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St. Francisville, La.

"Stop calling it the House Fly," says the chief of the United States Bureau of Entomology. "Call it the Typhoid Fly." The suggestion is good.

Vienna reported the capture of an important height in the Carpathians.

A cub reporter, after spreading himself on the details of a murder, naively concluded his account with this sentence: "Fortunately for the deceased, he had deposited all of his money in the bank the day before, so he lost practically nothing but his life."—Harper's.

NEWS MULTUM IN PARVO

London officially admitted the capture of St. Julian by the Germans. A general attack by land and sea has commenced in the Dardanelles, according to the official London announcement.

There was a split in the ranks of the Women's Peace congress at The Hague, over the question of interceding with the rulers of warring nations.

The Kronprinz Wilhelm, last of the Kaiser's war craft left at large, was formally interned by her commander. Washington officials learned that Japan has formally "explained her demands on China" to her ally, Great Britain.

Secretary Daniels announced that the next great superdreadnaught would be propelled by electrical engines.

Reports from the West to the Journal of Commerce showed that business conditions have improved vastly.

Letters from Roosevelt to Senator Platt showed that the former president was in the habit of consulting the advice of New York's "easy boss."

A report was received in New Orleans that Gen. Lee Christmas has exiled himself from Honduras and is living in Guatemala City.

French troops succeeded in capturing Kum Kaleh at the entrance to the Dardanelles, and British troops made good their hold on the Gallipoli peninsula.

For the second time since Friday the Germans were driven out of the little town of Lizerny by the Belgian troops.

Italy called to Rome her ambassadors at London, Berlin, Paris, and Vienna, for a consultation, and the move was taken to mean that the government had decided upon its foreign policy.

Duval West, President Wilson's personal representative in Mexico left Mexico City for Vera Cruz.

New York cotton shippers are considerably confused by the last British order forbidding the exportation of cotton from that kingdom.

C. S. Hamlin, governor of the federal reserve board, told delegates to the Southern Commercial Congress that the new banking system has already brought prosperity to the country.

Acres of cotton in Texas cut down. Reports from other states show similar decrease in staple planted.

A British submarine was sunk in the Bight of Helgoland.

An unlimited supply of ammunition is needed by the British, the House of Commons was told.

The French carried by assault two successive lines of German trenches near St. Mihiel.

Shipping between Holland and the United Kingdom was stopped for the time being.

President Wilson's expressions at The Associated Press luncheon recently were referred to as a "mockery" by a German newspaper.

Attorneys for Leo M. Frank filed a petition with Gov. Slaton asking a commutation of sentence.

Luther Manship, former lieutenant-governor of Mississippi, died in Jackson last Friday.

Deadly gases were used by the Germans in their attack north of Ypres last week, asserted Sir John French.

Four British warships entered the Dardanelles and bombarded the Turkish forts for three hours.

Harry K. Thaw was granted another trial by the New York Supreme Court.

Officers of crack British regiments, including a relative of Sir Edward Gray, have been selected by German authorities for solitary confinement in retaliation for England's treatment of submarine crews.

Aided by Belgian and English, the French announce that they have regained most of the ground lost to the German asphyxiating bombs.

Petrograd reported that Russian troops in the Carpathians had resumed their advances, despite desperate attacks by the Austrian troops.

Sir John French thanked the Canadian contingent on the front for "saving the situation" in the recent desperate fighting in Flanders.

A German submarine sunk two Norwegian vessels off the Irish coast.

The French government sequestered the ancient chateau Chambord, once residence of kings, now the property of Austrian Bourbons.

The foreign minister of Greece announced in an informal interview that his country is ready to join forces with the Allies in attacking the Dardanelles at any time she is asked.

Fresh massacres of Armenians by the Turks were reported at Tiflis.

A serious rupture between Gen. Villa and his chief lieutenant, Gen. Angeles, was reported to Washington.

MOVEMENT ON FOOT TO BRIDGE THOMPSON'S CREEK

Experts Say Permanent Structures May Be Constructed For \$10,000—Committee Appointed to Confer With East Feliciana Citizens.

A meeting of citizens was held at the court house in St. Francisville, Saturday morning, to meet a committee from Jackson, to discuss, informally, the proposition of building a bridge or bridges over Thompson's creek between Jackson and St. Francisville.

Mayor Briant acted as chairman of the meeting and Elrie Robinson as secretary.

The Jackson committee was composed of Dr. J. W. Lea, W. S. Yost and J. A. Rodick. These gentlemen stated that they have given the matter of bridging Thompson's creek considerable study, and have made excavations along the creek banks to determine the character of soil, and had found that at certain points a soil of sufficient strength to serve as a foundation for piers had been discovered.

