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**His Transcendent Virtue.**  
 Tokio: Admiral Togo, responding to the imperial rescript commending the Admiral and his sailors, expresses his appreciation and further says: "That we gained a success beyond our expectation is due to the brilliant virtue of Your Majesty and to the protection of the spirits of your imperial ancestors, and not to the action of any human being. We shall be faithful and are to the imperial will."

**Surrendered After a Year.**  
 Shreveport, La.: Therese Searles, a negro, charged with the fatal shooting of Leon Samuels and the wounding of another negro named Hillman, surrendered to the authorities and was lodged in the parish jail, charged with murder. The crime of which the negro is charged was committed in July of last year at a colored church, the alleged motive being jealousy.

**200 Persons Drowned.**  
 Durban, Natal: A great storm has swept over Pinetown, the center of the tea and sugar plantations of Natal, which caused the reservoir to overflow, resulting, it is reported, in the drowning of 200 persons. The storm resulted in numerous casualties.

**A \$30,000 Cotton Deal.**  
 Gainesville, Texas: W. B. Thakara, representing Von Harten & Clark of Galveston, shipped 800 bales of cotton from Gainesville to Galveston yesterday over the Santa Fe. The cotton was bought of F. C. Cooper of this city. Consideration, \$29,000.

**Asked to Prevent Boycott.**  
 Boston, Mass.: A petition has been circulated here memorializing the president to interfere and prevent the threatened boycott of the Chinese against American cotton.

**May Out Traction Companies.**  
 Chicago, Ill.: Judge Grosscup has issued an order dissolving the injunction by which the ninety-nine year act has protected traction interests. This is taken to mean that the city may out the traction companies.

**Philippine Commission Expert.**  
 Chicago, Ill.: John F. Stevens, formerly vice president of the Rick Island, has been appointed railway expert of the Philippine Commission and will have charge of all construction.

**Good Weevil Weather.**  
 Flatonia, Texas: The truck growers will load another car of onions this week. Cotton is blooming in some fields, out it is feared the rains of the past few days will bring on the boll weevil.

**A Bomb in Barcelona.**  
 Barcelona: At 6 o'clock this afternoon a bomb was exploded in the palace of the Governor General, doing considerable damage. Ten arrests have been made.

**Needed Rain Fell.**  
 Bay City, Texas: A much needed rain fell here yesterday. Farmers had begun watering their rice, and the rain will wet up the land where rice is growing and also furnish the moisture necessary to germinate the seed that has not yet sprouted.

**Marlin Cashier to Move.**  
 Marlin, Texas: Linton J. Davis, for some time with the First National bank of Marlin, has accepted a position in a bank at Amarillo and will leave in a few days for his new home. Mr. Davis is very competent, and no young man in Marlin is better liked than he.

**Gonzales Property Deal.**  
 Gonzales, Texas: A big deal was closed here a few days ago, whereby J. B. Tadlock purchased from J. P. Randle two big brick business houses which Mr. Tadlock will occupy with his furniture and undertaking business.

**Killed While Plowing.**  
 Randolph, Texas: Yesterday about 5 o'clock, while plowing in his field near Ely, four miles northwest of here, James McKinley was struck and instantly killed by lightning. Mr. McKinley was about 50 years old.

**Bitten by a Rattler.**  
 Austin, Texas: The 14-year-old son of F. M. Glascock, of Oak Hill, was bitten by a rattlesnake yesterday. His wound was given prompt medical attention and his condition is improving.

**Sixteen Drowned.**  
 New Orleans, La.: The steamboat Carter ran into the pier of the railroad bridge across Red river at Alexandria, La., at 10:30 last night, and 16 lives were lost. The vessel sank. H. W. Carter was captain.

**Three-Quarters Reduction.**  
 Devers, Texas: Crops are very backward this year on account of the rainy weather. The acreage of rice and cotton is about 75 per cent less than last year. Farmers are still sowing rice. Grass is good, and stock are doing very well on the range.

**Victoria's Second Rural Route.**  
 Victoria, Texas: The second rural free delivery route for Victoria county was opened yesterday, with C. E. Thomas as carrier.

**Heavy Rain at Victoria.**  
 Victoria, Texas: One and one-sixteenth inches of rain fell here yesterday afternoon, accompanied by terrific lightning and thunder, considerably interfering with telephone service.

**Tomatoes, Okra and Peppers.**  
 Alvin, Texas: The truck growers are making daily shipments of tomatoes, okra and green peppers. Also the cantaloupe crop has begun to move, but the acreage is small.

