

# LOUISIANA NEWS.

LOUISIANA LEGISLATURE

Begins Its Special Session on Governor's Call.

Baton Rouge, La.: The Louisiana Legislature met Monday in special session on the call of Governor Blanchard to reduce the expenses of collecting taxes and enact some minor legislation and on the supplemental call of Governor Sanders to enlarge the powers of the State Railroad Commission and debar outside corporations from the State which endeavor to evade State laws by going to Federal courts. Public sentiment is so overwhelmingly in favor of all the reforms presented that no opposition will be offered during the session, and there is no likelihood of any quibbling over the form of the measure. Political lines will not be drawn; so instead of the session proving the political battleground, it will be a very tame affair. The railroads will not lobby against the measures, believing they can knock out the legislation against them in the courts. Nearly all the members were present at roll call Monday, and they hope to wind up the session in less than fifteen days. The Governor's message occupied most of the time of both houses, comprising 370 typewritten pages and discussing the various reforms which he proposed in his original proclamation.

## FRY OUT THE FAT.

Governor Blanchard Wants Salaries of Officials Reduced.

Baton Rouge, La.: That the high fees now paid Louisiana state tax collectors would nearly pay off the entire bonded debt of the State in forty years, was the leading point made in Governor Blanchard's message to the extra session of the Legislature, which convened Monday. State tax collections now cost \$342,000 annually. The Governor named tax collectorships which pay \$16,000 to \$20,000 each per year in fees. He claimed these amounts were in some instances six times as large as the salaries paid State tax collectors in other states. He cited Indiana and Texas as examples. He said that at Shreveport the State tax collector on \$161,000 collections received \$8,080 in fees, while the city collector for the identical work received \$1,800.

Mr. Blanchard proposed that the State tax collectors' fees be cut in two. He claimed that the present rate of 5 cents is a survival of the times when the State was impoverished and but small taxes were paid. The large fees paid many other State officials was also attacked in the message.

Reform in State banking methods was called for, the Governor declaring "under the present system the public funds become a pawn to be played for in the game of politics."

Under the present system the Board of Liquidation of the State Debt has authority to name the bank or banks in which State money shall be deposited and to fix the compensation paid the State by the favored institutions. The Governor recommended that State money be placed in solvent banks in the State offering the highest compensation.

Corporation regulation was touched upon in a general statement favoring more control by the Government. Investigation of port conditions was recommended.

## BLANCHARD'S MESSAGE.

Railroad Commission's Powers to Be Enlarged.

Baton Rouge, La.: The extraordinary session of the Louisiana Legislature opened Monday at noon to consider reform measures contained in the original proclamation of Governor Newton C. Blanchard and a supplemental proclamation of Lieutenant Governor Sanders. Thirteen bills were introduced in the house and seven in the senate under a suspension of the rules, and they were rushed through to committees. Legislation was introduced Monday which if enacted into law will completely revolutionize the system of taxation and collection of taxes in the State of Louisiana, and will save to the taxpayers about \$200,000 annually. Governor Blanchard's special message, covering thirty-seven typewritten pages, was read in both houses and 1,500 copies ordered printed. Bills were introduced enlarging the powers of the Railroad Commission so as to control railroads and telephones in this State and to prevent public service corporations from rushing into the Federal courts to prevent execution of rulings secured in the State courts. These bills were reported favorably Monday by the Senate committee. Bills were introduced consolidating the seven tax collectors in the parish of Orleans and allowing the one a salary of \$5,000 and \$10,000 per year for clerical hire. A bill was introduced providing for a commission to investigate the port of New Orleans in an effort to place it on an equal footing with Galveston and other Gulf ports.

## Crescent City News Notes.

Audubon Park Grounds Com71m C. New Orleans, La.: Audubon Park grounds committee considered tree planting on extensive scale.

Ursuline Alumnae held reunion at celebration of anniversary of crowning of Our Lady of Pomp Succor.

