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Louisiana News.

JENNINGS FIELD.

New Well Has Been a Stimulus to Wild Catting.

Jennings, La.: The long continued depression in oil circles at this point is being rapidly dispelled by the advent of additional good wells and the upward tendency of the crude oil market. The well of the Pelican Oil Company, in the southern portion of the field, has added, perhaps, a greater stimulus than any other one well of recent discovery, owing to the fact of its being at the extreme southern edge of the proven territory and of its excellent producing qualities. This company is now putting down another well on the property of the New Orleans-Jennings Mutual Oil Company, and will put down a third as soon as the preliminaries are completed.

Much interest is centered in the well of the Lafayette Oil and Mineral Company, which is going down on the west side of Bayou Nezpique, on the property of the McFarland Company. At this well the drillers met with an accident, resulting in the twisting off of the tubing. On this account drilling has been suspended temporarily. Although the owners of this property have been excessively conservative, it is currently reported that the showings at this point are nothing short of remarkable. This well is located three miles west of the field proper.

Work is soon to be resumed on the well of the Gulf Coast Development Company, which is situated on the farm of V. M. Twitchell, one mile north of Jennings.

Shut No. 2 is now under the pump and is making a gratifying showing. The close proximity of this well to Superior No. 2 has almost put the latter out of commission.

The Great Western Oil Corporation, with a capital stock of \$350,000, seven acres of land in the proven field and two producing wells, is being organized with local capital. George H. Shultz is named as president and H. L. Shultz as secretary and manager.

Work is progressing rapidly on the Jennings and Northern railroad.

Round Bale Limit.

New Orleans, La.: At a mass meeting of white and black screwmen yesterday noon, it was agreed to limit the amount of round cotton to be stored per day to 320 bales. Of late a large amount of round has come through this port, and the screwmen, who have long had a limit on square, decided they were doing too much. They agreed to 320 bales, which equals two round bales to one square, as they only store 160 square.

TO HAVE FROG RANCH.

Wetzel of Wisconsin to Establish One Near New Orleans.

New Orleans, La., Nov. 13.—Nathaniel Wetzel of Kilbourn, Wis., having done a \$40,000 business in Louisiana-Texas bull frogs last year, located in Beaumont, has decided to come nearer the Mississippi river, believing he can increase that figure considerably. He arrived yesterday from his Texas domains, and will establish here the biggest frog catching ranch in the world. Thirty expert catchers will be employed, and a frog kindergarten founded. Mr. Wetzel has won the title of melon and game king, the former being due to his having made Rockford, Colo., famous for its cantaloupe melons.

Killed Beneath Wheels.

Lake Charles, La., Nov. 13.—Charles Smith, an employe of Lock, Moore & Co., was instantly killed yesterday by a moving train which passed over his body. Smith tried to board the train, lost his foothold and fell under the car. The wheels mangled him terribly, killing him instantly.

Two Negroes Killed.

New Orleans, La.: A special to the States from Shreveport, La., says: In a bloody fight between negroes at a merry making on Saturday night, fifteen miles from Shreveport, Johnson Shepherd and Tom Harris were instantly killed, and Alex Thomas and Samuel Terrell badly injured.

Baptist Pastor Elected.

New Orleans, La., Nov. 14.—Rev. T. W. Tardy of Dallas, Texas, has been elected pastor of the Monroe, La., Baptist church.

Alexandria, La.: A white convict named Wylie, who escaped from the Texas penitentiary, was caught near here and sent back to Texas.

Want to Return Home.

Calvert, Texas, Nov. 14.—Business men of Calvert are receiving letters from negroes who left Calvert for North Texas and Oklahoma a few months ago. They are anxious to get back to this county.

Inventor Edison says his stomach has been ruined by radium. The Washington Post thinks that any man who eats stuff worth \$3,000,000 a pound ought to pay the penalty.

The American wife of the late British ambassador to the United States has the sympathy of the American people in her bereavement.

It is reported that a New York man who smoked from sixty to eighty cigarettes a day has gone crazy. Didn't have far to go, evidently.

GENERAL NEWS CULLINGS.

Selected With a View of Giving All the News All the Time.

GENERAL STATUS OF THE ISTHMIAN SITUATION.

Panama, Nov. 13.—It is reported here that the American legation at Bogota is surrounded and guarded by Colombian soldiers. There is great excitement. Marroquin is trying to get away.

About sixty Colombian prisoners left yesterday morning for Colon to embark on a Spanish steamer for Cartagena along with other prisoners in Colon. There remain behind only Generals Juan B. Tovar and Francisco Castro as hostages.

