

FREE HOSPITAL AND FOOD FOR THE SICK AND NEEDY

OPELOUSAS FOLKS DOING ALL THEY CAN IN THE EMERGENCY

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TWO DOLLARS PER YEAR

ESTABLISH HERE A FREE HOSPITAL FOR THE INFLUENZA FOLKS

Those Suffering from the Flu to be Treated in the Sanitarium Absolutely Without Any Cost

OPELOUSAS PEOPLE MEET THE SITUATION WITHOUT QUIBBLE

Patriotic and Charitable Citizens Lose No Time in Arranging Matters So That Patients Will Get the Very Best of Attention

When Opelousas gets busy it does things with a rush. The influenza situation caused the home folks to wake up to a realization that something had to be done, and done quickly. They didn't let any grass grow under their feet but got busy at once, with the result that this city now has an up-to-date, fully equipped emergency hospital to care for all the flu cases.

At a conference between Mrs. Will T. Stewart, chairman of Red Cross chapter, and Chairman Boagni of the council of defense, it was decided that an emergency hospital was absolutely necessary under the prevailing situation. Having arrived at this conclusion, immediate steps were taken in the premises, resulting in Dr. Frank C. Shute patriotically turning over the Opelousas Sanitarium, fully equipped, and with the services of two registered nurses.

Mr. Will T. Stewart took charge of the subscription list to raise the necessary funds and in a little while had raised over one thousand dollars. Representative J. M. Sanders, with his usual energy, was appointed chairman of a committee to call on the physicians and assist them by procuring volunteer chauffeurs and getting preference at local garages in repairing the cars of all practicing physicians, and to see that in the event of the breakdown of their cars they were supplied with ones secured elsewhere for their use. Committees were appointed to obtain volunteer nurses and many ladies have already tendered their services. Other committees were appointed to inquire in the different neighborhoods and ascertain who were sick and in need of attention, etc.

Mrs. Stewart, Mrs. Anding, Mrs. Lorenzo Mornhinveg and Miss Bee Crawford, all of whom have rendered valiant service, are in charge of the hospital and those people who are ill and need medical assistance or nursing or wish to be moved to the hospital will please communicate the facts to any of these ladies. The motor truck of the light and water plant has been pressed into service and now carries the emblem of the Red Cross. It is acting in the capacity of an ambulance and will carry all sick folks to the hospital.

Rev. L. C. Simon, pastor of the Little Zion Colored Baptist Church, has been appointed chairman of the colored branch of the council of defense, vice J. M. Burr, absent from the state over a month. Rev. Simon was instructed to take charge of the colored branch of the work, obtain volunteers and report to Mrs. Stewart.

LEO JOSEPH DEJEAN

Every friend of Leo Dejean, and they are many, was bowed with grief last Tuesday evening when the news became known that he had passed away at 2:30 o'clock that afternoon, aged 39 years, 11 months and 17 days, after a brief illness. The funeral took place Wednesday morning from the home of his father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Dejean, with interment in the Catholic cemetery.

The deceased was one of the best boys in this country—we all looked on him as a boy, for he was jovial and full of fun at all times. He never married but resided with his father and mother and brothers all his life. Sober, honest and industrious, he was beloved and respected by all who knew him and his death leaves a void in the hearts of loved ones and friends which can never be filled. Besides his father and mother, he leaves three younger brothers, George, James and Charlie, the latter now being in an officers' training camp in Kentucky. A large circle of other relatives also survive, and to them, one and all, The Clarion tenders its condolences.

What is an Efficient Woman?—a headline. Wait. Can't tell you yet. Want to see 'em register.

STREET COMMISSIONER SICK, MAYOR ATTENDS TO WORK

Street Commissioner Octave Durio was laid up this week and in his forced absence from work Mayor Halphen handled both his own duty as the chief executive and that of Mr. Durio. While it kept his Honor quite busy, still he was not a green hand as he was street commissioner himself for several years before being elected mayor last spring.

ANOTHER BATCH OF LETTERS FROM FRANCE

The Clarion This Week Publishes News of Several Opelousas Who are Over There

Elsewhere in this issue of The Clarion appears letters from several of the Opelousas boys who are with Uncle Sam's fighting army in France. Our old friend Rudolph Bodemiller, a sergeant in the signal corps, treats Clarion readers with another one of his incomparable letters. Then there is Guy Tatman who writes entertainingly, and also his cousin, D. O. Tatman, who tells a few things, too. The latter says he is sure Guy and Elmer Major are over there but hasn't run across them yet. On the other hand, Guy tells of meeting two Opelousas somewhere in France, namely Clifford Delafosse and George Brower. We can imagine the pleasure when he ran across these fellow townsmen in that far-off land. Then Albert Garland also gives a brief but entertaining description of army life overseas and his own experiences in recent battles. But turn to the letters and read them. The Clarion is always pleased to print these communications from the boys in the army and has published more such letters than all the other newspapers in St. Landry and Evangeline combined. There must be a reason why home folks bring these letters to The Clarion for publication rather than to any of our competitors.

