NEWS OF THE WORLD

A Brief Resume of the Items of Interest in Our Country and the World at Large For the Past Few Days.

Anniston, Ala., was damaged to the extent of $25,000 by a storm last week.

One dead and nine badly burned is the result of an automobile accident which occurred about five miles from Sylvania, Ga.

Missouri, which has sent to the 1909 convention of Elks the greatest herd of Elks in Elk history, will have the reunion of the order in St. Louis in 1911.

Foy W. Dulaney, the young court clerk of Johnson City, Tenn., who disappeared ten days ago, is alleged to be short in his accounts to the extent of about $30,000.

Louis Rosenberg, a cigar maker of Cleveland, O., was murdered on a lonely island in the St. Clair flats just above the Joe Bedore summer resort at Port Huron, Mich.

Miss Cora Fields, aged 21, on hearing that her sister, Miss Frances, had married their cousin, Will H. Carothers, who had been attentive to both young ladies, shot and killed herself at the home of her uncle near Vernon, Tenn.

Ollie Williams, 20 years old, was locked in the Quitman, Miss., jail and Deputy Sheriff Speer says the boy has confessed in writing that he murdered his father, Collin Williams, one of the wealthiest men in the county.

Because he was sleeping at the time set for his marriage to Miss Safronia Tiplett, a school teacher of Morley, Mo., who was attending a summer term of the Normal school at Cape Girardeau, Mo., John H. Brown, a traveling man, is minus a bride he intended to have.

What is believed to be the highest price ever paid for a domestic cat—$525—was given by Mrs. Lynas of Chicago for Rob Roy II., England's champion male Chinchilla Persian cat, and the winner of numerous prizes. The animal will be sent to the United States on the steamer Majestic.

Investigation is to be made into the cause of frequent fires that have occurred aboard steamships, cotton laden, bound for Norfolk, Va., from the South. The department of commerce and labor at Washington has instructed the local hydrographic office to ascertain if possible the causes of combustion.

A new dirigible torpedo recently patented by a Swedish inventor has aroused great interest in Swedish naval circles. The projectile is operated by electricity. It is said to have a range of 5,000 yards and its course can be altered, while submerged from the point of departure, at the will of the operator.

That marriage gifts from husband to wife may not be reversed following divorce was a rule laid down in the Oklahoma state supreme court by Associate Justice Jesse J. Dunn, in an opinion reversing the district court at Muskogee in the case of Jennie B. Thomas vs. Judge John R. Thomas.

A radical innovation was ordered in the management of the Missouri penitentiary when the board of prison inspectors, composed of State Treasurer James Cowgill, State Auditor John P. Gordon and Attorney General E. W. Major, directed Warden Henry Andrae to prepare for the practical abandonment of stripes and to uniform the convicts according to grades. There are to be several grades of clothing, according to the merit of the inmates. Those who have attracted the high merit uniform will be reduced to the uniform denoting an inferior grade when they violate the rules. The striped clothing will be retained in a restricted degree for the incorrigibles.

A searching investigation of the civil service will probably be undertaken by the Senate.

The banks of Chicago have formed an association for mutual protection.

William Boyd of Memphis, a young railroad man, has been convicted of forgery.

A Lima, O., capitalist has received a Black Hand letter asking for $10,000 or have his life taken.

Isidore Averback of Atlanta, Ga., was killed by an automobile.

Edward Payne Weston, the great overland walker, is very nearly at the end of his tramp to San Francisco.

John D. Rockefeller gave another $10,000,000 to education.

President Taft has promised that he would give the South a "square deal" in the appointment of census enumerators.

A quarrel over $5 resulted in the killing of Tim Galloway, a negro waiter, by Frank Martinez, a Porto Rican in the kitchen of a hotel at Gulfport, Miss.

The government crop report for July is extremely favorable to the farmers, indicating a record-breaking corn yield and other cereals in promising condition.

The only hope of the downward tariff revisionists to secure reductions rests with President Taft. Speaker Cannon "fixed" the House conferees to suit Senator Aldrich.

The striking miners in the Kansas district to the number of 8,000 were ordered back to work by President Lewis of the United Mine Workers of America, pending the outcome of a conference between the managers and the union, requested by the former.

Governor Johnson of Minnesota in a recent address is quoted as saying: "I hope to see the time when women will join with their husbands in political affairs. Where woman is the atmosphere is better and politics would be better with her refining influence."

