

TO BEGIN WORK ON CHANNEL TO GULF

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When Army of Engineers Have Completed Their Surveys the Plan They Recommend Will Be Included in the Rivers and Harbors Bill.

New Orleans.—Major E. J. Dent, of the United States Army Engineers at New Orleans, is going to lose no time in getting under way the examination and survey of the Mississippi river with a view to securing an outlet to deep water in the Gulf of Mexico by the most practical route.

The survey was authorized by the act of Congress of June 5, 1920. Major Dent sent out letters of inquiry to the Dock Board and others qualified to voice an opinion on the questions that must be answered.

The idea of the survey is to develop the best route for a permanent channel 35 feet deep into the gulf. In his letter, Major Dent asks for opinions.

1. As to the depth of channel required to meet existing and reasonably prospective needs of the commerce of this port.

2. As to the adequacy and suitability of the channel through South Pass.

3. As to the adequacy and suitability of a channel 35 feet deep and 1000 feet wide through Southwest Pass.

4. As to the adequacy and the practicability of a channel using the Industrial Canal and dredging a route through Lake Pontchartrain.

Although a channel through Lake Pontchartrain undoubtedly would add to the service of the Industrial Canal for commerce, it is hardly believed probable that the Dock Board will urge upon the government the dredging of such a route at this time. In the first place, it is pointed out, such a channel is not necessary at the present time and the shifting sands of the lake, many fear, would make the maintenance of such a deep channel an expensive undertaking.

The Dock Board's recommendations are expected to be for the continuance of the work at Southwest Pass and for the maintenance of South Pass, which now handles the bulk of the shipping of this port.

When the army engineers have completed their surveys, the plan of action they recommend probably will be included in the rivers and harbors bill with appropriations to carry the plan into effect.

TOLD IN A FEW LINES.

Ruston.—The Lincoln parish watermelon crop is a bumper. Reports from planters in this section lead to the belief that between now and August 10 much activity on the part of the buyers and shippers will be centered at Ruston. The Ruston Chamber of Commerce is lending aid in this matter and hopes to be able to find a desirable market for this product as it did for the cantaloupe and peach crop.

Slidell.—W. S. Sebastian, president of the Slidell Commercial and Civic League, has announced his executive committee, composed of the following business men: H. C. Cleveland, H. A. Bennett, Paul Gardner, J. G. Abel, F. F. Wigington and W. G. Huff, secretary.

Napoleonville.—H. Carmouche sold his property in this town consisting of a home and baker shop complete to Felicite Bondeaux, who will close up his baker shop where he has been for the past ten years and transfer operations to his newly purchased place.

Slidell.—Since the purchase of the Nicholas Burke Company of New Orleans, the company has increased its business several million dollars annually.

Slidell.—At a meeting of the board of directors of the Interstate Grocers, Inc., a semi-annual dividend of 6 percent was declared to stockholders, amounting to \$7 per share.

Alexandria.—The first open cotton bolls of the season were brought here from the plantation of Joseph Sterk near Alexandria and Dave Mayer on Red river at Rapides station.

Forest Hill.—Rev. P. C. Shaaks of St. Louis will begin a series of revival meetings here at the Christian church, which will continue for a period of ten days.

Etherwood.—Heavy rainfall in this section washed out two bridges on the road toward Prairie ayes, north of Etherwood. A number of motorists are being held up because of the high water in the Mermentau river which makes it impossible for the ferry to be used at present.

Opelousas.—The women of Opelousas are planning a miscellaneous shower for the Sanitarium of this city. Dr. Daly has gone to considerable expense in establishing and equipping the sanitarium.

Alexandria.—Seven small houses on Railroad avenue were destroyed by fire recently. The buildings were valued at between \$600 to \$700 each and were owned by Mary Fontenot.

Forrest Hill.—J. H. Willis, an employe of the McNary Lumber Company mill, while cranking his car had the misfortune to break his arm just above the right wrist.

Forrest Hill.—The Perringer and Dixon hardwood sawmill has been completed and is now in operation.

