

EVENTS OF THE DAY

A BRIEF ACCOUNT OF THE HAPPENINGS OF THE WORLD AT LARGE AND ESPECIALLY OF OUR SISTER STATES.

Paris strike may spread to the provinces.

Premier Stolypin of Russian is seriously ill.

Natural gas is being bored for near New Orleans.

The House is still in a snarl over the fight on the rules.

Extraordinary military activity is reported in Nicaragua.

Serious riots and disturbances occurred at Bogota, Colombia.

The French postoffice and telegraph strike is spreading rapidly.

By the caving of a ditch at Hamilton, Ohio, three workmen were buried alive.

Early intervention in Cuba is expected by the administration at Washington.

The new tariff bill was introduced in the House by Congressman Payne of New York.

Several thousand employes of the French postoffice department have gone out on a strike.

The Southern Commercial Congress will, it is said, prove of great benefit to Washington.

Dorando Pietri defeated Johnny Hayes by half a mile in the match for Marathon supremacy at New York.

The discussion in the British House of Commons of the naval estimates is arousing the greatest interest in Germany.

Speaker Kennedy of the Texas House of Representatives, resigned, and was succeeded by G. J. Marshall of Grayson county.

Two trainmen were killed and one probably fatally hurt in a Louisville and Nashville freight collision near Cartersville, Ga.

The British steamer Mechanician, a ship of 5,592 tons, which left New Orleans for Liverpool on February 20, burned in the Mersey. She had 4,700 bales of cotton aboard.

Mayor P. J. Lyons, on beginning his second term at Mobile, vetoed the ordinance granting a general salary increase, in which he would have shared, and the city council sustained him.

Speaker Cannon has rubbed salt in the wound of Champ Clark and his defeated coalition of Democrats and insurgent Republicans in naming the committee on rules and ways and means. For the first time in years the minority leader was ignored in the assignment of places.

King Edward witnessed the flights by Wilbur Wright and evinced equal enthusiasm with the other spectators in the remarkable accomplishments of the American aviator. The flight was made at Pau, France.

The long contest over the appointment of a collector of customs at Charleston, S. C., which was waged over the selection of Dr. Wm. D. Crum was terminated by the appointment by President Taft of Edward W. Durant, Jr., for the position. Mr. Durant is a white man and it is presumed his nomination will be confirmed in due course of time.

The grand jury of Pottawatomie county, Iowa, met and is expected to take up consideration of the operations of the alleged swindling cases. Several of the victims of the fake horse races, foot races and wrestling matches are said to be here, and many others are expected to come from various parts of the country to testify against the men charged with wholesale swindling.

Cipriano Castro, the former president of Venezuela, has engaged state-rooms for himself and the members of his party on board the steamer Guadeloupe, sailing from Bordeaux March 26 for Venezuelan ports.

Police Lieutenant Peter W. Berry was dismissed from the New York force for permitting Francis G. Bailey to escape custody at Puerto Cortez.

The crisis in the Balkans continues acute.

Baptist revival campaign began in all the Baptist churches.

Three suicides, a woman and two men, occurred at Jacksonville, Fla.

Edward Weston has left New York on his 4,300-mile walk to Frisco.

The Balkan crisis is in last stages and Serbia will determine her own fate this week.

Posey Ryan killed his wife and daughter because his wife sought divorce.

Special missions were conducted in all the Catholic churches at New Orleans.

Southern textile mill owners will meet in Atlanta this week to discuss the tariff.

The New Orleans Great Northern railroad may adopt motor car service on the Shore Line.

Orleans Levee Board of New Orleans paid C. B. Fisher \$277,500 for property taken for levee purposes.

Prudencio Alfaro has launched another revolutionary movement against the Salvadorean government.

Cuban government has had a month to prove its efficiency, and is reported doing well. Will work for new reciprocity treaty.

A newspaper man who is to accompany Roosevelt to Africa will bring back a full blood African child for Col. Cecil Lyon of Texas.

If Jack Johnson fails to deny that he is married to a white woman, the negroes at Galveston will cancel preparations for his reception.

Jefferson Property Holders' Protective Association deferred action on special school tax until a conference with school board at New Orleans.

