

Louisiana News

Danziger Charged With Embezzlement

New Orleans.—Criminal action was taken against T. Walter Danziger, who has been missing since early last week...

A formal statement presented to Young by Harold Danziger, brother of the accused, Monday, was to the effect that Danziger's family would pay the difference between the amount said to be missing and Danziger's \$25,000 bond...

Room Shot Up by Roman Candle

Thibodaux.—What might have been a serious accident occurred Friday when Tessie Hart, believing what she picked up was a roman candle that had been used, threw it in the fire in the fireplace...

Settled General Bill With Guns

Columbia.—Dock Wooten and Elias Canon, negroes, who have been at danger's points for the last two years over the funeral expenses of a deceased relative, met on the public highway in Ward Six Friday and immediately made ready with their weapons to settle old scores...

New Orleans Sugar Is Quiet

New Orleans.—The local sugar market was quiet Monday and only light receipts of both plantation and raw sugars were recorded.

Ordered to Move Oil Tanks

Lake Charles.—The Standard Oil Company will have to move its oil tanks from their present position on North Court street. This has been decided by the police jury, as they are deemed a menace to the prisoners in the parish jail...

T. C. Keeling Goes to Nashville

Baton Rouge.—T. C. Keeling, for the last two years manager of the Baton Rouge Electric Company, has resigned his position with the Stone-Webster Company of Boston, owners of the local electric plant...

Badly Beaten Policeman Better

Lake Charles.—John Lenor, night patrolman, who was badly cut and beaten up in a melee in Ryan street on Christmas Eve by several parties, is on a fair road to recovery.

Red Men Will Initiate Fifty

Baton Rouge.—The local lodge of Red Men on Jan. 2 will put more than fifty candidates through the initial rites of the order, increasing the membership to 250.

Thibodaux Marriages Fall Off

Thibodaux.—The difference in the marriages at St. Joseph's Catholic church this year as against last year is very marked. In 1912 there were seventy-three marriages solemnized at the church, while this year there were but twenty-one.

Trial of D. D. Pool Set for Jan. 10

Columbia.—D. D. Pool, who killed J. W. Warner in this parish Oct. 8 and who has been confined in jail since he was indicted for murder last week, will be put on trial Jan. 10.

Christmas Cheer at Lake Charles

Lake Charles.—The United Charities of Lake Charles delivered over 100 Christmas baskets and furnished Christmas dinner to more than 200 persons.

To Inspect Flood Districts

Austin, Tex.—Governor Colquitt will send Colonel Dallas J. Matthews to make an inspection of the overflowed areas of the San Antonio and Guadalupe rivers of South Texas and the Little River in Central Texas.

Campti—The cotton gin of Frank Galluspy was destroyed by fire Christmas morning

Rome.—The "Mona Lisa" was taken to the Palazzo Farnes Sunday and delivered to the French ambassador.

Farmers' Short Course Lectures

Baton Rouge.—The following lectures are on the program for the farmers' short course to be held at the Louisiana State University Jan. 20-30: Governor I. E. Hall, President Thos. D. Boyd, Dr. W. H. Dalrymple, professor of veterinary science...

Rice Movement Is Limited

New Orleans.—The movement of the rice crop over Sunday was limited to 2,611 sacks, most of this for mills. The small movement caused a quiet tone to prevail.

Receipts, 2,611 sacks rough Honduras. No sales.

Clean: Honduras head, 4 1/2c; straight, 3 1/2c; screenings, 1 1/2c; No. 2, 1 1/2c. Market tone quiet but firm. Japan head, 2 1/2c; straight, 2 1/2c; screenings, 1 1/2c; No. 2, 1 1/2c.

Sales rough: Honduras, none; quoted at \$1.50-4.00 per barrel of 162 pounds; Japan, 489 sacks at \$2.35-3.05.

Rice polish, \$26.50-27.00 per ton; bran, \$16.00-18.50 per ton.

Lecturer Attacked by Hog

Columbia.—Anthony F. Blanks of the school of oratory of Otterbein University, Delaware, Ohio, who came to Columbia, pursuant to an arrangement with the Woman's Missionary Society, to deliver a lecture in the auditorium of the Columbia High school, while out walking with Mrs. Annie E. Gooche, his aunt, Saturday was attacked by a vicious boar hog...