Opelousas.—Due to breaks in machinery at the local power plant, the people of Opelousas have been without power and lights for two days and nights and without water part of the time. All three of the oil engines in use at the plant are badly in need of repair, cracked cylinders being mainly responsible for the shut-down. Mayor Loeb has had extra mechanics at work in an effort to place the plant in running order. Repair parts for the engine have arrived and are now being installed.

Pointe a la Hache. The parish Democratic executive committee met here with E. C. Meyers as chairman, to fix the date of the parish primary election on September 14 for members of the School Board and other officers. N. H. Nunez, present district attorney, and a candidate for the judgeship, with M. E. Siefert for district attorney, has opened his campaign and will hold meetings and visit every voter in St. Bernard and Plaquemines parishes.

Iota.—Heavy rainfall caused damage in this section flooding the rice fields with several feet and doing great damage to levees. In many places rice was washed down. Many bridges on the public highways were washed away and travel will be interrupted for several days to come. All farm work and road building is at a standstill and cotton greatly damaged.

Slidell.—The employers in this district of the Cumberland Telephone and Telegraph Company held their monthly business meeting here recently, with an attendance of eighteen. The party took a trip to Lake Pontchartrain for the bathing. On their return to Slidell, dinner was served in the Commercial Hotel.

Bluff Creek.—In the election to vote a fourth tax for a bond issue to improve the roads in District No. 6 of East Feliciana parish which was held recently, the proposition was almost unanimously carried. Citizens propose to make this the better ward of the parish both as to roads and schools.

Forest Hill.—The crops in this section of the parish are very good with the exception of cotton, which is badly infested with boll weevils, caused by the continued summer showers. The melon crop is the best in years and a larger area of ground than usual has been planted to sweet potatoes.

Etherwood.—Dr. B. J. Francez of Crowley reports the Oklahoma Oil Company has started drilling for oil on the Francez farm near Gueydan. The Pennsylvania Oil Producers Company is drilling a new well on the proven lands of the Crowley Oil and Mineral Company in the Evangeline field.

Etherwood.—Rice growers are actively engaged in preparing for the harvest and the grain is ripening in many fields. Binders are being procured and the planters will lose no time in saving the crop.

Slidell.—The twentieth semi-annual statement of the Slidell Savings and Homestead Association, issued recently shows a total amount of assets of \$171,601.31 at the close of business June 30, 1920. This report shows an increase of \$150,469.47 since the first statement made on January 1, 1912.

Morgan City.—The steamboat Grand, formerly in the excursion trade in Little Rock section, has been purchased by Captain Bertrand Chauvin, and brought to this port, where she will engage in local freight and passenger business. Captain Chauvin recently sold his steamboat Norman here.

Ruston.—The better baby campaign is being conducted in the Red Cross room at present. It is under the direction of Mrs. Alpha, state director of public health nursing. She is assisted by Dr. B. H. Talbot.

Napoleonville.—E. Sundberg and Alfred E. Winkler recently purchased from the Himeleva Co., Inc., the holdings of the company consisting of a sugar plantation including the sugar house for a consideration of \$360,000.

Slidell.—The Community Hall was filled recently when a large crowd of friends gathered to celebrate the fifteenth wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Barron.

Baton Rouge.—Bonds of St. Martin parish, aggregating a total of \$27,000 to construct a new jail, were registered at secretary of state's office recently.

Etherwood.—Judge William Campbell of Lafayette, candidate for reelection as district judge, came up from Lafayette to hold court in Acadia parish.

Alexandria.—The establishment of the Interstate Clear Company, 822 Front street, was entered recently and \$45 in currency stolen. Although the place was ransacked there were no goods missing. Entrance was effected by forcing the front doors open.

Thibodaux.—The first rice of the season has been exhibited in Thibodaux. It was raised by Martial Babine, a few miles below Thibodaux on the Doherty plantation, owned by W. E. Angier. Mr. Angier has 1,000 acres planted in rice.

