

# LOUISIANA NEWS.

TWO LOUISIANA ENTERPRISES.

A Mineral Prospecting Company and a Bank at Merryville.

Lake Charles, La.—Two new Calcasieu Parish enterprises were made good concerns Monday at the office of District Clerk Gardiner. The National Oil Company, with a life lease of ninety-nine years and a home at Jennings, has filed its charter for record. The capital stock is \$10,000 divided into 10,000 \$1.00 shares. The objects and purposes are to drill for natural gas and all other minerals and to do everything necessary to care for and dispose of the product. The officers and first board of directors are as follows: M. W. Mattison, president; Clinton O. Haywood, vice president; J. H. Heinen, secretary; N. S. Whisenand, treasurer.

The State Bank of Merryville, capital \$30,000, in \$100 shares, to become a going concern when \$1,000 is paid in, has been authorized to begin a general banking business at Merryville. The first board of directors is composed of W. S. Mathews, T. J. Carroll, M. C. Frazier, B. H. Carroll, R. E. Welburn, J. I. Nichols, G. K. Riess, J. E. M. Hennigan and Erastus Cole. A president, first and second vice presidents and a cashier are to be elected by the directors.

## POST HOLE AUGUR.

Used to Drill Twenty Producing Oil Wells Around Vinton.

Jennings, La.—Oilmen who have recently returned from the territory around Vinton report that the indications are very strong there for the development of some good oil wells. The shallow wells near that place are showing a marvelous production when the way they are brought in is considered. A prominent oilman who spent a couple of days in the vicinity of Vinton this week explained the extent of the production on the farm of Aladin Vincent. There are about twenty shallow wells on this farm three miles south of Vinton, all of which are producing from one to five barrels of a good quality of oil per day. These wells are anywhere from eighteen to twenty feet deep, being dug with a post-hole auger, with a long handle attached. F. B. Caffal, of this city, is making preparations to sink a deep oil well on his farm, adjoining that of Mr. Vincent, in a few days, when it is thought an excellent gusher will be developed.

## Mandeville.

Mandeville, La.—The first baptizing here for several years was administered Sunday to Candidate W. Randolph Morgan, who Sunday morning applied for admission into the ranks of the Baptist persuasion by profession of faith. Rev. W. C. Voyles, of New Orleans, preached an able sermon on the subject of "The Security of God's People," taking as a foundation the institution of the feast of the passover. A good congregation was present and at the close of the services the doors of the church were opened and W. R. Randolph applied for admission. The congregation was instructed to repair at once to the wharf at the foot of Carondelet St., and the ordinance of baptism was duly administered in the waters of the lake in the presence of a large concourse of people.

## Jena.

Jena, La.—The business men of this place met Friday and organized a hardware and furniture company under the name of the Merchants and Farmers' Hardware and Furniture Company, Limited, with S. B. Hanes, president; M. U. Walker, vice president; Hugh Hamilton, secretary, and J. M. Wright, W. D. Boddie, J. H. Bradford and W. R. Coleman, directors. The capital stock is \$10,000, with \$5,000 paid in. They expect to begin business as soon as suitable buildings can be provided.

## To Whistle at Rayne Aug. 10.

Crowley, La.—The Opelousas, Gulf & Northwestern Railroad will whistle for Rayne station on August 10. This is the information conveyed the press correspondent by Superintendent Harry Flanders of that road. The O Gee has had untold trouble in ralling the roadbed from Branch to Rayne on account of the shortage of rails.

## Oil Barge Ashore.

New Orleans, La.—Bargo No. 92 of the Southern Cotton Oil Company ran ashore at 7 a. m. Sunday morning outside of South Pass to the west of the Jetties. The barge has 1,292,298 gallons of oil aboard, value at about 10c a gallon, and was in tow of the tug Charles Clarke, bound from Port Arthur, Texas, to this city.

## Lafayette.

Lafayette, La.—Alfred Gigot, 17 years old, was thrown from his horse and instantly killed Sunday morning near Scott. Gigot's horse ran away and threw his rider on a bridge, fracturing the base of his skull severely and otherwise wounding the young man. Sheriff Lacoste and Coroner Mouton investigated the matter and found the facts as related. Gigot lived with an uncle near Scott. He was the son of the late Laurent Gigot of Rayne.

## THE INNOCENT ABROAD.



The Innocent's Return.

## POWERS COMBINE

FRANCE AND SPAIN ACT TOGETHER IN MOROCCO.

