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## NEWSY ITEMS OF INTEREST.

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### INCREASE IN NEW ORLEANS' EXPORTS.

An Immigration Station Wanted--  
News For Sugar Planters-- The Levees on Red River--Damage Suit for a Race Horse.

### A Mexican Shake Up.

A heavy earthquake of considerable duration was felt at Acapulco Mexico Friday morning. No one was hurt, but great alarm was felt. Papal Delegates Averardi was enthusiastically received at San Louis Potosi Friday morning, where he celebrated pontifical high mass.

### An Indian Kills Two Gamblers.

At Hatter Gap twenty-five miles south of Mena, Ark., Friday morning an Indian named Porter shot and killed two gamblers, Swede Johnson and Bob Smith. The gamblers had fleeced the injun.

### Schooner Sunk.

The schooner Ellen, with a cargo of shells, in charge of Capt. Pecora, in making an effort to enter Bayou St. John Friday ran aground of the Spanish Fort lighthouse and was sunk. The schooner was valued at \$500, and will be raised. The cargo was valued at \$35.

### Gin House Burned.

The gin house of A. H. Gillespie, about a mile back of Vidalia, La., caught fire in some unaccountable manner Wednesday and was totally consumed, together with about 30 bales of cotton. The gin, which was a new one, was insured for \$1,500, while the cotton was insured for \$600.

### Levees on Red River.

Frank Kerr, assistant State engineer of Louisiana, returned from Sireveport to New Orleans on last Saturday after measuring the Back Hall and Cash Point levees, in Caddo parish, and Rush Point levee, in Bossier parish, and inspecting the Pandora levee, in Bossier. He also arranged with the contractor of the Dixie levee, in Caddo parish, to enlarge the Eagle Bend and Kentucky levees as an extension to the Dixie levee contract. This line is 10,534 feet long and will involve the building of about 30,000 cubic yards.

### News for Sugar Planters.

The sugar and rice service of the weather bureau was recommenced in Louisiana Monday for a period of thirty days, or until the end of the grinding season. It was stopped on October 15, as the growing season was over, but owing to the importance of the information distributed through its agency the planters asked that it be resumed, and their request was granted. This service has been stationed in the different parts of the sugar districts and keeps the planters posted as to weather outlook. The resumption of the service will be pleasant news to all parties interested in the sugar industry.

### Supposed Shreveport Man Meets Death.

The body of a man supposed to be W. G. Hall, a commercial traveler of Shreveport, was found Saturday on the track of the Richmond, Fredericksburg and Potomac railroad near Fredericksburg, Va. From the marks on the body he had evidently been thrown or had fallen from a train. The man was well dressed and had light hair and eyes. In his pocket was a railroad ticket from Richmond, Va., to New York. In his black derby hat was stamped the name John Loder, 113 Broadway, St. Louis, and on the watch-pocket of his trousers was marked W. G. Hall.

### Caught by the Dumpers.

Conductor Edward Smith, in charge of an outward-bound freight train of the Northeastern railroad from New Orleans, found George Thomas, a negro, found on the train suffering from a fracture of the left leg. The negro was taken to Slidell and placed aboard an inward-bound freight train. When the train reached New Orleans, Thursday night, the negro was sent to the hospital in the ambulance. He stated that his home was in Maden, Miss., and as he desired to return home he boarded the train and secreted himself between two of the cars, and while the train was in motion his leg was caught between the bumpers and fractured.

### Two Stowaways Landed.

When the steamship Arapahoe sailed from Liverpool, between two and three weeks ago, John Fitzpatrick and John Manning, two able-bodied Irishmen, were safely stowed away in the holds, safe from the observation of any of the officers of the vessel. When the ship had been at sea two or three days they made their appearance. Of course they had to be brought over the ocean, but when the vessel reached New Orleans they were turned over to Immigration Agent Montgomery as stow-

ways. As the men were able-bodied and able to make a living for themselves Mr. Montgomery discharged them, and they will henceforth be residents of the United States.