Forest Hill.—Constable-elect J. M. Melder has purchased the large mercantile firm of F. H. Smith of Melder and has moved to that town to operate a general merchandise store.

Napoleonville.—Mose Weil sold his home and property, about a mile above this town, to Val Goetz of Elm Hall plantation.

Napoleonville.—Gaston Bordis purchased the plantation of Mrs. Pierre Charlet, near Platteville, for \$30,000 cash.

GOV. COX'S SPEECH OF ACCEPTANCE

Presidential Nominee Touches On All Platform Pledges In Acceptance Speech.

Fair Grounds, Dayton, Ohio.—The democratic presidential standard, with the league of nations and progress its peak excursions, Saturday was marched into the 1920 campaign by Governor James M. Cox.

A throng of cheering democrats, estimated variously at between 20,000 and 25,000, witnessed Governor Cox's acceptance of party leadership in the presidential contest, following formal notification by Senator Robinson of Arkansas, chairman at the San Francisco convention, of its choice.

Governor Cox, with Franklin D. Roosevelt, his running mate, at his side, marched for a mile in a broiling sun at the head of a parade of democratic delegations, reviewing at the fair grounds. Their presence was an eleven-hour thought of the governor, who had planned merely to review the democratic hosts. The parade line was estimated to contain close to 20,000 marchers.

For two hours the governor, in his address of acceptance, kept the vast throng cheering, as he gave with emphasis and clarity his campaign policies. He made the league his paramount declaration, declaring he stood for American and world peace by its adoption, with "interpretations" preserving its vital plans. He declared the league was a part of the democratic offering of progress, as against republican reaction.

Two reservations he has suggested to the league covenant were emphasized by the governor. Regarding the controversial article 10, he was cheered loudly in comparing it to the Monroe Doctrine, with its peace record. The democratic legions also shouted approval of declarations for woman suffrage, law enforcement—his only inferential reference to prohibition—reduction of taxation and scores of issues he proclaimed.

Governor Cox and Mr. Roosevelt did not reach the fair grounds until 2:30 o'clock and their review of the parade continued until 4 o'clock. Governor Cox began his address at 4:40 o'clock, after Senator Robinson's notification speech.

The parade was the day's spectacular event. The thousands of cheering democrats marched with bands playing, flags waving and bearing hundreds of cards paying tribute to their candidates and predicting their victory in November.

The governor got more applause as he emphasized his indictment of the republican platform and leadership. The crowd also voiced its approval of his declaration that the loss of the league would mean more armament expenses.

The candidate's tribute to President Wilson and his deprecation of republican "discretion," given in lowered voice, was given further rolls of applause. A prolonged demonstration followed his assertion that republican "sleuthing had failed to unearth dishonesty in the administration's direction of the war."

Several demonstrations marked his declarations for consideration of women, including ratification of the equal suffrage amendment. The governor's criticism of Senator Harding's stand on party government brought evidence of sympathy frequently.

The governor was cheered in declaring the democrats would not attempt a dollar campaign competition, with the republicans.

Nationwide Clean-up is Urged.

Beaumont, Tex.—Resolutions urging all cities in the United States to adopt rat-proof ordinances and inaugurate general clean-up campaigns were adopted Thursday at a conference of health authorities from all parts of the country. Dr. Hugh S. Cummings, surgeon general of the United States public health service, was in attendance.

Bodies of Americans Brought Home.

Washington.—The bodies of 2,891 American soldiers dead have been returned from overseas, the war department announced Monday, and those of 1,328 others are en route to the United States.

The Tennessee Suffrage Fight.

Nashville, Tenn.—The Tennessee legislature met Monday in extraordinary session to consider ratification of the federal woman suffrage amendment.

Opium Shipped As Candy.

Mexico City.—Twelve hundred lbs. of cooked opium, valued at 200,000 pesos, were seized by Mexican police in a shipment from Mazatlan, state of Colima. The opium was expressed as candy.

In Praise of Books.