SEND MEN-OF-WAR TO CASABLANCA

French Troops Ready to Land Troops if Spanish Government Agrees to Do So.

Paris, France.—The French and Spanish governments are acting in concert and with great promptness to meet the situation that has arisen in Morocco. A warship of each of these powers is now in the harbor of Casablanca, and three French and one Spanish men-of-war are on the way to Morocco.

France has proposed to Spain the immediate landing of French and Spanish troops at Casablanca, and in anticipation of a favorable reply has prepared three transports at Toulon to convey 2,500 men and 300 horses to Morocco. What further steps, if any, have been contemplated have not been made public. A slight delay and embarrassment in meeting the situation is caused by the absence of Premier Clemenceau, who is at Karlsbad taking the cure.

An official communication says that the action of the powers in Morocco is limited to that granted them under the Algeiras convention.

Up to midnight no telegram had been received from Tangier reporting the arrival there of fresh news from Casablanca.

A dispatch received from Oran, Algeria, reports that the state bank at Tangier has been pillaged and that a British consular employe has been captured between Tangier and Elksare. There is no confirmation of this news from Tangier.

## SPURNS RAILWAY COMMISSION.

Grand Rapids Man Declines to Accept Place Recently Vacated.

Grand Rapids, Mich.—Bernard R. Goggins, who was appointed a member of the state railroad commission to succeed John Barnes, announced that he would decline the appointment. The necessity of changing his residence, the sacrifice of his law practice and other personal reasons are given as the cause for his declination of the appointment.

## Find Body With Ears Gone.

Oklahoma City, Okla.—The body of a young man, with both ears severed from his head, was found three miles west of the city Thursday. The finding of a freshly-severed ear on the principal street of this city yesterday led to the discovery of the body. This is the second crime of this sort within a week. The body of an unknown man, with both ears severed, was found in a boxcar last Saturday.

## Powder Company Changes Hands.

Kenosha, Wis.—Deeds have been filed here for the transfer of all the property owned by the so-called powder trust at Pleasant Prairie to the Laffin-Rand Powder company. The property was formerly owned by J. Amory Haskell, of Wilmington, Del. It is thought the transfer has something to do with the government's suit against the powder combine.

## Billik to Hang October 11.

Chicago—Herman Billik, recently convicted of the murder of Mary Vyzal by poisoning, was sentenced to hang on October 11.

## Thomas Republicans in Special Car.

Thomas, Okla.—Thomas republicans, in a special Pullman, will go to Tulsa convention bearing Frantz and Ferguson banners. The Thomas concert band and members of the Commercial club will go along to advertise the fifth anniversary celebration here August 22 to 24.

## Dissolves Franciscan Brothers.

Paris—President Fallieres has signed a decree dissolving the branch of the Franciscan Brothers located at Inverem in the Haute Garonne.

## CIVIL WAR PRISONER DYING.

General Pickett Technically Under Arrest Forty Years.

Worcester, Mass.—General Josiah Pickett, 85 years old, and a veteran of the civil war, is said to be dying here, technically a military prisoner.

He has been under arrest, it is stated ever since the battle of Cold Harbor, and has declared that he will die under arrest.

Pickett was colonel of the Twenty-fifth Massachusetts during the fighting at Cold Harbor, and in a fit of anger replied roughly to General Stannard, his superior.

The latter promptly placed him under arrest and took his sword. Later Pickett was commended by Stannard for gallantry in the Cold Harbor battle while putting a charge, but the record of arrest was never changed, and General Pickett has been officially under arrest for over forty years.

## PEARY TO START NORTH.

Expects to Be in Winter Quarters by September 5.

Portland, Maine.—Commander Robert E. Peary, who is staying with his family at Eagle Island, stated today that he will start for New York and then for the north just as soon as the boilers are installed in the Roosevelt. He could not state definitely when that will be, but he hopes to start within a week. He expects to be in winter quarters by September 5.

Commander Peary said that he had acquired no "new-fangled idea," and that he knows just what he needs, and he will take that and nothing more. None of his family is going with him.

## Oldfield Smashes World's Records.

St. Paul, Minn.—A special to the Pioneer Press from Fargo, N. D., says: Barney Oldfield opened the Fargo Interstate fair by breaking two world's automobile records on a half-mile track, going the first mile of a three-mile race in 1:15½ and the three miles in 3:51. His mile record beat that made by himself at Winnipeg ten days ago by four and one-half seconds, and his three-mile record beat that of his Winnipeg record by eight seconds.