Panama and Colon are quiet and making preparations on an extensive scale to receive the Mayflower's crew with Admiral Walker and Consul General Gunder.

Gold exchange is going down here and paper currency going up in Colombia.

News From Cartagena.

Colon, Nov. 13.—The steamer Orinoco returned here yesterday, bringing news from Gen. Torres and the Colombian troops she took from here to Cartagena after the proclamation of the Republic of Panama. The soldiers behaved well on the voyage. At Cartagena the news of the independence of Panama was received sadly and quietly. Not so at Barranquilla. There the government officials and populace were furious and bitter in their recriminations against Americans. Martial law was proclaimed there immediately. The Orinoco also brought news that a thousand Colombian troops were ready to sail for the isthmus on the steamer, obeying instructions, refused to embark them.

Varilla the Agent.

Washington, Nov. 13.—The only cablegram that has been received at the state department during the past twenty-four hours from the Isthmus of Panama came to hand yesterday in the shape of a notice from Acting Consul General Ehrman, at Panama, that Benueau Philippe Varilla, the Panama representative at Washington, is the person charged by his government with power to negotiate a canal treaty with the government of the United States, and that Messrs. Boyd and Amador, the commissioners who sailed two days ago for Washington, were charged with other missions, and would only act in advisory capacity as to the treaty.

M. Benueau Varilla is disposed to put forth every effort to hasten the treaty negotiations. He called to see Secretary Hay yesterday to make preparations for his reception by the president today in his capacity as minister for Panama. Just as soon as that has been done he will ask to have the negotiations formally opened, and there is some probability that the new treaty will be ready for transmission to the senate before Christmas. The new Panama constitution is not expected to include the provision in the Colombian constitution, preventing the alienation of territory, so that the state department hopes to disarm criticism on the score that it is not able to obtain an absolute title in fee simple to the canal tract. It also is expected that this tract will be nearly double that proposed in the Hay-Herran treaty—a precaution in the interest of maintenance of order along the canal.

COLOMBIA TO RECLAIM HER LOST TERRITORY

Panama, Nov. 14.—A Bogota cable of the 10th says: "The Colombian government and people reject with profound indignation the independent movement of the Isthmus, merely supported by the reasonable act of military officials, and with the only object in view the satisfying of avariciousness of certain individuals and foreign companies having interests connected with the canal company. All departments and parties have given unconditional support."

Bogota continues in a state of siege, the American legation is well protected, and later will transmit an extra important cable communication from President Marroquin to President Roosevelt and the Spanish-American press.

Refused Writ.

New York, Nov. 12.—Judge Lacombe of the United States circuit court gave a decision yesterday, upholding the United States district court in ordering that George W. Beavers, indicted for complicity in the alleged frauds of the postoffice department, be turned over to the federal authorities in Brooklyn for trial, at the same time granting an appeal so that the matter now goes to the United States supreme court for final decision.

Battle in Hinterland.

Aden, Arabia, Nov. 13.—Eight British infantrymen and one Sepoy were wounded in an engagement with the tribe which recently took place in Aden, Hinterland. The tribe's loss was heavy, the killed including four officers.

Fire at Albia, Iowa.

Albia, Iowa, Nov. 13.—Fire that started in Love's dry goods store here early yesterday destroyed a block of business houses, entailing a loss estimated at \$300,000.

Hotentots Invade Cape Colony.

Konharit, Cape Colony, Nov. 13.—Hotentot rebels numbering about 1,500 men, are approaching the border. Police have been dispatched to the scene, the volunteers have been called out, and severe fighting is expected.

Memphis, Tenn.: Miss Douglas Cathoon, a highly connected young lady, while horseback riding, was thrown under a street car and instantly killed.

Cable service has been re-established. I confirm the previous intimation with Acting President Jorge Holguin, who also advises me exclusively to say that Colombia will never recognize Isthmian independence, and will exhaust the last drop of blood and every cent in order to pacify the rebellious Panamanians.

Gen. Rafael Reyes has been appointed generalissimo in chief, and all here are confident he will make the United States comply with its treaty obligations of 1846 in maintaining the sovereignty of Colombia on Isthmian soil.

The whole nation surrounds the government without distinction. Gen. Reyes left yesterday for the coast with a splendid and numerous army, having ready behind him an army of 100,000 men.

It is known on good authority that the Isthmian separation movement was not unanimous, and the government asserts they count with adverse protests from interior provinces. In Panama, the Colombian government and people are satisfied, Colombia patriotic sentiments will prevail, and before long the Isthmus will reintegrate finally before Colombian bloodshed in torrents flows.