Rev. J. W. Jones, known as the "Historian of the Confederacy," close friend of Robert E. Lee and Stonewall Jackson, died at Columbus, Ga.

A \$40,000 fire loss occurred at the prison on Fleet Island, N. Y. The prisoners attempted to escape, but were quieted by the rifles of the guards.

A famous goat from Kerry, Ireland, has been presented to the battleship Vermont as a mascot. The goat caused a law suit between branches of an Irish secret society in Boston and the gift was made to the battleship in order to settle the controversy.

The Austrian government announced that it will demand a clear and explicit statement from Serbia as to her intentions. In the meantime the Austrian army has been placed on a war footing.

Two unknown men attempted to assassinate Mayor Adams of Pass Christian, Miss. One of the men was bending over Mayor Adams with an unpraised knife when Mrs. Adams awakened and screamed. The men were frightened off and escaped.

The Cambria Steel Company, which when in full activity employs 18,000 men, has announced a 10 per cent reduction in wages to take effect April 1. The notice said: "The reduction will affect all the employes, from the highest to the lowest. There is a general expectation that this reduction will enable the concern to take business it could not accept with a profit under the old rates, and that increased activity will be the result."

Miss Anne Morgan, daughter of J. Pierpont Morgan, will open a restaurant in the Brooklyn navy yard about May 1. As chairman of a committee appointed by the New York section of the National Civic Federation, Miss Morgan has just received her authorization from the government to carry out this plan, which aims to provide for the men who work in the navy yard better food at less money than they can now obtain.

W. R. Venable was shot and killed in his store at Montgomery, Ala., by a negro, who is threatened with lynching.

E. H. Harriman's yacht Sultana is being fitted out in New York for a sea trip. The captain said that his orders were to proceed to New Orleans on Saturday. From here it is understood Harriman will go to Panama for an inspection of work on the canal.

The riots at Bogota, Colombia, were suppressed.

Joseph G. Cannon was re-elected speaker of the House.

Director Leach of the United States mint will visit New Orleans.

The shah of Persia has agreed to convoke a constitutional convention.

J. H. Clinton was fatally shot by his former friend, G. W. Nixon, at Kite, Ga.

A company of rurales mutinied at Vueltas, Cuba, and attempted to start an uprising.

Mexico will declare off all wheat duties by April 1 in order to prevent a bread famine.

Southern rivers are on rampage, even the Mississippi showing flood stage earlier than usual.

Champ Clark of Missouri was re-elected minority leader of the House by the Democratic caucus.

The British army is experimenting with the utility of automobiles in the rapid movement of troops.

The Peterson brothers were rescued from a mine near Salt Lake City, after being imprisoned fifty hours.

The German colony arranged entertainment for officers and crew of the coming cruiser Bremen at New Orleans.

Governor Sanders of Louisiana and his immediate party have returned from Washington and New York trip.

Four persons were killed and several injured by a runaway train crashing into a depot at Montreal, Canada.

A visitor to a San Francisco department store found a package holding \$25,000, which remains unclaimed.

Mrs. Leopold Baumann, wife of a wealthy New York furniture dealer, was killed by Tully C. Estec's automobile.

Pedro Ezquiel Rojas, who is regarded as the ablest diplomat in Venezuela, has been appointed Venezuelan minister at Washington.

Suits have been brought in the High Federal Court of Venezuela against M. Castro, former president, who is now in Europe, on the charge that he caused the murder in February of 1907 of Gen. Antonio Paredes and a number of his revolutionary companions. The plaintiff, Manuel Paredes, asks the judge to extradite Castro and impose the maximum sentence of fifteen years' imprisonment. He presents proof that Castro issued the order to kill Antonio Paredes from his sick bed at Macuto.

There were only two really new things shown at the first session of the Dressmakers' Protective Association at New York. One was the "style clerical," a summer costume made to look as much like the French priest's robe as possible with 500 buttons on it. Another novelty was the "meyer age" gown, which was first heard from at a western dressmakers' convention a short time ago. Several specimens of this, which is to be "the really proper thing this summer," were shown.

To call a man a liar in the state of Georgia is a breach of the peace and means a fight, declares the state court of appeals in a decision handed down at Atlanta.