Steamboat John Quill arrived en route to Mobile to enter Tombigbee river trade.

Peter Lamana appealed for aid in the prosecution of the Gebias in St. Charles court on Tuesday.

## DISH FOR TEA OR SUPPER.

Simple Refreshment Menu That is Easy to Prepare.

A ball of cream of chicken salad served with nut sandwiches and a glass of lemon squash, make a delightful tea or supper dish. Olives and salted peanuts may be passed.

To make the cream of chicken salad, chop the chicken very fine. Add to each half pint one-half pint of cream sauce and two tablespoonfuls of gelatine that has been soaked in four tablespoonfuls of cold water for an hour. Mix the ingredients together hot, season nicely and turn into a shallow pan to cool. When cold form into balls the size of English walnuts. Put three of these balls on a nest of lettuce leaves, put one teaspoonful of mayonnaise in the middle and they are ready to serve.

Use slightly toasted unsalted almonds for sandwiches. After they have been chopped fine sprinkle them thickly between thin slices of bread and butter, press together and cut in any fancy shapes desired.

The lemon squash may be made the day before. Grate the yellow rind of three lemons and add two pounds of sugar to one quart of water; boil for five minutes and strain. Add the juice of 12 lemons and strain again. At serving time dilute this with Apollinaris water, making the lemon squash sufficiently cool to be palatable.—Woman's Home Companion.

## BETTER THAN CAN BE BOUGHT.

Handkerchiefs Made at Home Are Dainty and Economical.

Some handkerchiefs which are pretty and dainty are fascinating to make and at the same time are economical. One yard and a quarter of 45-inch wide handkerchief linen will make nine men's handkerchiefs of the correct size. Twelve women's handkerchiefs may be made from a yard and a quarter of 32-inch wide linen at one dollar or \$1.50 a yard. After the linen is cut into squares for the handkerchiefs each corner is slightly curved to form a curved instead of a square corner. The edges are then rolled and whipped over with colored wash file thread. The stitches take in only the depth of the roll. After the handkerchief is all whipped, turn back and whip in the same way, the return stitches between those done the first time. This crosses the threads and produces a charming cross-stitch effect. A small initial should be worked in the corner in the same color thread. These handkerchiefs are odd and unique, and still are much in vogue, as all the smart handkerchiefs have a touch of color somewhere.

## Baked Potato for Invalid.

For economy in the sickroom prepare baked potatoes by washing and drying them thoroughly; lay them on the asbestos bread toaster, and cover them closely with a small granite pan; turn the fire on only half way, turn the potatoes over occasionally, and in an hour, when they should be done, spread a napkin over the hand; place a potato in the center, and, holding the napkin closely around it with the potato like a ball on the top of the hand, pat it gently all over, roll it out on a plate, open the jacket, season with butter, pepper and salt, and, if liked, a tablespoonful of cream, and you have a potato mashed as fine as in the ordinary way, only a more delicious and tempting as well as a more easily digested dainty for the sick one.

## Imitation Canton Ginger.

Take young carrots, scrape carefully, cut in pieces the size of the West Indian preserved ginger; parboil gently to keep from breaking, drain carefully, let lie on sieve all night. The next day weigh, put equal parts of sugar with tablespoon of essence of ginger, the yellow rind of one-half a lemon, and one-fourth pint of water to each pound of carrots; simmer gently four hours, then lift the pieces out carefully, put in small jars, removing the lemon peel; boil the syrup quickly for ten minutes, add a wine glass of brandy to a pint; when cold seal same as jelly and keep in a cool place.

## Higdon Pickle.

Three dozen large green cucumbers (minus the seeds), eight large white onions, one-half pint salt, two-thirds cup of white mustard seed, one-fourth cup of ground white pepper; chop the cucumbers and the onions, and mix well together with the salt. Put to drain over night in sieve or colander. In the morning measure the water that has drained off and set aside. Mix in the mustard seed and pepper, and add as much good vinegar as the water that was drained. Pack the pickle in Mason jars.