**PREDICTS 15 CENTS COTTON.**

Col. E. S. Peters Says It Will Reach That Point by January.  
 New Orleans, La., June 1.—The Texas contingent left for home last night. E. S. Peters and R. E. Smith departing for Calvert and Sherman, respectively. L. R. Irvin also left for Oklahoma.

While the general report shows a reduction in acreage of 18.13 per cent for the entire thirteen cotton bearing states, the Texas report places the reduction of that state at 21.11. The completed Texas report shows this: Out of 184 counties 145 made reports, the total number of replies being 1,418. The crop is estimated to be three weeks late in Texas. The acreage in 1904 was 8,704,000, while for 1905 Texas acreage is placed at 6,866,355. Labor is described as scarce and conditions as "bad."

At a meeting of the executive board yesterday afternoon it was agreed on motion of Smith of Texas to establish a weekly paper and to raise the yearly membership dues from 25c to \$1. President Jordan says a special meeting of the executive committee will be held in two or three weeks to ratify this action.

Col. E. S. Peters of Texas made this prediction after the day meeting: "I will predict that cotton will be 10c by September 1, and 15c by January. The mills are all running full capacity and consuming over 1,000,000 bales a month and have contracts ten and eleven months ahead on the basis of 11c cotton."

The market advanced steadily after the report of the cotton men was posted at the exchange at 9 o'clock. At the close the market was called firm. July was 18 points higher than yesterday's closing at 8.62. October was 24 points higher at 8.58 and December was 25 points higher at 8.64.

**A BOMB THAT FAILED**

Struck Carriage of King Alfonso and President Loubet.  
 Paris, June 1.—As the King of Spain, accompanied by President Loubet, drove away from a gala performance of the opera at midnight, an anarchist threw a bomb in the direction of the royal carriage. The projectile struck a soldier belonging to the escort on the shoulder and then fell to the ground and exploded without injuring his majesty or the president, who continued their drive to the Palais d'Oray. Several soldiers of the escort were thrown from their horses and injured, while fragments of the bomb struck a number of persons in the crowd. King Alfonso and President Loubet had been cheered along the entire route to the opera by enthusiastic crowds, the young monarch having completely gained the hearts of the Parisians since his arrival here.

**Colored Doctors Arrested.**

Bryan, Texas: Two colored doctors, C. L. Versea and J. S. Reid, waived examination before Justice W. G. Mitchell yesterday on a charge of murder growing out of alleged criminal practice upon a negro woman named Mrs. Annie Cabness, from Huntsville, who died in this city Sunday night. Reid gave bond in the sum of \$1,500. Versea's bond was fixed at \$1,000, and had not been given at last accounts.

**Rise in Price Benefits Few.**

Cameron, Texas: The rise in the price of cotton has been a benefit to some farmers in Milam county, but as a rule the men who needed the rise have long ago sold. There are a few hundred bales unsold in the county and occasionally some cotton is brought to town.

**Choppers Paid \$1 a Day.**

Hearne, Texas: Cotton choppers are in demand around here. What few can be gotten are paid \$1 a day. Several parties from other places were in Hearne this week in search of such labor, returning empty-handed.

**Scarcity of Field Hands.**

Marlin, Texas: Reports come from all over the county of the scarcity of field hands and the great demand for such laborers. Very few country people have been in town the past week, as farmers have been taking all possible advantage of the fair weather in cleaning their crops of weeds and grass.

**Killed by Fall From Scaffold.**

Brenham, Texas: A telegram from Prosper last evening to Dr. B. F. Armstrong of this city announced that his brother at that place had fallen from a scaffold and killed himself. Dr. Armstrong left at once to attend the funeral.

**Jack Simpson Drowned.**

Santa Anna, Texas: While in bathing with a number of other boys yesterday evening in a tank near town, Jack Simpson, the 13-year-old boy of J. D. Simpson, was drowned by getting in water over his head.

**Farmers' Union Shipments.**

Belton, Texas: The Farmers' Union shipped a carload of Irish potatoes from this place this week. There is at this time eighty-five unions in this county, with a membership of 3,000.

**China Retaliates.**

Manila: The Chinese Chamber of Commerce, by a unanimous vote, decided to stand in line with the treaty ports of China in boycotting American merchandise in retaliation for the new exclusion treaty.

**Injury Not Fatal.**

Tokio: It is now certain that Admiral Rojostevensky is a prisoner of the Japanese. He is wounded in the forehead, legs and back, but will recover. Vice Admiral Voelkersam is supposed to have perished.

