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A cool head and cold feet do not usually go together.

Funny, but when a man has a screw loose people call him a nut.

Of all false words of tongue or pen, the falsest are these: "Call again."

It hurts some people more to pay the bill than to have the tooth pulled.

The woman who calls her bulldog "Precious" has a mistaken idea of values.

A man who is distrustful of other people should not expect other people to trust him.

The American hospital ship sent to Europe is more welcome than a battleship.

As the chiropractists look at the styles in footgear they softly murmur, "We should worry!"

The chief officer in command of both armies just now appears to be General Fighting.

The Swiss navy seems to be getting about as much glory out of this war as any of the others.

Now and then one comes across an old-fashioned man who thinks a politician ought to be consistent.

Ecuador has had an earthquake shock. But that is a very little matter to worry about just now.

Our sympathies are hereby extended to the whale which, according to the old song, lived in the North sea.

From what we can gather by reading their stories, the war correspondents at the front are at the rear.

Children will not object to American-made toys provided they can break 'em without having to use an ax.

It is easy to prove that pumpkin pie is a grand good thing, because it has so many imitations and substitutes.

Nitrates are not so cheap for the agriculturist improving his land as for the city fellow sending a dispatch.

Steel coaches make for safety, but the man who habitually counts crosses would gladly ride in a wooden one.

As the rain is said to fall on the just and the unjust we may conclude that the weather is a sort of neutral ally.

That turning movement in France, mentioned in the news dispatches so often, has no reference to the other cheek.

Many married couples have lived together much longer than the neighbors predicted they would when they started out.

An eastern man after living on a diet for 20 years in the hope of reaching a hundred died at ninety-eight from tripping over a rug. What's the use?

What a wonderful fellow the German crown prince is. He has been killed twelve times and has been wounded twice a day since the war began.

One thing about having a battle along two wings and a center, it is almost always possible to pick out some point where it is going in favor of your side.

The safety revolver must now be recognized as quite as harmless as the safety razor and safety motorcycle.

Somebody with an eye for the eternal fitness of things will yet name a new brand of Turkish cigarettes or a new cloth hat after Przemysl.

Some men pride themselves on never "turning themselves loose," and they are the kind of men who don't know what it really means to live.

First thing he knows, Tom Edison will get in bad with the children by discovering a way to make castor oil without recourse to foreign countries.

One can scarcely be expected to take much interest in football when they're killing more in a minute in Europe than the game can possibly do in a season.

The Aeronautic Club of America decides that the airship is not of much use in offensive warfare. This may be correct, but it is undoubtedly established that the airship has been efficient in making war offensive.

Ambassadors formerly grumbling because they couldn't rent a palace are now fairly content with a comfortable hole in the ground.

Careful study of a live subject produces the announcement that the name Przemysl is pronounced as if it were not spelled that way.

Deceptions used in diplomacy are not so much compared with the light regard for the truth shown by the five-year-old boy that masquerades as a spring chicken.

SCOTS GREYS IN WINTER QUARTERS



Some of the Scots Greys in the flimsy shelters they call their winter quarters in a re-enforcement camp in Belgium.

RUSS AND GERMANS CONTINUE FIGHTING

GERMAN STRIVE HARD TO HOLD WEST WHILE COMRADES FIGHT BACK THE RUSSIANS.

AUSTRIANS SUFFER DEFEAT

Marvelous Recovery of Servians and Repulse of Four Army Corps Remains Wonder of Military Men—The Kaiser Is Better.

Summary of War News to Date.

Both the German and French official reports continue to give evidence that the allies' offensive movement is beginning to gather impetus, and is meeting with stubborn resistance from the German troops who have been left to hold the western line while their comrades are battling with the Russians in the east.

The Germans in Belgium are again directing their attention to the central point of Ypres, where the French report several attacks of violent nature by the German infantry have been repulsed. At both ends of the long front, to the northeast of Ypres and against the railroad station at Aspach, in Alsace, the failure of attempts by the Germans to advance is officially announced from Paris, which adds that an important advance by the French troops in the forest of Lopretre has been made. In the east the Russian general staff makes the definite declaration:

"In the Mlawa region we have brought our offensive to a successful conclusion on the whole of the front."

The occupation of a German position near Przasnysz and the retreat of the Germans toward the East Prussian frontier is also announced. The situation south of Cracow remains without change, the battle continuing in that district, while the Russians claim a further victory on the Lowicz-Ilow front, where a German position was taken with important losses to the Germans.

In West Galicia the Austrians claim to have defeated the Russians at Linnarovo and to have crossed the Carpathians.