## Cement for Glass.

Add one pint of vinegar to one pint of milk and separate the curds from the whey. Mix the whey with the whites of five eggs. Beat it thoroughly together and sift into it a sufficient quantity of unslacked lime to convert it into a thick paste. Broken glass or china mended with this cement will not break again and will resist the action of fire and water.

## Sugar Ginger Wafers.

Three-fourths cup butter, creamed with two cups white sugar, one cup milk, four cups sifted flour, three-quarters teaspoon soda dissolved in a little boiling water, one tablespoon ginger. Spread the mixture very thin on bottom of pans, well washed and greased. Use a flat knife. Bake in moderate oven till light brown. Cut while hot and slip from pan.

## EAT, PRETTY CREATURE, EAT.



## THE STRIKE IS OVER

TELEGRAPH COMPANIES DENY PROMISES HAVE BEEN MADE.

## TO BE TAKEN BACK ON THEIR MERIT

After Being Out Eighty-nine Days and Losing \$2,250,000, Operators Finally Surrender.

### Strike Statistics.

Duration of strike—89 days.  
Number of men involved throughout the country—15,000.  
Number in Chicago—2,000.  
Number in St. Louis—600.  
Number of desertions—1,500.  
Operators securing work in other fields—7,000.  
Estimated loss in wages—\$2,250,000.  
Estimated loss to companies—\$5,000,000.  
Issue—Demand of operators for an increase of 15 per cent in wages, an eight-hour workday and companies to supply typewriters.

### Notified to Return to Work.

Chicago, Ill.—While the official notice that the telegraphers' strike is ended has not been sent out, all striking key men have been notified that they may return to work for either of the telegraph companies without disobeying the rules of the union.

By a vote of 231 to 58, the Chicago local, late Wednesday, decided on ending the strike. The secret ballot followed a day of conferences between the strike leaders. As a matter of form, the local unions throughout the country will vote on a recommendation that the strike be declared off officially by the national executive board. This will be done for the purpose of carrying out the laws of the organization, but the actual strike is ended.

Officials of the Western Union and Postal companies declare all strikers who are re-employed will be treated with as much courtesy as though there had never been a strike, and all men will be taken back on merit alone.

### Formally Off in New York.

New York, N. Y.—After a long debate at a meeting of Local No. 16 the telegraphers' strike was declared off Wednesday night and the strikers were granted permission by the union to seek their former positions with the telegraph companies.

The resolution declaring the strike off states that the men may feel assured of important concessions from the companies, in fact the resolution practically declares that these concessions have been guaranteed through a "diplomatic medium."

This is denied by the officials of the companies, who reassert their former declarations that they have not and will not make any promises. It is stated that the strike probably will be renewed next March when the eight-hour telegraphers' law goes into effect.

### Building Big Battleship.

Norfolk, Va.—At the Newport News shipyard on Thursday work was begun on the laying of the keel of the 20,000-ton battleship Delaware. The craft is to be delivered to the Government in 1910 and will be launched in about two years.

### Washington Mob Forming.

Spokane, Wash.—Sheriff Ratliff has received word that a mob is forming at Elberton to lynch James Royleston, who is in jail at Coifax charged with maltreating his 22-year-old daughter. Royleston is said to have confessed.

### Kills Wife and Himself.

Indianapolis, Ind.—George B. Elliott shot and killed his wife, Lillian, then turned the weapon upon himself and ended his own life. Two shots were fired in rapid succession, the woman being shot through the head. The couple lived in Columbus.

### Jefferson Polk, Multi-Millionaire, Dies.

Des Moines, Iowa.—Jefferson Polk, president of the Des Moines Pioneer street railway an da multi-millionaire, died at his home Sunday morning after a two weeks' illness.

## ACCUSED OF MOCK MARRIAGE.

Police Say Married Man "Wedded" Actress in Los Angeles.

