 6—Report No. 253	21.92
Sept. 20—Balance	\$1251.68

Dr. Sims presented to the council the resignation of J. J. Melancon, secretary to the council and city auditor who is leaving our city, and in a few well chosen words stated that it was with reluctance he moved the acceptance of the resignation. On behalf of the council he voiced their sincere appreciation of the faithful and valuable services rendered them during their term of office and expressed their heartfelt wishes for continued success in his future undertakings.

There being no further business, the council adjourned.

A. J. MELANCON, City Clerk.

Joseph J. Hickson, who, for many years has filled the position of clerk on the steamer Virgie of the Donaldsonville and Burnside Packet Company, has been promoted to the position of captain of the staunch little steamer. Captain Hickson came to this town in 1910 as an employee of the packet company. For three years he was engineer of the company's boats, and in 1913 became clerk of the Virgie, which position he held until his elevation to the office of captain. Mr. Hickson is a resident and most valuable citizen of this city, and his promotion comes as a well merited reward for years of faithful and persevering service.

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