The Colombian government reports are counting upon the sincere sympathy of all South and Central American republics.

The above cable clearly shows the exact Isthmian situation is unknown in Bogota, when it is asserted that there have been provincial protests against the separation movement, which is entirely false, as it is a well-known fact that all important public men of all classes, irrespective of party feelings, have most enthusiastically supported and maintained practically the new republican government.

Gen. Reyes is coming to the Isthmus merely on a Utopian mission, and it is generally believed the move is an electioneering farce rather than serious business. There are not the slightest fears that any Colombian invasion would be effective, and the Isthmians laugh and ridicule Bogota's childishness.

"OFF FOR A HONEYMOON."

Laconic Message Sent by Eloping Girl to Her Parents.

In Chicago and New York anxious relatives are still seeking some trace of Mabel Hunter, the hetress who eloped while returning from Chicago to her Eastern home. The hunt for

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French Recognition.

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Chinese Railway Opened.

Hong Kong, Nov. 7.—The Canton and Fatsan branch of the Canton and Hankow Railway was opened yesterday in the presence of Chinese and foreign officials.

Increased Dividend.

New York, Nov. 17.—The Standard Oil Company of New Jersey has declared a dividend of \$12 per share, payable Dec. 15 next, to the stockholders of record of Nov. 20. This is an increase of \$2 over the dividend declared a year ago, and brings the total dividends for the year to 44 per cent, compared to 45 per cent last year.

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Fined \$250 for Assault.

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Weatherford, Texas: Ben Robinson, a negro, aged 80, was fatally hurt in a runaway.

Centerville, Texas: It is reported that William Cummings was shot to death near here Sunday.

HOW IT WAS DONE

HOW THE INTELLIGENCE WAS TRANSMITTED.

MAINTAIN TRANSIT WAS ORDER

Prevent Troops Landing Was Urged As a Necessity to Maintain the Transit.

Washington, Nov. 17.—The president yesterday transmitted to the house the correspondence and other official documents relating to the recent revolution on the Isthmus of Panama, as requested by a resolution agreed to by the house at the instance of Mr. Hitt.

The papers transmitted included cablegrams sent to the United States consul at Panama and Colon on Nov. 3, stating that press reports had announced an uprising and requesting consuls to keep the state department fully informed; dispatches to and from consuls, which were printed at the time; also orders to naval officers, the dispatch of recognition and notification of appointment by Panama of Minister Buneau-Varilla.

All correspondence regarding Panama by the navy department is also included, having been turned over to the state department by Secretary Moody. This embraces orders cabled to the commander of the Nashville at Colon, under date of Nov. 2, which read as follows:

"Maintain free and uninterrupted transit. If interrupted threatened by armed force occupy the line of railroad, prevent landing of any armed force with hostile intent, either on the coast or inland, either at Colon, Porto Bello or other points."

The same order were sent to the commanders of the Boston and Dixie. On Nov. 3 the order was sent to Rear Admiral Glass at Acapulco: "Proceed with all possible dispatch to Panama. Telegraph in cipher your departure. Maintain free and uninterrupted transit. If interrupted is threatened by armed force, occupy the line. Prevent landing of any armed force, either government or insurgent, with hostile intent, at any point within fifty miles of Panama. If doubtful as to the intent of any armed force, occupy Ancon hill strongly with artillery. If the Wyoming would day Concord and Marblehead her disposition must be left to your discretion. Government force reported approaching the Isthmus in vessels. Prevent their landing if in your judgment landing would precipitate a conflict."

On Nov. 4, Acting Secretary Darling sent this dispatch to the commander of the Nashville: "Gunboat Colombia shelling Panama. Send immediately battery of three-inch field guns and sixpounder with force of men to Panama to compel cessation of bombardment. Railroad men furnish transportation immediately."

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BLOCKADE NOTICE GIVEN.

U. S. Notified of Closing of San Dominican Ports.

Washington, Nov. 17.—The state department yesterday received notice from the Dominican government, through the consul general in New York, that it is closed by decree to commerce for the duration of the insurrection the ports of Monte Cristo, Puerto Plata, Sanchez, Macoris and Samana. It is stated here that this notice is given to prevent a recurrence of the mistake made by the Dominican government in attempting to blockade Puerto Plata recently without giving the required notice.

As to whether or not the new decree is respected, the officials say nothing at present. It will remain for Captain Briggs of the Baltimore and Minister Powell to determine whether or not the blockade proposed is really effective, and under no circumstances will the state department respect a paper blockade.

