

Louisiana News

Man Dies Suddenly in Hotel.
Alexandria—A white man, who was known as "Dutchy," died suddenly on Sunday night. The man was unknown and nothing can be learned as to his identity.

Warren Baldwin, who for the past twelve years has been a passenger conductor on the Iron Mountain road, between this city and Little Rock, has resigned his position on account of ill health and has gone to Mexico in hopes of being benefited.

Jim Walwright, alias Jim Baham, aged 4 years, an escaped convict, was arrested here Sunday afternoon by Police Officer Irving, and taken to the penitentiary by Officer Dugger.

A Great Oil Gusher.
Jennings, La.—The oil field of Jennings, with its great gusher, shows the following facts. The wells in this field at present equipped with pumping outfits are in all seventy-seven, and of these thirty-seven are today oil producers.

Subscribers Make Protest Against Telephone Changes.
Natchitoches, La.—A petition is being circulated and has already been signed by a good many subscribers of the local Cumberland telephone exchange against the recent action of the telephone company in trying to discontinue the parish service.

Lake Charles Theater Closed.
Lake Charles, La.—An attempt was made by the city council last night to hold a meeting and take some action with reference to closing the opera house here on the ground that it was unsafe for public assemblies.

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Bishop Sessums Confirms Class.
Franklin.—The Right Rev. Davis Sessums, bishop of Louisiana, confirmed a large class at St. Mary's Episcopal church Sunday morning.

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THE GREAT BOLL WEEVIL FIGHT.

Dr. Knapp to Organize a Corps of Working Farmers--Work of Other Scientists.

Washington, Jan. 25.—Secretary Wilson and the scientists of the department of agriculture have about completed plans for a great campaign against the cotton boll weevil, which has been playing havoc with the cotton products of Texas and threatening the existence of the cotton industry of the United States.

The rescuers are being brought out coated with ice, drenched to the skins and unable to walk. They report that dead are scattered one above the other as thick as pine needles. Water is fast pouring into the mine, covering the corpses with a shroud of ice and making the work of rescue almost impossible.

3:15 a. m.—Physicians have gone to the bottom of the shaft to examine the miners there to determine if they are alive.
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Texas Press Association.
San Antonio, Texas.—The executive committee of the Texas Press Association was at home in San Antonio on Monday. The meeting was called for the purpose of arranging the details for the coming state convention, and was marked by a full attendance.

Chicago.
Chicago.—Piercing cold made the whole Northwest suffer Monday. The thermometer reached 15 below in this city. The record here is 23 below, and there is some expectation that a new low point will be touched before the cold spell is ended. One man, frozen stiff, was found in Thirty-second street.

China Offered Good Offices.
Peking.—The Chinese officials have approached the ministers here of several powers with proposals directed toward attempting mediation between Russia and Japan. China is anxious that war should be averted.

Transfer to Americans.
Manila.—The Japanese merchants in this city have received advices from the home government that in case of an outbreak of hostilities they had better transfer their business over to the Americans.

Major Hoyt Sherman Dead.
Des Moines, Iowa.—Major Hoyt Sherman, brother of General T. T. Sherman and of Secretary John Sherman, died today.

G. A. Rose Sentenced.
Cleveland, Ohio.—Cashier George A. Rose of the Produce Exchange Bank, arrested Saturday charged with embezzling \$187,000 of the bank's funds, was arraigned and sentenced Monday in accordance with his own wishes.

For Washington's Sword.
Washington.—Senator McComas introduced a bill yesterday appropriating \$75,000 for the purchase of General Washington's sword from his grandniece, Virginia Taylor Lewis.

Was Badly Cut With a Knife.
Rusk, Texas.—Justice of the Peace Stovall was very badly cut, the knife penetrating the lung. His brother, Robert Stovall, has been jailed.

etc., together with methods of planting and cultivating, with a view to producing an early maturing crop; in other words, to produce a crop before the weevil has time to multiply sufficiently to destroy the bolls. The farms of 100 acres each will demonstrate what has already been learned by recent experiments, together with the new experiments in the way of fertilizing, since Texas cotton farmers have never used fertilizers.