The American embassy at Rome has been assured that the utmost efforts will be made to arrest the murderers of Joseph Petrosine. The Italian police are now greatly concerned about the impending arrival of Mr. Roosevelt and his family. It is stated that every effort is being made to dissuade Mr. Roosevelt from going into the earthquake region or elsewhere in Sicily. The Messina district has always been the stronghold of the Mafia, and officials are fearful for Mr. Roosevelt.

Count von Zeppelin's new model airship, with the inventor and four other men on board, made a successful descent in a field on the shore of the Lake of Constance.

The insurrection in Cuba is more serious than the Cuban government is willing to admit.

Fifteen thousand square miles of territory have been added to the British empire by the treaty signed at Bangkok, Siam, under the terms of which Siam cedes to Great Britain the states of Kalantan, Tringan and Kedah, which hereafter will be administered with the Malay Federated States.

LOUISIANA HAPPENINGS

Covington.—A traveling salesman for a prominent New Orleans wholesale grocery house, who reached here from a trip through Washington parish, gives a most graphic account of the recent storm in that section. He says he was near Zona, in a buggy when the storm struck him and that before he could travel about one block the water was about three inches deep in the flat woods. He pictures the rain as a veritable cloud-burst, and says that over a large area the crops that had been planted were actually washed out of the ground, the cotton and corn ridges being washed flat. He says that the farmers of that section will have to re-plant their fields before they can reap, the ridges being washed away and the ground being packed by the heavy rainfall of nearly six inches. The rain was accompanied by a very hard wind, which tore limbs from the trees and did other similar damage.

The police jury has received a communication from W. N. Patrick in regard to the common disregard of the law relative to the disposition of the carcasses of cattle dying from disease and praying for relief. The petition was referred to the grand jury for action.

Baton Rouge.—That the cattle industry in Lincoln and Claiborne parishes has been greatly advanced by the partial eradication of the cattle tick from these two parishes was the information brought to the city by Dr. C. E. Mauldin of the United States Department of Agriculture, who has been in charge of the cattle tick eradication work which the state and the United States government is doing in Lincoln and Claiborne. Dr. Mauldin, with Commissioner Schuler and Secretary Newell, of the Crop Pest Commission, held a conference with Governor Sanders and discussed the work for the coming year. The campaign against the tick will reopen in about three weeks. "With the State Crop Pest Commission we have been working in Claiborne and Lincoln parishes for about two years," said Dr. Mauldin, "and we have about three-fourths of the ticks eradicated. The people are raising more cattle and better cattle than ever before in their lives. It will probably take about two more years to complete the work."

Natchitoches.—The second month of the spring term has closed with the largest enrollment the Normal School has yet had. The grounds present a beautiful picture of earnestness and industry. The first car of furniture has arrived and 300 opera chairs are being added to the seating capacity of the auditorium, and the much-needed equipment will be added to the laboratories and class rooms. The sewer and flushing plant has been completed and is giving excellent service. The plumbing system has been accepted by the architects, the deep well is rapidly nearing completion, the water tower and the electric light plant are being erected, the material for the concrete walks is expected in a few days, the painting of the buildings will soon begin and the additional 42 acres of land added to the already beautiful grounds will make Normal Hill a good place to live and work. The new school gardens for the model school and the classes in agriculture have aroused new interest among the students.

Schriever.—At a meeting of the Upper Terrebonne Drainage District Commission bids were opened for the purchase of \$12,000 bonds by a quorum of the board, composed of J. P. Landry, president; L. L. Toups, A. J. Ayo, together with their attorney, R. F. Butler. The bid of R. J. Braud, cashier of the Bank of Lafourche, being for the taking of the entire issue at par, at the stipulated rate of interest, 5 per cent, being the lowest received, a motion was made and duly seconded to accept the same. The creation of this drainage district is for the purpose of dredging Bayou Terrebonne from Houma to the upper portion of the parish, one mile from Thibodaux, when it is expected that the parish of Lafourche will carry on the work to connect with Bayou Lafourche.

Baton Rouge.—Governor Sanders is expected to call the meeting of the Louisiana State Board of Liquidation for the purpose of taking final action on the state fiscal agency matter. The present 13 fiscal banks only agreed to act as depositories of the state for a month's time on trial, claiming that at the rate of interest fixed by the state board, 3 1/2 per cent on daily balances, the banks would lose money because of the amount of bond which the banks had to give for the full amount and because only 75 per cent of the sum could be put out at interest. When the board is called to meet by Governor Sanders, it will either reduce the rate of interest to 3 per cent or attempt to secure other fiscal agents. The latter course will likely be adopted.