The Dominican government or the insurgents who ever attempt to establish a blockade must have the ships present to make it effective. The officials have not the slightest fear that the Dominican government will try to sink any regular United States liner as long as the Baltimore is in Dominican waters.

Sure to Be War.

London, Nov. 17.—The danger of war in the Far East has been greatly increased in the past few days. The British foreign office has practically abandoned hope of a peaceful solution of the crisis and is devoting its energies to securing assurances of a clear field for the two combatants, Russia and Japan. Baron Hayashi, the Japanese minister to England, says the situation is grave, and he is unable to see any prospect of agreement. Japan has kept Great Britain fully informed of the progress of her negotiations with Russia, and the British government fully approves of the action of its ally.

Shot by Supposed Burglar.

Dallas, Texas, Nov. 17.—Lee Alexander, a young man from Corsicana, was perhaps accidentally but fatally shot in a rooming house. An alleged burglar was being pursued by the city marshal of McKinney. The officer and the man had exchanged shots on the street and the man ran into the house, when Alexander was shot through the lung. He was unknown to Alexander.

Smallpox Quarantine.

Denison, Texas, Nov. 14.—The Denison board of Health and Mayor Kennedy yesterday afternoon instituted quarantine against Sherman on account of alleged existence of smallpox in Sherman. All interurban cars between Denison and Sherman have been stopped and guards placed on the public roads from Sherman to Denison.

Death From Shooting.

Oklahoma City, Ok., Nov. 17.—Elias Fisher was shot and killed at 4 o'clock yesterday morning while sitting in a window in the rear of her house. Two shots from a shotgun were fired through the window, which took effect in her face. Ed Felson was arrested and indicted by a special grand jury. Her father resides at Centuria, Ill.

Special School for Negro Family.

Lawton, Ok., Nov. 17.—Yesterday G. M. Harrison, colored, was fined \$45 for persisting in sending his children to school with the whites. A school house is being erected in the district for Harrison's children.

Lad's Hair Turned White.

Texarkana, Texas, Nov. 17.—J. S. Prostridge, a well known drummer, died last Friday night after only six hours' illness. He has a son 17 years of age, who was very much attached to his father and whose grief was to the most heartbreaking kind over the sudden death of his parent. Friday night the lad's hair was a beautiful glossy black, but by Saturday morning it had become as gray as that of a man of 70.

The misfortunes that are hardest to bear are those that never happen.

Defi to Texas Shooters.

Taylor, Texas, Nov. 17.—For the prize Thanksgiving gun club shoot to be pulled off at Temple, Nov. 26, Manager C. F. Gilstrap authorizes the announcement that a team of six from the Taylor club offers to shoot a match with any team in the state on that occasion for a purse of \$100.

Anderson, Texas: Some of the negroes who went to North Texas to pick cotton are now returning.

Trouble at a Church Supper.

Nacogoches, Texas, Nov. 17.—At a negro church supper in East Nacogoches a difficulty occurred in which Garfield Lee was struck on the head with a piece of plank, inflicting a serious but not dangerous wound. Dude Butler was arrested and jailed.

Gonzales, Texas: Two loads of peaches have been shipped from Gonzales, in addition to many.

Anderson, Texas: Harbuck has begun breaking 100 res to plant to early cotton.

Penitentiary.

Taken to Texas, Nov. 17.—Mr. H. S. Jasper, Texas agent, left here yesterday with D. H. Harris (white), C. S. Wright (colored) and J. E. Bean (colored) for the state penitentiary, all convicted at a recent term.

Saloons Close Feb. 15.

Lufkin, Texas, Nov. 17.—The prohibition was called in the district yesterday, when the attorneys conceded that a compromise had been made, by the terms of which the saloon men agree to close Feb. 15.

Going to San Antonio.

Houston, Texas, Nov. 16.—The city and county health officers, accompanied by some other doctors, have arranged for another trip to San Antonio today to size up the yellow fever situation as it exists there. It is not definitely known who will compose the party.

WORK FOR WEEK.

TRYING TO CONFINE LEGISLATION TO CUBAN TREATY.

CUBAN BILL IN THE HOUSE.

Nomination of Gen. Wood Will Come Up in Executive Session—Committee Organization.