The Tennessee Supreme Court has reversed the lower court in the conviction of eight night riders found guilty of the murder of Capt. Quentin Rankin at Walnut Log last October, six of whom were sentenced to be hung. This decision was expected to make way for new trials.

Hussein Hilmi Pasha has succeeded in squeezing $5,000,000 out of Abdul Hamid, and the screws are being tightened in the hope of making the late sultan disgorge all his ill-gotten wealth. The former sultan was always in fear of being deposed, and he put away in foreign investments many millions.

The Indiana Supreme Court in deciding that townships cannot be compelled to supply conveyances to carry children to school, argues that it is better for the health of the pupils to walk some distance in the open air than to be carried, usually in closely covered carriages or busses.

Suicide ended the gay career of a wealthy young Cuban when Juan Balsinde shot himself in his apartments in East Fourteenth street, New York. Nearly 200 seat checks from theaters, some memoranda and a letter indicated that he had been infatuated with an actress and had followed her from place to place in Cuba and in this coutnry.

The Interstate Commerce Commission bulletin of railroad casualties for the first three months of this year, based on reports from the railroad companies, gives a total of 663 persons killed and 15,122 injured. This is an increase of 344 in casualties, but a decrease of 65 in the number of killed. The wrecks numbered 2,284.

At midnight Saturday more than 1,000 saloons in Texas ceased operations because of the coming into effect of the law enacted at the recent session of the state legislature invalidating all liquor licenses issued after February 20, 1909, limiting the number of saloons in each county to one for every 500 of population and barring new licenses in conjunction with a hotel.

The American Woolen Company, commonly known as the woolen trust, has formally notified the manufacturers of clothing that they must be prepared for an advance of about 25 per cent on all goods and to put up their fall prices accordingly. The trust circular tells the dealers that the outlook for business never has been brighter and that the rush of orders appeared to be based on exhausted stocks. But it goes on to say that the advance of from 30 to 50 per cent in the cost of raw materials naturally tends toward higher prices.

The Hudson Subway Company at New York has decided to take off the special cars reserved for women the reason given being that they were not patronized by the women themselves to any extent.

Victor D. Brenner, a Russian artist working in New York, is the designer of the head of Abraham Lincoln which is to appear on the new cent to be issued by the Philadelphia mint on August 1.

LOUISIANA EVENTS

All Around the State During the Past Few Days—What is Going On and Where and Why.

Dairy Association Meeting.

Hammond.—The Hammond Co-operative Dairy Association will put in a pasteurizing plant here, the machinery for which will be ordered at once. This was decided on at a meeting held for the purpose of devising better methods for placing their products on the market. The meeting was addressed by Mr. N. O. Nelson of St. Louis, who is a recognized authority on all matters pertaining to the dairy business. He explained various methods of procedure in the marketing of dairy products. No definite plan was adopted, though the members of the association were unanimous in the opinion that the pasteurizing plant was necessary as the first step, whatever plan was ultimately settled upon. Another thing that was considered as absolutely necessary to the success of any project advanced is co-operation. One way of disposing of the products of the dairymen of the association is to establish an agency of their own in the city and ship the entire output to that one distributing point instead of the individual members disposing of their milk and cream to different buyers, and this method is likely to be the one finally chosen at the next meeting of the association.

Complaints Against Salt Water.

Crowley.—A petition is being circulated among the rice farmers along the Abbott-Duson canal, sear Egan, asking the authorities to prevent the oil men of the Jennings oil field from pumping salt water into Bayou des Cannes, from which the water supply of the Abbott-Duson canal is drawn. The water of the bayou is heavily impregnated with salt from this scurce and much injury has been done thereby to rice on the canal. Salt water from the oil field is said to extend into the Mermentau river and to have been observed as far down as the Southern Pacific bridge. Two years ago the same complaint was made by farmers on the Abbott-Duson canal and oil men were enjoined from pumping water into the bayou. District Attorney Robira will take action in the matter if evidence is given him that the law is being violated.

Fear Shortage of Cotton.

Baton Rouge.—Whether the oil mills in this section of the state will be able to run is a question that at the present time is giving the management of the mills much concern. On account of the short cotton crop, and the ravages of the weevil there is danger that the supply of cotton seed will not be sufficiently large to justify the operation of all of the mills. The mill managers are now making an investigation of the probable supply of seed that will be put on the market this fall, even should the crop not fall below the present estimate. It may be necessary for a certain percentage of the mills in this section to be closed in order that the run of the mills operated may be of sufficient duration to make a run profitable. Few of the mills in this section are getting in a big coal supply for the fall and winter run.