WILL RESUME OLD TIME TOMORROW

CLOCKS TO BE SET BACK ONE HOUR AT 2 A. M.

Daylight Saving Law Has Had Splendid Effect, Though Hooted at First

Tomorrow (Sunday) morning, at 2 o'clock, "old time" is to be resumed throughout the country. In other words, when the hour of 2 a. m. arrives all clocks are to be "turned back" to 1 a. m. This will start the day just one hour later than the standard that has been in force since the adoption of the daylight saving bill which went into effect quite a number of months ago, and while somewhat misunderstood by the general run of people at the time, has resulted in much good and is generally commended.

People have been warned, however, when they change their clocks not to actually "turn back" the hands, but to turn them forward until they rest on 1 o'clock, otherwise the mechanism of the timepiece will be put to the bad.

So, Sunday, and every day thereafter, we will go to dinner at 12 o'clock noon, the same as heretofore, but it will be an hour later than we have been going. The change will not be so revolutionary after all and we will become accustomed to it within a few days. It is possible that some time next spring, say about March 21, the standard of daylight saving will again go into effect and we will then "turn forward" our timepieces one hour and adopt the new time again.

CITY AUTHORITIES USE DISINFECTANT ON STREETS

Co-operating With Board of Health in Waging Extensive War on Flu Epidemic

Mayor and Acting Street Commissioner Halphen was busy Wednesday with the street force and sprinkling wagons thoroughly disinfecting the streets and gutters with a powerful disinfectant. Just about the time the job was well under way a heavy rain came and washed the fluid into drainage gulleys and the entire job will have to be done over again. This move is a wise one and is done at the request of the city board of health and is part of the program in the war on the influenza.

Never make friends of fools nor fools of our friends.

LOCAL REAL ESTATE AGENT SELLS MUDD FARM AGAIN

R. J. Marine Buys Splendid Property from Its Recent Purchaser, Richard M. Hollier

Some time ago The Clarion chronicled the sale of the Frank Mudd farm on Bayou Marie Croquant to Richard M. Hollier, the price being five thousand dollars. Mr. Hollier held the property only a short time and this week sold it to R. J. Marine for seven thousand four hundred dollars, being a net profit of two thousand four hundred dollars on the investment.

Gus E. Dupre, the local real estate man, handled both deals and his success so far in the matter of disposing of real estate stamps him as a coming factor in that line of business. The Clarion congratulates him.

LEGAL ATTORNEY SUGGESTS CHANGE

WIRES ADJUTANT GENERAL RELATIVE TO FLU SITUATION

Asks That Questionnaires be Withheld or Accord Time to Men Until Epidemic Finally Subsides

Since the flu has become epidemic, here as elsewhere, there has been considerable talk in some quarters relative to the recent order of the military authorities to the draft boards to end out questionnaires to men of 18 and from 37 to 45. It is said that the sending of questionnaires to these men will immediately bring a flood of people to town, men and their relatives, in order to secure help in filling in the documents, and that this influx would tend to the further spread of the flu and might so complicate the health situation as to make it difficult to stamp out in the shortest possible time.

Last Monday Hon. John W. Lewis of the local bar and a member of the state council of defense, with the adjutant general, Hon. C. C. McCrory, at Baton Rouge, and the following day received a prompt answer to the following telegram:

Opelousas, Oct. 21, 1918. Adjutant General C. C. McCrory, Baton Rouge, La.:

Amrequested by legal aid committee and others assisting registrants with questionnaires to inform you this section infected with influenza and some action should be taken to withhold questionnaires or accord more time to registrants. In some cases they are coming in for assistance already infected with the disease, in fear of disobeying requirements. Please answer. JNO. W. LEWIS.

To the above telegram General McCrory replied as follows the next day: Baton Rouge, Oct. 21, 1918.

Hon. John W. Lewis, Opelousas, La.: Dear Sir—In reply to your telegram dated October 21, you are advised that the provost marshal general has instructed that all questionnaires be mailed out to the balance of the registrants of the September, 1918, class. Local boards are being notified not to report registrants who fail to return their questionnaires within the seven-day limit. A second notice will be sent to every delinquent before his name is posted as a deserter.