No Trace of Henry C. Boyd

Baton Rouge.—The family and friends of Henry C. Boyd, who has been missing for more than a week, are at as much loss as to his whereabouts now as they were on the day he disappeared.

May Have Man Who Cried "Fire"

Calumet, Mich.—Possible identification of the man who started the Christmas Eve catastrophe by calling "fire" in a crowded hall here, in which 72 persons lost their lives, was forecast Wednesday by O. N. Hilton, chief of counsel of the Western Federation of Miners.

Siegel Stores in Hands of Receivers

New York.—Two great department stores in New York and one in Boston, an express company, a wholesale house and a private banking house run in connection with the department stores, all allied with and controlled by the Siegel Stores Corporation of which Henry Siegel of New York is directing head and president, were placed in the hands of receivers Tuesday through a suit instituted by the holdings company in the federal courts.

Vital Statistics Report

Austin, Tex.—R. P. Babcock, state registrar of vital statistics, has completed his tabulations for the month of November, and, as usual, the births far exceed the deaths, proving that Texas is not in the race suicide column.

Daughter of Senator Married

Washington.—Miss Lucy Hoke Smith, daughter of Senator Hoke Smith of Georgia, and Ensign Alston R. Simpson of the United States navy were married Tuesday at Senator Smith's home in Washington.

Lind Had Sought Brief Leave

Pass Christian, Miss.—President Wilson has given permission to John Lind, his personal representative in Mexico, to come to Pass Christian from Vera Cruz for a conference on Mexican affairs.

Schmidt Jury Fails to Agree

New York.—After deliberating thirty-six hours, the jury trying the case of Hans Schmidt, formerly rector of St. Joseph's church, accused of the murder of Anna Ounuller, reported Tuesday that it could not reach an agreement and was discharged.

Philadelphians, Pa.—The new twin screw oil-burning torpedo boat destroyer Parker—largest of its class and called the "destroyer of destroyers"—has been turned over to the government by the builder Tuesday.

Suffragists Storm Missouri

Columbia, Mo.—Enough signatures to petitions circulated over the state have already been obtained to make it certain that Missouri voters will have to pass on the question of "votes for women" during 1914.

To Encourage Alaskan Pioneers

Washington.—Liberal concessions to Alaskan homesteaders are recommended by Commissioner of the General Land Office Clay Tallman in his annual report to the secretary of the Interior Monday.

Beachy Sets Airloop Record

San Francisco, Cal.—Lincoln Beachy celebrated Christmas Thursday by breaking a world's record, looping the loop five consecutive times from a height of 750 feet and landing in a narrow street on the Panama exposition grounds.

Flood Contributions Continue

Austin, Tex.—Additional contributions to the flood sufferers' fund amounting to \$129 were received by the governor Thursday.

DESPERATE BATTLE ON BORDER

FEDERALS MAKE LAST STAND AGAINST NORTHERN REBELS.

Many Mexican Federal Soldiers Desert Trenches and Wade Rio Grande to Texas Side.

Presidio, Tex.—The battle between 5,000 rebels under General Toribio Ortega and the northern division of the Mexican federal army, entrenched around Ojinaga, Mexico, across the border from Presidio, Texas, still was in progress when darkness fell Tuesday night. No bullets came across the border.

The forces had been engaged for two days and many had been killed and wounded.

General Ortega, executing a series of flank movements, steadily kept on the offensive, gaining foot by foot the approaches to the federal stronghold. The federal forces, crippled and disorganized by the first rebel onslaught, clung to the hillside trenches, where their leaders had decided to make a last stand. They rallied somewhat from the panic that seized many of the rebels Wednesday night disclosed the position of Ortega's men, and put up a plucky fight against heavy odds, although their losses were heavy from wounds and desertions.

It was impossible to even approximate the number of dead and wounded.

Fifteen federal wounded who waded the river were allowed to remain and were cared for by United States army physicians, but several score unmounted federal deserters were disarmed by the United States border patrol under Major McNamee and sent back across the border.

