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LOUISIANA HAPPENINGS.

ITEMS OF INTEREST FROM OUR OWN STATE

Chautauqua Session at Ruston--Lake Providence Tragedy--New Railroad--Artillery Arrive in New Orleans--Engineer Killed.

Fillbusters Join the Navy.
The crew of the filibuster Dautless, seventeen in all, finding occupation gone by the seizure of the boat, has joined the United States navy at New Orleans.

Engineer Killed Near Benton.
Friday night M. L. Whittington was struck by a local freight train of the Cotton Belt near Benton and seriously injured. He was conveyed to the hospital and death relieved him of his pain. He is reported to have been an engineer, and it is supposed he was intoxicated when he was struck by the local freight.

Troops Arrive.
Battery B, Fourth Artillery, from Fort Riley, Kan., arrived at Jackson Barracks, New Orleans, Saturday morning. Capt. H. R. Anderson and Lieut. E. M. Blake were with the troops. A first and second lieutenant had been left behind on the sick list, but they will be in New Orleans some time during this week.

Price, Barron and Clay Acquitted.
The preliminary examination of P. C. Price, E. A. Barron and Dick Clay, at Alexandria, accused of the assassination of Dr. S. M. Blount, at Holloway Postoffice, this parish, on the night of February 19th last, was resumed Saturday before his honor, Judge E. G. Hunter, and after the examination of two witnesses resulted in the accused parties being discharged, there being no evidence whatever to connect them with the crime.

May Move the Court House.
A movement is on foot to move the parish seat of Grant parish from Colfax to Pollock, on the Iron Mountain railroad. The correspondent of a New Orleans paper is informed that the Big Creek Lumber Company of the latter place has agreed to furnish the lumber and other material for the erection of a court house and jail, and the citizens of the town will subscribe \$5,000 to defray the expenses of constructing the building.

The Covington Bank.
Covington now has a bank. It is to be known as the Bank of Covington. It was organized at an adjourned meeting of the progressive citizens of the thriving little city by the election of Dr. C. Z. Williams as its president, and E. J. Frederick as secretary. Subscriptions were declared in order, the value of shares of stock being placed at \$100 and the sum of \$3,200 was subscribed. A brick bank building will be erected. The bank will, however, commence operations in thirty days.

Death of D. M. Durkee.
After a protracted illness of several weeks, Mr. D. M. Durkee died at his home in Hammond at 1 o'clock Thursday. Mr. Durkee moved to Hammond from Illinois about eight years ago, and has since that time been one of the leading citizens of the community, being connected with the city government as both alderman and city treasurer. He was also cashier of the bank of Hammond at one time, and was, at his death, a director of that establishment. Mr. Durkee will be sadly missed, both in business and social circles.

Chopped His Wife to Death.
News reached Winnboro Saturday morning that a murder had been committed three miles north of Winnboro, on John Munn's place. A young negro named Gus Grimbale killed his wife with an ax. He stole a horse belonging to Dr. C. L. Gaice and attempted to make his escape, but was captured eight miles north of Winnboro, by Constable I. M. King, who brought him in and delivered him to the authorities. He admits having committed the crime, but refused to make a statement as to the provocation.

Levee Commissioners' Inspection.
The commissioners of the Orleans levee district, feeling justly proud of the work done this year under their supervision, and desiring that the public should be made acquainted with its excellence, gave an excursion on the river Saturday, in the course of which nearly all the new levees were carefully inspected. The commissioners had as their guests a great many of the leading citizens of the New Orleans, the delegates to the constitutional convention, a number of the municipal officers, the engineers and the press. In all over 250 persons participated in the outing.

Shooting at Lake Providence.
An unfortunate tragedy occurred at Lake Providence Friday at the saw mill of the Providence Lumber Company, about six miles from Lake Providence, resulting in the death of D. J. Periford, who was killed by S. P. Kanady, sawyer of the mill. From the best information obtainable at this hour Periford, who is from Clarksdale, Miss., was very drunk and made

known the object of his visit, accompanied by threats as to what he intended doing and exhibiting a large pistol. Perceiving Kanady approaching with a Winchester rifle, he advanced towards him. Some say he was endeavoring to draw his pistol when Kanady fired three shots, producing instant death. An inquest was held but no verdict has been rendered.

