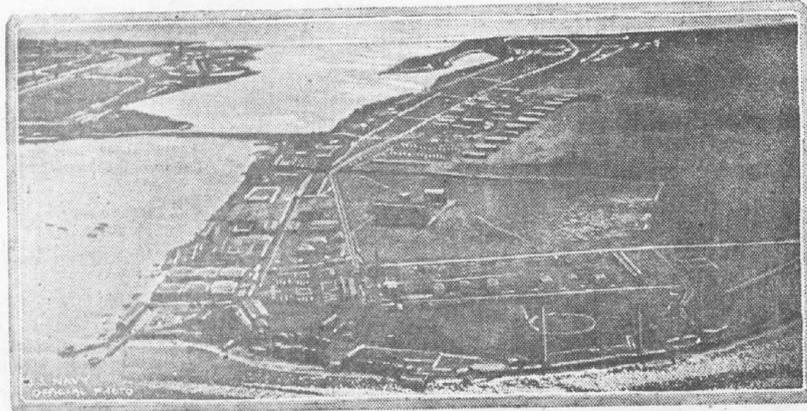


WHERE EX-SERVICE MEN ARE DISPLACING CIVILIANS



Wholesale cuts in the number of female employees of the bureau of war risk insurance are part of the general plan of the bureau to bring all its employees under the civil service regulations. The places of probably 1,000 of the girls who have been permitted to resign will be taken by an equal number of ex-service men who have qualified by civil service examinations. This photograph shows service men and girl clerical forces working side by side.

TRANS-PACIFIC FLIGHT MAY START FROM HERE



Airplane view of the North Island naval air station at San Diego, Cal., from which the navy's fliers probably will start if they enter the trans-Pacific contest.

ALEXANDRIA BLAZE CAUSES HEAVY LOSS

THREE BUSINESS FIRMS AND NINE OFFICES SUFFER \$100,000 LOSS.

ORIGIN OF FIRE IS UNKNOWN

Department Has Difficulty in Preventing the Flames From Spreading To Surrounding Buildings.

Alexandria, La. — A fire which caused a loss of between \$75,000 and \$100,000 occurred here when the "Katie" building, a two-story brick structure, corner of Third and Main streets, was burned with its contents.

A part of the first floor was occupied by Waldman, Tankel & Bauer, Inc., who had just purchased and taken over the clothing and gents' furnishing goods establishment of Mann Bros., Ltd., and who contemplated remodeling the place and making other extensive improvements.

Adjoining this was the clothing and gents' furnishing goods establishment conducted by Dan E. Mann, who carried a stock valued at \$22,000, which was insured for \$17,000. In another compartment of the same building was located Tillman's Smoke House, billiard and pool hall and confectionery establishment, of which Sid Wexler was manager.

On the second floor were located the offices of the following concerns: Bridenda's Studio; W. J. Oprey, insurance and real estate; Navy Recruiting Station; Dr. H. C. Van Cott, eye specialist; Southern Bithulthite Company; Dr. F. N. Brian, physician and surgeon; J. C. Wysonz, dental laboratory; liquidators of the Hudson Construction Company; Dr. J. H. Cannon.

The effects of all of the above were totally destroyed. Some of them carried insurance, but nothing like enough to cover the losses. The fire is said to have started in room No. 9, on the second floor, but its origin is unknown.

The building was owned by E. J. Hardtner of this city, who is presumed will rebuild immediately.

TOLD IN A FEW LINES.

Alexandria.—The town council of Pineville has adopted an ordinance providing for the submission to the property taxpayers of the town at an election to be held March 23, the question of issuing bonds to the amount of \$55,000 to be used for constructing a system of waterworks for that town.

Plancheville.—The Holy Name Society of this place has elected the following officers: P. O. Plausche, president; F. M. Plausche, vice president; Donat Dufour, secretary; G. O. Majeux, treasurer; Rev. Van Haver, director; P. A. St. Romani and Levy Rabalais, ushers.

New Orleans.—After assaulting Henry Bland, a keeper at the House of Detention, and taking his revolver away from him, Charles Williams, alias "Big Boy," held the keeper at bay while he escaped over the wall of the prison yard.

Franklin.—Although the cane crop was short, the price was high, averaging \$17 a ton, and this section is in a prosperous condition, as shown by the quarterly statements of the banks.

Hammond.—At the monthly meeting of the Chamber of Commerce the necessity of making some arrangements by which farmers around Hammond growing cotton could dispose of their product here was discussed.

Lake Charles.—A. W. Carlson, former commissioner of finance of the city of Lake Charles, whose case has been before the court for the past two days on a charge of embezzling \$3,500, was acquitted by the jury.

Lafayette.—J. Arthur Roy, sugar planter, has been elected the first chairman of the board of directors of the First National Bank. It was also decided to put a profit-sharing plan into effect.

Lake Charles.—The capital stock of the First National Bank of Lake Charles will be increased from \$100,000 to \$200,000 and the surplus will be increased from \$50,000 to \$150,000.