Montenegrin troops have occupied Vishegrad, to the southeast of Sarajevo, after fierce fighting, according to unofficial dispatches from Cetinje, and the Austrians have retired to the west bank of the River Drina.

The Argentine government has received advice that the Dresden has reached Punta Arenas, on the Strait of Magellan, while Buenos Ayres reports that a vessel, probably a German, has been sighted off Puerta Gallegos, surrounded by British ships.

The request of Colonel George W. Goethals, governor of the Panama canal zone, that torpedo boat destroyers be sent to Panama, was made with the purpose of putting down the alleged activities of belligerent warships and colliers in the vicinity of the waterway.

Reports concerning the condition of Emperor William are contradictory. Amsterdam says he has improved to such an extent that he is expected to leave Berlin for the front during the course of the week. Another report has it that it will be necessary for the emperor to undergo an operation for an affection of the throat, thereby delaying his return to the front for several weeks.

In France 400,000 youths of the class of 1915 have gone into training in the military camps and barracks. It is expected they will be ready for the campaign in the spring.

The defeat of the Austrians by the Servians is virtually admitted in the Austrian official report, which says that because they have met strong hostile forces some of the Austrian troops have been ordered to occupy more favorably situated positions.

A Berlin wireless report says that Germany has acquiesced in the suggestion of Pope Benedict that a truce be called for the Christmas holiday, provided the other belligerents agree.

A Turkish gunboat has been sunk at the entrance of the Bosphorus, according to newspaper dispatches, by a Turkish mine.

Germany is reported to have advised Turkey to make amends to Italy for the forcible removal of the British consul at Hodeida, Arabia, from the Italian consulate, where he had taken refuge. Italy also has reiterated her demand for satisfaction and for the immediate release of the consul.

The Swedish foreign minister makes the assertion that German anchored mines have been found in the Gulf of Bothnia, where a few Swedish steamers were sunk recently. Germany has claimed that no mines have been laid by her up to the time of the disasters.

The marvelous recovery of the Servians and their defeat of four Austrian army corps, which had penetrated half way across Serbia, remains the wonder of military men. The crown prince in an address to his troops told them that they had "beaten and pushed the enemy with a rapidity unheard of in military history."

The shattered Austrian right wing crossed the Drina into Bosnia, where it was attacked by the Montenegrins near Vishegrad and had to leave another toll of prisoners, killed and wounded and war material. The pursuing Servians also picked up another 5,000 prisoners and some guns and munitions.

The Austrian army from Belgrade has again essayed attacks against the Serbian right wing, but, meeting with no success, retired. It is unofficially reported that the Austrians are preparing to leave Belgrade.

Berlin advices, which previously announced that Germany had agreed to the suggestion of Pope Benedict for a truce during the Christmas holidays, says Russia has declined to agree to the proposition.

Christmas Armistice Falls.

Rome.—The Vatican authorities Monday made public a document setting forth the efforts made by the pope to obtain a truce in the European war during the Christmas season.

The efforts of the pontiff unfortunately failed, according to the Vatican announcement, "owing to the opposition of a certain power."

It is stated by persons in close touch with the Vatican that the Turkish and Russian governments declined to agree to a Christmas truce.

All Warships Destroyed, Is Report.

Admiral Sir Frederick Sturdee and the British warships detached from his squadron to pursue and destroy the Dresden have found the German cruiser, according to rumor, and have sunk her in the Atlantic, off the southern end of the continent.

No official word has been received to that effect, but it is regarded as certain in South American ports that if the Dresden, last remaining ship of Admiral Count von Spee's squadron, has not been sent to the bottom, her destruction is only a matter of hours. The Dresden escaped with the Nurnberg from the net drawn by the British, which resulted in the sinking of the Scharnhorst, the Gneissau and the Leipzig on Tuesday off the Falkland Islands. Later in the day the Nurnberg was overhauled and sunk and a large part of the great British squadron joined in the chase of the Dresden.

The British legation in Montevideo Friday made the statement that the British squadron, instead of being composed of ten vessels, was made up of twenty big fighting ships, and that a detachment of these vessels will reach this port with the four men injured in the engagement last Tuesday.

British torpedo boats at once put to sea and remained outside throughout the day.

Fighting continues in France and Belgium at various points, and claims of advantages secured are made by both the contenders. After having admitted the loss of trenches in the region of Ypres, the latest French report declares these again have been recaptured by the allies.

Heavy fighting also is going on to the southwest of Lodz, and to the southeast of Cracow, where the Austrians and Germans are endeavoring to get around the Russian left and force these troops to retire from the fortress.