Army officers were convinced casualties had been heavy and Red Cross representatives sent requests for more help and hospital supplies. They also requested permission to cross the border to attend the wounded on the battlefield.

Neither of the opposing forces is provided with hospital facilities, and the wounded have been left on the hillside where they fell.

Although 5,000 rebels were engaged, much of their fire was ineffective in the early hours of the battle because of the position they occupied below the village.

Ojinaga, a cluster of adobe buildings, stands a mile from the border, at the top of high hills which line the valley through which the rebels advanced. When day dawned Ortega's men had gained the foot of a hill three miles from the village, where the federals had planted a fort to command approaches to the town.

They spread along the hillside and opened a fire which was supported by ten machine guns they had dragged across the desert from Chihuahua.

Foot by foot the rebels approached the federals' trenches, the government troops retiring, until as darkness fell all federals who had not fled were huddled in the shelter of the town itself.

Colonel Henry Exall Dead

Dallas, Tex.—Colonel Henry Exall, president of the Texas Industrial Congress and of the National Corn Exposition, one of the foremost citizens of Dallas and Texas, for years a persistent worker for the development of the city, the state and the Southwest, whose unique and highly successful efforts in behalf of better farming have made him a figure of national prominence, died Monday at his home in Dallas.

Texas Postmasters Named

Washington.—The president Tuesday nominated the following Texas postmasters: Grapevine, Minerva E. Austin; Bay City, A. S. Collins; Dawson, J. A. Davis; Silsbee, W. J. Davis; Gordon, Robert N. Eastus; Petrolia, Earl M. Duval; Frost, A. W. Howell; Skidmore, J. J. Jenkins; Morgan, Will Ligon; Newton, Forrest M. Mattox; Bellevue, W. L. Mount; Hubbard, Conrad M. Newton; Eagle Pass, Geo. W. Rohle; Kilteven, R. D. Tankerslee.

Successor to Martin Elected

Houston, Tex.—A. G. Whittington, acting general manager of the International and Great Northern railroad, was elected second vice president and general manager at a meeting of the directors of the road Monday. He was formerly superintendent of the San Antonio division of the road before the death of Henry Martin, whom he succeeds as general manager.

Huerta May Take Field

City of Mexico.—That Enrique Gerostita, minister of justice, will become president of Mexico early in the new year and that General Huerta will take the field against the rebels who refuse to conform to this arrangement, is the report that has been received with credence by some of the diplomats at Mexico City.

Vandals Damage Sculpture

Paris.—Bartholomy's masterpiece of sculpture, "To the Dead," in the Pere-Lachaise cemetery, recently suffered repeated mysterious mutilations, and a watch is now kept day and night.

Brownwood Subway Finished

Brownwood, Tex.—Brownwood received from the Santa Fe a highly appreciated Christmas present in the shape of a subway which has cost that road about \$50,000.

To Be No Telegraph Strike

St. Louis, Mo.—There will be no strike of telegraphers on the St. Louis and San Francisco railroad. The strike committee of the Order of Railway Telegraphers will meet the receivers of the railroad in an attempt to reach an agreement.

Chief Army Surgeon Dead

Washington.—George Henry Torrey, surgeon general of the United States army, died at his home Sunday of bronchial pneumonia.

FROM OLD TO NEW



MOYER, HEAD OF MINERS' UNION, ASSAULTED TO MARK POINTS REACHED BY FLOOD WATERS

Mass Meeting Declares His Idea of Refusing Aid Against All Excesses of Humanity

Chicago, Ill.—Charles H. Moyer, president of the Western Federation of Miners, driven from Hancock, Mich., after he had been shot and beaten Friday night, is resting well under the physician's care in a hospital in Chicago.

Calumet, Mich.—Charles H. Moyer, president of the Western Federation of Miners, was put on a train and sent out of the copper strike district Friday. The deportation was the direct result of refusal of families stricken by the Christmas Eve disaster at Calumet to accept relief from a committee, a majority of whose members belonged to the Citizens' Alliance, an organization combating the five months' strike of the federation.