New Orleans.—Sea scouting will be the new feature of the Boy Scout work in New Orleans this year. It was announced at a meeting of the Scout Council.

Covington.—The Covington Association of Commerce sent a committee to the town council to recommend a bond issue for city improvements.

Lafayette.—The American Cotton Association was organized in Lafayette by Frank Crippen, traveling representative. F. V. Mouton was elected parish chairman.

Denham Springs.—At the meeting of the policy jury bids were received for the road bonds of Districts 2 and 3. For the 110,000 issue of district No. 2 the only bid considered was from the First State Bank and Trust Company of Hammond, which was par and a premium of \$1,200. The bid was accepted.

New Orleans.—Dutch farming ideas applied to Louisiana agriculture are being tried out at Hope Haven farm by the five farmers brought back from Holland by Father Wynhoven, head of the farm.

Alexandria.—The J. G. Nesson Lumber Company has been organized with the following stockholders: J. O. Nesson and Charles Horn of Chicago; F. W. Woolfert, of Calhoun, Ark.; Hugh Corry, of Alexandria; J. C. Tomlin, of Glenmora, and W. D. Lurry, of Colfax. The company, which is capitalized at \$600,000, has purchased the hardwood mill of Carey and Davidson together with their timber holdings. The domicile of the company is in LaSalle parish.

Houma.—A continuation of the same interest and co-operation in and between the various communities that has been shown during the past ten days will assure the routing of the Pershing Way via the Evangeline Trail and the Lafayette-Houma-New Orleans highway without interruption, according to General Manager Herbert F. McDougall in a statement in Houma.

Leesville.—Work on the Leesville, Slagle & Eastern railroad is almost finished, and a locomotive for the new lumber road is in the local yards. The road connects with the Kansas City Southern at Leesville and may eventually be connected at the eastern end with other chartered roads and become a link of an east and west road.

Lake Charles.—The bid of the Hibernia Bank and Trust Company of New Orleans at par and accrued interest for the 125,000 parish-wide bond issue to complete the Vinton-Orange link of the "All Southern Highway" has been accepted by the policy jury.

New Iberia.—New Iberia will be on the Pershing Way as well as on the Old Spanish trail. This became an assured fact when H. F. McDougall, representing the highway, which will extend from Winnipeg to New Orleans, addressed the members of the Chamber of Commerce on the project and received assurances of support.

Shreveport.—The Homer field has yielded a giant gusher for the Standard Oil Company of Louisiana. Its Oakes No. 5 roaring in from the deep sand at 2,097 feet at the rate of 15,000 barrels a day.

New Orleans.—Alleged adulteration with 5 to 10 per cent of water caused the seizure by the United States District Court Tuesday of 280 cases of "Blue Dot" brand tomatoes, said to have been recently shipped here from Maryland.

Lake Charles.—The contract has been awarded locally for the construction of a sawmill at Glenmora, sixty-five miles north of here, for the Louisiana Saw Mill Company, at an approximate cost of \$400,000.

Lake Charles.—The Lake Arthur Drainage Company will complete the reclamation of approximately 12,000 acres of land in the Thornwell drainage district in Jefferson Davis parish at an early date.

Natchitoches.—With Paul M. Potts, Sr., of Natchitoches, as parish chairman, Natchitoches parish has been organized for the big membership campaign of the American Cotton Association.

Convent.—The parish Democratic executive committee of the parish of St. James met at the courthouse and selected commissioners and clerks of election for the Democratic primary election.

Franklin.—At the quarterly meeting of the school board of St. Mary parish held recently, Superintendent of Schools Charles Gott offered his resignation to take effect on February next.

Alexandria.—The city council has awarded a contract for the resurfacing of Second street from Lee to DeSoto with vertical fibre brick to H. T. Clark for the price of \$3.50 per square yard.

Lake Charles.—Ground will be broken within a few days for the construction of the four-story brick annex to St. Patrick's Sanitarium, which will cost approximately \$150,000.

Thibodaux.—The Strangers' Hotel of Thibodaux has again changed hands, being purchased by Bloomensiel & Boston of Donaldsonville, owners of the Grand theater here.

Lafayette.—The First National Bank and the Bank of Lafayette and Trust Company have purchased the issue of \$425,000 worth of municipal bonds at par and accrued interest.

Jeanerette.—The Jeanerette wholesale grocery store was broken open and a large amount of groceries stolen. Four negroes are held, charged with the robbery.

Clinton.—The Ethel school district in East Feliciana parish, voted a \$30,000 bond issue to build two school houses, one at Ethel and one at New Road.

Abbeville.—The bids for the bonds of the Gueydan road district have been rejected because of the low price offered.

Donaldsonville.—The Community Stock Company, with a capital of \$30,000, divided into 3,000 shares of the par value of \$10 per share, is to provide a picture show here.

Alexandria.—Dr. C. M. Abbott, director of public health for Alexandria and Rapides parish, reported the death from spinal meningitis of Mrs. L. P. Hastings.

