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SENATOR DELOS R. JOHNSON.

Hon. Delos R. Johnson made a record in the assembly this session which would bring credit to any District and the people of Washington Parish feel proud of our Senator.

Mr. Johnson is not an extremist nor a fanatic, but possessing a good judgment backed by the power to accomplish things, he was able to put through some of the best legislation of this session, and today he is recognized all over the state as one of the strongest factors in the state.

The one act of the legislature which brings relief to all the dry territory in this state, comprising more than three-fifths of the

State in territory and nearly 60 per cent in population, is the "Near Beer" bill by Senator Johnson. When it was introduced the measure had few friends in the Senate but after a hard fight, the Senate finally adopted it by a margin of one vote. All the liquor interests in the State and out of the State used every means possible to defeat it. This act prohibits the sale of malt liquors of any kind in dry territory. The Near Beer Saloon is dead.

Our Senator introduced and secured the passage of three acts in the interest of the farmers and dairymen. One of them per-

mits the farmer to sell his produce, including meat raised on the farm, in any quantities direct to the consumer without having to pay any license or any inspection fees. No matter what sort of laws any town or city may have now, any farmer can sell anything he raises without being interfered with at all. Another permits the dairymen to sell his produce without paying any inspection fees. The third fixes the manner in which standards for farm products may be fixed. This is very important in the strawberry section.

Mr. Johnson also introduced and secured the passage of the Act reorganizing the State Board of Education making it an overlapping board and taking it out of political control. This measure also provides that all general school funds must be distributed by the Parish School Boards so as to run every school in the parish the same number of days, giving the small school the same benefits from these funds that is received by the large schools. Of course this does not apply to funds from special taxes. Another important Act introduced by him and passed places the deaf and dumb institute and the institute for the blind under the state board of education, removing them from the influence of local politics in Rayn Rouge. He is also the author of the constitutional amendment authorizing women to serve on educational boards and hospital and asylum boards in this state. Louisiana is almost the last state in the Union to recognize this right for her women.

Senator Johnson's influence in the Senate gave the City of New Orleans a non-political Public Utilities Board and his amendment to that effect ended a long and bitter fight on that subject.

General News Items In Brief

Two large schooners, and their crews were believed lost off Gulfport, Miss., near Ship Island, and several vessels are aground there.

Two men were burned to death in a fire that destroyed the Cady Lumber Company mill at McNary, La., causing a loss of \$200,000.

Russians pressed from success and occupation of Delayton cut Gen. Von Botman from his base of supplies.

The fighting in Northern France, during the past week, led military experts to the conclusion that the superior numerical force of the Allies now dedicates when and where the remainder of the war shall be contested.

An anarchist shot at, but missed, President de la Plaza at Buenos Aires.

The first German submarine merchantman completed her trip to Baltimore.

Theodore Roosevelt asked leave to recruit a division; John M. Parker slated for regimental commander.

Villa forces defeated Carranza troops who attacked the bandits near Jimenez, and met a repulse.

Regular troops in the "Big Bend" district of Texas were distributed in a manner calculated to prevent any attempt by Francisco Villa and his band to make raids on border towns.

Twelve dead, forty missing and \$5,000,000 property damage is the reported result of the series of storms in Mississippi, Alabama and Georgia which began Wednesday. Railroads were hit hard in the area affected. The storm moved into Georgia Saturday, one being killed in a tornado.

When the bill's came up which provided the issuance of \$20,000,000 of bonds to build trunk highways in this state, carrying with it the levy of a three mill tax for forty years, Senator Johnson was the first man in the legislature and the only man in the Senate to raise his voice in protest. He introduced a resolution to delay action on these bills, which he finally had passed. Had the measures gone through it meant a \$20,000,000 debt for 40 years, the interest on which would have cost the taxpayers over \$1,000,000 per year. Under our present assessment Washington Parish's part of this debt would have amounted to \$500,000.

No man in the legislature worked harder or represented his constituents with more energy than did our State Senator, and the results are all that we can ask.

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22 lives were reported lost and property damage from Wednesday's storm in Mobile was estimated at \$3,000,000.

Damage from the storm at Pensacola was principally on the water front and was less serious than was feared.

Laurel and other interior Mississippi points were hard hit by the storm, damage to crops being reported most severe.

Damage from the storm at Biloxi, Miss., was placed at \$200,000.

Large Carranza forces, better organized and more completely equipped than any other units of the de facto government troops, were closing in on the bandits of Southern Chihuahua and Northern Durango, intent on wiping them out.

Tornadoes and floods following Wednesday's storm increased the amount of damage which will total millions of dollars. Two trainmen were killed in a wreck caused by a washout on the Gulf and Ship Island Railroad near Bond.

The Senate Democrats met in caucus and agreed on amendments to the shipping bill which seemed to assure it unanimous party parts.

A rainfall of more than ten inches in three days was recorded at Birmingham, Ala., and marooned families in flooded lowlands were rescued with the aid of boats.

The British in a new advance captured a further portion of the strong Leipzig redoubt and east of La Boisselle has taken trenches on a front of almost 2,000 yards to a depth of 500.

Petrograd announced that in consequence of a triple defeat in the sections of Riga, Kolki and Branovichi the Germans had begun to move their whole front toward the west.

David Lloyd-George was made secretary for war in the British cabinet, Sir Edward Grey became an Earl and the Earl of Derby under secretary for war.

President Wilson welcomed the suggestion of Carranza to adjust all difficulties with Mexico by negotiation, and it was believed the opportunity presented might provide a means of helping the de facto government financially and restoring order throughout Mexico.

Two hundred and eighty acts are the product of the 1916 Louisiana Legislature which ended its session, Gov. Pleasant pocket-vetoing five bills.

During the week just closed there were 126 deaths and 800 cases of infantile paralysis reported in New York, with statistics showing a falling off in the daily report.

The bodies of Captain Charles T. Boyd and Lieutenant Henry Adair, who fell in the battle of Carrizal, were returned, with those of seven troopers to El Paso.

Germany found itself called upon to meet a strong double offensive on both the western and eastern fronts of the war, the Russian attack being made on a hundred-mile front.

A note formerly accepting General Carranza's proposal that the differences between the United States and Mexico be settled by direct negotiations was sent to the de facto government by the State Department.

Prof. W. F. Bond was named to succeed W. H. Smith as Mississippi State Superintendent of Education.

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