It was stated to the relief committee that the federation had forbidden its members to accept any portion of the \$25,000 raised for relief of the panic victims. A section of the committee thereupon was delegated to confer with Moyer.

The session held at a hotel in Hancock was warm. The Citizens' Alliance men told the union executive that his attitude was "against all dictates of humanity." They demanded that he retract statements attributed to him, saying that the cry of "Fire!" which started the panic was raised by a member of the alliance.

Moyer, it was said, refused to make retraction satisfactory to the committee. A short time later he and John Tanner of California, an organizer for the federation, were observed on a street car going from Hancock to Houghton. Just across the bridge connecting the two towns is the depot of the Copper Range railroad. There it was noticed that Moyer and Tanner boarded a train bound for Chicago.

Dallas, Tex.—All land owners in the overflowed areas are urged to mark the recent high water marks in order that the reclamation work in prospect may have valuable data for practical use.

This urgent request was uttered Saturday by Arthur A. Stiles, state reclamation engineer, who wants spikes used and accuracy followed in marking the flood marks on large green trees, tenant houses or other permanent landmarks.

Mr. Stiles spoke of how valuable this data would be in calculating levee locations and construction. Because of its intense value he wants every land owner in the overflowed valleys to put in permanent marks at once, before the exact high water mark is forgotten. Of this he said Saturday:

"Unless the height is marked within the nearest half inch the information is of no consequence, as marks based on 'about here' or 'about there' are of no value. It must be exact. The slope of the flood surface is so comparatively small the smallest variation in marking due to error robs it of its greatest value.

"These marks should range from one-half to one mile apart, and if possible be directly opposite each other on each side of the river.

"When surveys are made designing the levee system these marks will be of untold value to the engineers in the intelligent working out of levees, and that is why I plead and urge with land owners to mark the high water mark.

"The special attention of land owners is called to this matter, and they are urged to make these precise marks at once while the marks or water stains are still visible and can be identified without the slightest question.

"The most practical method of marking is by means of a heavy nail driven into large live trees. Marks on tenant houses are also good, but all marks must be accurate."

400 Operators Are Dismissed

Springfield, Mo.—The discontinuance of the telegraphic system of railroad communication by the St. Louis and San Francisco railroad in the event of the telegraphers' strike was indicated Sunday by the dismissal of 400 Frisco telegraphers and the removal of telegraph instruments at all points on the main line.

Leases Are to Be Extended

Washington.—Cato Sells, commissioner of Indian affairs, Saturday directed the commissioner for the five civilized tribes of Indians to lease for another year the surface of the segregated coal lands in Oklahoma belonging to the Choctaw and Chickasaw Indians.

Federals Fleeing to American Side

Presidio, Tex.—Driven back into their intrenchments by the death-dealing artillery and rifle fire of the rebels, the federals are swarming across the river into the United States at Presidio, surrendering in large numbers to the United States cavalry.

Home-seekers Are Interested

San Benito, Tex.—That home-seekers are interested in the lower Rio Grande valley is evident from the number of inquiries received by the local commercial club from people in all sections of the North and Middle-west.

\$100,000 Bonds Registered

Houston, Tex.—The attorney general at Austin Saturday approved and the controller registered \$100,000 of bonds for the construction of a fire-proof annex to the Houston city hall.

Farmers' Warehouse Shows Progress

Brenham, Tex.—Secretary John Lehmann of the Farmers' Union warehouse has his annual report ready for submission to the stockholders, and it recites that the year's business is the best in the history of the union.

Llano County Oat Crop Damaged

Llano, Tex.—A killing frost and freeze Thursday night damaged the oat crop about 50 per cent. The crop is well advanced, and in many places was heading out.

Blow to Tuberculosis Hospitals

Jefferson City, Mo.—The state supreme court Friday handed down a decision holding unconstitutional the law that provides for the organization of tuberculosis hospital districts because the tax for the maintenance is not sought for corporate purposes.

Founder of Woodmen Is Buried

Omaha, Neb.—The funeral of Joseph Cullen Root, founder and sovereign commander of the Woodmen of the World, took place Monday. Mr. Root died in Hendersonville, N. C.

ALL CROP RECORDS BROKEN

A TEN BILLION DOLLAR CROP RAISED IN 1913.

