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Fully one sixth of the globe's land is under the Russian flag.

The Nova Scotia coal mines are now electrically equipped.

A ship building yard in Japan still in operation was established 1000 years ago.

The age of trees can be told by the leaf marking, the older the tree, the smaller and more numerous its leaf cells.

Owing to the export demand corn brings 15 to 20 cents a bushel more in Louisiana than in the big corn growing States.

About one fourth, the area of the country, some 550,000,000 acres are now covered by our forests.

The approximate land area of Louisiana is 29,061,000 acres, 10,489,000 of which are in farms and 5,276,000 acres of these farm lands are improved.

Including kindergartens, night schools, high schools, collegiate institutes and continuation schools, there are 6942 public schools all free in the province of Ontario.

Mr. Bryan seems to have swapped a sort of back seat position in the cabinet says The Times-Picayune, for a front page position in the

The chances for an amicable understanding with Germany are much better than they have been at any time since the Lusitania tragedy and negotiations are pending for a peaceful outcome. This feeling is based on both official and unofficial reports from Berlin

In the future Old Glory made in cotton, will float over public buildings, coast guard cutters and other vessels of the treasury department instead of the imported wool hunting as of yore, as tests have just been completed by the department showed that flags made of American cotton are more durable as well as more economical than those of the imported stuff.

Robert Roberts, Jr., of Webster who has been serving as Gov. Hall's private secretary since Millsaps' appointment as State Treasurer after Hon. A. Hebert's death, has been appointed to fill the vacancy caused by the recent death of Judge B. P. Edward as judge of the Court of Appeals of the Second District. George Westley Smith of Richland succeeds Roberts as the Governor's secretary.

The bill carrying appropriations amounting to \$1,320,000, which is approximately \$393,000 over the revenues of the State became a law Monday without the approval of Governor Hall, who realizing the grave necessity of taking care of the State institutions and that the committees had pared the bill down as much as possible, was loath to veto it, especially as his veto would mean either the shutting down of these institutions or another special session.

A treaty known as the A. B. C. Peace Pact on the same order of the one that Secretary Bryan has negotiated on the part of the United States with more than fifty nations, was signed on May 23rd by the foreign ministers of Argentina, Brazil and Chile at Buenos Aires and binds these three nations for five years to submit to an international commission of investigation and arbitration for any causes of difference that may arise.

## The Constitutional Convention.

The legislature has called a convention to convene at New Orleans on September the 14th, to frame a new Constitution for Louisiana.

The developments proceeding the session of the legislature and the contest in both houses over the details of the call were in some respects, the most remarkable political events in the history of the State.

Just before the general assembly convened in special session, the people witnessed the remarkable spectacles of an alliance, offensive and defensive, between the forces of the shrewd boss organization in New Orleans and those of the administration, which latter the people believed was consecrated and dedicated to the task of extermination, root and branch, of the ward boss system.

If the simple minded country man was shocked by the fact; if he believed that such a combination of incongruous political elements boded no good to the common wealth, it was because he was educated to this view of the matter by the strenuous campaign of the Good Government League some three years back.

It is true that the high contracting parties stoutly declared that the combination was for purposes wholly good and entirely unselfish, but the sight of Col. Ewing, His Honor, Mayor Berhan, and his Excellency Governor Hall, fraternally discussing politics over a cold bottle and a bird at the Louisiana Restaurant, was sufficient to excite suspicion if not apprehension on the part of the innocent bystander.

Then followed the meeting of the legislature and the introduction of the Sunberry bill, which embodied the call for the Convention, and which, it was proclaimed, represented the views of the New Orleans organization and the State administration.

This bill strengthened the suspicion already aroused that the aforesaid alliance was for the purpose of furthering the personal and political interests of the few at the expense of the many.

It was just such a bill as would have been framed by a small band of the street to put something over, and who thought they were strong enough to do it.

The combine held their forces pretty well together in the senate, though they were forced, even there, to amend the bill in some more or less important particulars, but by the time it reached the lower house, a storm of opposition had been aroused which the rather loosely disciplined administration forces seconded by the splendidly drilled City machine, were unable to resist.

The result was a victory for the people, and it assures a convention which will be representative in character, and which will frame a constitution in the face of the ever present admonition that if it betrays its trust the people will repudiate its work.

The Washington Post of recent date under the caption "As Cabinet Men See It" gives short interviews with Mr. Bryan's late official associates concerning his resignation. Among them is the following from our representative who happened to be in Washington at that time.