New Orleans, La.—C. M. Barkley, alias J. C. Jackson, who says he is the son of a wealthy resident of California, is held by the police here on the charge of obtaining money under false pretenses by cashing worthless checks. The man arrived here several days ago and took apartments at one of the most fashionable hotels under the name of J. C. Jackson. He introduced himself as prominent in several fraternal organizations and in this manner obtained endorsements on the checks of a Los Angeles savings bank. The checks were cashed here, but were declared by the Los Angeles institution in a telegram to be "no good."

A dispatch from Los Angeles states that the police say the man lives at a rapid rate in that city during last September, and went through a ceremony of marriage with an actress while his wife was living there. He disappeared a week after the alleged marriage.

### Talks of 47,000-Ton Vessel.

London, England.—The visit to England of Albert Ballin, director general of the Hamburg-American Steamship Line, who returned from Liverpool, has a two-fold object. First he purposes to consult with Harland & Wolff of Belfast with regard to the construction by his company of a new liner of 47,000 tons to be driven by a combination of turbines and reciprocating engines, and second, to arrange for a conference regarding transatlantic rates.

### Observatory Records Earthquake.

Shide, Isle of Wight.—An earthquake disturbance was recorded at the observatory here Sunday night, beginning at 8:42. It reached its maximum at 9:16. The point of origin was at a distance of about 5,690 miles. It is probable that the disturbances was in some part of the Pacific ocean. There was a slight disturbance also recorded at 4:18 Monday afternoon.

### Muskogee Wants New Charter.

Muskogee, I. T.—The Commercial Club and the city council have appointed a committee to investigate the commission form of government of various cities and to report a proposed charter for Muskogee under the new system. All the members of the present city council announce a desire to resign if a commission form of government can be substituted for the present one.

### Earthquake at Cape Girardeau.

Cape Girardeau, Mo.—Two distinct earthquake shocks were felt here Sunday night at 9:55 o'clock, of such intensity that buildings rocked, windows rattled, dishes were shaken from their shelves and scores of persons, fearing that the buildings would fall, rushed into the streets.

### \$4,000,000 Estate Disposed Of.

Des Moines, Iowa.—An estate of approximately \$4,000,000 was disposed of in the will of late J. S. Polk, capitalist and street railway promoter, which was filed Wednesday. The large property is equally divided among the widow and four children.

### Burglar Kills a Merchant.

Chicago, Ill.—James W. Allaway, a wealthy commission merchant of Los Angeles, Cal., was shot and killed by a burglar early Tuesday at the home of his brother.

### Quits Chamber of Commerce.

Paris, France.—Charles H. Becker, secretary of the American chamber of commerce, has accepted the secretaryship of the National Association of Manufacturers of the United States. He will take up his new duties Dec. 1.

### 300 People See Negro Drown.

Knoxville, Tenn.—In view of 300 people, Jim Davis, a negro, who had shot two negro women early Sunday morning, leaped from the railing of the Tennessee river bridge to the water 100 feet below, and drowned.

## ERBSLOH GETS CUP

PILOT OF THE POMMERN PRESENTED WITH TROPHY.

## LEBLANC HELD SECOND PLACE

Announced that the Lahm Prize Will Go to Charles De Forrest Chandler.

## OFFICIAL BALLOON DISTANCES.

Ersloh, in Pommern ..... 371.74  
Leblanc, in L'ile de France ..... 265.53  
German balloonist grst by ..... 5.15

New York, N. Y.—The Bennett international balloon cup was presented to Oscar Ersloh of Germany, pilot of the Pommern in the race which started from St. Louis Oct. 21.