Arrest Made on Peonage Charge.

New Orleans.—The first actual arrest for peonage in this state was effected last week by Chief Deputy United States Marshal T. F. Laiche of this city, when he brought from Jeannerette, Iberia parish, a prisoner, Lynn Smith, whom he took before United States Commissioner Chiapella, holding a special session to receive the case and determine on the bond to be given. There have been several charges of peonage against planters and corporations in this state in past years, but no indictments were ever returned and no arrests made. The United States statutes define peonage to be the keeping in involuntary servitude of any laborer or workman to pay off a debt. The offense is said to have been committed in 1908.

Special Train For Oil Men.

Baton Rouge.—The Standard Oil Company has concluded arrangements with the Yazoo and Mississippi Valley road to run a special train every day from Baton Rouge to the site of the two million dollars refinery now under course of construction for the purpose of transporting to the plant the five hundred employes of the company.

Young Lady Passes Away.

New Orleans.—Catherine Thelma Derby, a 22-year-old young woman of more than passing fairness, died at Hotel Dieu as the result of antiseptic tablets taken with suicidal intent while the girl was in Memphis, six days before.

Freight Conductor is Killed.

Shreveport.—J. H. Bond, a freight conductor on the Vicksburg, Shreveport and Pacific railroad, was thrown from a freight car while switching in the yards at Sibley, La., and instantly killed. Bond was on the top of a car and the sudden stop made by the train threw him across the track and several cars passed over his body. He was well known by all the railroad fraternity, having been employed by the Vicksburg, Shreveport and Pacific several years.

New Water Transportation Scheme.

New Orleans.—Water transportation from New Orleans to Mobile and thence up the Alabama and Tombigbee rivers, to Montgomery and all the central portion of that state, is the proposition which the Birmingham, Gulf Railway and Navigation Company, of Mobile, proposes to offer shippers. The Birmingham, Gulf Railway and Navigation Company has its headquarters in Mobile. Mr. Dewberry is vice president, and E. R. Cobb is the general freight agent. This company operates boats up the Alabama and Tombigbee rivers, going as far as Montgomery. It is their plan to put in through freight rates from New Orleans to Mobile and Montgomery. It will be in direct opposition to the Louisville and Nashville. Captain St. Amant believes he can make the run to Mobile in 16 hours.

Miniature Statue Placed.

Baton Rouge.—In the State Museum, on Carondelet street (Washington Artillery building), there was placed last week a statuette of Jean Baptiste Lemoyne, Stiur de Bienville, the hardy French-Canadian explorer, who founded the city of New Orleans in 1718. This miniature product of the sculptor's art is destined to be a model of some grandiose statue that is to be erected in Jackson square, opposite the Cabildo, in memory of the intrepid voyager, the man who laid the foundations of the Crescent City, and built much more than his imagination ever could have conceived.

Offer by Department of Agriculture.

Baton Rouge.—With a view to encouraging the parish fairs to make collective agricultural and live stock exhibits at the State Fair to be held at Shreveport, La., November 1-6, 1909, the Department of Agriculture and Immigration agrees to pay $25, and 50 per cent of the freight charges to each parish fair association that will install a collective exhibit at the State Fair. Said amounts to be paid on satisfactory evidence of the exhibit having been installed and rendering of copy of freight bills.

Circle of King's Daughters Organized.

Hammond.—The outcome of the visit of Miss Sophie Wright to this place recently was the organization of a circle of King's Daughters, which was successfully accomplished with a charter membership of 35 of the leading ladies of Hammond. Miss Wright was much pleased at the interest taken in the movement, and said it was the largest circle she had organized in any town of this size in the state.

Money Still on Hand.

Tallulah.—The Madison parish police jury met in regular session and the first thing considered was the financial report for the fiscal year just ended. The report showed receipts from all sources of $45,301.23, with $43,109.38 disbursements, leaving a cash balance of $2,191.23 on hand, and was unanimously adopted. The remodeling of the jail was also discussed.

Report on Louisiana Crops.

Baton Rouge.—The Department of Agriculture is making every effort to secure prompt and accurate data for the second quarterly report on Louisiana agricultural conditions. This report is to be issued August 1, and the department has given notice to the assessors, who are the correspondents for the board, that the data must be accurate and sent in promptly.

To Protect Rice Mill.