Mr. Rodick stated that two propositions offered themselves. One is a single bridge to be placed at the Jackson ford. The other is a series of three bridges. Should the three-bridge plan be adopted the bridge over the main creek would be placed farther up the creek, but not so far as to make any appreciable difference in the distance between St. Francisville and Jackson.

Another bridge would be placed over the west prong of the creek, a short distance away, and the third over Rag branch. The three bridges could be connected with a causeway to do away with the present heavy sand beds.

Should the three-bridge plan be adopted it will be of greater advantage to West Feliciana than the single bridge from the fact that the bridges will be so located as to give access to the people of the fifth ward of that parish to these bridges.

The type of bridge proposed is the girder bridge, built of re-inforced steel and concrete. Mr. Rodick stated that either of these projects could be completed for \$10,000. The one bridge will cost as much as the three smaller bridges would cost, on account of greater length, the formation of the banks of the creek and the big sand bed between the two prongs of the creek near Jackson.

These propositions were talked over in an informal way and seemed to meet with the approval of all present.

Mayor Briant appointed Messrs. W. B. Smith, Albert Soule, A. H. Moses, G. M. Lester and F. O. Hamilton as a committee to confer with a committee of East Feliciana citizens. This committee is instructed to visit the site of the proposed structures, gather all information and data possible, as well as to look into the matter of financing the proposition, and to report to another citizens' meeting to be called when the committee is ready to report.

Dr. Lea and Mr. Yost of the Jackson committee are both well known to the citizens of both parishes. Mr. Rodick is a civil engineer of many years' experience. He has been engaged in building bridges in both this country and in Mexico and has a full knowledge of the difficulties to be met with in building permanent structures over Thompson's creek. He has been engaged at the East Louisiana Hospital for the Insane for some time, where he supervised the erection of the power house and the superintendent's residence.

BUILD BRIDGES.

If the proposition of building one or three permanent bridges across Thompson's creek, connecting East and West Feliciana parishes, can be done for \$10,000, or for a sum anywhere nearly approximating that amount, we believe no fair-minded man will oppose the project, as the advantages to be derived by both parishes will be of such nature as to make the initial cost and future cost of upkeep seem small in comparison.

It will tend to restore to West Feliciana the trade she enjoyed, not only from East Feliciana but from parishes east of there, before the advent of the railroad. It will put East Feliciana in position to take advantage of the remarkably low freight rates which Bayou Sara enjoys. And it will be a most potent factor in creating a desire for better roads in both parishes. Besides this, it will be the greatest incentive that it is possible to offer for the right kind of immigration.

One great argument in favor of this project is the cheapness with which it

can be carried out. Within comparatively recent years concrete has come into its own as a building material. Should these bridges be constructed we find the greater part of the material already at the site of operations, namely: sand, gravel, water and fuel.

It has been suggested that, should these Thompson creek bridges be built, then would be a propitious time to build a bridge over Bayou Sara creek. The same forms and machinery to be used in making one bridge could be used in another, and probably discounts could be obtained on the purchase of materials on account of the larger quantity to be used.

Men versed in money affairs express the opinion that these propositions can be financed very easily at this time.

NEWSPAPER TALK.

The Florida Times-Union says: "Courtship is a game at which both sides are apt to win or lose." It is also a two-handed game in which no partners are desired.—New Orleans States.

Seven times as many English officers have already fallen in the European war as were killed during the entire Revolutionary War. But England ought not to blame us for that; we killed all we could.—Baton Rouge State-Times.

TRUE TOO.

We had the pleasure of looking in the face of a real optimist the other day. While several were deploring the long continued drought and the damage to crops, he observed that the heavy dews were keeping up sufficient moisture in the ground to keep life in vegetation until it rained.—Poplarville Free Press.

"NO OTHER MEANS."

"I wanted to reach the voters. I knew of no other means except the newspapers." This is what the sage of Oyster Bay told his cross-examiner in the Barnes case. Mr. Roosevelt is one of the world's leading adepts at advertising. He has tried most advertising methods. The judgment he expresses on them is that of a great many other experts. They don't even consider other mediums of advertising seriously when they set out in earnest to address a large audience. They "know of no other means except the newspapers."—New Orleans Item.

We do not counsel extravagance, but we insist that niggardliness is no longer necessary or helpful—not even to the person practicing it. If every reader of this paper, or citizen of Morehouse parish, who could do so, for example, would turn loose in the channels of trade as much as \$10 in the next ten days or two weeks for things they really need, but, through fear of the future, have been trying to do without, it would start business to booming, every one would feel relief from the strain and even those who contributed to it would feel its effects. Just try it, and whatever you want, Buy It Now.—Mer Rouge Democrat.

