

HEALTH SITUATION IMPROVING RAPIDLY IN STATE

CASES GET FEWER EVERY DAY AND BAN SOON TO BE LIFTED

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HEALTH REPORTS DENOTE A RAPID DECLINE OF FLU

Situation in State Improving Rapidly and Worse is About Over

SCHOOLS TO RESUME IN VERY SHORT TIME

Decided Change for Better Seen in All Reports to the Newspapers

The influenza epidemic throughout Louisiana and the other states is reported as waning, so much so that the health authorities feel extremely gratified at the present outlook, and the general public is looking forward to a full resumption of every-day activities. Schools, churches, places of amusement, etc., will reopen very shortly and the handicap people have been laboring under during the prevalence of the malady will soon be forgotten.

In the army camps the health men have practically stamped out the sickness and it is only among the civil population and in the congested centers that the epidemic has been so difficult to control and wipe out. But the physicians, co-operating with the various boards of health, have made great strides in conquering the disease and have gained great knowledge of how to handle it and cure those who are unfortunately afflicted with it. It is realized that the knowledge thus gained will perhaps come in good stead some time in the future should a similar epidemic be prevalent throughout the United States.

Of course there have been innumerable victims of the malady, but when it is considered that the percentage of deaths was remarkably small it is really wonderful how fortunate the country has been. The great majority of those who died from the attack of the flu expired as a result of complications arising from the flu itself. As an example, it is noted that many cases of flu finally developed into pneumonia and the patient, physically weakened by the initial attack, finally succumbed to the latter.

The great peculiarity of the epidemic is that it crossed the continent from east to west, so rapidly. It did not require very long for it to become epidemic in the states and cities on the Pacific coast and just recently it was reported quite had indeed throughout Mexico. In British India and South Africa the death rate has been unusually large, it being reported that in one city in the latter country there were one hundred and forty funerals in the same cemetery on the same day. Down in several of the republics of South America the flu is also on the rampage. In fact, it is generally understood that it is scattered all over the entire world and is undoubtedly the widest spread epidemic ever known.

HAAS GARAGE TO VULCANIZE TIRES

Expert J. Marvin King Will Have Charge of This Department of Big Concern

The Clarion is pleased to announce to the automobile using public that the Leon S. Haas garage, local agents for several well known and popular makes of automobiles, will begin the operation of a vulcanizing plant in connection with the sale and repair of cars. Senator Haas, owner of the garage, states that he has secured the services of Mr. J. Marvin King, an expert in the line of vulcanizing, who will have complete charge of that end of the fast growing business. Mr. King is from Alabama and was for several years with the Southern Hardware and Woodstock Company of New Orleans, and comes to Opelousas well recommended.

ANOTHER OPELOUSEAN MAKES GOOD IN UNCLE SAM'S ARMY

Clinton Mornhvege, the young son of Mr. and Mrs. Remi Mornhvege of this city, and one of the bright-boys of the community, has been promoted from the rank of corporal to that of top sergeant. Only a short time ago this young man left Opelousas to take special training for military duty and

84 YEARS YOUNG, SAYS JUDGE LEWIS

A man is no older than he feels, said former Judge Edward Taylor Lewis last Saturday when, on that day, he completed his eighty-fourth year. The venerable jurist, young and fresh in mind, face and figure, was the recipient of many congratulations and substantial reminders that he holds a warm place in the hearts of his fellow citizens, all of whom wished for him many years more of life in this community where he was born and where he has notably lived all his life, but held many positions of trust from the hands of the people. Three score and ten, the biblical period of man, was long passed by this young-old St. Landrian and from appearances he bids fair to be with us years yet to come.

OLD ST. CHARLES EXTENDS THANKS

Faculty and Students Grateful for Help in the Recent Epidemic

The flu did not put St. Charles College out of business even though many of the priests and students were afflicted with the sickness and, unfortunately, several of the latter died. The situation at this noted institution is now well in hand, science and good nursing having triumphed over the inroads of the malady, and the Jesuit Fathers and students feel grateful for the aid extended them during the recent trying times. This week they sent The Clarion the following expression of gratitude to those who so nobly came to their assistance:

President's Office, St. Charles College Grand Coteau, La., Oct. 28, 1918.