Will Be Renamed New Orleans.
Secretary of the Navy Long has determined to rechristen the new American cruiser Amazonas the New Orleans, in honor of the principal city of Louisiana. This determination was reached by the Secretary only after he had given a most careful consideration to the claims of the various cities throughout the Union, which had, through their representatives in Congress, requested that their names be placed on the bows of one of the new cruisers purchased in England. In view of the fact that most states or one or more of their cities are represented in the navy by ships bearing their names, the Secretary thought it only proper that some State which had no representative ship in the service should be recognized, and he therefore has selected Louisiana.

Chautauqua Session.
A well-attended business meeting of the Chautauqua management and the citizens of Ruston was held at the opera house at Ruston, Saturday afternoon. The citizens of the town agreed to guarantee an appropriation for the town to secure a Peabody Summer Normal in addition to the regular attractions of the Chautauqua session. There was much interest manifested in the Chautauqua at the meeting, and the arrangements that are now to be carried forward is an assurance that the coming session will be the greatest in the Chautauqua's history. A great many new and novel features will be added this year, which will make the annual programme vastly in advance of any of the previous sessions. Among the platform attractions which have been secured are ex-Gov. Bob Taylor, President Benjamin Andrews of Brown University, and Gen. John B. Gordon of Georgia. In a word, the Chautauqua will be the ideal place this session for any one to find combined pleasure and profit.

Another Record Smashed.
The Cunard line steamer Lucrecia, Captain McKay, which sailed from New York on March 12 for Liverpool, via this port, arrived at Queenstown at 8:58 o'clock Friday morning. On March 15 she steamed 541 knots, and on the following day she made 591 5/8 knots, beating her previous record, on both days. Her previous best record for a day's run eastward was 526 knots; but she has made 562 knots in a day's run going westward.

"Lee" for President.
At a performance given in a Newport, R. I., theatre Friday night by a variety company, Miss Alice Willard, one of the young women of the organization, walked across the stage bearing a banner upon which was painted a picture of Gen. Lee and the words "Our Next President--Fitzhugh Lee, a True American." The appearance of the young woman and her banner provoked the greatest applause.

Street Car Employes on a Strike.
The Houston, Texas, car company, whose lines have been tied up for several days on account of a strike of employes, endeavored to get a car out Saturday. H. V. Chase, superintendent, acting as conductor, was hit in the head by a mob which rushed up to stop the car. He is seriously wounded. No cars are now being run. One arrest was made.

Russia Withdraws Her Demand.
In consequence of the Turkish sultan's direct appeal, the czar has consented to withdraw his demand for the \$3,750,000 arrears of the Russo-Turkish war indemnity, which his majesty at first insisted should be paid from the Greco-Turkish war indemnity. This fact, it is alleged, foreshadows Turkey's acceptance of Prince George of Greece, the candidate of the czar, as governor of the island of Crete.

Fatally Injured With a Live Wire.
W. H. Jordan, chief line repairer of the Birmingham Railway and Electric Company, while repairing trolley wires on First avenue late Friday afternoon, cut a live wire and then allowed both ends to touch his body. The shock knocked him from the top of a fifteen-foot ladder, fracturing his skull. He was taken home unconscious and will probably die.

War Materials Free of Duty.
The house committee on ways and means favorably reported with Friday amendments the Dingley bill for the temporary admission free of duty naval supplies purchased abroad. The bill is amended so as to include military as well as naval supplies.

Many Spaniards Killed.
A terrible explosion took place Friday in the Santa Isabel mine at Belmez, province of Cordova, Spain. Seventy corpses have been recovered and five of those rescued have succumbed to their injuries. Many more are as yet unaccounted for.

BAD TREATMENT AT SEA

PERFIDIOUS ACTIONS ON THE PART OF OFFICERS.