Washington, Nov. 16.—It is the intention of the senate leaders to conduct as closely as possible the legislation of the present extra session to the bill to carry into effect the Cuban treaty, and with that end in view the daily sessions of the senate during the present week will be brief, and another adjournment will be taken on Thursday of Friday until the following Monday. The work of introducing bills and other special petitions will go forward, but with the exception of the Cuban bill, neither bills nor petitions will be taken up in committee or discussed in the senate during the week. It is quite well understood that Senator Morgan is prepared for a prolonged discussion of the situation on the Isthmus of Panama, but while he seems not to have taken any one into his confidence, the general supposition is that he will defer his speeches until the new canal treaty shall be sent to the senate. There is an understanding on the part of the senators that even though the negotiations of the new convention are completed, it will not be transmitted to the senate until the beginning of the regular session of congress in December. It is expected that the Cuban bill will be received from the house on Friday, and it is probable a session will be held on that day in order that the bill may be referred to the committee on foreign relations, which will begin its consideration at once.

The committee on military affairs will meet during the week to consider the nomination of General Wood, and as soon as practicable after the committee reports on it, the question of confirmation will be brought before the senate in executive session in consideration of other nominations.

Senator Hale, who is chairman of the republican committee on organization of the senate committees, expresses the opinion that the reorganization will be completed by the close of the week. Other senators say it will be impossible to complete the work until the following week.

Mayflower at Colon.

Panama, Nov. 16.—Colon advises that at noon the Mayflower had just arrived with Admiral Walker and suite. Consul General Gunder was also on board, although unexpected, he not having cabled officially or otherwise of his leaving; consequently there were no special representatives for the reception of the Mayflower and Admiral Walker, who were really not expected before Nov. 17.—The captain of the Marblehead left at noon for Colon to meet Admiral Walker and the Mayflower's commander.

Big Mortgage Filed.

Guthrie, Ok., Nov. 16.—There was filed Saturday in the recorder's office at Arapahoe, Ok., a mortgage for \$20,000 made by the Orient Railroad Company to the United States and Mexican Trust Company as trustee. The sum is sufficient to complete the Orient line, equip it and provide terminals. Work is to be resumed throughout Western Oklahoma.

Steel Rail Contract Given Americans.

Berlin, Nov. 16.—The Frankfurter Zeitung's Constantinople correspondent says the Pennsylvania Steel Company has been awarded the contract for 20,000 tons of steel rails for the Mecca railway, in competition with the Krupp and several other German and Belgian establishments. The price is \$22.88 per ton delivered at Beirut.

No Trace of Missing Priest.

New York, Nov. 16.—No trace has yet been found of the missing Rev. Giuseppe Cirringione, pastor of the Italian church at Williams Bridge, who disappeared on Friday night under circumstances that led to the fear that he had been kidnapped and was being held for ransom.

Petition in Bankruptcy.

Astin, Texas, Nov. 16.—Sam Higginbotham has filed a petition in bankruptcy in the federal court here. Liabilities, \$2,110; assets, \$4,195, all claimed to be exempt.

Sentenced for Life.

Waco, Texas, Nov. 16.—In Judge Sam R. Scott's court, in the case of the State of Texas vs. Green Reed, charged by indictment with criminal assault, the jury returned a verdict of guilty, assessing the penalty at hard labor in the penitentiary for life. The defendant and his victim, the latter a girl of 12, are both negroes.

Probably Fatal Accident.

San Antonio, Texas, Nov. 16.—Richard, the 8-year-old son of Y. M. C. A. Secretary J. Irons, was run over by a buggy on Main avenue yesterday afternoon, and it is feared was fatally injured. He sustained concussion of the brain, and up to a late hour last night was unconscious.

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GERMANY IRRITATED.

Over Reported Holdup by the United States of a German Ship.

New York, Nov. 16.—The Herald yesterday morning published the following:

Berlin, Nov. 15.—The ever-lamented irritation against the United States in the matter of South America has been virtually awakened by a telegram from Panama stating that the commander of the American squadron at Colon has forced a German ship to weigh anchor and get out of the harbor because she was suspected of having contraband of war aboard.

"Apropos of this the Neudeutsche Nachrichten says: 'America must not interpret abstention from interference on the part of the European powers in Panama as a sign of weakness. It is her duty to avoid any action prejudicial to the interests of the power. We must take the contents of the telegram received as a very ugly acknowledgment of that duty. Should the dispatch prove true, the holding up a German ship is an act which, even at the time of the South American war, would have been taken as an unfriendly act. It is less justifiable in this case, as neither a blockade nor state of war has been declared in those waters.'

"We hope the news is exaggerated, or, if it is not, that prompt redress will be demanded for the wrongful seizure."

The steamer referred to is the Markomanna. The same paper goes on, after publishing the Herald's telegram from Bogota, telling of probable fighting, to say:

"Even should a state of war exist it would not justify the seizure of a German steamer."

Illinois Central Wreck.