TESTIMONY OF GRATITUDE

The president and faculty of St. Charles College, Grand Coteau, wish to thank most sincerely the devoted Red Cross and other volunteer helpers from Opelousas, Grand Coteau and outlying points who did such self-sacrificing and efficient work during the recent epidemic at the college.

The following ladies, and any others whose names do not at present occur, are indelibly inscribed on the "Roll of Honor" of St. Charles College: Mrs. F. J. Dietlein, Mrs. J. P. Saizan, Misses Gertrude and Lelia Sandos, Bee Crawford, Mary Little, Mrs. J. A. Durio, Mrs. Remi Mornhvege, Miss Marguerite Sanders, Mrs. Walter Brown, all of Opelousas; Miss Aline Wartelle of Washington; Miss Hazel Nixon; Miss Webb, trained nurse from Lafayette; Misses Itha Richard, Marie Burleigh, Noemi Richard, Mrs. Bertha Mouton, Misses Leonie Barry, Mae Brown, Annie Dunbar, Mary Schrewe, all of Grand Coteau.

The college authorities wish also to publicly thank the soldier volunteers who so very devotedly watched with and attended the sick. Finally high commendation is due sick soldiers and the fewer college boys, all of whom patiently, cheerfully and gratefully for tendered services, bore their heavy burden.

Doctors T. T. Tariton and C. A. Gardiner deserve the highest credit for their skillful and tireless ministrations.

The sinister cloud that hung over old St. Charles has lifted, and with renewed confidence in the "Providence that shapes our ways" faculty and friends look forward to days as bright or brighter than the past.

TO RESUME PRACTICE EARLY NEXT WEEK

Dr. J. A. Shaw, after waging a successful fight with a severe attack of influenza, requests The Clarion to announce to his many friends and patrons that he is up and about and expects to resume his office work early next week. The doctor had a hard attack of the flu but weathered the storm and his numerous friends in this city will be pleased to see him again.

SUFF AMENDMENT IS ENDORSED BY MANY PEOPLE

Large Number Sign Petitions in St. Landry Parish

EXPECT TO RECEIVE HANDSOME VOTE

Prominent People Favor the Passage of the New Law

The election will take place next Tuesday, November 5, and among the large number of proposed amendments to the state constitution none is attracting wider attention than the one which, if adopted, will grant the women of this state the right of voting. The following article, concerning this amendment and favoring its adoption, was handed The Clarion with the request that it be published in these columns:

Mrs. A. A. Anding, parish chairman for St. Landry parish, for the woman's suffrage party of Louisiana, on being interviewed by our representative, announced that there had been practically no campaign made here owing to the fact that all the supporters of woman suffrage have been busily engaged in war work during the whole of the time in which a campaign should have been waged. She herself was a ward captain in the woman's department of the recent Fourth Liberty Loan drive, and has also been active in Red Cross work and in assisting with the Red Cross emergency hospital just opened here to give aid in the influenza epidemic.

However, with practically no effort and with the assistance of only a few workers, petitions were circulated and the signatures of four hundred and seventy-five prominent women of Opelousas obtained to petitions addressed to Governor Pleasant, advocating a public announcement by him in favor of woman suffrage, such as he has since made through the papers. As a result of the petitions circulated elsewhere throughout the parish many other names were signed to similar petitions, among them being fifty from Arnaudville, fifty-two from Port Barre, twenty-seven from Sunset, ten from Duboussou, ten from Garland and twenty-five from Waxia. Petitions from Eunice were forwarded direct to the governor, also those from Melville and Washington.

St. Landry women, therefore, had some considerable part in convincing the governor that the rumor persists.

LAZARO ADDRESSES HOUSE ON THE FLU

Congressman Delivers Talk on the Prevailing Epidemic

Congressman Lazaro, besides being the representative of the seventh district is, when at home, a practicing physician. Since the development and spread of the influenza he has taken a deep interest in the wiping out of the malady which has swept the entire country and caused the death of a large number of people. On Monday, October 14, Dr. Lazaro delivered an address in congress on the subject of the flu. Lack of space prevents The Clarion from publishing his entire address as it appears in the Congressional Record, but here are a few excerpts:

Mr. Speaker, I wish to say a few words about the influenza situation in the District of Columbia. It is evident, from the reports, that influenza is spreading and the death rate is increasing. If ever there was a time when the people should keep cool, avoid hysteria and co-operate with the authorities in their fight against this disease, it is now. The health authorities understand the situation thoroughly and are undoubtedly doing all they can, but it is necessary that the people co-operate with them in order to succeed.