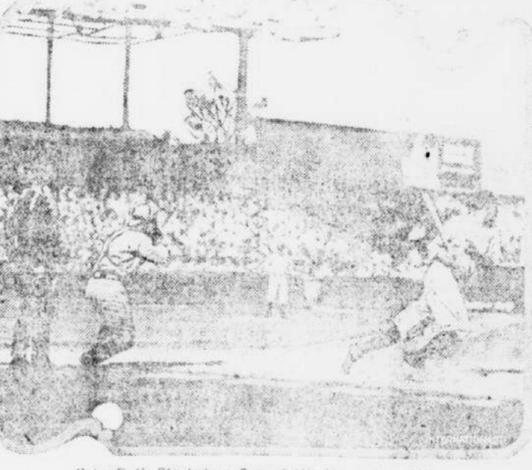
Books let us into the souls of men and lay open to us the secrets of our own. They are the first and last, the most home-felt, the most heart-felt of all our enjoyments.—William Hazlitt.

New Altitude Record for Plane.

San Antonio, Texas.—First lieutenant Harry L. Weddington, officer in charge of instruction at the air service mechanics' school, Kelly Field, piloted a De Havilland 4-B airplane through three layers of fleecy clouds Friday and established a world passenger-carrying altitude record of 19,076 feet.

True Liberty.

RAGGED BOY'S HIT WINS HARD GAME



Babe Ruth Started on One of His Home Run Hits.

It looked bad for the Young Orioles who were playing the Eagles in one of the back lots of Baltimore, Chester Smith's father had pulled him right out of the game just when the score was tied in the ninth, and Chester Smith was the hardest hitter, in fact, he was the "clump man" in the Young Orioles' batting order.

A ragged boy who had been watching the game, pushed his way over to the captain of the Young Orioles. He was one of the boys from the orphan's home near by. "Let me hit it, just once," pleaded the ragged boy.

The captain handed him the bat and the ragged boy stood by the tin can that was the home plate. He swung on the first pitched ball and he swung with all his might. The sphere soared right out of the lot. It was a home run and the Young Orioles won in the ninth.

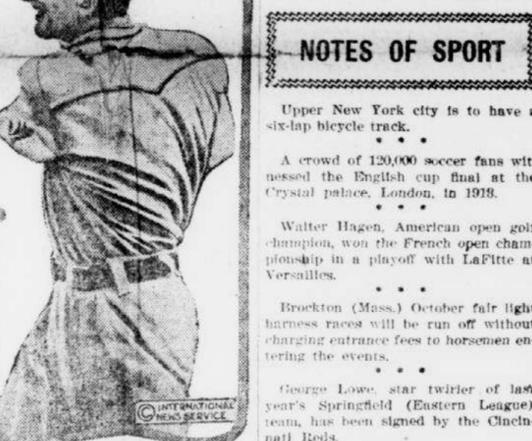
That orphan boy was "Babe" Ruth, who holds the record for hitting home runs.

JOE JACKSON RANKS AMONG BIG BATSMEN

Veteran of Chicago White Sox Is Terrific Hitter.

Given Credit for Smashing a Ball Harder Than Any Man Playing Ball, Not Excepting Babe Ruth of the New York Yankees.

Although he is in his thirteenth year in the major league "Shoelace" Joe Jackson is still able to hold his own up near the top in the American league batting list. Joe has been hitting the ball around .385 this season, and is going to make a great effort to land the batting crown in this organization.



Joe Jackson.

Joe had his first fling in big time circles in 1908 with Connie Mack's Athletics; but, coming from a small town that was hid away somewhere in the Carolinas, Joe couldn't get accustomed to a big city. After eight days he left for home and southern cooking. In 1909 Connie Mack reinstated him, but going through the training season in the South with the club he jumped the team again. This time the day of the opening game in Philadelphia. But in 1910 he came to stay, this time with Cleveland. His hitting since has been almost superhuman, and it is said that he hits a ball harder than any man playing ball, not excepting Babe Ruth.