## Will Censor Religious Subjects.

Chalons Sur Marne, France.—The Bishop of Chalons, acting upon the recent papal syllabus on the matter of modernism in the faith, has prohibited the ecclesiastics of his diocese from publishing any articles on religious subjects without his authorization.

## Ends Life to Escape Troubles.

Findlay, O.—Suffering with heart trouble, rheumatism and several other ailments, his wife and two children sick with typhoid fever, Ezra E. Cuffall, of Fostoria, took arsenic and died.

## Auto Turns Over; Kills One.

Everett, Wash.—A. A. Smith, a prominent shingle manufacturer, was killed by the overturning of his automobile Tuesday. Two companions, Duncan McKidden and John Nelson, were injured.

## Political Debate Causes Shooting.

Moscow—M. Toropoff, leader of the monarchist party in Moscow, Tuesday shot and killed M. Ermouse, a member of the Social Democratic party, during a heated political debate. Toropoff was arrested.

## Postoffice Clerk Arrested.

Chattanooga, Tenn.—Niel N. Hughes, senior clerk in the postoffice at Columbia, Tenn., and son of former Postmaster Arch M. Hughes, was arrested on a charge of robbing the mails.

## Road to Inaugurate Low Rate.

Raleigh, N. C.—President W. A. Barber, of the Carolina & Northwestern railroad, telegraphed Governor Glenn from New York that his road would put the 2½-cent rate into effect August 8.

## JEWELS DISAPPEAR

MAN CHARGES BROTHER WITH THEFT OF ANTIQUE JEWELRY.

## OLDEST FAMILY OF SICILIANS

Were to Be Sold to Save Italian Homestead for Two Sisters at Home and Brothers.

Philadelphia, Pa.—Nuncio Sergius was arrested here by Central station detectives on a warrant issued at the instance of his brother Emilio Sergius of No. 224 Thompson street, New York, charging him with the theft of antique jewelry valued at \$30,000.

According to the story of Emilio Sergius, his family is one of the oldest of Sicilians. The family homestead is in Sortino, where his father died several months ago. The family had been wealthy, but at his death little was left but a collection of antique jewelry, which it was decided should be sold to save the homestead in Italy for the benefit of two daughters at home and the sons here. The jewels were sent to Emilio in New York and he says that no less authority than Sir Casper Purdon Clarke, of the Metropolitan museum, declared they were worth \$30,000. On June 29 the collection disappeared from a strong box in Emilio's rooms in Thompson street, New York. Simultaneously Nuncio disappeared from New York. A warrant was secured by Emilio for his brother's arrest. A few days ago Emilio received a letter from Nuncio which was mailed in this city. He says Nuncio explained in the letter that he had carried the jewelry away but that after he came to this city he was held up near Ambler, a suburb, and robbed of everything by three Italians. Emilio came here and with a detective went through the Italian settlement where they came upon the missing brother. He was locked up and will be taken back to New York.

## PITTSBURG MINERS MAY STRIKE.

Allege Wage Agreement Has Been Repeatedly Violated.

Pittsburg, Pa.—The executive board of district No. 5, United Mine Workers of America, which embraces the Pittsburg district, authorized President Patrick Feehan to call a strike of the miners in this district immediately, alleging that the Pittsburg Coal company has been violating the wage agreement repeatedly.

President Feehan has announced that he will give the Pittsburg Coal company a few hours in which to adjust matters.

Over 14,000 miners will be affected in the event of a strike.

## Fairbanks Family Reunion.

Dedham, Mass.—More than five hundred descendants of Jonathan Fairbanks, who came from Sowerby, Yorkshire, England, in 1636 and settled in this town, came here Tuesday to celebrate the sixth annual reunion of the Fairbanks family in America. The reunion was held in the old Fairbanks homestead which was built by the founder of the American branch of the family soon after his arrival here and is believed to be the oldest dwelling in New England.

## Strike Situation Becoming Worse.

Raon L'Etape, France.—The strike situation is becoming worse and the strike is spreading to other parts of the Cosges region. Fresh barricades were erected by the rioters Monday afternoon and Monday night the mob captured General Latour. He was rescued with difficulty by the troops. Strong reinforcements are arriving here in response to urgent requisitions.

## Alva Bradley Estate Divided.

Cleveland, Ohio.—After years of litigation, the estate of Alva Bradley, valued at about \$5,000,000, was divided equally among each of ten heirs. Alva Bradley, who was a wealthy vessel and real estate owner, died over twenty years ago and left his estate in trust for twenty years before it was to be divided.