Gueydan.—The Planters' rice mill is installing a $10,000 fire protection plant at the Mutual mill of this place. The plant will consist of a $4,000 gasoline engine, deep well, tanks, reservoir and pipes throughout the mill and warehouses. It will make it the best protected as well as the cheapest insurance of any wood frame mill in the rice belt.

To Celebrate First Train.

Baton Rouge.—All of the railroads entering Baton Rouge have notified Secretary F. B. McQueety of the Baton Rouge Board of Trade, that they will give a special rate of one and one-third of the regular fare on the occasion of the celebration of the crossing of the first trans-Mississippi train at Baton Rouge, July 31.

Teachers' Salaries Increased.

Harrisonburg.—The parish school board and the police jury met in regular session last week. All schools will begin work September 6. The salaries of teachers have been revised and some important changes have been made, which are advantageous to teachers.

Will Build New Bridge.

Harrisburg.—The police jury has contracted for the erection of a steel bridge over Bayou Bushly, two miles south of Harrisonburg. The bridge will cost $16,000.

Justice of the Peace Indicted.

Shreveport.—After being in session four days the Caddo parish grand jury submitted a final report, showing 31 indictments, one against Justice of the Peace E. T. Fuller of Bessier City, who is charged with violating the concubinage law, and is now in jail here. The jury made special mention that few complaints of violation of the prohibition law have been filed since the April session, and only two true bills for this offense were returned.

TRUST OFFICER ARRESTED.

Alleged That Wyatt H. Ingram, Jr., Has Embezzled Funds Amounting to $100,000.

New Orleans.—Wyatt H. Ingram, Jr., trust officer of the Hibernian Bank and Trust Company of New Orleans, was arrested at his home, 1840 State street, shortly before 6 o'clock on the evening of the 14th on the charge of being a defaulter and forger. It is alleged that he is between $75,000 and $100,000 short in his accounts. Ingram was said to be too ill when the arresting officers reached his home to accompany them to the police station, but District Attorney Adams, upon being communicated with, insisted that the accused be brought to prison without delay. He was carried to police headquarters in an ambulance. It was reported that Ingram had made an attempt at self-destruction, but this is without confirmation. It is believed, rather, that the strain under which he has labored and the recent excessive heat resulted in his partial collapse. The trust officer is said to have confessed to Vice President Pool of the Hibernia Bank that his defalcations would approximate $100,000. It is stated that a check for $5,000, on which Ingram forged the signature of a prominent business man of New Orleans, led to the disclosure of the embezzlements and forgeries that now are charged against him. He has been under police surveillance for the past several days.

Peculiar Accident to Eye.

Tallulah.—Mrs. O. R. Gant, who, because of an accident sustained by her husband, was recalled to her home in Winona, Tex., a few days ago while on a visit to friends here, in a letter to a friend relates a most peculiar accident, of which her husband was the victim. Mr. Gant and a friend had been to Winona and were returning to the fruit farm of which he is manager, when a gnat flew into Mr. Gant's eye. Among other purchases made in town, Mr. Gant had purchased a new handkerchief and he twisted a part of it to remove the gnat. The handkerchief had borne a price tag, which had been fastened with a fine wire pin, and a part of the wire was left in the handkerchief when the tag was removed, and it happened that this piece of wire was in the twist made in the handkerchief. This wire was drawn across Mr. Gant's eye, and he is in very grave danger of losing the sight of it.

Object to Rushing Rice Crop.

New Orleans.—The rice committee of the Board of Trade, of which S. Locke Breaux is chairman, took a determined stand against shippers sending rice that is not fully matured or fit for human consumption to the city, and advertising it as "the season's first new rice," and passed a resolution condemning the practice, which resolution is to be presented to the monthly meeting of the board of directors, for consideration. In his letter to the board of directors Mr. Breaux cites several instances of planters shipping rice to this city, and getting newspapers to publish it as new rice. Some of the rice advertised as such was sold. It was in the last two weeks of its maturity, and the buyer found it useless, and could not even give it away.

Dogs Spread Disease.

Morgan City.—As a result of several cows and goats being bitten three weeks ago by a dog with the rabies the animals developed the disease a few days ago, and were promptly killed on P. and B. O'Brien's Riverside plantation. As a precaution, the extermination of dogs was begun in that neighborhood, and every one on the plantation was killed.

Decrease Shown Over State.

Baton Rouge.—Instead of the $25,000,000 increase which Governor Sanders and other state officials expected, the parishes so far reporting show in the assessment abstracts for 1909 there is an actual decrease, in comparison with the total assessment of 1908 of $9,103,755.

STATE BRIEFS.