### Death of a Race.

In New Orleans a \$1,200 damage suit was filed in the United States circuit court Friday by Trainer Frank Hagan, representing the Eagle Stables of Jersey City, against the Adams and Southern Express companies, alleging that they were responsible for the death of the great stake race horse Sir Francis, and injuries to Robbie W. When this stable arrived at New Orleans ten days ago from New York Sir Francis died immediately upon reaching the track, the result of internal injuries sustained during a shake-up on the train. Hagan claims that he asked permission to take the horses from the train at Birmingham, Ala., and get a veterinary surgeon, and that the company refused the privilege.

### An Immigration Station.

Immigration Commissioner S. A. Montgomery is firmly convinced that one of the crying needs of New Orleans is an immigration station, where would-be citizens of the United States could be examined with some comfort. He believes that the expenditure of \$20,000 for such a purpose would not only increase immigration at that point 100 per cent, but that the character of seekers after homes from foreign lands who pass through New Orleans would be vastly superior to the character of the immigrants now coming through the port. In other words Mr. Montgomery entertains the opinion that by spending \$20,000 there from 20,000 to 40,000 immigrants annually would touch this soil of the United States at New Orleans, instead of 2,000, as last year and this year will average, and that instead of the poorest peasant classes the really desired immigrants would find entrance to the republic there.

### Caribbean Fruit Company Organized.

Another Richmond has entered the fruit importing field, and the new enterprise has entered upon its career with a degree of success seldom achieved by a firm just formed. The new corporation bears the name of the Caribbean Fruit Company, limited, and is located at 421 and 416 Poydras street, New Orleans, La. The firm has been capitalized at \$50,000, and has an advantage over its competitors in the fact that it owns its own fruit plantations. It is the outcome of the re-establishment of the Caribbean Fruit Company which liquidated some time ago, but its creation is based on lines somewhat out of the usual run in this part of the country. Already the company has started business, its first ship having arrived with 11,000 bunches of bananas last week. This week the second shipment, 15,000 bunches, will arrive. The firm owns its own steamer, the Hiram, which during the present lax season will be sufficient for the needs of the company. When the importing season proper comes around the firm proposes to establish a line of three ships between New Orleans and Bluefields, where its plantations are situated. In addition to the local headquarters the company will have a branch at Chicago and another in California, possibly San Francisco.

### Mrs. Vanderbilt's Will.

Chauncey M. Depew, at New York Friday, filed for probate the will of the late Mrs. W. H. Vanderbilt. Her estate, he said, was worth about \$1,100,000. To her sister, Margaret A. Bromley, and her brother, Samuel Kissam, she gave each \$50,000 absolutely and \$75,000 in trust, the former's trust to go at death to Louis A. Vanderbilt Kissam and latter's to his children. She directs that \$150,000 be invested for the benefit of Ethel Kissam. Wm. Vanderbilt Kissam is left the interest on one-half of \$125,000, the executors to pay him as much of it as is deemed necessary for his support and any accumulation to be paid to his children, the other half to be invested for Josephine Dormott Kissam. An annuity of \$1,000 is left to the descendant's cousins, Harriet and Josephine Kissam, and the same incomes to Mrs. Harriet L. Button, Helen Clausen, Mrs. Fannie Dumont and Mrs. Minnie Brantesham. Ten thousand dollars is left in trust for Mrs. Cynthia Anstry and \$20,000 in trust for Benj. G. McClellan. All the testator's jewelry, laces and other personal effects are left to her living children. George W. Vanderbilt gets his mother's pew in St. Bartholomew Church. The rectors and vestrymen of the latter church are left absolutely \$250,000 to be kept invested and the income applied to the uses of the church and the expenses of the parish house in the 42nd street. The residuary estate is divided between Mrs. Bromley, Samuel H. Kissam, the child of Wm. V. Kissam, and the remaining one-fourth between Josephine de Mott Kissam and Ethel Kissam. Cornelius, Wm. K., and George W. Vanderbilt are named as executors.

### Life Insurance.

Mr. Frank Hamilton, the banker, who died in Austin, Texas, Wednesday, had \$100,000 on his life in the New York Life Insurance Company, all of which goes to his wife and three children in equal portions.

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