PROBE CONTINUES; LAND CASE NEXT

STARTED IN RAYVILLE DECEMBER 15 BY THE STATE PROBE COMMISSION.

SUCCESSOR TO GENERALLY

Decided Election Will Not Be Taken Up Until the First Meeting After January 1.

Baton Rouge.—

Election of a successor Joseph E. Generelly, deceased, was postponed by the State Probe Commission until the first meeting held in New Orleans after January 1. It was decided that the commission will go to Rayville for a session beginning December 15, at which the investigation of the Tensas land case will be started.

Chairman Buie said that he would be unwilling to agree to any recess that would prevent taking up the Tensas case December 15, as he had attained personal service on President Brown of the Lacey syndicate, who is one of the most important witnesses desired, and if he is not heard at the time fixed it might not be possible again to get service on him.

George Wesley Smith asked if Mr. Buie believed Mr. Brown would be at the hearing. Mr. Buie said if he were not there he would see that the commission uses every means to reach him, and that Mr. Brown would not be allowed to treat the commission with contempt.

Chairman Buie, on motion of George Wesley Smith, appointed Mr. Smith, Leon R. Smith and H. Bouanchaud a committee to prepare resolutions on the death of Mr. Generelly.

The commission took up plans for some of its future work, and these indicate that it does not mean to be idle. Leon R. Smith said: "My view is that it will be only a short time before an unlimited constitutional convention will be held. The public mind is convinced of that, and it seems to me that it is the duty of this commission to gather as much useful data as it can furnish to that body. The judiciary will come in for revision, among other things." Mr. Smith offered this resolution:

"Resolved, That the clerks of the district courts throughout the state, at their earliest convenience, will examine the dockets of their respective courts and report to this commission the number of cases tried during the twelve months beginning January 1, 1914, to January 1, 1915, and those filed during that time, and also report the actual number of days that each district judge occupies his bench." This was adopted.

Mr. Fontenot offered this resolution, which was also adopted:

"Resolved, That the State Board of Appraisers be and are requested to furnish this commission, at the earliest possible date, the following information: The method by which they arrive at the valuation placed upon the roadbed and other property of the various railroads of the state, and the methods by which they arrive at the value placed upon the property of the express companies, telegraph and telephone companies, or other corporations coming within their jurisdiction."

George Wesley Smith offered a resolution, which was adopted, requiring the secretary of the State Railroad Commission to furnish a detailed statement of the cost of maintaining the commission in so far as he has the information.

Mr. Bouanchaud offered this, which was adopted:

"Resolved, That the clerk of the Supreme Court be requested to furnish to this commission at as early a date as practicable a list of the number of cases appealed to said court during the year 1914; said list to include all applications for issuance of extraordinary writs, including writs of review. Further resolved, That said clerk be requested to furnish also a list of all cases actually tried and disposed of by said Supreme Court during said year."

STATE CAPITAL NOTES

Joseph Edward Generelly, leader of the Orleans delegation in the House of Representatives, prominent lawyer, and for years interested in the growth and development of New Orleans, died Monday night at 10:45, at his home in New Orleans, following a sudden attack of acute indigestion. Mr. Generelly ate dinner with his wife and family at their residence as was customary, and later complained of a heavy feeling in the head and stomach, and died soon afterward, surrounded by his family.

The Osage, an English steamer, has been purchased by the Standard Oil Company and rechristened the Baton Rouge in honor of the city in which the Standard's big Southern plant is located, according to a cable message received by the company's officers there. The Baton Rouge is due to arrive from Tampico December 31 with a cargo of crude oil.

Rev. Father Luvin, Jesuit missionary, is conducting a mission at St. Martinville.

GREAT 1914 FAIR BEING PLANNED

SMALL DEFICIT IN 1914 FAIR IS TO BE MET BY THOSE BACK OF MOVEMENT.

SITUATION IS ENCOURAGING

Seceding Automobile Exhibitors Are to Be Held Liable For Violation of Contracts With Association.

Shreveport.—Plans were inaugurated at a meeting of the board of directors of the Louisiana State Fair Association for the early closing up of the affairs of the 1914 State Fair, and the beginning of preparations for making the 1915 Fair a still greater and better exposition.

The financial report of the operations of the 1914 Fair disclosed a more encouraging condition than had been expected, the amount of money being necessary to raise to meet the association's obligations incurred for carrying on the Fair being less than \$2,000.

Encouraged by this showing the directors authorized President R. R. Emery and Secretary L. N. Brueggerhoff to borrow the sum of \$8,500 for the purpose of meeting the deficit on the 1914 Fair and financing next year's exposition.