Woman convicts serving time on the good roads in De Soto parish will likely be relieved of hard labor because of protest by humanitarians.

William P. Tucker, 63 years old, superintendent of education of Terrebonne parish, Confederate veteran and prominent politician, who died in New Orleans, was buried at Houma.

The police jury of Catahoula parish appropriated $12,000 for a good roads campaign.

The Morgan City and Berwick Board of Trade has been organized.

John Fulco and Sam Piarro, convicted of the murder of W. Boney, Jr., at Benton, were hurried to the penitentiary in order to escape mob violence.

The Jackson Board of Trade recently conducted a prosperity excursion to Bogalusa and return

Sheriff Peterman of St. Mary parish had no connection with the alleged whipping of young Castaing of New Orleans. J. F. Beasley was arrested in connection with the case and placed in jail at Franklin.

Governor Sanders, following recommendations from the State Board of Pardons, extended executive clemency to C. R. Jetton, Vince Loycaso and Alfred Doty.

Avery Blount, under death sentence at Amite City for the murder of J. O Breland, will apply for pardon or commutation of sentence.

MEPHISTO, PARROT, FLIES INTO LOCOMOTIVE STACK

CHAMPION SWEARING BIRD FRIGHTENED AT IRON HORSE DIVES DOWN SMOKE FLUE.

Montclair, N. J.—If the hostler in the Delaware & Lackawanna railroad roundhouse who wipes up the locomotive that drew the 4:30 o'clock train from New York to this city Thursday hears cuss words coming from the inside of the big machine he need not be surprised. Somewhere in the interior of the iron horse is Mephisto, the prize swearing parrot of Paul Sorrenson. He flew down the smoke-

He Flew from the Arm of His Owner.

stack in a moment of panic at the station here. The last heard of him he was coughing and sneezing and cursing the smoke, cinders and heat. It may be by this time he is breathing a profane benediction on the crown sheet of the firebox or telling the steam-charred boiler tubes what he thinks of them. On the other hand, he may be dead.

From the strictly profane point of view, Mephisto was the best educated parrot in this section of New Jersey. He could swear with fluency in five languages and also in several dialects. Every noun, verb, adjective, conjunction, preposition and article in the vocabulary was either tainted or tinctured with profanity. Not one of his many friends expressed any hope for his future. He was beyond reformation and redemption.

Sorrenson, who lives in New street, took Mephisto to the station Thursday evening. The parrot was drawing with energy upon his vocabulary and delighting one part of a big crowd and shocking others when the New York train rolled in. Mephisto became panic stricken at once. He flew from the arm of his owner, circled twice above the locomotive and then dived down the smoke stack. The astounded spectators heard a volley of oaths coming out with the smoke, and then there was silence. There is a division of opinion as to what produced it.

Those who were shocked by the language the parrot had used say the silence was caused by suffocation. The bird's friends assert, however, that Mephisto simply was racking his brains to find words to fit the new situation in which he found himself.

BOY 17 WEEKS WITHOUT FOOD.

Nine-Year-Old Lad Suffering from "Bound Brain" Is Starving to Death.

Cleveland, O.—Mrs. Nellie Lee, 3837 East Seventy-first street, mother of nine-year-old Arthur Lee, who has been fasting for 17 weeks, is willing to let some brain specialist operate upon him. She has come to the conclusion with the primary hope of relieving his long suffering, secondarily in the interest of science.

"I've spent with doctors every cent that I possessed, endeavoring to find out what is the matter with Arthur," said Mrs. Lee. "If science is interested science must aid me. I haven't a dollar except to buy food."

The boy is entering his eighteenth week of fasting. He takes only milk and brandy in sips. Doctors thus far have been baffled in diagnosing his case. He has wasted to 18 pounds.

The four years Mrs. Lee has devoted herself to the sick boy have cost her dear. She used to weigh 168 pounds. She weighs 122 now. Her hair is streaked with gray, her eyes sunken and marked by dark circles and her condition one of extreme nervousness.

Doctors have told Mrs. Lee that the boy's condition results from a "bound brain." Since he was 18 months old he has been absolutely helpless. He never talked.

"Since a year ago Arthur hasn't tasted a drop of water and last year he fasted for 12 weeks.

"If death would relieve his sufferings, I would be resigned to the will of God," said Mrs. Lee, chokingly.

But the mother love that has led a forlorn hope for nine years keeps alive the belief that somewhere there is a man who can operate and save her boy. And Mrs. Lee is praying for that man.