**LOUISIANA NEWS. JOHN T. WHITE, REAL ESTATE AGENT.**

To Receive Confederate Cemetery.  
 Baton Rouge, La.: The announcement has been made at the capital that on June 3 Gov. Blanchard will go to Camp Moore Confederate cemetery, near Tangipahoa Station, in Tangipahoa parish, where with appropriate ceremonies, he will receive the Confederate cemetery, on behalf of the state from the commission appointed three years ago to place it in proper condition. The cemetery will be dedicated and addresses will be delivered by Gov. Blanchard and others. The governor will be accompanied by the officers of the staff and line, and by officers of the United Confederate Veterans' Association.

**Second Drowning in Three Days.**  
 Monroe, La.: Cleo Beard, 14 years of age, was drowned last Thursday while bathing in Little Black bayou, one mile west of Monroe. He was accompanied by two boys about his age, but neither could swim or give him assistance when he got beyond his depth. This was the second boy to drown here within three days.

**Two Years for Horse Theft.**  
 Abbeville, La.: Leon Bandoin has been sentenced by Judge Edwards to two years at hard labor in the state penitentiary at Baton Rouge. Bandoin was convicted of horse stealing last month, and immediately after his trial his attorneys entered a motion for a new trial. This was denied by the court and sentenced pronounced.

**Young Woman Killed.**  
 Alexandria, La.: Miss Rosie Sasser, aged 23 years, was killed by lightning at the home of her father, James Sasser, seven miles below here on the north side of Red river. Sasser and his daughter were the only occupants of the house at the time. The father had retired, and his daughter was standing near the fire place when the bolt came down the chimney and struck her, producing instant death. Sasser was not injured.

**Graduating Exercises.**  
 Marksville, La.: The Avoyelles High school ended its session with a brilliant program by the graduating class at the Auditorium, in the presence of a large crowd. The session was a very successful one, and the attendance throughout the year was large. Prof. J. M. Barham, to whose management the success of the school is due, is highly pleased with the result of the session.

**Prohibiting Sunday Saloons.**  
 Lake Charles, La.: At the city council meeting a resolution was passed prohibiting the opening saloons on Sunday, and instructing the police to enforce the law. Judge Miller has called the grand jury to meet in special session June 21, the call being occasioned by the crowded condition of the jail, as well as by the desire of the lawyers for vacation during the heated term.

**Ice Company Organized.**  
 Plaquemine, La.: A meeting of the stockholders of the Plaquemine Consumers' Ice Company was held at the courthouse here. The capital stock was increased from \$15,000 to \$20,000. Charles Martin was elected president and a board of directors selected. The work of building the plant will begin.

**No Danger of Red River Overflowing.**  
 Shreveport, La.: Major F. M. Kerr, chief of the state board of engineers, and Germain Lombard, assistant engineer in charge of the levee work in this district, are now on an inspection tour of the levees in upper Caddo and Bossier parishes. Major Kerr expresses the opinion that there will not be an overflow from Red river. He believes that the final stage will not be over 24 feet, and in that event no serious damage will result. The only danger is the washing out of the concave banks. Where such banks are struck by strong river currents, causing constant washing away of the bank. Major Kerr says, there is some danger, and run-arounds must be constructed.

**Courthouse Question Unsettled.**  
 Vernon, La.: The police jury, in special session here, considered a proposition to erect a new courthouse at Vernon. The courthouse question has been discussed and agitated more or less for the last fifty years. After discussion it was decided to postpone further action until the July session of the police jury. A contract has been let for erecting a fireproof clerk's office for the records. A request will be made to the contractors, Southern Structural Steel Company, of San Antonio, Texas, to defer the work on the office until July, at which time some agreement and compromise might be made to build a will be placed in the courthouse.

**Decoration Day Observed.**  
 Port Hudson, La.: Decoration Day was duly observed here at the National cemetery. The ceremonies were under the supervision of Rev. Henry Rivers, president of the branch of G. A. R. Post, Baton Rouge, La. The crowd was not as large as usual, but was well behaved, and everything passed off pleasantly, at once.

**Fire Company Organized.**  
 Clinton, La.: A number of the citizens of Clinton met and organized a fire company. Prof. Charles Gott was elected president; Otto Gottschauk, vice president; W. J. Sebastian, secretary; John D. Lampel, treasurer; Wilbur Bennett, foreman. The business men of the community are behind the venture, and steps will be taken at once to secure an engine and all necessary paraphernalia. Arrangements will also be made to secure a water supply from the plant of the Clinton Oil and Manufacturing Company.

**Kenner, La.: Salvatore Matiangolo, a boy, while riding a mule, was thrown from the animal, sustaining injuries which resulted in his death.**

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