Secretary Wilson has no doubt work already planned which will not only prove of enormous value in the way of teaching the farmers how to make a profitable crop in spite of the boll weevil, but will introduce methods of cultivation which will add largely to the productivity of Southern farms. The boll weevil campaign is regarded as the most important work of the department for the next five years, and Secretary Wilson does not doubt that a revolution in cotton production will follow as a result of the department's work.

Started in the First National Bank and Spread Rapidly.—Loss \$135,000.
Sour Lake, Texas, Jan. 25.—Fire broke out in a bedroom on the second floor of the First National Bank building on Fannin street between the hours of 7 and 8 o'clock yesterday morning, and by 11 o'clock fully \$135,000 worth of property had been consumed by the flames. Just how the fire originated no one seems to know. Some say it was precipitated by a defective fuse, and others claim that the explosion of a gasoline stove started it. The flames spread very fast, and in a few minutes after the bank building was enveloped the buildings to the north, south and west of it became ignited, and for an hour or more the several thousand spectators would have watched their last penny that the entire section of the business center would be burned before it could be checked. Fortunately a stiff gale was blowing from the south, and this, while it caused the loss of all business property north of the bank building, prevented the flames from crossing over to the French Market and Spencer Drug Company's buildings to the south. The newly organized fire company, under the leadership of Mr. P. Collins, did heroic and valuable service. An ax brigade went to work to work tearing away the buildings on the south corners of the block in which the fire started, and before the flames had reached the Crosby House bar building, which was owned by Dr. Duncan of San Antonio, the bar people had removed all of their stock and fixtures, and water was applied to the building.

Arrested for Spy.
Tokio.—Takashima, the Japanese interpreter for the Russian attaché, was arrested last Saturday on suspicion of acting as a spy in the Yokosuka fortified zone. He has been taken to Yokohama for trial. It is alleged that conclusive evidence has been obtained regarding other suspects which is causing a very strong feeling against such treachery, which is a capital offense in Japan.

Concessions to Avoid War.
Berlin.—As the German government understands the present situation the feeling is such at Tokio that Japan will declare war unless Russia answers her demands favorably. Russia recognizes this and accordingly intends to accept enough of Japan's point to make the Tokio cabinet feel that a sufficient cause for war no longer exists and while the forthcoming note will not fully satisfy Japan it will prevent the serious possibility of a declaration of war.

Innocent Man Nearly Drowned.
Eagle Pass, Texas.—Customs inspectors on the lookout for a load of mesquit from Mexico mistook an innocent man for the smuggler and shot his horse when he refused to halt. The man thought he was against a holdup and made a run for it, nearly being drowned in trying to cross a creek.

Report Untrue.
Seoul, Korea.—The report of the landing of a Japanese army at Masampo has been found to be untrue.

To Open a Private Bank.
Refugio, Texas.—Mr. J. B. McCampbell of Gollis and L. A. Jeter of Refugio will open a private bank here in Refugio in about ninety days. Carpenters will commence work on the building next week.

Acreage in Peaches and Plums.
Elkhart, Texas.—The acreage in peaches and plums will amount to several hundred in new trees, not counting those which were already in bearing condition.

Killed Invitation.
Frankfort, Ky.—The house by a viva voce vote killed the resolution to invite President Roosevelt to address the legislature.

Traffic Impeded.
Marshalltown, Iowa.—Severe weather prevails in Central Iowa. The thermometer shows 23 degrees below zero. Railroad traffic is impeded.

Outlook for Tomatoes Good.
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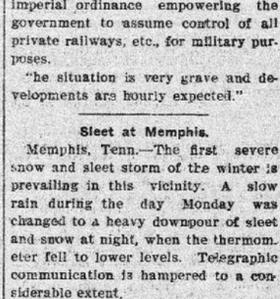
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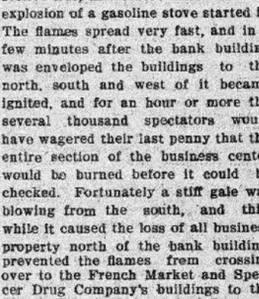
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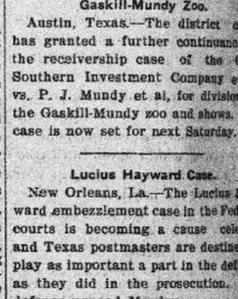
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