Representative James B. Aswell of Louisiana—I am an admirer both of the President and Mr. Bryan. I am sorry that Mr. Bryan has found it necessary to resign, but I think the country will consider that he has done a courageous thing in acting at this time in accordance with his convictions. Nevertheless, the country to a man should back up its President. Public sentiment is practically unanimous in giving emphatic endorsement to his course and the resignation of the Secretary of State will not swerve them.

## Sufficient Unto the Day is the Evil Thereof.

A question that is puzzling law sharps in Washington is, who would become President if President Wilson and Vice-President Marshall should die while Robert Lansing is acting Secy. of State whether Mr. Lansing or Secy. of the Treasury, McAdoo would succeed under the circumstances.

## Live Notes From The Capital.

DEAR ENTERPRISE:

Well, the fights are over and all the good patriots who have been saving Louisiana have about left Baton Rouge most of them going home to see what the prospects are for getting back into the Convention. Those who fought the whole bill, those who wanted to amend it so that it would not pass, those who worked against it and those who supported it, most of them now wish to go to New Orleans and help go down in history as framers of our new Constitution. Quite a few announcements have already been made public by these legislators, while quite a few others are waiting to get the lay of the land. In the House of Representatives, I found quite a sentiment existing among the members for the return of our good Natchitochian, Ike Friedman to the Convention. Ike is one of the most popular members of the House, he knows all the public men of the State now and his eight years experience in the Legislature has broadened him considerably. I don't know whether he is even considering being a candidate, I don't know how the idea would be received by the folks "back home," I don't even suggest him as a candidate, I only tell you that I have heard his fellow members make many suggestions that he run.

The collapse of the big fight over the two points, delegates at large and situs, came so quickly and was followed by such a general agreement of the warring factions, that no one has yet been able to analyze the situation. Whether it was just simply the surrender of an out-voted crowd, or whether it was a deal between rival leaders, I won't try to say. Only the opinion is pretty general around here that as a whole, the State gained by the outcome. Perhaps a few good men will be left out of the Convention, being unable to go from their own parishes and having no delegates-at-large to be elected among, but the size of the House will give enough capable, able and energetic men to properly work out a Constitution, modern and business-like. And while many of us still believe the best work can be done at Baton Rouge, at the State Capital, in touch with the various offices and in a smaller place, yet that fight was hardly based on any big principle but mostly on personal choice, and Baton Rouge has quickly yielded to results and immediately forced herself into a fight over the delegates that unfortunately seems to indicate one of the worst factional fights that is promised anywhere in the State.

Political ambitions have not developed as rapidly in the last few days as some of the ambitious would like. But with the chances of the Convention changing up many offices, cutting out some and extending the duties and powers of others with the prospects of State jobs, has come a disinclination on the part of many hopefuls to inject themselves into a state campaign until they can see what is what and where they will stand. And so, like the Arab they have silently folded their tents and stolen away. Let them go. All in all they have done their work better, more business-like and with better results, in the time they had, than most of the Louisiana Legislatures, regular or special session, have done.

This letter is of course a general one. The last few days have developed nothing; the General Assembly merely stayed in session to comply with the law and perform routine work. And in spite of the fact that they had much time and little to do, they saved us all from any great amount of politics. Most of them left this week feeling that their work was over, many willing to relinquish their hold on a public job and all of them getting back home to talk over the Convention and candidates with the leaders back there.

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## Sweet Clover.

We are receiving of late some inquiry about sweet clover (melilotus) which is attracting wide attention as food and fertilizer. Briefly, its good points are that it is easy to get, starting certainly and growing vigorously, without much preparation of land, and on poor soil. As hay and pasture, it is of the greatest value, yielding very heavily of both. As a soil-improver, it is probably the equal of any of the leguminous plants; another advantage being that it inoculates for alfalfa. It is the equal in feeding value to alfalfa, and does not bloat stock like alfalfa and the clovers. It makes better bee-pasture than any of the clovers. It does not seed the first year. The white blooming variety is the best. Fall and early winter is the time to sow, 10 to 12 pounds of seed per acre being about right. If our Texas and Louisiana seed houses do not keep it they will, as it will be heard from a lot in the years to come.

R. R. CLARIDGE,  
Agricultural Agent T. & P. Ry. Company,  
Longview, Texas.

## ST. JOHN'S DAY CELEBRATION.

### Public Speaking, Big Barbecue and Ball Game.

Old Natchitoches will be in gala array next Thursday, June 24th when she will don her well known hospitality robes as of yore and throw wide her gates so that all may enter. The masons will act as hosts for the whole country side and give every body a cordial welcome in honor of their patron saint for which wonderful preparations are already under way.

Breda's Park on Badin's Hill, which has been the scene of similar festivities from time immemorial, where plans political, social, in facts of all and every kind of State-wide significance and importance, have been made and some times marred, is being prepared for the great occasion.