At the same time it was announced that all contests for the Lahm cup had been withdrawn and that the cup undoubtedly be awarded to Capt. Charles De Forrest Chandler for his flight from St. Louis to Walton, W. Va. Alan R. Hawley made a claim for the cup of the strength of his longer flight in the international race, and Oscar Ersloh then said if Hawley contested for the cup he would do likewise. Inasmuch as all contestants had been notified by the contest committee that their flight in the international race could not count for the Lahm cup, and that Hawley simply took advantage of his better knowledge of his rights in the matter in filing notice that he was to contest for the Lahm cup also, it is thought he withdrew his claim to avoid ill feeling.

## "QUIET ZONES" FOR SICK.

Chicago Council Bars Noise from Vicinity of Hospitals.

Chicago, Ill.—Relief for patients in hospitals was granted Sunday by the city council through the passage of the ordinance establishing "zones of quiet" about all hospitals within the city. The zone is to extend 250 feet in all directions from each hospital. Within that area "the making, cause or permitting to be made of any unnecessary noise, or the playing of itinerant musicians on the public streets, avenues or alleys that disturbs, or that may tend to disturb the peace and quiet of any of the inmates of the hospital," is declared to be a nuisance, for the violation of which a fine of from \$2 to \$50 is provided.

## Taft Undecided Regarding Trip.

Manila, P. I.—Secretary of War Taft gave out a statement Tuesday in which he said he had not yet decided regarding the abandonment of his Siberian trip, but that the probability is that he will return to Washington via San Francisco. He declined to discuss the reasons for abandoning his trip around the world, but laid great stress on the situation at Vladivostok. Secretary Taft Tuesday will receive the assembly at a farewell reception. The secretary has highly complimented Manila on the fine engineering feat in the construction in the waterworks for the city, which he inspected Monday.

## Forest Fire in South Dakota.

Deadwood, S. D.—Reports received from the lumber camps of the McLaughlin Tie and Lumber Co. at West Nahant, 26 miles south of here, tell of a heavy timber fire raging to the west of the camp and close to the Wyoming border. The company sent out a special train of 75 men to save their reserves, but the train was checked by flames, which are working east over dry country, where no rain has fallen in weeks. The company has 500,000 feet of cut timber lying directly in the path of the flames, which will probably be lost.

## G. A. R. Man Dies.

Indianapolis, Ind.—The Rev. Daniel R. Lucas, a national figure in religious and G. A. R. circles, died suddenly at his home here Sunday. Dr. Lucas was a past department commander of the G. A. R. and had served as national chaplain of the same organization. Death resulted from heart trouble. Dr. Lucas was one of the founders of Drake university.

## Two Electrocuted at Mine.

Scranton, Pa.—The burning of the breaker of the Fernwood colliery of the Erie Coal Company here was the cause of the death of two men, who came in contact with electric light wires. The dead are John H. Williams, the superintendent of the colliery, and Tammany Maguelli, an Italian mine worker.

## Bonfire Fatal to Little Boy.

Byrn Mawr, Pa.—Probably fatally burned, little William Rutty, a four-year-old son of Frank T. Rutty, a machinist, No. 225 Kettering avenue, Ardmore, is in the Byrn Mawr hospital, his clothing having been ignited from a bonfire he had made of fallen leaves in the yard of his home.

## Mexican Gold Coming.

El Paso, Tex.—A million dollars in gold from Mexico bound for New York passed through here Tuesday. It is said to be a part of the money for the completion of the merger of the Mexican Central with other Mexican railroads.

## Hiccoughs 100 Hours, Dying.

Lincoln, Neb.—Charles T. Neville, a master barber in Lincoln, is dying from an attack of hiccoughs. He has hiccoughed continuously for more than 100 hours.

## WILL CLOSE MANY SALOONS.

Additional Returns Show Sweeping Victory for Prohibitionists.

Chicago, Ill.—Additional returns from the 18 counties which held elections under the new local option law show that the victory of the anti-saloon forces was more sweeping than first reports indicated.

Of 65 precincts in the counties of Calhoun, Cass, Menard, Morgan and Scott in Central Illinois, 58 voted on the saloon proposition. Fifty-two became anti-saloon territory, only six precincts in five counties giving majorities for saloons.