BIG COLLEGE GOLFERS BEST

Yale, Harvard and Princeton Had Things Pretty Much Their Own Way Until Last Year.

Since 1897, when the eastern inter-collegiate golf tournaments began, no other college outside of Yale, Harvard and Princeton won the individual championship until last year, when A. L. Walker of Columbia proved victorious.

OHIO WILL BUILD STADIUM

No Trouble Expected in Raising Sufficient Funds to Erect Best Structure in West.

The stadium drive at Ohio State will start October 18, according to announcement made at the university. It is believed that with the football season then on, no trouble will be experienced in raising enough money to insure Ohio the best stadium in the middle West.

Vardon Grows Old.

Harry Vardon, so-called greatest golfer of all times, is fifty years old, but is still a star. He won his first championship in 1896.

Seek High School Grads.

The success of athletes who will graduate from San Diego high school this spring has caused northern colleges to seek their enrollment.

Is An Old Club.

Ottawa cricket club is fifty-four years old.

HERMAN WILL BATTLE WILDE

Barhamweight Champion Signs to Go Twenty Rounds to Decide at Holborn Stadium.

England seems to have caught the American craze for really big bouts, at least for so far as paper is concerned.

The latest is that Peter Herman, the world's light-heavy champion, has signed for a bout with Jimmy Wilde at Holborn Stadium, London, on September 17, over the 20 round route to a decision.



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DIAMOND NOTES

The Cubs are hopeful of winning the pennant.

New Yorkers have no use for losers in any brand of sport.

Houston sent Catcher John Harkins to Dallas as payment for Dave Greenburg.

"It is said," in St. Joseph that the Detroit club paid \$5,000 for Ray Brubaker.

When Kerr is right and pitching his best brand of baseball he is a tough left hander.

The fame of George Sider spreads. In Pittsburgh there is a fast independent team named for him.

The Molne club has a new catcher in Krueger, who comes from the Norfolk team of the Virginia league.

Getting the jump on the Blue Ridge league teams, Mike Mowrey's Hagers-town outfit is speeding along toward Pennantville.

Catcher "Pickles" Dillhoefer is making a great hit with the St. Louis fans. He is very energetic and filled with pep.

Ruth is a powerful magnet, win or lose. Thousands of persons go to the Polo grounds each day to see Babe wallop the ball.

Manager Tris Speaker of Cleveland denies a story printed in Boston that he had offered to trade Guy Morton for Harry Harper.

Bob Spade, quitting as an umpire in the Three-I was offered a job playing the outfield for the Rockford team, but he declined.

The Boston Red Sox had the deal all made with Indianapolis for Jump-er Ollie O'Mara, when Ban Johnson put his foot down hard.

The Boston Red Sox released Arnold Stutz, recently taken from the New York Giants, to Los Angeles of the Pacific Coast league.

Pitcher Bill Whittaker, of the Fort Worth Texas league team, won eight games in a row before he was stopped by the San Antonio Bears.

The Tampa team, managed by Tommy Leach, the old National league star, won its first 19 games of the season in the Florida State league.

Captain Harry Hooper says the Red Sox have sufficient hitting ability and if given dependable pitching his team will finish one, two, three in the American league.

One point about the Detroit outfield is that the players are "stationary" outfielders. Detroit gardeners have probably less than any outfielders in the league.

Hughie Jennings has lost none of his pep. He is out on the coaching lines chirping as early as if his club was only a few games away from the pennant.

E. G. Weed of Marblehead has been elected captain of the Phillips And-over Academy baseball team for 1921.

Bill Jackson's Peoria team has been going at a speedy clip and setting the pace in the Three-I league.

Mel Wolfgang, who used to twirl for the White Sox, is pitching for the Charleston team of the South Atlantic league.

Next to the St. Paul team's runaway race Milwaukee has furnished the greatest surprise in the American association. The Brewers weren't counted on to show so much class.