Yours very truly, CECIL C. MCCRORY, The Adjutant General.

ADAM GUIDRY

Died, at the family home, on South Main street, in this city, last Sunday morning, at 9 o'clock, Adam Guidry, aged 32 years, 4 months and 22 days. The funeral took place Monday morning, with services and interment at the Catholic Church and cemetery.

The deceased leaves a young wife and child to mourn his end, also an aged father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Guidry, and several brothers and sisters.

Stricken with influenza the same day as was his employer, the late Sam Garbo, he lived but a few days longer than the latter. The deaths of the two men, so long associated together in business, proved more than a shock to their innumerable friends, and many heads were bowed in grief at the untimely passing of these two. To Mrs. Guidry and little child, mother, father and other relatives, The Clarion extends its condolences.

"What's the matter with Bilkins? He doesn't seem to be stirred up by the war." "You misjudge him cruelly. He told me yesterday that he was cutting down his golf to nine holes a day."

MUNICIPAL KITCHEN TO DISPENSE EATS DURING THE EPIDEMIC

Canteen Service of Local Red Cross Will Furnish Free Food to the Sick Folks Who are in Need

MRS. MARY B. GIESEN WILL BE IN CHARGE OF SERVICE

All Physicians and Others Requested to Report to Mrs. Giesen Names of Those Who are in Necessitous Circumstances

Chalk up another for the Red Cross! During the prevailing epidemic of influenza the municipal kitchen, which had not been put in commission on account of the local health conditions, will be started up for the special purpose of furnishing soup and other eatables to the sick people who are in need.

This week the following notice was printed in circular form:

FOOD FOR THE SICK AND NEEDY

Soup and other eatables will be furnished free of charge by the canteen service, A. R. C., between 12 and 4 o'clock each day. Apply to Mrs. M. B. Giesen, in charge of the municipal kitchen, who will have the food delivered where persons are unable to send. All doctors and other persons are requested to report promptly to Mrs. M. B. Giesen all sick and in need of food.

MRS. J. P. SAIZAN

Commandant Canteen Service, A. R. C. The Clarion does not know that there are any sick persons in this city who are in necessitous circumstances but of course there may be, and possibly are, some, and this move on the part of the ladies of the Red Cross, and particularly Mrs. Saizan and Mrs. Giesen, and their co-workers, is to be commended. The charitably inclined people of this city—and they are legion—have always shown a disposition to come forward in any and every emergency and help those who can not for the time help themselves. This is witnessed and evidenced by similar acts many times in the past, and this time the epidemic of flu gave these big-hearted people another opportunity to show the kind of staff they are made of.

Everyone approached has responded liberally and according to their financial means to aid this worthy cause and we believe that if the epidemic unfortunately continues long this new idea of furnishing free eatables, etc., to the sick and needy will produce splendid results and perhaps go a long way in helping to stamp out the malady which has not only struck this city but practically every other community in the entire nation.

CITY DADS WILL HAVE THE MARKET ENTIRELY RENOVATED

Bids to be Received for Thoroughly Repairing and Putting Building in Sanitary Fix

The city council met Wednesday night in special session to pass on important matters relative to the flu situation, and, incidentally, adopted a motion that bids be advertised for the thorough renovation and sanitation of the city market. Sealed proposals for this work will be received up to the next regular meeting, which will be on the first Tuesday of November. The successful bidder is to receive for his work certificates of indebtedness, payable at some later date.

CONTRACTORS DEMOLISH OLD HIGH SCHOOL BUILDING

Material Will be Used in Erecting the Colored School on Lot Recently Purchased

The old frame high school building, on North Market street and the Frisco tracks, is being rapidly demolished by the contractor, J. H. Deshotel, and when the job is completed the material will be hauled to the lot recently purchased by the city on Academy and Vine streets where the colored school will be erected and utilized in the construction of that building. The lumber is first class, having been purchased quite a number of years ago when building material was of the very best, and will undoubtedly serve its new purposes for many years.

Buy more bonds and they will knock the Beast of Berlin out.

LAZARO NOW PRACTICING MEDICINE IN WASHINGTON

Congressman, Realizing Seriousness of Flu Situation, Doffs Coat and Goes to Work to Help

A letter received this week by Postmaster Trosclair from one of Congressman Lazaro's daughters conveys the information that her father, seeing the seriousness of the influenza situation in the national capital and the lack of medical assistance during the epidemic, dropped legislative duties to aid in the fight. It is the first time in quite a while that Congressman Lazaro became Dr. Lazaro, and, be it said to his credit, he is doing his professional work free of all charges to his many patients. He has made a deep study of the flu and is going to exert himself to aid in wiping out the malady. He deserves and no doubt will receive the congratulations of his constituents on his move in behalf of suffering humanity.