Bumper Yield in United States Despite Drouths and Other Setbacks. Not Lower Cost of Living.

Washington.—Ten billion dollars worth of products, nearly six billions of cash income—a bumper year in spite of drouths and other setbacks—is the 1913 record of 6,000,000 American farmers.

The United States' most successful year of husbandry produced \$6,100,000,000 worth of crops, of which \$2,800,000,000 were represented by cereals alone, and \$3,300,000,000 worth of animals, sold and slaughtered and animal products.

The value of the 1913 crops is twice that of 1899, more than a billion over 1909 and substantially greater than 1912. Of all the crops it is estimated that 52 per cent will remain on farms and that 20 per cent of the annual production will also remain. On that basis the cash income is estimated at \$5,847,000,000.

Despite a record year of crop value—although the record of production has fallen—and the fact that the number of farms has increased 11 per cent since 1910 until there now are estimated to be 6,500,000 farms in the country, the secretary of the department of agriculture in discussing the subject made public Tuesday does not take the view that a lower cost of living will result.

"However desirable increased production on farms may appear to be from the consumers' standpoint, it does not follow that such increased production would result in any increase in the cash income per farm or per capita of farm population, or that prices paid by consumers would be any lower," says the report.

"Had the total production in 1913 equaled or exceeded the 1912 production it seems probable that the cash income per farm would not have been greater and might have been less than in 1912, but it is extremely doubtful whether the cost to the consumer would have been less because retail prices are raised promptly on a prospect of underproduction but are slow to decline if there is overproduction.

"The long line of distributors and middlemen between the farmer and the consumer are in a position to take advantage of the market and to a certain extent control the market.

"The high prices paid by consumers, ranging from 5 to nearly 500 per cent in some cases more than the farmer receives, indicates that there is plenty of room for lowering the cost of farm products to consumers and at the same time largely increasing the cash income per farm without increasing farm production.

"This condition undoubtedly is a marketing program which will have to be solved by better organization of farms and improved methods of marketing.

"Corn, valued at \$1,692,000,000, comprised 28 per cent of the value of all crops, although the volume was under the record. Other principal crops, with values, are given in the order in which they come:

"Cotton, \$798,000,000; hay, \$797,000,000; wheat—the largest crop ever raised in this country—\$610,000,000; oats, \$440,000,000; potatoes, \$228,000,000; tobacco, \$122,000,000; barley, \$96,000,000; sweet potatoes, \$43,000,000; sugar beets, \$34,000,000; Louisiana can sugar, \$26,000,000; rye, \$26,000,000; rice, \$22,000,000; flaxseed, \$21,000,000; hops, \$15,000,000; buckwheat, \$10,000,000.

"In quantity of estimated production the record has been broken by wheat, rye, rice, sugar beets, beet sugar and the total of beet and cane sugar," the department says. "Of the remaining crops, oats, barley, cotton and hops have been exceeded twice in production."

60,000 Offices Are Advised

Washington.—The office of the third assistant postmaster general has this week forwarded to nearly sixty thousand postmasters information as to changes in parcel post and regulations, effective Jan. 1, by order of Postmaster General Burleson.

Pickling Factory Is Planned

Brenham, Tex.—Washington County farmers will meet in Brenham Jan. 5 to hear Mr. Price tell them how to raise cucumbers to supply the pickle factory that is soon to be established in Brenham.

Early Cabbage Being Harvested

San Benito, Tex.—Late cabbage is still being put out while the early crop is now being harvested in amounts increasing with each day. Prices are holding very steady.

West Virginia City Suffers Fire Loss

Buffalo, W. Va.—The business district of Buffalo was destroyed by fire Monday. The loss is estimated at \$125,000. The origin is unknown.

Plan to Build Fine Hospital

Lockhart, Tex.—Five physicians of Lockhart have signed a contract for the purchase of a plot of land on South Main street on which they will build a hospital.

Says No Rebels Near Oil Fields

Vera Cruz, Mex.—General Joaquin Maas and staff arrived Thursday aboard the gunboat Zaragoza from Tuxpam. He reports that there were no rebels near the oil fields.