Crew of a British Bark Tell a Story of Unparalleled Brutality and Cruelty--On Hundred and Twenty-six Days on the High Seas--Fleeting Scenes.

The sorriest looking crew that ever sailed into the harbor of New York came in on the British bark Ancyra, 126 days from Hong Kong, bruised, blackened, weak from lack of food some having broken bones and others touched by scurvy. They tell a story of hardship and brutality. They charge even worse against the captain of the craft, I. B. Morris, and say that as soon as they reach land they will make affidavits of the facts to the British counsel.

A reporter who went on board the vessel found several berths in the fore castle occupied by men who called piteously for a doctor. Most of them were covered with unhealed wounds and running sores, and several with the sailor's signs of scurvy. The mer charge this state of affairs to Captain Morris, the first mate, P. C. Robinson, the second mate, N. Cuno, and the boatswain, Edward Shellmar.

Alexander McCaust said: "From the day that we left Hong Kong we have been starved and beaten. I have without provocation been struck again and again by the captain and second mate. We have had no fresh vegetables, our daily rations being two sea biscuits and a little meat. If we asked for better meat we were clabbed I have seen every sailor on the ship struck by one officer or another.

The implements used were a chain, a long bamboo club, an oak club, the handle of a mop or broom. I have seen as many as five men with black eyes at the same time. We did not dare to strike back lest we be shot. Edward Simpson said: "Peter Hansen was killed by brutality and starvation. The second mate seemed to have a particular grudge against him and so did the captain. They used to take turns knocking him about. Then they would do it to gether. Finally Hansen got sick and feverish. He was covered with black and blue marks and was weak from lack of food.

Fred Landstrom, who was also one of the bedridden men and whose right arm was in a splint, said:

"I have got three ribs broken and I think my arm is useless. I have been at sea for four years and I never saw officers so brutal as on this ship. We have just been bullied and starved the entire voyage. I have seen scurvy before, and I know that Thompson has it. The Frenchman, Pierre Daniel, and McCaust, have every symptom of it."

First Mate Robinson, who was in charge of the bark, the captain being absent, when asked what he had to say about the charges made by the men, said it was true that he had been forced to strike the Frenchman and others, but never when they did not need it. The crew were a quarrelsome lot and continually fighting among themselves. "How about the charge that they did not get enough to eat?" asked the reporter. "I have nothing to say as to that," said Mr. Robinson evasively. Capt. Morris could not be found.

Gladstone's Condition Worse.

The Pall Mall Gazette of London, Saturday afternoon said Mr. Gladstone's general condition is apparently worse. It adds: "It was his own wish to be moved to Hawarden, with as little delay as possible. Whatever the precise nature of the plans, neuralgia or the presence of some healthy growth, there can be no doubt that though intermittent, they have occasioned severe suffering, and it necessarily follows that his physical powers and heart's action have become greatly enfeebled."

Six Negro Miners Killed.

An explosion occurred in slope No. 2, of the Tennessee Coal, Iron & Railway Company at Pratt City, Ala., Saturday. The following negro convicts were killed: Alex Shelton, Eli Lawhorn, George Jones, Henry Johnson, Will Scott and Tom Oliver. The men were 1,600 feet from the surface, repairing machinery. The explosion is a mystery. It was caused either by fire damp or powder. Since the explosion fire damp is heavy and men are unable to reach the dead.

Hunger Forced a Confession.

Penniless and hungry and anxious to make atonement for his crimes, William Brearwood who is wanted in Baltimore for embezzling \$2,800, has surrendered himself to the police of San Francisco. A few days ago Brearwood arrived there and proceeded to have a "good time," as he expressed it. He soon spent all his money and decided to confess his guilt.

Big Guns.

The steamer William E. Chapman towed to New York City, Saturday, a derrick having on board four 10-inch guns, weighing 33 tons each, and two 8-inch guns, weighing 16 tons each, taken from the Sandy Hook proving grounds. The guns are to be taken to Key West.



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