BADLY HIT BY FLU, PHONES STILL WORK

THREATENED SHUT-DOWN DOES NOT HAPPEN, HOWEVER

Heroic Hello Girls Stick to Their Positions and Handle All the Business Very Well, Indeed

Last week The Clarion chronicled the fact that the local telephone exchange had been badly hit by the flu. Out of twelve operators eight were down with the malady, leaving only three on the job in the daytime and one at night. The young ladies, says the council of defense, have stood to their posts in a most heroic manner but many had to give up.

Dr. Staubs, secretary of the defense council, has already been busy engaged in helping out the situation by trying to procure assistance from former operators and minimize the number of calls over the phone. One of his orders, authorized by the chairman of the council, was to prohibit meat markets using the phone to solicit orders; also, to prohibit all inquiries as to the hour of the day. The council has determined to do all in its power to protect the phone system for the use of the sick.

SGT. ROBT. CHRISTMAN BOWDEN

There died at Camp Travis, San Antonio, Texas, last Saturday evening, one of Opelousas' brightest boys, Robert Christianman Bowden, known to his legion of friends here and elsewhere as "Bobby" Bowden.

It seems only a few weeks ago when he resigned his civil work in Houston, Texas, and came to Opelousas to spend a few days with mother, sister and other relatives before enlisting in the army. We recall distinctly his brief visit to The Clarion office a day or two before leaving to join the colors. He spoke so enthusiastically of his coming career in the army and he was such a bright young fellow that we knew that he was looking forward with pleasure to his military duties just ahead. Bobby was such a bright young fellow that his death is not only keenly felt by mother, sister and brother and other relatives, but has also left an aching void in the hearts of all those who knew him.

He made good in the army, right from the jump, for with the short time he had been in the service he had already reached the rank of sergeant and had been recommended for a lieutenant. He preferred the fighting arm of the service and would rather be with the boys on the firing line than be in a position far from danger. That fact, and his bright, cheerful disposition, thoroughly bespoke his Celtic blood.

It seems hard indeed that this young soldier, who had only passed his twenty-first birthday by a short five months, should be cut down by the scythe of the Grim Reaper, but such is life and such is death, for death, the philosopher says, is not a respecter of persons. Bobby has passed and all that remains of him is memory, but we are glad that that memory is of a young life full of deeds well performed. To his grief-stricken mother, sister, brother, aged grandfather and other relatives, this entire community extends its heartfelt sympathies. It is poor consolation, we know, but it is but the mute expression of hearts rent with pain in the passing of a splendid young man, who, as a soldier, we all know, had a bright future before him.

The remains were brought from

SECRETARY STUBBS QUITE BUSY WITH MANY DUTIES

Secretary Stubbs of the council of defense has been kept quite busy transmitting orders from the health department and replying to inquiries from every side. The full force of council is working overtime and it is believed that they have accomplished much good. The numerous community councils throughout the parish have been brought to bear and in each neighborhood are rendering much assistance and accomplishing great good.

ANOTHER OPELOUSEAN MAKES GOOD IN THE ARMY SERVICE

Corporal Floyd Carson Has Been Promoted to the Rank of Sergeant

It has been only a few brief weeks ago since Floyd Carson was sent with a number of other Opelousas boys to Camp Martin, New Orleans, for special training in the military service. Floyd's special forte in civilian life was handling and repairing automobiles, especially the world-renowned flivvers turned out in quantities by Henry Ford. What Floyd didn't know about fixing up a balky flivver wasn't worth knowing. He went to camp with the full intention of making good and he has done so. Shortly after his induction into the service he was appointed a corporal, and this week his mother, Mrs. J. B. Carson, of this city received a letter from him stating that he had been promoted to the rank of sergeant. This news will immensely please his friends here. Floyd is a good boy, and the Irish blood in him will always come to the surface, for he will give his last cent to a friend in need. A story is told of his brief army life. A lieutenant who was considered some punkin with the boxing gloves and who had cleaned up all his opponents, invited the doughty Opelousean to meet him in the squared circle in a friendly bout.

This met with the approval of the Opelousas Irishman and it didn't take long for him to polish off the commissioned officer and show that fellow he had yet a few stunts to learn about the game of fists.