Wilson in Dixie Land

Washington.—President Wilson, with Mrs. Wilson, their two daughters, Misses Margaret and Eleanor; Miss Helen Woodrow Bones and Dr. Gary Grayson, naval aide, left Washington Tuesday night for Pass Christian, Miss., to spend Christmas.

American Suffragette Freed

London.—Charges of assaulting the police brought against Miss Zelle Emerson, the American suffragette, in connection with a disturbance last week, were dismissed Tuesday.

TEXAS ENRICHED BY MILLIONS

TAXABLE VALUES FOR 1913 SHOW INCREASE OF \$148,256,696.

Proportionate Increase in New Corporations, Banks, Bond Issues, Industries and Improvements.

Austin, Tex.—The year 1913 has been a year of substantial growth in its wealth in Texas. This, the records of the controller's office prove conclusively, taxable values this year show an increase of \$148,256,696 over those of 1912.

The total from all counties amounts to \$2,680,966,748—an increase of \$62,232,578 over the estimates made by the county tax assessors last July, when information was asked by the automatic tax board upon which to build the state tax rate. By that board the state tax rate was fixed at 2 1/2. With the increase in valuation under that rate, the state of Texas should collect for the year \$243,800,000 more than the \$201,566,430 that should come into the state treasury from direct taxation alone, while \$2,412,870.05 should go to the tax assessors and collectors or will never be collected.

Making due allowance for the cost of assessing and collecting and delinquencies the ad valorem tax should net the state \$4,495,978.75, while \$1,232,244.68 should go to the collectors and assessors or be a loss. Of the other taxes, the school tax should bring the state, net, \$2,650,144.64, and \$901,528.65 should go to assessors and collectors or be a loss. The pension tax should be, net, \$1,072,566.68, and \$268,096.67 should be expense. Therefore the state has appropriated \$200,000 a year for Confederate pensions and the tax practically doubles this allowance.

With the greatly increased tax rate this year—it is now 4 1/2 against 2 1/2 the year previous—the receipts of the state this year for November would be \$100,000 more than they were for the same month last year and the state officials believe that so far the tax collections have been very poor in Texas. With the flood that has swept over the state they are not overoptimistic as to the ability of the collectors to get the money in the future.

It must be understood that in addition to the ad valorem taxes the state gets between \$2,000,000 and \$3,000,000 from franchise, gross receipts and other taxes each year for the general maintenance fund, while the available school fund gets, besides the direct school taxes, the interest on practically \$19,000,000 worth of bonds, a portion of the poll tax and liquor license payments, etc.

Any observer will note from the fast increasing taxable values of the state that the state of Texas is growing. Its business is growing in proportion.

For instance, in the fiscal years 1911-1912 the controller issued 31,286 warrants. In the fiscal year 1912-1913 41,923 warrants were drawn. In September, October, November and December of 1912 11,433 warrants were drawn.

During the same period this year 17,000 warrants have been issued. During the fiscal year 1911-1912 \$5,173,995.66 constituted the general expense of the state government. During the fiscal year ending Aug. 31, 1913, the general expense has been \$5,995,051.27.

From the department of state comes the information that Texas on the first day of January, 1914, will have 1,000 more domestic and foreign corporations than it had on the first day of January, 1913; that there are now 11,000 corporations doing business in Texas, of which 9,500 are domestic and 1,500 are foreign. That department can give no accurate information as to the franchise tax collections for the calendar year, but knows that there has been a great growth. During the last fiscal year \$728,900 was taken in from franchise taxes and turned over to the treasurer.

During the year 122 new state banks and banks and trust companies have come into existence. There are now in the state banking system 856 institutions, while there were only 734 when the year began.

On the first of the year there was \$707,877 in the bank guaranty fund. The first day of 1914 there will be \$857,877, an increase of \$150,000 in a year and almost half of the \$2,000,000 for which the bank guaranty law provides ultimately.

Swiss Aviator Traverses Alps. Berne, Switzerland.—Oscar Bider, a Swiss aviator, made a successful flight across the Alps Thursday, though for several hours he was unable to see his way because of the heavy fog.

Winter