## Straus Lands in Honolulu.

Honolulu, Hawaii.—Oscar Straus, secretary of commerce and labor, arrived here from San Francisco on the steamer Siberia. He was greeted with the military salute accorded to a member of the president's cabinet, and was met at the dock by federal and territorial officials and the territorial militia.

## Shoots Two and Himself.

Ardmore, Ind. Ter.—At Waupuncka, I. T., Edgar Ball, a railroad employe, shot and fatally wounded his young wife, shot his sister-in-law, Miss Maggie Dobson, through the thigh, then shot himself through the heart. Jealousy is supposed to be the motive of the crime.

## Iowa Senator's Condition Critical.

Waterloo, Iowa.—State Senator Byron Newberry, father of the Iowa pure food law, who was bitten on the ankle by a rattlesnake, is in a critical condition and his recovery is doubtful. He was bitten while in an oat field on his farm near Strawberry Point.

## Crown Order for Beerbohm Tree.

Berlin—Emperor William has conferred the crown order of the third class upon H. Beerbohm Tree, the actor.

## MAN AWAKE 25 YEARS.

Spends His Nights in Chair With His Eyes Wide Open.

Eric, Pa.—Joseph Root, a hermit resident of Presque Isle peninsula, says he has not slept in 25 years, and those who have become interested in the case believe the story. A number of well-known physicians examined him. They say he is in a healthy condition and he was awake all the time they observed him. His close friends also vouch for his story. He says that about twenty-five years ago two dear relatives were killed in a railroad accident. He suffered so much from the shock that he gave up the idea of sleep and now remains in a chair all night, with his eyes wide open. After his rest in the chair he feels as much refreshed in the morning as if he had enjoyed a good night's sleep.

## CHARGED WITH MANSLAUGHTER.

Michigan Representative Arraigned in Connection With Girl's Death.

Detroit, Mich.—Representative Chas. M. Ward, speaker pro tem, of the State House of Representatives and chairman of the ways and means committee, was arraigned in the police court here on a warrant charging him with manslaughter in connection with the death here from a criminal operation in April of Miss Edith Presley, proofer for the state senate.

Mr. Ward stood mute, and his attorney asked for an explanation in the police court, which Justice Stein set for September 6. The justice then fixed bail at \$3,000, with two sureties, which was furnished.

## Naval Militia May Shoot.

Washington, D. C.—Attorney General Bonaparte has tendered an opinion to the acting secretary of war holding, in effect, that the naval militia of the United States is a part of the organized militia, which, if accepted by the department, will give an opportunity for teams from the naval militia to enter the rifle contests at Camp Perry, O., during this month. Last year the war department held that the naval boys were not entitled to participate in the rifle contests, and there is considerable complaint in consequence.

## Child's Body in Lake.

Chicago, Ill.—The body of Gretchen Rohde, aged 6, who disappeared Monday and was thought to have been kidnapped, was found at the bottom of Lake Michigan, at the foot of Indiana street, Friday morning. A boy dived and brought up the body. The possibility that the child may have been murdered and thrown into the lake to avert suspicion is being investigated.

## Steamer Runs Aground.

New York, N. Y.—The steamer Graf Waldersee, of the Hamburg-American line, which passed in at Sandy Hook at 10:30 p. m., ran aground on the east edge of the main channel, about a mile north of the Southwest Spit. The vessel appears to be resting easy, and as the tide is rising she will probably be floated without damage.

## Mine Strike Averted.

Pittsburg, Penn.—The strike of 14,000 coal miners, which was scheduled to take place Friday, has been averted for the present at least. The officials of the Pittsburg Coal Co. have asked for a conference with the officials of the miners' union and the differences existing between the men and the company very likely will be adjusted.

## American Motor Boat Wins.

Southampton.—The American motor boat Dixie, owned by Commodore E. J. Schroeder, of the Auto Boat Club of America, won the race for the international marine motor cup in Southampton water, beating the nearest British boat, Daimler II, by three-quarters of a mile over a 35-mile course.

## Runaway Train Kills Four Men.

Atchison, Kas.—A Missouri Pacific freight train ran away down Shannon Hill here and struck the rear end of another freight standing on the track. F. D. Scott, a fireman; Fred Butzirus, Hastings, Neb.; Ralph Moody, Omaha, and an unknown man were killed.