The situation in the District of Columbia is an unusual one. On account of the war it was necessary to enlarge the governmental activities suddenly. The result was that thousands of clerks from all over the country came to Washington to work. One of the

CLARION READERS INCREASING WEEKLY

Steady Gain in List Indicates That It's the Most Popular Paper in Parish

The Clarion's subscription list has been increasing right along for many months—ever since we started publishing a real country weekly. To every reader who voluntarily quits we add fifty new ones to the list. Just the other day one of our old friends, commenting on the lateness of publication, said he preferred The Clarion to any other paper in the parish, even though it was late in getting to him. That is the same song they all sing, and it is very gratifying to us. Every copy of the many hundreds we print each issue is closely read and we venture to say we have more readers than any other paper printed in St. Landry and Evangeline. When it goes in a home it is read—not cast aside, and only one copy goes into a home, not a half-dozen. That's why The Clarion is the best advertising medium in St. Landry, a fact which all advertisers know and appreciate.

U. W. W. CAMPAIGN STARTS NOV. 11

Parish Drive for Funds for a Great Cause Will Soon be on Full Blast

At the suggestion of President Wilson and under an agreement entered into between the seven organizations doing Welfare Work and providing Recreation for the soldiers and sailors of our country a joint drive for the necessary funds will be made during the week of November 11 to 18. These organizations have been active at work in the army camps, in the cantonments and in the cities throughout Europe and America—wherever soldiers or sailors are stationed—providing all that is necessary for the benefit, advantage and assistance of our fighting men. Each has been doing wonderful work among our soldiers and sailors, and as the result of their service and their interest in the United States has the happiest, sturdiest and most physically fit and morally clean fighting forces in the world.

The funds subscribed during this drive are to be prorated among the agencies participating according to a well-defined plan, expressly approved by the war department, and the service and benefits provided by each organization is at the disposal of every soldier and sailor, regardless of religious or political considerations. These agencies are: Young Men's Christian Association, National Catholic War Council (Knights of Columbus), the Young Women's Christian Association, Jewish Welfare Board, War Community Service, American Library Association and the Salvation Army. As all of the welfare organizations are represented in this campaign, no one can withhold his assistance from the fund.

The quota from St. Landry is \$30,000. The following is the organization here: William J. Sandos, district chairman; Charles B. Goddard, district campaign director; John W. Lewis, parish chairman; executive committee: W. A. Robertson, A. L. Andrus, Hebert F. Richard, E. L. Loeb, Jes. J. Lewis, Geo. Gulliet, Frank Fontenot, Dr. W. R. Boudreau, Leon Wolf, Jno. Thistlewaite, Dr. H. S. Joseph, Wilfred Boudreaux, Dr. C. A. Gardiner, Dr. F. O. Pavy, George Greig, Edgar Dupre, John P. Savant, Leo B. W. Clopton, A. D. Hanks, and Jos. Benoit, Jr.; publicity committee: Aaron Jacobs, T. A. Jackson, L. A. Andrepoint, Jos. A. Gil.

Committees will begin soliciting subscriptions on November 11, in every community in this parish, as well as throughout the union, and judging by the enthusiastic support given these Welfare Organizations in the past, and the great good they are doing in helping the boys, it is certain that the amount necessary to continue this work will be subscribed.

COMMITTEE TO MEET TUESDAY EVENING

The chairman of the executive committee of the Red Cross has requested The Clarion to announce that there will be a meeting of that committee on next Tuesday at 4 o'clock p. m., at the local headquarters, for the purpose of taking up the question of salvage, and to receive any reports that may be in the hands of the secretary.

MARVELOUS, SAY THOSE WHO SAW NEW LINOTYPE

Model 14 Ordered Long Ago Now Working in The Clarion Office

BEST EQUIPPED IN THE ENTIRE STATE

Eliminates Practically All Necessity of Hand Composition of Type

Last week The Clarion announced the arrival of its Model 14 linotype. This wonderful machine was hauled from the freight station Saturday and that afternoon and all day Sunday the expert from the New Orleans agency, Mr. Narrow, with the assistance of the office force, worked on its erection. The first type slugs were cast in the early forenoon Monday and this entire issue, including several large display advertisements, was composed altogether on this marvelous machine.