For a delicious strawberry shortcake, use biscuit dough baked in cake tin, split through the center, butter well, add sweetened crushed strawberries, sprinkle top with powdered sugar and decorate with whole berries. This may be served with plain cream or whipped cream.

Among the lecturers at the annual meeting of the Louisiana State Teachers Association, held at the Louisiana State University, April 22, 23, and 24, were: Arthur D. Call, of George Washington University; Albert Leon Guerrard, of Rice Institute; John Lee Coulter, of George Peabody College for Teachers; and M. A. Bigelow, of Columbia University.

A VALUED GUIDE.

"Well, William, have you heard from your son?"

"No, miss; but they'll send 'e to the front right away. 'E's just the man they're wantin' there."

"I'm sure he is. But why do you think he will go straight to the front?"

"Why, you see, miss, 'e'll be able to show 'em the way about 'E was at the Boer war, an' knows all them parts."

ALL OVER LOUISIANA.

Supt. C. M. Hughes of East Baton Rouge was elected president of the State Teachers' Association meeting in Baton Rouge, and Lake Charles was named for the next convention.

After shooting the baggage master and binding the express messenger, a masked bandit dynamited the safe in the combined baggage and express car of the fast L. & N. train, and escaped as the train slowed up upon reaching New Orleans. A man named Harry Lester was arrested, and identified by the baggage master.

The Diocesan Council of Louisiana concluded its business and adjourned. Because of New Orleans city ordinances, a shipment of 700,000 pounds of dynamite for Mexico was stopped at Gulfport, and will be exported from there.

The United States gunboat Castine arrived for duty on the New Orleans station. Towing the submarine G-1, the vessel had a tempestuous six days' voyage from Norfolk to Charleston.

Speakers from the Louisiana Suffrage Party addressed crowds on the streets of Baton Rouge, Saturday, advocating equal rights.

General Thomas J. Shaffer, commander of the Louisiana Division, U. C. V., died in Franklin, La.

In a letter to The Times-Picayune, Dr. Louis J. Stumpf, Good Government League leader, declared Gretna corporations were oppressing their anti-Marrero employees.

Plans to standardize music teaching in Louisiana were suggested at the convention of the Louisiana Music Teachers' Association.

The Fairview plantation, twelve miles above New Orleans, was sold for \$45,000, the name of the buyer being kept secret.

E. E. Wilson, a western Kansas stockman, has purchased 427 head of Cameron cattle, and shipped them to his ranch in northern Oklahoma, to be fattened for the market. The price paid for the lot was close to \$15,000.

Governor Hall has made the following appointments: Lewis McKnight, constable, ward five, East Feliciana, vice W. J. Nettles, resigned; O. E. Townsend, justice of the peace, ward five, East Feliciana, vice J. E. Irwin, deceased.

The supreme court remanded the interdiction case of aged and wealthy Mrs. Pons to the lower court for evidence as to her condition before the suit was instituted.

Iberville road bonds sell at a premium.

St. James parish will make 56 miles of gravel road—highways on both sides of the river.

The Governor will issue call to-day for extra session of the legislature.

Mrs. W. S. Parkerson, as administratrix, filed answer to the suit for an accounting brought by a client of her late husband, showing that only about \$4,000 instead of \$20,000 were due the claimant.

P. Sefton Schneidau, chairman of the immigration land committee of the New Orleans Real Estate Board, in announcing the co-operation of his committee with the movement to bring Danish immigrants into Louisiana, said Tuesday: "The Danes are the greatest intensive farmers of the world. If they are brought into Louisiana, the state will benefit from their wonder work with the soil."

R. N. Sims takes charge as state bank examiner. Will make headquarters in New Orleans.

New Orleans will require an indemnity bond of \$5,000 for each jitney operated. Each street car operated in New Orleans must also give an indemnity bond of \$5,000. Jitney owners declare they will be injured by the action.

The test suit against the Bayou Boeuf levee board bond issue of \$500,000 was decided for the plaintiff in Alexandria. The case will be carried to the supreme court.

The Natchitoches police jury will build a new steel bridge across Cane river, nine miles below Natchitoches.

Over a thousand teachers attended the state association meeting at Baton Rouge last week.

The State Homestead Association met in Monroe, Friday and Saturday, with good attendance. Alexandria will be the next meeting place.

The new M. E. Church South at DeRidder, will cost \$12,000.

Mrs. John T. Meehan of New Orleans was elected state chairman of the Woman Suffrage Party at Baton Rouge Saturday.

District Clerk A. J. Hammons of Union parish has been convicted of embezzling \$440, the proceeds of a partition sale. He claimed that he was held up and robbed, but the jury didn't believe it.