Speaker's and band stands being erected and arrangements for the great barbecue that will be under the personal supervision of Sheriff Payne whose many successful experiences, particularly fit him for master of ceremonies of that department.

### Proceedings Special Meeting Police Jury.

JUNE 9th, 1915.

The Hon. Police Jury met in special session, (as per special call) with President Pierson presiding and all members present except Mr. Williams.

By Mr. Pierson: Be it ordained etc.: The President is hereby authorized and directed to pay the cost due by the Parish for its property situated in the City of Natchitoches, for paving the streets on which it is situated as follows: 20 per cent in cost, and for the balance to sign certificate as requested by law, payable in four years.

By Mr. Pierson, Seconded by Mr. Page: At our last meeting, the absent, wrestling bravely against the inevitable, the voice of John W. Cockerham was carried into our deliberations and influenced our acts. To-day, at roll call, we pause and in sorrow rest our eyes upon the vacant chair. John W. Cockerham, our co-laborer, has passed to the great beyond. He was an able representative of the people; a fearless and independent champion of the right as it was given to him to see the right; a conscientious and industrious worker; an officer who acted and worked for the advancement of the public good.

Resolved further: That we suspend business for the day in memory of our departed friend and co-laborer; that these resolutions be inscribed upon the minutes and published, and a copy thereof be forwarded to the family. Years: Messrs. Pierson, Adams, Knott, Page, Parker, Taylor, Cockfield, and Russell. Carried.

On motion duly seconded the Hon. Police Jury adjourned as Police Jurors and met as a Board of Reviewers.

### REPORT BOARD OF REVIEWERS.

We the Police Jury of the Parish of Natchitoches, having met as a Board of Reviewers, and having examined the rendition of the holdings of the various tax payers and corporations of the aforesaid parish, and finding no conflict or disagreements against assessment as made by the Assessor, and the same be in our opinion a fair and legitimate assessment and we do hereby adopt same. Carried.

On motion duly seconded the Police Jury adjourned as a Board of Reviewers and re-convened as Police Jurors.

By Mr. Knott: Whereas the Police Jury at its last regular meeting which was in April 1915, did then and there grant and establish a public road in ward Five commencing at the Parish line between Red River and Natchitoches at a point being the bridge across Bayou Pierre known as the Hanna Bridge, running south on section line, crossing James River, between the Glass and Ben Tier property, said road from James River to be located as near on section-line as is practicable, terminating at or near Three Pine School house, on road leading from Jordan Ferry to Ajax Post Office, and in order that this road be more definitely established, We the Police Jury of the Parish of Natchitoches, now in session appoint, Frank Buffkins, Lode Fitch, Ben Tier, Earl Brown, and Malcolm Thompson as a board of tracers, on said Road, commencing at James River and terminating at or near Three Pine School house, and ask that this Board of Tracers make their report at the next regular meeting of the Police Jury of this Parish in July 1915. Carried.

By Mr. Adams: Whereas Mr. Robeaux while serving a term on the road secured the service of a physician, whose fees being \$58.00, therefore be it resolved that we issue Warrants for \$25.00 as payment in full for above claim. Years: Messrs. Pierson, Adams, Cockfield, Russell. Nays: Messrs. Knott, Page, Parker, and Taylor. Motion lost.

By Mr. Pierson, seconded by Mr. Page: That the following amounts be taken from the various Ward Bridge Funds and placed to the credit of Parish

Dr. Thibout, Past Grand Master of the State of Louisiana, will be the principal speaker of the day while other men of prominence will also be on the program. After dinner a big ball game will take place to which all the visiting masons will be admitted free, and they will also be given an automobile ride over our splendid gravelled roads.

A committee of ladies from the Eastern Star and from the Blue Lodge will assist in preparing the dainties for the barbecue and in receiving and entertaining the visitors. The Masonic Hall has been repapered and painted in honor of the great occasion, on the eve of which, the night of June 23rd, Grand Lecturer John T. Lasley will meet the Masons for the purpose of exemplifying the secret work and on the night of the 24th, the Entered Apprentice degree will be conferred on several candidates, when the visiting masons will take the different stations for the purpose of conferring the degrees.

Said amounts to be used for the purpose of building bridges in Parish, and the President is hereby authorized to transfer the above amounts listed to the credit of the said Parish Fund. Years: Messrs. Pierson, Adams, Page, Parker, Taylor, Cockfield and Russell. Carried unanimously.