This Model 14 is the best equipped in this section of the state, if not in the entire state. Ordinarily, the machine comes with three molds. The Clarion's machine has four, which includes a head-letter mold. We have retained the font of 8 point type as to all intents and purposes it is as good as new. With the machine came 6, 12 and 18 point and the 24 point head letter. It is possible to practically create an all-in-one newspaper with the machine, and this end The Clarion has been aiming at for some time.

The operator, without rising from his seat, has at his command six type cases, all brought to the assembling point with the keyboard of ninety keys. In other words, the operator has at his fingers' tips four hundred and seventy-eight characters, including the innumerable others that run as "pi" and are on the pi stacker. This number of characters can be increased by changing the lower, or 18 point, magazine and adding in its stead the one carrying six point as all type matrices above 14 point are single letter matrices, and hence there are only ninety characters in a magazine, whereas in the smaller sizes are two characters on each matrix, making the magazine carry one hundred and eighty in all.

The three superimposed magazines are shifted by the use of a lever convenient to the operator's right hand, and it only requires a few seconds to change from one magazine to another. The small auxiliary magazine is always in operating position and as it has its own individual keyboard of

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OPELOUSAS WOMEN DO GREAT WORK

Mr. Boagni Denies Report from Grand Coteau About Recent Nursing

The New Orleans newspapers, the other day, carried a dispatch from Grand Coteau which reflected somewhat on the aid of the Opelousas ladies who went there recently to help nurse the sick boys at St. Charles College. Chairman Boagni of the St. Landry council of defense immediately replied to the dispatch and his answer, addressed to the Daily States, follows herewith:

Opelousas, La., Oct. 23, 1918.

Editor New Orleans States:

Dear Sir—In your issue of the 23d, on the front page appears a dispatch from Grand Coteau, La., under date 22d, headed "Grand Coteau Says Home Women Helped," in which the following statement is made, to-wit: "The Opelousas nurses did not remain long, but the Grand Coteau women remained to the end."

As the statement is not founded on facts and is a reflection on the heroic Opelousas ladies who volunteered, I address you for the purpose of correcting the following impression.

The facts of the case within my personal knowledge are as follows: In the evening of the 27th instant, I learned that there were about seventy-five cases of flu at St. Charles College, some dangerously ill, that help was badly needed. I visited the college and found that matters had been correctly reported. No outsider was there to help except the two attend-

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MORE MEN WILL SOON GO TO CAMPS

Late reports state Louisiana will soon be called on for something over 13,000 white men for military training. It is not definitely known yet the exact quota of each parish but a Clarion man heard this week that St. Landry's share would be approximately four hundred. The flu epidemic has retarded somewhat the usual draft quotas going to camp, but now that the situation has begun to clarify and grow better a resumption of the drafting of men can be looked for any time soon, and when the tide of embryo soldiers begins to roll towards the training camps it can be expected that there will be no let up in the number of calls for man power to aid the allied governments in ending the war as soon as possible.

GREETINGS TO SOLDIER BOYS

Jacobs Says Every St. Landrian Will Hear from the Home Folks

There are innumerable St. Landry boys serving in the army, navy and marine corps. These boys are scattered far and wide—many thousands of them—and few will be able to come home for Christmas to spend the holidays with loved ones and friends. Those who are so fortunate will have a good time, let us hope, but those who can't get here should receive greetings in some appropriate manner from relatives and friends, says Aaron Jacobs, president of the Jacobs News Depot Company of this city.

Mr. Jacobs informs The Clarion that special arrangements are being made to have each soldier boy from St. Landry now in the United States army, either in France, England, the United States or elsewhere, receive greetings from home, both from relatives and friends, and to this end he asks the parents or relatives of these enlisted boys to send him the names and addresses of each and every one to him and he will see that the balance is well attended to, and, The Clarion might add, in the well-known and thorough way of Aaron Jacobs.