## Marquette, Kas., Isolated by Tornado.

Marquette, Kas.—The tornado that passed near Marquette late Thursday did some damage to crops, but little to the town itself. It destroyed telegraph and telephone wires and shut off communication with the outside.

## Engineer Killed in Wreck.

Arkansas City, Kas.—Northbound Santa Fe passenger train No. 116 left the track seven miles from Red Rock, Okla., killing the engineer and wounding numerous passengers. A coach, chair car and baggage car, as well as the engine, went into the ditch.

## Falling Slate Kills Two.

Irwin, Pa.—John H. Jones of Pittsburg, general manager of the United Coal Company, and Jasper Graham, fire boss, were killed Tuesday night in Edna mine No. 1, by a fall of slate.

## Engineer Murdered on Duty.

Norwalk, O.—William L. Roberts, engineer at the Araric light and waterworks station at Milan, a few miles above here, was found dead on the floor of the engine room, and had evidently been murdered.

## EVENTS OF EVERYWHERE

The Oklahoma wheat crop is estimated to be 300,000,000 bushels.

A six-story paper warehouse in Chicago collapsed, but, fortunately no one was in the building at the time.

E. H. Harriman has reported the completion of his commission from President Roosevelt to stop the flow of the Colorado river into Salton Lake.

Night riders, as Kentucky white-cappers are called, are terrorizing independent tobacco growers in the vicinity of Hopkinsville.

One hundred and fifty American employes of the Arizona Copper Company smelter at Clifton, Ariz., are on strike for an increase of 50c a day.

Oil men of the Midcontinent territory are planning an annual reunion and picnic, which in all probability will be held somewhere in the Indian Territory in September.

A gasoline launch capsized in a storm at sunnyside, a Western suburb of Toronto Thursday night and of the ten men who were in her only two are known to be safe.

During a heavy thunderstorm a gasoline launch with ten men on board capsized in the Hudson River at Toronto, Ont., and only one succeeded in reaching the near-by shore.

A tornado swept Urbana, O., early Friday, destroying the plant of the United States Paper and Box company. The loss is estimated at \$50,000. Fortunately the men were off duty at the time of the disaster.

A long drouth which has continued practically unbroken for a month on Long Island, is causing the farmers much alarm. Prayer meetings for the purpose of invoking the aid of God, are to be held in churches.

James B. Duke, president of the American Tobacco Company, was married Wednesday to Mrs. Naniene Holtzman at the home of Mrs. William Schuyler Stackpole in Brooklyn in the presence of a few friends.

The French Government has notified Ambassador White that American meats may be brought into France upon the American certificates and that microscopic examination will not be insisted upon.

A bride and groom stood admiring an elephant in a New York park, when suddenly the beast grabbed the groom's pocket book which he had taken from his pocket, and chewed it and \$275 which it contained into pulp.

Grief over the fate of Lieut. Chester R. Goodrich, who met his death in the explosion on the battleship Georgia a week ago, caused a rich musician, Miss Laura D. Ronaldson, to end her life in her bachelor girl apartments in New York.

Manager Jim May of Reno, Nev., representing the Miners, has secured the fight between Joe Gans and Battling Nelson for Labor Day. The Reno Athletic Club, of which May is president, has hung up a \$25,000 purse for the battle.

Four tank builders in the Morris oil fields, Muskogee, on Friday were reported prostrated by heat. The day was the hottest of the year here, registering 102 degrees at the Government register. A year ago the maximum temperature was 88 degrees.

John B. Latham, brother of Thomas B. Latham, United States district attorney for the central district of Indian Territory, died at his home in Fort Smith as a result of heat prostration.

Sheriff Belser fooled many citizens who sought admission to the hanging of Calvin Coleman, a negro, at Montgomery, Ala., by pulling off the execution shortly after 6 o'clock, before more than fifty of the specially invited came down town.

A bill to appropriate \$50,000 for resisting the fight made by the railroads on the rate regulation laws of Alabama has been passed by the house and now goes to the governor. As it is one of his bills he will sign at once.

Assistant Attorney General Hawkins has given out an opinion in which he holds that a public officer of the State, even though he be an officer of a railroad, may not lawfully use free transportation over any railroad in the State.

After being in the employ of the United States uninterruptedly for fifty years, James Delaney, of New York, said to be the oldest letter carrier in the country, retired from service Tuesday.

One rifle bullet killed three negroes, two of them women, who frolic near Hattiesburg, Miss. James Cannon, deputy sheriff, sent there to preserve order, wielded the gun. The officer was exonerated on the plea of self-defense.