Plaquemine.—The five banks of the parish of Iberville in their statement ending December 31, 1919, present the finest showing in their history.

Thibodaux.—The finance committee, in charge of the recent drive in Lafourche parish for the sale of Christmas seals, has made report to Miss Caroline Nicholls, who was the parish chairman. The total collections amounted to \$1,316.60, with expenses of \$119.55, leaving a net sum of \$1,197.05, which is nearly \$200 more than the quota assigned to the parish.

Patterson.—Patterson High school staged the well-known play entitled "An Old Bachelor," under the direction of the one-time noted actor Evan Harries of Dallas, Texas.

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Where It Hurt. Ethel—Did you hear about the stunt that Jack pulled on Mabel? Grace—No; what is it? Ethel—He sold all her old love letters to the junk man for old paper. Grace—Oh, there's nothing to that. Ethel—No, but with the money he got he bought an engagement ring for another girl.

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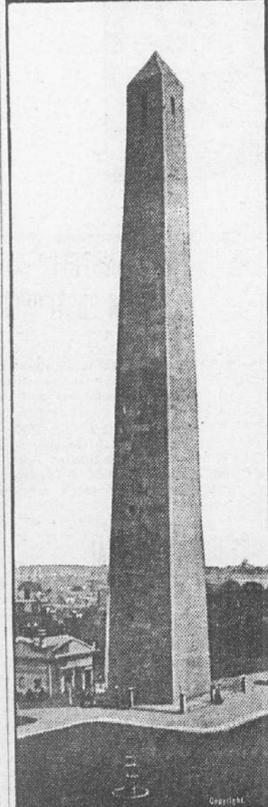
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BOSTON GETS STATUE OF ROBERT BURNS



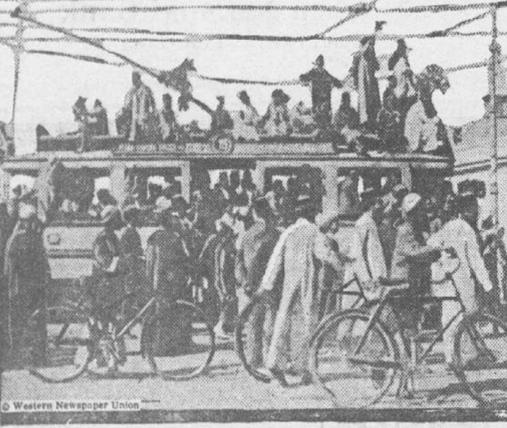
The Robert Burns Memorial association has presented to the city of Boston, Mass., this statue of the Scotch poet, by Henry H. Kitson.

NOTED MONUMENT CRUMBLING



New England has been stirred by the news that the Bunker Hill monument is crumbling and, it is feared, may collapse. Efforts are being made to repair it at once.

CAIRO STUDENTS IN DEMONSTRATION



Excited Egyptian students in Cairo who are making a demonstration for independence and have seized a street-car.

Painful Operation.

The policeman knocked loudly at the door from which came screams of mortal anguish. Neighbors stuck forth their heads from windows and wondered audibly who was being murdered. Others, less curious but sleepier, knocked irritably on partitions and cried for the police. So the policeman bravely knocked again.

"What's all the racket? What are you pulling off in here?" he shouted through the keyhole.

Back came the tired voice of the wife, while the husband continued his protests:

"A porous plaster, if you must know."—American Legion Weekly.

Novel Pencil Holder.

An old fountain pen makes a novel pencil holder and uses up small pieces of pencil which might otherwise be wasted. Remove the cap in which the pen is held and screw the pencil stub in its place. The threads will hold the pencil firmly.

Needs Human Sympathy.

The Eldorado Times moves that a few kind words be strewn in the path of the man whose wife is squaring up a lot of social obligations by giving a series of parties.—Kansas City Star.

Attractions of Railway Travel.

Herein, I think, lies the chief attraction of railway travel. The speed is so easy, and the train disturbs so little the scenes through which it takes us, that our heart becomes full of the placidity and stillness of the country; and while the body is borne forward in the flying chain of carriages, the thoughts alight, as the humor moves them, at unfrequented stations; they lead toward the town; they are left behind with the signalman as, shading his eyes with his hand, he watches the long train sweep away into the golden distance. — From "Ordered South," by R. L. Stevenson.

Interrupted.

"As I was saying," he said, "we entered the cafe and had no more than seated ourselves at the table and said to the waiter: 'Bring us three —' when a fellow showed his badge and said: 'Three what?' and we said 'plates of beans.'"—Detroit News.

Human Discontent.

How does it happen, Maecenas, that no one is content with that lot in life which he has chosen, or which chance has thrown in his way, but prances those who follow a different course?—Horace.

Overcome Weakness Now.

You can not run away from a weakness; you must sometimes fight it out or perish, and if that be so, why not now and where you stand?—Robert Louis Stevenson.