Jennings.—The uniform rank of the Knights of Pythias, Company No. 4, of Jennings, gave an athletic contest and races at the Jennings fair grounds recently. Twenty-five of the leading business firms of the city gave prizes ranging from a fine umbrella to a barrel of flour. Over 500 people gathered at the grounds and thoroughly enjoyed the occasion.

Oak Ridge.—G. W. Sherman, who worked for S. McDuffy, fell from his horse while going home and was drowned. The supposition is that he was drinking, and falling in the water, was unable to get up as the water was not over a foot or two deep. He was found by some negroes who had been sent to look for him.

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Crowley.—At a meeting of the board of directors of the Acadia Parish Fair Association it was decided to hold the 1909 fair on November 16, 17, 18 and 19. The secretary will at once begin the preparation of the premium catalogue. Seven members of the board were present. The committee appointed to suggest a revision of the rules that would provide for a just discrimination between the parish exhibitors and the professional offered the following resolution, which was adopted: "All classes shall be open to the state, except poultry, which shall be restricted to exhibitors of no more than five coops to any one exhibitor, except for display only. Special premiums shall apply to Acadia parish exhibitors only." Col. J. F. Shoemaker, J. B. Foley and Giffords Hains were appointed a committee to select suitable persons for superintendents of the different departments. Committees were appointed from each ward of the parish to solicit special premiums.

Baton Rouge.—The boll weevil has jumped from the cotton fields into the charitable associations. The Boll Weevil Benevolent Society has been organized here with the following officers: J. L. Robin, past grand worthy boll weevil; E. P. McMillan, master boll weevil; Ed Thomas, deputy master boll weevil; Beverly Stewart, financial caterpillar; Rufus Harris, recording caterpillar; J. H. Klein-peter, master cotton worm; Charles Burchell, master creeping worm; George Raymond, deputy creeping worm; Richard Banks, master cotton boll. The Boll Weevil Benevolent Association is formed by those who have had some experience with the weevil. It is a benevolent association, as its name indicates, to take care of the sick and bury the dead, not boll weevils, but members of the association.

Abbeville.—The practical failure of crops last year has stimulated the farmers to intensive efforts to succeed this year, and farm lands have been put in first-class cult for a crop. A large acreage of corn has been planted already and is coming up, but there is a scourge of blackbirds in the country here that destroys it as soon as it peeps above the ground. These birds are protected under the Vestress game law, but they are the most disastrous birds in the farm that planters have to deal with in this section of the state and farmers trample the law under their feet so far as pertains to the blackbird.

Lafayette.—About 20 negroes have been tried for gambling, but it was necessary to discharge them, as the council recently repealed the anti-gambling ordinance. The mayor, however, warned the negroes that they were amenable to the state law, and he only regretted that he had no power to fine them. The negroes, in order to evade the law, are organizing "social" clubs, two now being practically in operation, or soon will be. The officers report considerable activity in gambling circles since the repeal of the ordinance prohibiting its practice within the city limits.

Baton Rouge.—Sheriff Randolph has received a letter from Sheriff Clark of West Feliciana parish, requesting that Henry Jackson, who escaped from the officers of that parish while being brought to Baton Rouge for prison, be turned over to the West Feliciana parish officials, Jackson, after he escaped from the custody of the West Feliciana officers, stole a horse in this parish, was arrested here, sentenced to two years in the state penitentiary, and will probably have to spend the two years in the state prison before the West Feliciana officers can get him.

Covington.—The St. Tammany and New Orleans Railroad and Ferry Company has received its first two open trailers. The cars are from the same company at Three Rivers, Mich., that built the other equipment. They are large also and will easily accommodate from sixty to seventy-five passengers. They will be placed in commission immediately. They will go far to relieve the demand for accommodations on the road on Sundays between here and Mandeville.