Seventy-one saloons in 58 precincts in Central Illinois will have to close their doors within 30 days. There now in this section approximately saloons and the territory "converted" by the prohibition advocates is estimated at 80 per cent of the total territory in which the proposition was submitted to vote. This includes rural as well as urban precincts.

In 18 counties under precinct organization there are 339 saloons, 220 of which will be wiped out.

## Officers Before Retiring Board.

Washington, D. C.—Four army officers who failed to take the test ride directed by President Roosevelt to determine their fitness for army service have been ordered before a retiring board to meet in Washington Nov. 12 for examination. These officers are Col. Henry M. Adams of the engineer corps, Lieut. Col. Ormond M. Lissak of the military academy, Major Henry M. Benham of the Twenty-third infantry and Major Charles C. Pierce, chaplain, engineer corps, now stationed at Washington barracks.

## Sioux City Journal Blaze.

Sioux City, Iowa.—A fire in the Sioux City Journal building early Wednesday morning caused a loss estimated at between \$55,000 and \$70,000, with \$53,000 insurance. The blaze started in the mailing room in the basement and before it was extinguished it had entirely crippled the printing equipment, including the presses and linotype machines. The front part of the building, including the editorial rooms and business offices, were saved, as were also the files of the paper since 1870.

## Hearst in Libel Hearing.

New York, N. Y.—William Randolph Hearst appeared before Justice Wyatt in the court of special sessions for a hearing on the charge of criminal libel brought against him by former Congressman William Astor Chandler. Mr. Chandler alleges the libel was contained in an article appearing in the New York Evening Journal concerning the case of Raymond Hitchcock, in which Mr. Chandler's name was mentioned.

## Suicide Epidemic Seizes Girls.

Burlington, Iowa.—The third attempt at suicide among young girls in Burlington within a few days was disclosed when Miss Clara Miller, aged 20, was found dying in her room, having taken carbolic acid. The other cases are Eva Peters and Miss Edith Beck, both of whom will live. The motive of the three attempts is believed to be unrequited love.

## Save Seven from Disabled Steamer.

Grand Rapids, Mich.—The steamer Carrie A. Ryerson, while bound from Sturgeon Bay to Muskegon, was disabled in Lake Michigan off Little Point Sauble by the breaking of the propeller shaft. A north-west gale was blowing and the crew of seven men was rescued by life savers.

## Arrest in Allaway Murder Case.

Chicago, Ill.—The police arrested James Mulcare, 27 years of age, on suspicion of being the murderer of James W. Allaway of Los Angeles, Cal., who was killed by a burglar. Mulcare in part answers the description of the man for whom the police have been looking.

## Pastor Gets Injunction Dissolved.

Waterloo, Iowa.—Judge Ransler dissolved the temporary injunction against Rev. Luke Donlon, pastor of St. Patrick's church, Cedar Falls, who was restrained from circulating a financial report containing the names of parishioners in arrears with assessments.

## Murdered in Railway Yards.

Lincoln, Neb.—Fred M. Kling of Philadelphia was founded dead in the Burlington yards here, with a bullet hole in his head and one in the neck. The body had been placed on the track and was fearfully mangled by the switch engine.

## Taft's Plans Unchanged.

Washington, D. C.—It was announced at the White House that Secretary Taft will delay his departure from Manila until Nov. 9 on account of the great amount of business for the secretary to review while in the islands.

## New Liner Chicago Launched.

St. Nazaire, France.—The new liner Chicago, belonging to the Compagnie Generale Transatlantique, was successfully launched here. She is of 15,000 tons register. She will enter the New York service in May of 1908.

## Lid Wanted at Chicago.

Chicago, Ill.—Pleas for a "dry" Sunday for Chicago will be made by 1,200 or 1,300 pastors in as many churches Sunday, November 24, recognized as "World's Temperance Sunday" in many of the churches.