FORGER ARRESTED HERE THIS WEEK

With Several Aliases, Man Passes a Number of Worthless Checks on Opelousas Business Houses

A man who is said to be John Grave also known as Joseph Sissel and Dad Whaley, was arrested in Opelousas this week by the officials and is charged with the crime of forgery. He is about fifty-five or sixty years of age. The specific charge against him is that he cashed several checks with local business houses which proved to be worthless. His arrest followed on the presentation of a third "phony" check but he maintains that he is innocent of any wrongdoing. He is now in the parish jail awaiting the action of the grand jury.

LOCAL POWER PLANT IS SHORT OF LABOR

Supt. Jones Has to Assume Much Work of the Sick Employees

Superintendent Jones of the municipal light and water plant, in addition to his regular duties, this week had to lend a helping hand in keeping the plant in operation as many of the employees were down with the flu. Our old friend, Glaston D'Avy, popular lineman and all-round man of the plant, as also his wife, was down with the prevailing sickness. We understand that several others were also on the down-and-out list and hence Mr. Jones had to do double duty. The service, however, has been excellent and the superintendent and his few helpers are to be congratulated on keeping everything running as usual.

SUNSET BOY GENERAL FOREMAN STEEL DEPARTMENT SHIP YARD

Some time ago The Clarion printed an item of news relative to the advancement of Scott D. Tinney, Jr., of Sunset, this parish, in the shipbuilding department of the government. This week we received a copy of the "Moshico Log," a small publication issued by the Mobile Shipbuilding Company.

SOME DETAILED FIGURES ON THE LIBERTY LOAN

St. Landry Exceeded Quota by Nearly a Thousand Dollars

CH'MN LARCADE GIVES STATEMENT

Condensed Summary Subscriptions Received in Parish

Chairman L. J. Larcade of the parish Liberty Loan committee supplied The Clarion with the condensed summary and figures of the subscriptions to the fourth bond issue in time for our issue of last week, and the same would have been published but at the last moment, Friday night, the gasoline tank which supplies fuel for the linotype metal pot went to the bad and it wasn't possible to fix it and as a consequence many important items of news were left out.

St. Landry's quota of the Fourth Liberty Loan was \$707,333, and the total subscriptions exceeded that figure by about two-thirds of a thousand dollars, the exact figures being \$708,000.

Mr. Larcade's condensed statement of purchases through the various parish banks is as follows:

St. Landry State Bk.	1124,600
Peoples State Bank	58,300
Planters Bank	81,100
Opelousas National	23,100
Bank of Sunset	87,600
Two Eunice Banks	103,000
Arnaudville Bank	30,100
Equitable Life Ins. Co.	40,000
Aetna Life Ins. Co.	500
Pierce Oil Corp.	500
Total	\$708,000

Chairman Larcade says that full details of this successful campaign will be furnished later on, at which time The Clarion will be more than pleased to publish same, but in passing we wish to congratulate Mr. Larcade for his most successful work in doing a great part in putting old St. Landry right square over the top in this loan. He has demonstrated that he is a thorough organizer and knows full well how to manage all the details, great and small, of such a campaign.

He was ably assisted by a full corps of workers, both men and women, and every one did their full part in floating our quota of the loan. Mrs. W. T. Stewart, who has devoted and is still devoting a great part of her time to Red Cross and other war activities, was chairman of the woman's committee; Miss Mary C. Littlell being vice chairman, while Mrs. A. Leon Dupre was chairman for the city of Opelousas.

Chairman Larcade requests The Clarion to state that he appreciates the efforts of his co-workers and extends his thanks to all those who assisted in putting the old home parish across the line once again.

MEL DIETLEIN NOW ARMY SERGEANT

Popular Young Opelousean Gets a Quick Promotion at Camp Martin, New Orleans

News was received here the first of the week that Mel Dietlein, elder son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank J. Dietlein, had been promoted to the rank of sergeant. Mel, who was always a popular boy, has advanced quite rapidly as he went to Camp Martin, New Orleans, for special training only a short while ago. However, it is not surprising for he is an intelligent and quick-witted young man and unquestionably went into army life with full intention of making good. His relatives and friends here are pleased at his promotion.

SUNSET BOY GENERAL FOREMAN STEEL DEPARTMENT SHIP YARD

Mr. Tinney is general foreman of the steel department of that big concern, and on the back page of the publication appears the picture of Mr. Tinney and two of his friends, V. W. Penny and George Finney. The title of the picture is "Boy, Mel, Mel" which is adapted from the similarity of their names, Tinney, Penny, Finney.