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Rice Growers Meet. Crowley, La.—The meeting Saturday of the Louisiana Rice Growers' association here was the largest meeting of rice farmers held in recent years in Louisiana, nearly 100 rice farmers of this and neighboring rice parishes being present. Resolutions were adopted thanking the Louisiana senators and congressmen and the rice association committee for their work in behalf of American rice in the pending tariff bill, and the draft of a proposed charter was submitted by a committee appointed for the purpose. Final action on the charter was deferred until April 17, when a meeting of the state association will be held here.

Large Trade in Farm Machinery. Crowley, La.—Local farm machinery men report the largest trade in machinery for several years. Planting machinery trade, which has been very brisk, closed a month earlier than usual, and harvest machinery is already being placed. The thrasher men say that the outlook is the best since the boom days of the rice industry. Machinery orders indicate an extension of rice territory on the Mississippi north of Baton Rouge, on the Red river and in St. Landry Parish. In the rice belt proper the tendency is in the direction of smaller acreage and intensive farming.

Canal From Texas to the Atlantic. New Orleans, La.—Government engineers in the South will meet in New Orleans next Thursday afternoon to discuss the possibility of establishing an interoceanic canal from St. George, Sound, Fla., to New Orleans. If it can be accomplished, this would practically make an interoceanic canal from the Atlantic coast to Texas.

The plan proposed is to have the waterway connect with the interoceanic canal under construction between New Orleans and Sabine.

Results Follow Organization. Robeline, La.—For the first time in the history of Robeline the entire town and vicinity have gotten together, past differences laid aside, and all of the same mind and in the right direction. Realizing the importance of a progressive league to place before the public the resources, virtues and benefits of the town and surrounding country, which have been sadly neglected heretofore, a league was organized last Tuesday night for the betterment of conditions.

Southern Pacific Summoned. Baton Rouge, La.—The Louisiana railroad commission Monday issued a summons to W. M. Hobbs, general superintendent of the Southern Pacific, ordering him to appear before the commission on April 14 and show cause why an order should not be issued requiring the Southern Pacific to build a drain along its right of way adjoining the property of C. E. Reggio, near Jeanerette, La.

Circular Anent Philippines Rice. Crowley, La.—Circulars were received here Saturday from President J. E. Broussard of the Rice Millers and Distributors' association of Louisiana and Texas urging rice men to take prompt action to save American rice from the invasion of Philippine rice.

Fugitive From Iberia Arrested. Franklin, La.—An important arrest was made here Saturday by Night Marshal Oscar Jones, and Deputy Sheriff Charles Peot, who arrested a negro, George Reader, who has been wanted in Iberia parish for the past year for killing a negro, Louis Mack, in a crap game on the plantation of Shelby Sanders.

Alexandria in the League. Alexandria, La.—Manager Auslet of the Alexandria base ball club was in receipt of a telegram Saturday from President Merrill of the Cotton States League at Jackson, Miss., saying everything is O K for a four-club league, including Alexandria, Monroe and Algiers, La., and Jackson, Miss.

Sinking Well for Rice Irrigation. Estherwood, La.—John and Mort Robins, two successful rice growers of this section, but now established in Calcasieu parish, west of here, are putting down a 10-inch deep well for rice irrigation, making two on the farm they are on, and most of the land being planted now, will grow fine seed rice.

Arrested on Horse Theft Charge. Crowley, La.—J. J. Antoine, a negro, was arrested by Deputy Sheriff Keller and lodged in the parish jail on a charge of horse stealing. He had in his possession a horse which has been identified as one recently stolen from J. V. Raouf, of Avoyelles parish.

Trial of Blount at Amite. Amite, La.—The trial of Avery Blount, charged with the murder of Buzzy Breland, his wife and daughter in this parish on the night of Jan. 29 last, will be called in the district court here this week.

Farmer in Bankruptcy. Shreveport, La.—John W. Ford, a farmer of Bienville postoffice, Bienville parish, La., filed bankruptcy proceedings this week. Debts, \$2,565.64; assets, \$2,590.

Supervisor of Election. Crowley, La.—Raymond T. Clark has been appointed by Gov. Sanders as a member from this parish of the board of supervisors of elections.

Evangeline Merchant in Bankruptcy. Shreveport, La.—William T. Bishop of Evangeline, Acadia parish, filed voluntary bankruptcy proceedings. Liabilities, \$1,121.77; assets, \$1,370.