Bridge Fund.	
Ward One Bridge Fund	\$120.00
" Two " "	30.00
" Three " "	18.00
" Five " "	10.00
" Six " "	38.00
" Seven " "	95.00
" Eight " "	200.00
" Nine " "	50.00
" Ten " "	200.00

By Mr. Pierson: That W. W. Page and R. J. W. Knott, and G. A. Pierson, are appointed a Committee to confer with Red River Parish with reference to Sledge Bridge and they be given authority to contract with competent man to build same provided cost does not exceed \$690.00. Carried.

By Mr. Pierson: That in accordance with petition of citizens of ward 3, that a public road be granted, beginning at the Sledge Bridge and running as near as practicable on the west bank until it intersects road already established to Powhatan Bridge.

And the following are hereby appointed Road Tracers to trace same. Bud McBride, J. H. Walker, J. H. Gibbs. Carried.

Natchitoches, La., June 9th, 1915. The Finance Committee of the Police Jury of the Parish of Natchitoches, Louisiana, having been called in session for the purpose of preparing and advertising an estimate of the probable expense of the Parish of Natchitoches Louisiana for the fiscal year beginning July 1st, 1915, and ending June 30th, 1916, acting under authority of the Police Jury of the Parish of Natchitoches, La., it was moved by Mr. Page, seconded by Mr. Taylor, that the following estimate of expenses for the fiscal year beginning July 1st, 1915, and ending June 30th, 1916, be adopted and published in the official Journal according to law.

Total assessment of the Parish	\$8,000,000.00
10 mills on the dollar	\$80,000.00
Licenses	1,000.00
Total probable receipts	\$81,000.00
Contemplated Necessary Expenses:	
Salaries (General Fund)	
Treasurer	650.00
Sheriff	1500.00
Parish Physician	250.00
Janitor	120.00
President Board of Health	100.00
Black Lake Bridge	600.00
Cane River Bridge	2,000.00
Natchez Bridge	1,000.00
Ward Bridges	4,000.00
Parish Bridges	4,000.00
Cane River Dams	2,000.00
Good Roads	6,000.00
Total Probable Expense	\$81,000.00

That this budget be published according to law and if not objected to be adopted and approved by the Police Jury at its first meeting in July, 1915. Years, Messrs. Pierson, Adams, Page, Knott, Parker, Taylor, Cockfield and Russell. Carried.

Moved and seconded the Hon. Police Jury adjourned until next regular meeting.

G. H. PIERSON,  
President Police Jury.

ADDIE TAUZIN,  
Secretary Police Jury.

### Notice.

Succession L. N. Balthaz  
11th, District Court No. —  
Mrs. Beatrice Balthaz, Administrator of above Succession having this day filed her Final Account of Administration. Notice is hereby given to all persons interested to show cause within 10 days from date hereof why the same should not be homologated.  
Done and signed this June 9, 1915.  
D. J. Hyams,  
Clerk 11th D. C. Court.

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Voices that have remained silent in matters of government throughout the ages, are now aroused to fight not for the ballot but for the world's peace and these voices are increasing so in volume that they must eventually be heard and this the burden of their cry.

1. The immediate calling of a convention of neutral nations in the interest of early peace.
2. Limitation of armaments and the nationalization of their manufacture.
3. Organized opposition to militarism in our own country.
4. Education of youth in the ideals of peace.
5. Democratic control of foreign policies.
6. The further humanizing of governments by the extension of the franchise to women.
7. "Concert of Nations" to supersede "Balance of Power."
8. Action toward the gradual organization of the world to substitute Law for War.
9. The substitution of an international police for rival armies and navies.
10. Removal of the economic causes of war.
11. The appointment by our government of a commission of men and women, with an adequate appropriation, to promote international peace.

Paul Revere whose famous ride gained him such an important place in history was a most versatile man—being a goldsmith, dentist, foundryman, hardware dealer and powder manufacturer, but the one thing he did that gave him more notoriety than any of his business enterprises or wonderful ride, was the fact, that he was America's first newspaper advertiser.

He used liberal space in the newspapers of his day to call the public's attention to his varied business and professional services and his first advertisement appeared in The Boston Gazette and Country Journal of April 16th, 1770 as follows: "Revere's Views of Boston and Hart just published and to be sold by, Paul Revere opposite Dr. Clarke at the North End and by the printers hereof. A copper plate print containing a view of part of the town of Boston in New England and British ships of war landing their troops in the the year 1768, dedicated to the Earl of Hillsborough.

## HOW PAINT.

The first coat of a good job of paint—Devoe—is \$50 (average size, of course). The first coat of a second or third or fourth rate job, \$85 to \$100. The better you paint, of course, the longer it wears. And the more you pay for your job, the shorter it wears! Devoe is one of a dozen good paints. There are hundreds of bad ones. As likely as not, Devoe is the only good one in this town. DEVOE. PEOPLES HARDWARE CO. sells it.

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