Directors John Jenkins and W. K. Henderson, Sr., were among those most active in urging the negotiation of the State Fair's notes for an amount necessary to meet the shortage of the late Fair and provide funds for carrying on operations for the 1915 Fair, and their argument in favor of planning for a greater and bigger exposition for next year was readily concurred in by the other directors present.

After submitting the financial statement, which was made up by Accountant S. M. Watson, Secretary Brueggerhoff submitted a list of various parties and concerns against whom the association still held accounts, all of which were accounted for satisfactorily except the automobile exhibitors who had left the Fair Grounds on the second day of the exposition because of a disagreement with another exhibitor about the placing of a sign on the building in which the auto exhibit was held.

It was the consensus of opinion among the directors that the contract entered into with the seceding automobile men by the State Fair association had not been violated in any particular by the State Fair and that the seceders could be held legally responsible for the amounts due the association.

LOUISIANA NEWS

Begging on the streets of Baton Rouge is prohibited by an ordinance passed by the Commission Council, which is to take effect January 1. The ordinance makes begging a misdemeanor punishable by a fine of from \$5 to \$25 or a jail sentence from ten to thirty days. Beggars now on the streets are to be cared for by the organized charities.

Mason Snowden, government demonstration agent for Louisiana, back from a trip through Tensas, Madison and East Carroll, declares the three parishes will raise as much oats this winter as the whole state raised last year. There was raised in the state last year 45,000 acres with a yield of over a million bushels. Large increases in the acreage planted to oats is expected by Mr. Snowden in all the parishes.

Judgment was ordered in the District Court by Judge Brunot dismissing the suit of the Armour Packing Company vs. The Louisiana National Bank of Baton Rouge.

Judge W. M. Kavanaugh, president of the Little Rock Railway and Electric Company, was elected a director of the American Cities Company at an executive session held in New Orleans. The American Cities Company is the parent concern of the Little Rock, Nashville, New Orleans and other street railway systems of the South.

St. Landry parish police jury has fixed the saloon license at \$800. This is the same tax imposed last year. There was a large delegation from several sections of the parish, asking that the license be raised to \$3,000, so as to prevent any saloons except in towns where there was police protection.

The Mutual Loan and Investment Company, which will deal in real estate, stocks and bonds, has just been organized at Alexandria, with a capital stock of \$100,000.

The rice planters who have been cultivating rice on Bayou Teche above Keystone Locks, are very much worried over the recent action taken by the United States engineers in the New Orleans office in prohibiting the use of Bayou Teche water for irrigating purposes.

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FIND TIME FOR KINDNESSES

Two Stories of Courteous Conductors Who Looked After Their Passengers.

"Once I was down in Louisiana," a traveler began, "on a little railroad that runs from Franklin to Week's Island. It took five hours to go 20 miles. The most amazing thing to me was that the conductors stopped the train anywhere he was asked to, and if there were no one to meet a woman passenger with innumerable bags and the inevitable baby, he helped her across a plowed field or sent a brakeman to carry her traps to her own gate and the train waited until he came back."

"Nothing surprising about that," returned a born New Yorker. "The Madison avenue cars stop every day for reasons quite remote from a regular schedule. I was on a car this afternoon and a little boy dropped his mother's umbrella out of the window. The conductor stopped the car and ran back a block and a half, got the umbrella, delivered it to the woman and incidentally advised her not to let her son have it again. "Besides, I've known of more than one eye being punched out of a careless baby with such a plaything."—New York Times.

Self-Satisfaction Explained. He—I like simple things best. She—I've noticed how self-possessed you are.—Boston Transcript.

MESMERIZED A Poisonous Drug Still Freely Used.

Many people are brought up to believe that coffee is a necessity of life, and the strong hold that the drug, caffeine, in coffee has on the system makes it hard to loosen its grip even when one realizes its injurious effects.

A lady writes: "I had used coffee for years; it seemed one of the necessities of life. A few months ago my health, which had been slowly failing, became more impaired, and I knew that unless relief came from some source I would soon be a physical wreck."

"I was weak and nervous, had sick headaches, no ambition, and felt tired of life. My husband was also losing his health. He was troubled so much with indigestion that at times he could eat only a few mouthfuls.

"Finally we saw Postum advertised and bought a package. I followed directions for making carefully, and added cream, which turned it to the loveliest rich-looking and tasting drink I ever saw served at any table, and we have used Postum ever since. "I gained five pounds in weight in as many weeks, and now feel well and strong in every respect. My headaches have gone, and I am a new woman. My husband's indigestion has left him, and he can now eat anything."

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"There's a Reason" for Postum.—sold by Grocers.