Ray Chapman of the Cleveland Indians has a rival. He is a youngster named Tremaine, picked up from the Cleveland lots by Tris Speaker. He is about as big as Rabbit Maranville.

So many of the Boston Braves' games at home have been postponed on account of bad weather that a little later on the Stallings crowd will have to stage double headers nearly every day.

FINAL WARNING IS GIVEN TO SLACKERS

Doubtful Draft Registrants Urged to Write the Adjutant General.

Washington.—The war department, in a final effort to square its books with the 173,011 men now listed on the books as draft deserters, Monday offered a last chance to any of those men whose names are excluded from the list by error to put themselves right.

Any draft registrant who is in doubt as to his status is entreated by the department to write at once to the adjutant general of the army at Washington and find out how he is classified. He is urged to do so within the next two weeks, so as to allow sufficient time for his case to be presented before public announcement of the names of the deserters is made. Each man classified as a draft deserter has had his name posted in the community in which he is registered as being required to perform certain duties and efforts have been made to notify him at the address given by him.

In its announcement, the war department lays stress on its ability "not to place upon any man who served his country honorably the humiliation of having his name appear as a slacker, and says that really it is advertising as widely as possible the fact that the list of deserters will soon be published and that the men whose names appear on it will be arrested and tried before military courts. It therefore urges every man who is not positive that his record with the local draft board was complete in every detail to clear his record, adding:

"Once the list of deserters is posted every means at the disposal of the army will be brought into play to bring about the arrest and trial of the guilty."

"The tremendous public sentiment against slackers," the announcement concludes, "will cause the whereabouts of most of them to be revealed, and it is not expected that any guilty man will escape."

Warships to Prevent Landing of Cable

Washington.—Five destroyers are patrolling the entrance to the Miami (Fla.) harbor, under orders from President Wilson to prevent, by force if necessary, the landing of a cable the Western Union Telegraph Company is having laid from Barbados, a British possession in the West Indies.

A British cable ship, the Colonial, has been chartered by the Western Union Company to land the American end of the cable, which would connect with a British cable line from Barbados to South America. At the state department it was stated today that the British embassy had been asked to inform the master of the ship that such a landing would be in violation of American law. Officials explained there was no significance in the fact that the vessel was British; that she probably was the only craft available to the American company when she was chartered.

Work on the cable line from Barbados was begun last summer.

Some time ago the Western Union Company applied to the state department for an executive permit to land the wire at Miami, but officials said action on it had been delayed pending the holding of the International Communications Congress, called to meet in Washington Sept. 15.

Ice Dealers Must Lower Prices.

Fort Worth, Texas.—Fort Worth ice dealers, who raised the price to 70 cents per hundred only three weeks ago, were ordered by United States District Attorney Taylor Friday to reduce it to 60 cents by Tuesday or face prosecution. Taylor charges that the raise was not justified by the cost of operation.

Convictions for Profiteering.

Washington.—A total of 151 convictions has been obtained in the campaign of the department of justice against profiteering. It was announced Monday. Since the campaign was instituted, 7,854 arrests have been made and 1,459 indictments returned.

Reds Intend to Capture Warsaw.

Hythe, England.—Great Britain and France are convinced that the bolsheviks intend to capture Warsaw and set up a soviet government in Poland.

Fifteen New Passenger Vessels.

Washington.—Allocation of fifteen new 12,500 deadweight ton passenger vessels, now building in Eastern yards for service between the Pacific coast and the Orient, was announced Friday by the shipping board.

Nature's Bookkeeping.

D. F. B. sends us this "brief serenade for a whoopee," as he calls it. "To the spring air is highly charged with fragrance, but we humans get it all for a scent."—Boston Transcript.

Supply Oil to Government Ships.

Washington.—The shipping board Friday called for bids to supply approximately 3,000,000 gallons of lubricating oil to government vessels at ports on the Atlantic, Pacific and gulf coast. Bids will be received up until September 15.

Freedom and Despotism.

In a free country there is much clamor, with little suffering; in a despot state there is quiet complaint, but much suffering.—Chambers.