THE NEW LYNOTYPE TO BE INSTALLED

MACHINE ARRIVED IN OPELOUSAS THURSDAY

Will be Erected and Placed in Commission at Once and Old Machine Discarded

The Model 14 Linotype ordered by The Clarion some months ago reached Opelousas Thursday and will be erected and placed in commission for service on next week's paper. It is the best equipped machine in this part of the state, bar none, and with extra equipment will place The Clarion office in a class by itself. We understand thoroughly that it requires something more than a Model 14 or any other model of Linotype to make a first-class newspaper, but this new machine will greatly aid in making The Clarion a still better newspaper. We have been issuing the best country weekly in this section of the state and all that we have to say is, just watch it from now on. We are not making a lot of empty promises but will let our work speak for itself.

FLU PUTS "DIDEE" TO BAD; FORCED TO CLOSE FOR TIME

Malady Lays Up Proprietor and All Help of Elk Restaurant but it Will Reopen Soon

The prevailing flu put one of the local restaurants to the bad. The malady first got the waiter boys of the Elk, then the cooks and finally the manager, "Didee" Lastrapes, and in desperation, last Sunday, he closed down for repairs—physical repairs, we mean—and will not re-open until all hands recover from illness. He sent The Clarion a brief note, Thursday, asking us to inform his patrons through these columns that he was improving and had not closed up for keeps but will resume within the next few days, "slightly disfigured but still in the ring," ready to serve them as in the past.

Prudence is merely well trained common sense. San Antonio, accompanied by a military escort, and interred Tuesday evening in the Catholic cemetery.

NATION, STATE AND PARISH ALL ARE OVER THE TOP

Fourth Liberty Loan Complete Success Despite Both Flu and Much Peace Talk

AMERICANS PUT UP MONEY AS ANSWER TO THE KAISER

Six Billion More Good Old Dollars Lent Uncle Sam to Aid Him in the Good Work of Smashing the Hun Autocracy

If there were any lingering hopes in Berlin that the fourth American Liberty Loan would prove a failure, that hope has gone glimmering, for the American people came across again, just as they did in the first, the second, and the third loans, and will again in a fifth, sixth, seventh and eighth loans, if the necessity for such financial need ever arises.

Six billion dollars is an awful lot of money—more than any single man ever possessed, but it is but a drop in the bucket to the wealth of the United States, and after all the entire big sum is spent right here at home and will be in circulation just a little more freely than if it had been hoarded in the possession of the people.

Neither the Kaiser, his propaganda spreaders nor the flu could stop the success of the loan and the entire nation went "over the top" and just a little beyond in the matter of subscribing to the bond issue. It is a splendid investment and the man who has his hard-earned tip in these bonds will know, sooner or later, that he could not have made a wiser investment, for if there is no value to a government bond then there is no value to the greenbacks and the silver that we prize so highly. There is no danger of this government "busting" and when this war is over the United States will sit on a high plane and absolutely be in a class by itself. Instead of being a borrowing nation, borrowing from the European governments, they will be in our debt and forced at times to borrow from us, and the flood of gold that will come across regularly to our shores will prove that the financial balance, instead of being across the seas, will be over here. The pendulum has swung back and the new world, where the very idea of democracy and a government of the people first saw being, will be supreme in the council of nations.

Louisiana, like its sister states, subscribed to its quota of the late Liberty loan, and St. Landry parish and the city of Opelousas also went over the top, too. All this despite the fact that the flu was making sad inroads on the health of the people and giving them something serious to think about. Neither the flu nor the peace talk emanating from the German capital had any effect whatever in stopping the success of the loan. When the sun went down last Saturday evening it looked as if St. Landry had fallen down on the loan, but by 10 o'clock that night, owing to the indomitable energy of Chairman L. J. Larcade, the loan was put over the top. Too much credit can not be given Mr. Larcade for the good work he accomplished, but at the same time credit must also be given to the few men and institutions who came to the rescue at the very last minute and whose patriotism impelled them to largely increase their already large subscription. Chairman Boagni of the parish council of defense was of great assistance in keeping up the courage of the workers, advocating at all times to keep up the fight to the last ditch and never say DIE. He had already subscribed to \$50,000 of Liberty Bonds and in this loan increased his total subscription to \$75,000.

SOUTHERN INVENTORS

The following patents were issued to southern inventors reported by D. Swift & Co., patent lawyers, Washington, D. C., who will furnish copies of any patent for ten cents apiece to our readers: Mississippi—Fred T. Shaw and J. G. Meador, Jr., Winchester, attachment for air brakes. Louisiana—Joseph Jones, New Orleans, combined garbage can and trap; Aaron Katzenstein, Shreveport, attachment for windshields. Arkansas—Jesse J. Stewart, Tale, baling press; Lewis E. Wegner, Hot Springs, wrench.